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# Liberte! Fraternite! Eqalite!

by Sal Giarratani

This past Saturday, a large crowd gathered on the Boston Common standing in solidarity with millions of people in Paris' Place de la Republique against Radical Islamic acts of terror that killed 17 people last week. Some 40 world leaders joined arms together in support of France and against those seeking civilization jihad.

Many marched together in support of those values of modern civilization under attack today. It was a march for liberty. It was a march for all of us. It was also a march against those using religious fanaticism and killing innocents in the name of their God.

Why wasn't President Obama there with those many world leaders standing up to Radical Islam and this attack on France, Europe and civilization? We are now being told by the liberal media and folks inside the Obama go? Why didn't he



White House, it was a dumb mistake that America went AWOL at this world-wide rally for the rule of law.

President Francois Hollande of France made it clear that France was at War with Radical Islam.

So, why didn't President

send Vice President Joe Biden or Secretary of State John F. Kerry or even have Attorney General Eric Holder already in France attend this important rally and march?

It is my opinion, the snub to what happened in Paris, France this past weekend was no "mistake." I think it today's violent world.

was a deliberate move not to link the United States of America with France in calling Obama's generic war on terror by its real name, the War on Radical Islam.

Obama continues to minimize and minify the roll that Islamic jihad is playing in

How can we defeat an enemy if we won't even properly identify who that enemy is? Even the new President of Egypt Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi has courageously spoken for the need for a Revolution in Islam and for countering those who misuse the religion of Muslims.

On second thought, perhaps Obama didn't belong in that recent gathering in Paris since the world needed to see leaders linking arms with one another.

We insulted not only the French of 2015, we insulted the bond between our nations built up since the days of the American Revolution.

We must not be afraid to name the enemy. It is not generic, it has a brandname. Religious fanatics cannot win because then we all lose.

Muslims are not the problem, Radical Islamists

# **News Briefs**

by Sal Giarratani

#### Je Suis Paris

Terrorists attacked a newspaper office in Paris and ended up killing 11 journalists and 1 police officer which was actually on camera. Three Radical Islamic jihadists tried to silence freedom of speech and the press by targeting a newspaper. This attack wasn't just an attack on a newspaper or even France but, on all western civilization and the concept of liberty.

These kinds of attacks will continue because they are all about striking terror, but as the French spoke loud and clear, "We are not afraid." We are all part of "We."

#### Quote to Note

"If this isn't a wake-up call to all Americans and Western civilization that terrorism is seriously on the march, I don't know what is ... Despite the war in Afghanistan being officially "over," the War on Terror is not ... The dead journalists in Paris attest to that." — Adriana Cohen

Boston Herald columnist, January 8th

#### Reaction by Liberal Media

Let's see, Bloomberg News opined that the attack in Paris shows the need for stronger gun control laws in France. Please? France like most of Europe already has very strong anti-gun laws enforced. Look at the fact that the police arrived at the newspaper office on bikes and unarmed. Look at the video of that cop lying helplessly in the street as one of the terrorists walks up to

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# Mayor Walsh Lays out Plan to Build a Thriving, **Healthy and Innovative Boston**

Commits to Better Schools, Increased Access to Affordable Housing

On Tuesday, January 13, 2015, Mayor Martin J. Walsh delivered his first State of the City Address, laying out his vision to build on the work of the past year to create a thriving, healthy and innovative city for all residents and neighborhoods in

"I'm pleased to report that the state of our city is strong and getting stronger," said Mayor Walsh. "Our economy is flourishing, and many more people are working. We are protecting the taxpayers' hard-earned dollars, while delivering the best results ever in city services. We are getting guns off the streets and investing in our neighborhoods. City Hall is more representative of the people it serves than ever before. As Boston approaches its 400th birthday, our goal is a thriving, healthy and innovative city for all — one community that is a global leader for the 21st century."

#### Improving Education for Today and the Future

In his remarks, the Mayor called for a school system



that better serves all of Boston's children, emphasizing his commitment to finding a Superintendent of Boston Public Schools who will strengthen Boston's schools today, and for the next generation.

In his first year, Mayor Walsh successfully negotiated to add 40 minutes of learning time for every student through eighth grade, worked to expand full-day pre-kindergarten to more children in Boston, tripled the size of the Success Boston college completion program, revamped the Boston School Committee, and is working to redesign high school programming to serve as pathways to college and career.

In his address, the Mayor

- The launch of a Children's Savings Account (CSA) for College pilot program, giving Boston families a new tool to help save for
- The creation of a Boston School Building Authority, to tap funding sources for new schools that the City has failed to secure in the past.
- A new partnership with global software company SAP that will create a high-tech pipeline for students from Charlestown High School, connecting them with Bunker Hill Community College and job placements.

#### Spurring Innovation, Supporting Creativity

The Mayor knows that Boston will thrive when the City invests in innovation in every neighborhood and makes city government accessible to every resident.

• ParkBoston, a new mobile app available now that will allow drivers to pay the parking meter with a smart phone.

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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.



#### **VESTA**

Vesta was the Roman goddess of the hearth, similar to the Greek goddess Hestia, but she was worshipped by the Romans during ancient times independently of all connection Greece.

The worship of Vesta goes back to the time when it was difficult but necessary to obtain fire. Then, as well as even now among some primitive tribes, they developed the custom of always keeping a fire alive for the use of the community, and even to carry it to new settlements. This custom was preserved in the religion of later Greeks and Romans even after more modern technologies had been developed.

The sacred fire, the source of all Roman life and power, was kept alive in a structure known as the Temple of Vesta, and it was constantly tended by a group of virgin priestesses that were known as the Vestals. They resided near the temple in the Forum Romanum. The whole concept goes back into antiquity where the Vestals represented the daughters of the primitive tribal chief, and they kept alive the State fire in their father's hut. The public worship of this goddess was maintained in the temple of Vesta, but her private worship was preserved in every domestic hearth. After she was recognized as

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI15P0068EA Estate of MARILYN JANE FOUGERE Also Known As MARILYN FOUGERE, MARILYN J. FOUGERE Date of Death August 24, 2014 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by **Marie T. Campbel** of Framingham, MA and Jean A. Donnellan o Framingham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that Marie T. amphell of Framingham MA Donnellan of Framingham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on February 4, 2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appear ance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients 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.

WITNESS. HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court Date: January 7, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/16/15



Goddess of the Vesta. Hearth and Sacred Flame.

a personal deity, it then became necessary to have her attendants live in guarded seclusion in a structure we now call "The House of the Vestal Virgins" or "Atrium Vestae.'

The temple was a round structure, probably reminiscent of the tribal chief's hut, and this edifice was the most venerated of all temples in Rome.

Tradition tells us that the first temple to Vesta was built by Numa Pompilius, the successor to Romulus, and the first of the Sabine kings of Rome. He introduced the worship of this goddess, and

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI15P0061EA Estate of **ROSALIE ANN AARONIAN** Also Known As **ROSALIE AARONIAN** Date of Death December 10, 2014 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons A Petition has been filed by Richard Aaronian of Exeter, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested the Petition. And also requesting that Richard Aaronian of Exeter, NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on February 4, 2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients 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.

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devoted to her a space of ground just in front of his own dwelling house. It is also interesting to note that at this time in history; about 700 B.C, the king was the high priest, and in this office he was known as "Pontifex Maximus" or "Pontiff."

There were at least five successive temples here in Rome that were built in honor of this goddess, and all adhered to the same style of architecture. It was always a small circular edifice with a domed roof that was supported on columns. This was thought to typify the round earth and the vaulted sky. The interior contained a low circular altar upon which burned the perpetual fire. The maintenance of this fire was the chief duty of the six

Numa's temple stood for about three centuries until the Gauls burned Rome in 390 B.C. It was soon rebuilt and the second edifice stood for about fifty years. The third temple to Vesta stood until the great fire under Nero, and the fourth lasted for about one hundred years. The remains which now mark the consecrated site belong to the last rebuilding by Septimius Severus and this work is contemporary with the great arch of Septimius Severus at the opposite end of the Forum Romanum.

I feel that the history of the perpetual flame is one of the many, many nice things about "Stirpe Nostra," what's your opinion?

#### **NEXT WEEK:**

The Temple of Vesta (The Best Little Virgin House in Old Rome)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Division 208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI14P6719EA

Estate of **ESTELLE E. WRIGHT** Date of Death October 12, 2014 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Kathleen Armstrong of Woburn, MA, Petitioner Renee Zaya of Saugus, MA, Petitioner James M. Wright of Woburn, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Kathleen Armstrong of Woburn, MA, Renee Zaya of Saugus, MA, James M. Wright of Woburn, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representatives of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representatives under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. 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 Representatives 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 Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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# Res Publica

by David Trumbull



#### Let Freedom Ring

The third Monday in January, which this year falls on January 19th, is a federal holiday in the United States, celebrating the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., offices of the national and states governments will be closed.

Dr. King, was a leader — many would argue an indispensable man — in the mid-twentieth century struggle for racial equality in America. It was a struggle that culminated in the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the 50th anniversary of which we celebrated last year. That act outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, prohibiting racial discrimination in voting.

When President Ronald Reagan, on November 2, 1983, signed into law the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday he reminded his listeners that -

"Martin Luther King was born in 1929 in an America where, because of the color of their skin, nearly one in ten lived lives that were separate and unequal ... taught in segregated schools ... could find only poor jobs, toiling for low wages ... refused entry into hotels and restaurants, made to use separate facilities. In a nation that proclaimed liberty and justice for all, too many black Americans were living with neither."

President Reagan went on to remark that "Dr. King had awakened something strong and true, a sense that true justice must be colorblind." And Mr. Reagan pointed to both the progress made — and yet to be made — in the struggle for an America that lives up to her noble sentiment that all men are created equal, citing the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965. Reagan, as he so often did, then called on Americans to embrace and enlarge upon their better nature, and exhorted his listeners -

"But most important, there was not just a change of law; there was a change of heart. The conscience of America had been touched. Across the land, people had begun to treat each other not as blacks and whites, but as fellow Americans.

"But traces of bigotry still mar America. So, each year on Martin Luther King Day, let us not only recall Dr. King, but rededicate ourselves to the Commandments he believed in and sought to live every day: Thou shall love thy God with all thy heart, and thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. And I just have to believe that all of us — if all of us, young and old, Republicans and Democrats, do all we can to live up to those Commandments, then we will see the day when Dr. King's dream comes true, and in his words, 'All of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning, ... 'land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.'



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David went through the

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Joslin, Dr. Lori Laffel, en-

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that Joslin was going to be

an important part of my life

"I still remember going to

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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.

# Sheriff Tompkins Sworn In by **U.S. Senator Warren**



Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins was sworn in by United States Senator Elizabeth Warren during a special ceremony. Sheriff Tompkins wife, Suzanne (center), also attended the ceremony.

Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins was recently sworn back into service by United States Senator Elizabeth Warren.

In a special ceremony, Senator Warren delivered the oath of office to Sheriff Tompkins, who will continue serving the Suffolk County communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop as he has since January of 2013.

Officially elected to the position on November 4th, 2014, Sheriff Tompkins had been an appointee of then-Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick who selected Tompkins to fill the vacancy left by his predecessor Andrea Cabral, who was tapped to serve as the state's Secretary of Public Safety and Security.

As the Sheriff of Suffolk County, Tompkins manages all operations at the Suffolk County House of Correction, the Nashua Street Jail and the Civil Process Division. In addition to providing care, custody and rehabilitative support for inmates and pretrial detainees, Tompkins also oversees a management, security and administrative staff of over 1,000.

Marking his first two years at the Department's helm with a keen focus on reducing recidivism through enhanced educational and vocational programming, addiction recovery and mental health services, and efforts to expand addiction recovery and mental health services in the communities of Suffolk County and beyond, Sheriff Tompkins hinted at an even more comprehensive agenda moving forward.

"I am thrilled to have the great honor of being swornin by my friend, Senator Warren, and I am eager to continue my work in corrections and public safety for the citizens of Suffolk County," said Sheriff Tompkins. "Our focus has been on reducing recidivism by addressing the whole individual with respect to teaching employable skills, tending to mental and physical health on things like addiction recovery and past abuse, and job placement and continued recovery on the outside once they leave our custody."

"But, our work is far from finished," Sheriff Tompkins continued. "There is still much to do, not only within the Department, but with respect to stemming the tide of incarceration by addressing the issues that lead many through our doors in the first place. We also have to provide increased services for those who have been in the system to ensure that they have the greatest chance for success once they return to society. As I said, we still have more to do on these and other issues, but I am grateful for the opportunity to continue working on them from this office."

# **DAVID GOMES**

# Inspired by His Diabetes



Eye disease is very common among people with diabetes and yearly eye exams are critical. David Gomes, a patient at Joslin Diabetes Center who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes 23 years ago, is pictured receiving eye care at Joslin's Beetham Eye Institute. The Beetham Eye Institute has been at the forefront in researching how to treat and prevent diabetic eye diseases, and is currently running 24 clinical trials. As a result, eye care at Joslin includes the most advanced diagnostics and treatments available anywhere.

Boston, knowing it as the forever," said David. "I looked up to my camp counselors, these twenty-year-olds living with diabetes and playing sports and going to college. They gave me a realistic, and surprisingly normal, expectation for my future with diabetes."

> The Gomes's are living with diabetes as a family, going above and beyond merely managing David's diabetes, to using it as a platform to raise money and awareness. Carla Gomes established CityFeast in 2005; it is a dining event held at several restaurants in the North End, including at two of her own (Antico Forno and Terramia Ristorante), that benefits Joslin's High Hopes Fund. This year's CityFeast will be held on Sunday, January 25th at 6:00pm at

10 renowned North End restaurants to honor its 10th Anniversary!

"CityFeast represents how diabetes can be spun into something positive," David said. "Yes, there are challenges that come with the disease. I have dealt with many, but it's important to note the positives that come along with every obstacle. My Mom created CityFeast because of the support Joslin has given me, and now it's one of my favorite nights of the year. City-Feast brings together my family, friends, and the city

of Boston for a great time, with great food, and it sheds light on this disease and the work being done at Joslin. It also highlights the important connection between food and diabetes."

The team at Joslin and Dr. Laffel are a constant source of support for David, even outside of his appointments; that support has led him to pursue a medical career. In 2013, David graduated from MCPHS University (Boston) with a Bachelor's degree in Premedicine. He is now enrolled as a PA (Physician Assistant) school at MCPHS University in Worcester, where he will be going on rotation and gaining the valuable experience he

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# Chi è C.A.S.IT.?

Who, you ask, is C.A.S.IT.?

Simply stated, C.A.S.IT. is the passport to Italian language and culture. C.A.S.IT. is our heritage, our being and our future. C.A.S.IT. is academia. C.A.S.IT. teaches to preserve.

C.A.S.IT.'s mission is "to assist communities that wish to introduce, preserve, rejuvenate or broaden the study of Italian language in their schools. C.A.S.IT. offers grants of varying amounts for the establishment of Italian language and cultural programs with the ultimate purpose to institute Italian as a subject in the school curriculum."

With vision and determination of C.A.S.IT.'s President, Maria Gioconda Motta, C.A.S.IT. was established in 1995 as proposed by the Italian Consulate General in Boston as a non-profit educational and professional organization.

At the center of C.A.S.IT. is a group of wonderful professionals who are quietly and continuously working to ensure that schools in Massachusetts and Rhode Island have Italian as part of their curriculum in their schools

Each member of the Board is an unassuming and very accomplished professional and each cares deeply about ensuring that the next generation continues to be enveloped by our Italian language and culture.

C.A.S.IT.'s Executive Board includes Maria Gioconda Motta, President; Albert Mogavero, Vice President; Adelaide Guarracino, Treasurer; and Steven Maio, Secretary/Clerk. Maria Mansella, William P. Connors, Bruna Boyle, Giuseppe Polimeni, Joseph Giangregorio, Vilma Bibeau, Angela Cristiani, Rosalba Schino, and Katherine Lopez Natale serve as members of the Board of Directors.

Who is C.A.S.IT.? Amongst the members of the Board are collegiate lecturers for Suffolk University, the University of Rhode Island, and the Community College of Rhode Island. There are members of the Board who have served as teachers while others have served as Adjunct Faculty members at such schools as Wheelock College, University of Massachusetts at Boston, Cambridge College, and Salem State College. Other Board Members are leaders in their respective cities and towns, and others are local business leaders within the Italian-American Community who care about preserving Italian language and culture. Did I mention there is a past president of the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association (MaFLA) on the Board? Yes, there is! Each member brings unique academic mastery to C.A.S.IT.'s board. The C.A.S.IT. Board is collectively bound in spirit by C.A.S.IT.'s mission for the children and ensuring that the next generation, regardless of age, is afforded the opportunity of Italian language and culture.

The members of C.A.S.IT., from the Board, to the teachers, and inclusive of all C.A.S.IT. members make unique magic happen. Make no mistake; it's not your average magic. It's the magic of learning that opens doors full of wonder and excitement while embracing the dignity of our Italian language and culture in the world of academia. You can find out more about C.A.S.IT. by going to http://www.casit.org/.

Yes, C.A.S.IT. is "us." After all, we are collectively bound by language, culture, spirit and community and, yes, C.A.S.IT. is synonymous with being Italian.

Join us! Our door is open!

# L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

January, a Time of Transition

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

Perhaps there is no month more maligned in the calendar than January. The thrill of the holiday season has faded into the past, while the cold temperatures and bitter winds remain. Frequent snowstorms and icy blasts interrupt the frigid, gray days. However, I would like to offer an appreciation of January, as I believe it functions as one of the most unique and invigorating months of the year. The New Year provides us all with a fresh start, urging us to create new beginnings and focus on bettering ourselves and the community around us. The cold, quiet days prod us into reflection, giving us a time to ruminate on our achievements in the past year and our goals for the present. I find few things more relaxing than cuddling under a blanket with my hands wrapped around a mug of warm cinnamon tea, watching the snow drift delicately outside. Indeed, the silver-hued skies and hushed snowy landscapes of the month remind me that it is okay to take a break from the bustle of everyday life and settle into rejuvenating rest. Finally, January, in spite of its blustery weather and the everpresent snow, whispers to us with the hope and the promise of a spring to come. In Italy, two holidays reinforce this exciting sensation of the coming spring while also celebrating the particular nature of January.

On January 17th, Italians will honor the feast day of St. Anthony the Abbot, or Sant' Antonio Abate. This fourth-century Egyptian monk lived an ascetic life wandering through the wilderness, helping to spread the concept of monasticism across the Western world. He has become the patron saint of domestic animals, and as such is an extremely popular saint among the agricultural communities of Italy. Several years ago, my father showed me a St. Anthony's procession on the Italian channel. Farmers led their horses, cows, goats and sheep across snow fields and winding medieval streets towards the village church, where they were blessed by the priest. It is fitting that



this ritual honoring farm animals takes place in the middle of January, a time when those who work close to the land ready the earth for the next agricultural cycle. It is customary to begin plowing fields, organizing spring crops and preparing for the birthing and lactation of animals. My father remembers celebrating the eve of St. Anthony's feast by scouring the forest near his Abruzzi home for branches and kindling. His fellow townspeople would then build bonfires in the village square that illuminated the dark night with their hazy orange glow. Symbols of the returning sun, these St. Anthony's Fires offered a glimpse of the warm and bright days to come. La Festa di Sant' Antonio Abate reminds me to search the natural world around me for signs of the changing season. Whether it is a bird perched on a snowy tree or golden sunlight permeating later and later in the evening sky, the beauty of nature offers many clues of Mother Earth's resurgence from her winter nap.

Another January holiday that promises spring occurs on January 21st. It is the feast day of St. Agnes, or la festa di Sant'Agnese in Italian. St. Agnes was a Roman virgin and martyr killed in the early fourth century and as such serves as the patron of girls and young women. In olden England, girls celebrated the eve of St. Agnes's Day with a variety of divination rituals that served to determine their future spouse. These folk traditions always remind me of the mysterious and

magical nature of January nights. On hushed evenings when the moon shines resplendently against the fallen snow, it seems as if anything can happen. As such, the customs of St. Agnes's Day evoke the peaceful and illusionary quality of winter, especially the mystical way in which it slowly gives way to spring. In Italy, on the other hand, la festa di Sant'Agnese is associated with sheep. This likely derives from the fact that the name Agnese sounds a lot like agnello, which is the Italian word for lamb. Seasonally, this connection makes sense as well. Late January is when sheep begin birthing lambs and begin their lactation. Like St. Anthony's Day, the feast of St. Agnes also commemorates the cyclical, seasonal changes occurring in the natural world. Every year on January 21st, two lambs are brought to Rome to be blessed by the Pope. Therefore, St. Agnes's Day provides us with another opportunity to pay close attention to the signs of spring around us while still honoring the stillness of winter. Drinking a warm beverage while watching snowflakes fall and delighting in the longer days are both appropriate ways to celebrate this unique and transitory holiday.

January can certainly seem like a long month, with its cold temperatures, its frequent snowfalls and its lack of long holiday breaks. However, it can also be a very rewarding month, brimming with the distinctive pleasures of winter and with tantalizing hints of spring. It is a month of coziness, of seeking warmth in the company of friends and loved ones. It is a month of reflection, when our soul can become as peaceful as the freshly fallen snow. However, it is also the month when I see stores laden with pastel spring fashions. It is the month when I get excited for the hearts and flowers of St. Valentine's Day, the high jinks of Carnival and the bright green shamrocks of St. Patrick's Day. The Italian feasts of St. Anthony the Abbot and St. Agnes similarly reminds us of the dual nature of the month, of its wintry weather and its proximity to spring. As a bridge between two seasons, therefore, January can be a magical and refreshing month if we open our hearts to its charms.

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"Mario Cuomo was the keynote speaker for our better angels."
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Most folks know me as being quite conservative, but my political philosophy is much deeper than words like "liberal" or "conservative." When I think back to my younger days as a political activists, it was politicians like Boston Mayor Ray Flynn and NY Governor Mario Cuomo who always came to mind. Today, older, I still see the examples of their public service as elected officials. Both seemed guided by a passion that went far beyond mere partisanship. Both aspired to higher goals — making politics not just blue smoke and mirrors — but making their public leadership about caring for people and making improvements in peoples' lives.

Many liberals think of Mario Cuomo as St. Mario, but he was never such an entity. He had passion and strength and he had a positive attitude about government working in the peoples' best interests.

When I think of Cuomo, I think of Hubert Humphrey and Bobby Kennedy who were all able to rise above the fray and get to the heart of the matters at hand. They didn't have time to sweat the small stuff, they cared about the next generation and where they would be thanks to good decisions made at the present.

For these noble elected leaders, it was about yesterday, today and tomorrow. They understood the link between all time. Too often today, we have far lesser leaders getting elected to office who seem only able to see up to their next election.

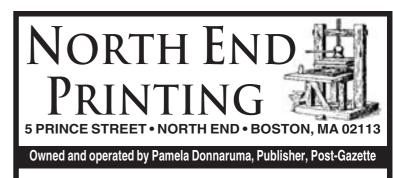
Fighting tooth and nail over stupid stuff is not what the citizenry expects of the leaders they chose.

Whenever I see my friend Ray Flynn I know he really cared and still does for the people of Boston. I believe that was how Cuomo also lived both before, during and following his terms in office of Governor of the Empire State.

I will always remember the words of Cuomo's keynote address to the delegates at the 1984 Democratic convention in San Francisco when he talked about government's impact on the American people. He viewed government's role in a positive way believing that government served the people and that's what made America the most special place in the world.

Sometimes that is what really matters and not the partisan bickering of leaders who forgot the role they served in our democratic republic.

Mario Cuomo, my friend, I will not forget you and the role you played for America in your time of public service. You did your job. What more can be asked.



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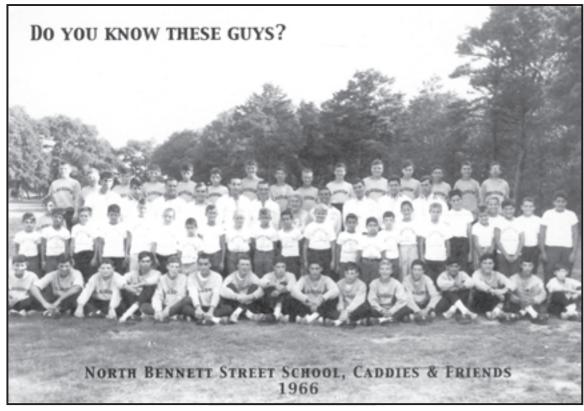
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There are plans in the works for a Caddy Camp Reunion/Summit in September of this year. If you know of anyone who might be interested in getting together to celebrate part of their past, put them on to this news

Contact Frank at FColvario@aol.com.

# Peabody Essex Museum (PEM)

Invites Innovators to Take Over Museum's Maker Lounge for a Series of Mini-residencies

The Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) launches the first of a series of mini-residencies in the museum's Maker Lounge — a new space dedicated to cuttingedge innovation, creativity and Do-It-Yourself culture.

"The first step was opening the Maker Lounge in our East India Marine Hall the original building of the museum — where 19thcentury Salem sea captains housed the innovations they discovered on their voyages around the world," said Juliette Fritsch, PEM's chief of education and interpretation. "In this space, the public can take part in the realtime creative process and problem-solving methods of makers. The maker community is part of a growing grassroots movement at the intersection of do-it-yourself and technology, and at its core is a commitment to sharing ideas and testing things out."

The first Maker-in-Residence at PEM, product designer and Salem resident Ryan White, is in the midst of a six-week project focusing on wearable technology. White has transformed the Maker Lounge into a "Design Process" laboratory to research and generate new ideas for wearable technology. Existing wearables include things like the popular bracelets that measure your daily steps, clothes that change color depending on your mood and shoes that vibrate to tell you whether to turn left or right. Maker Lounge visitors are invited to share their ideas about wearables and participate in the design process to see if their ideas could progress to a viable product.

"Working here seemed like a breath of fresh air after the students on all aspects



Ryan White working with students from Salem's Phoenix School. Photo by Kathy Tarantola/PEM. Additional images available upon request.

being in boardrooms for hours," said White, a native of the North Shore who grew up visiting PEM and recently returned to the area after several years in California's tech sector. "The kids who come into the Maker Lounge are just so honest. Anything goes. Let's create hover shoes. Why not?"

As part of his residency, White has been working with a group of students from Salem's Phoenix School. He began by showing them images of examples of wearable technology — baby monitors, Google Glass, Fitbits, contact lenses that measure insulin levels, bike helmets that have light-up turn signals and smart watches. On the walls, he wrote the problemsolving process for design: IDEATE, PROTOTYPE, TEST. The students began by coming up with ideas like a toothbrush belt, a ring with GPS capabilities and windshield-washer glasses. Some ideas were then chosen for development, sketched and prototyped using the Maker Lounge's 3-D printer. White then proceeded to work with

of how a product goes to consumers, from designing packaging to branding and marketing.

From a professional standpoint, White said he's also been able to network while in the Maker Lounge, meeting potential design clients and other makers along the way.

#### **NEXT UP IN THE** MAKER LOUNGE

Through the month of April, meet David Yann Robert, an artist featured in PEM's Branching Out: Trees As Art exhibition. Robert's residency will involve his background in recording the bioelectrical signals in trees. His 17-minute timelapse video and sound piece called Bokträd (beech tree) is currently on view at PEM. For more on participating in PEM's maker residency program, contact makerlounge @pem.org.

#### ABOUT RYAN WHITE

Ryan White grew up on the North Shore and earned a degree in industrial design from Wentworth Institute of Technology. Most recently,

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# Saint Adalard of Corbie

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Adalard was born in 752 into an illustrious family, his father was Bernard, son of Charles Martel. Martel (688-741) was a Frankish statesman and military leader, the de facto leader of the Franks. Adalard was raised as a nobleman at the court of his cousin Charlemagne. He received a good education in the Palatine School at the Court of Charlemagne and while still very young was made Count of the Palace. In 773, at the age of 20, Adalard entered the monastery of Corbie in Picard. The monastery had been founded by Queen Bathildes in 662. After spending a year in the novitiate he made his vows; he was given the job of gardener. Out of humility and a desire for greater seclusion he transferred to Monte Cassino where he hoped to be concealed from the world; but his qualifications and status did not allow him to live long unknown and in seclusion. Charlemagne insisted he return to court where he became Prime Minister to Pepin, Charlemagne's son, who was the King of Italy living in Milan.

died on Charlemagne January 28, 814. He was succeeded by his son Louis the Pious. Bernard, son of Pepin, aspired to the throne. Adalard was accused of being in sympathy with him and was sent into exile to the Island of Homelier off the coast of Aquitaine. After seven years, Adalard was cleared of all charges and returned to the court of Louis, becoming one of the King's chief advisers.

In 822, Adalard and his brother Wala (one of the greatest men of that age) founded Corvey Abbey ("New Corbie") in Westphalia.

Adalard died on January 2, 827. He is honored as patron saint of many churches and towns in France and along the lower Rhine.

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# Welcome to the Matrix:

### Enslaved by Technology and the Internet of Things

by John W. Whitehead

If ever Americans sell their birthright, it will be for the promise of expediency and comfort delivered by way of blazingly fast Internet, cell phone signals that never drop a call, thermostats that keep us at the perfect temperature without our having to raise a finger, and entertainment that can be simultaneously streamed to our TVs, tablets and cell phones.

Likewise, if ever we find ourselves in bondage, we will have only ourselves to blame for having forged the chains through our own lassitude, laziness and abject reliance on internet-connected gadgets and gizmos that render us wholly irrelevant.

Indeed, while most of us are consumed with our selfies and trying to keep up with what our friends are posting on Facebook, the mega corporation Google has been busily partnering with the *National Security Agency* (NSA), the *Pentagon* and other governmental agencies to develop a new "human" species.

In other words, Google — a neural network that approximates a global brain — is fusing with the human mind in a phenomenon that is called "singularity," and they've hired transhumanist scientist Ray Kurzweil to do just that. Google will know the answer to your question before you have asked it, Kurzweil said. "It will have read every email you will ever have written, every document, every idle thought you've ever tapped into a searchengine box. It will know you better than your intimate partner does. Better, perhaps, than even yourself."

But here's the catch: the NSA and other government agencies will also know you better than yourself. As William Binney, one of the highest-level whistleblowers to ever emerge from the NSA said, "The ultimate goal of the NSA is total population control."

Science fiction, thus, has become fact.

We're fast approaching Philip K. Dick's vision of the future as depicted in the film *Minority Report*. There, police agencies apprehend criminals before they can commit a crime, driverless cars populate the highways, and a person's biometrics are constantly scanned and used to track their movements, target them for advertising, and keep them under perpetual surveil-

Cue the dawning of the Age of the Internet of Things, in which internet-connected "things" will monitor your home, your health and your habits in order to keep your pantry stocked, your utilities regulated and your life under control and relatively worry-free.

The key word here, however, is control. In the not-too-distant future, "just about every device you have — and even products like chairs, that you don't normally expect to see technology in — will be connected and talking to each other."

This "connected" industry — estimated to add more than \$14 trillion to the economy by 2020 — is about to be the next big thing in terms of societal transformations, right up there with the Industrial Revolution, a watershed moment in technology and culture.

Between driverless cars that completely lacking a steering wheel, accelerator, or brake pedal, and smart pills embedded with computer chips, sensors, cameras and robots, we are poised to outpace the imaginations of science fiction writers such as Philip K. Dick and Isaac Asimov.

The 2015 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas is a glittering showcase for such Internet-connected techno gadgets as smart light bulbs that discourage burglars by making your house look occupied, smart thermostats that regulate the temperature of your home based on your activities, and smart doorbells that let you see who is at your front door without leaving the comfort of your couch.

Nest, Google's \$3 billion acquisition, has been at the forefront of the "connected" industry, with such technologically savvy conveniences as a smart lock that tells your Petcube.



Mercedes-Benz brought its vision for the car of 2030, the F 015 Luxury in Motion concept, to Consumer Electronis Show 2015.

thermostat who is home, what temperatures they like, and when your home is unoccupied; a home phone service system that interacts with your connected devices to "learn when you come and go" and alert you if your kids don't come home; and a sleep system that will monitor when you fall asleep, when you wake up, and keep the house noises and temperature in a sleep-conducive state.

It's not just our homes that are being reordered and re-imagined in this connected age: it's our workplaces, our health systems, our government and our very bodies that are being plugged into a matrix over which we have no real control.

Unfortunately, in our race to the future, we have failed to consider what such dependence on technology might mean for our humanity, not to mention our freedoms.

For instance, if you were shocked by Edward Snowden's revelations about how NSA agents have used surveillance to spy on Americans' phone calls, emails and text messages, can you imagine what unscrupulous government

agents could do with access to your internet-connected car, home and medications? Imagine what a SWAT team could do with the ability to access, monitor and control your internet-connected home — locking you in, turning off the lights, activating alarms, etc.

Those still reeling from a year of police shootings of unarmed citizens, SWAT team raids, and community uprisings, the menace of government surveillance can't begin to compare to bullet-riddled bodies, devastated survivors and traumatized children. However, both approaches are just as lethal to our freedoms if left unchecked.

Control is the key here. As I make clear in my book A Government of Wolves: The Emerging American Police State, total control over every aspect of our lives, right down to our inner thoughts, is the objective of any totalitarian regime.

George Orwell understood this. His masterpiece, 1984, portrays a global society of total control in which people are not allowed to have thoughts that in any way disagree with the corporate state. There is no personal freedom, and advanced technology has become the driving force behind a surveil-lance-driven society. Snitches and cameras are everywhere. And people are subject to the Thought Police, who deal with anyone guilty of thought crimes. The government, or "Party," is headed by Big Brother, who appears on posters everywhere with the words: "Big Brother is watching you."

MAKE NO MISTAKE: THE INTERNET OF THINGS IS JUST BIG BROTHER IN A MORE APPEALING DISGUISE.



Even Fluffy can be monitored with a Petcube.

#### • David Gomes (Continued from Page 3)

needs to fulfill his dream of but that doesn't stop his being an endocrinologist and studying medicine related to diabetes treatment.

David added, "I want to be a living example of how someone with diabetes can live a normal life. I eat what others do - I am Italian, I grew up in fantastic restaurants and love food! I just need to exercise, be smart about choices, and remember to check my insulin."

Working out regularly and playing both flag football and ice hockey on the weekends keeps David fit and healthy. He credits his diabetes with making him "more responsible, more aware" and better able to lead a healthy life cessful to date.

mother, Carla, from worrying about him, hosting fundraisers like CityFeast for Joslin, and "always working to find a cure."

"This year marks a decade for CityFeast," says Carla Gomes, David's mother and the owner of Terramia Ristorante and Antico Forno in the North End. "We have raised tens of thousands of dollars each of the past years and every cent gets us closer to the day my son David and millions like him will know a world free from diabetes and its complications. I hope to make this year's event the most suc-

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# Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Thank goodness the holidays are over! Which brings us to the be-

ginning of a new year in which Deval Patrick is out of office, along with his liberal policies. Freeloaders flocked to Massachusetts under his administration. I hope Charlie Baker will start the New Year off right and reduce Massachusetts' large deficit by investigating the phony FREE loaders and get them off Welfare and back working. A job that Patrick couldn't seem to do ... Old news but newsworthy to be repeated: His "Majesty" Barack Obama ended the year off with an arrogant bang when he had a wedding between two military people planning to wed on a golf course in Hawaii cancelled to another location so "His Majesty" could play golf. In the end, love won out for the couple. The base's commanding officer, Col. Eric Schaefer, let them exchange vows outside his house, which has its own breathtaking Pacific views,

and they said their "I dos. " What gall and huspa! Barack really believes he is the Messiah! Many, many people can't wait for his term to be finished! People are saying they would rather have an ignorant Republican in office than a disgusting Democrat. ... Things are looking good in Day Square where construction has begun on the Joe Recupero project. When finished a lot of businesses will benefit and the square will brighten. Other squares in the news are Central Square where the Lombardo's are building a state-of-the-art complex. Maverick Square has been reborn with booming businesses and the Marginal Street Pier One Project with new housing complexes and new shops are underway. Looking great for Eastie ... Candidates in the special election for State Representative are coming out! Stay tuned for more information as candidates officially get on the ballot. "A Taste of Eastie," one of East Boston's best social affairs where restaurants and bakeries in East Boston show off their talents in the food and baking industry is slated to be held soon. The event is the highlight of the season ... Julie Lynch of Revere with a degree in social studies has started her own Recovery Facebook page called "Recovery Thoughts." Julie said, "The page is meant to help others in need of help, share some thoughts or experiences that may help a parent or a person struggling with staying sober and getting sober. She said, sometimes all we need is as little guidance or a seed planted in our mind to help ourselves. So if you're in need of assistance log onto Recovery Thoughts, you'll find Julie to be caring and helpful ... Boston was chosen out of three cities to host the 2024 Olympics. Cities vying for the Olympics were San Francisco, Washington D.C and Los Angeles. It may be an honor for Boston to host the Olympics, but it's going to cost the taxpayers mega-bucks. Will it all be worth it????? ... Till next time!

# **Green Line Extension:**

## Major Federal Funding Commitment

In a closing act as Governor of Massachusetts, Deval Patrick joined U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx on Monday, January 5th to announce a \$996 million federal grant agreement to extend the MBTA Green Line light rail service from East Cambridge to Somerville and

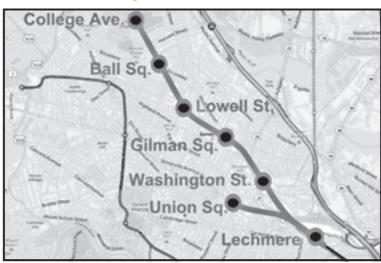
The Green Line Extension (GLX) will provide faster and more efficient travel through downtown Boston and will serve some of the region's most densely populated communities. Secretary Foxx and Acting Federal Transit Administrator Therese McMillan participated in a ceremony to commit the funds with Governor Patrick, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Congressman Michael Capuano, MassDOT Acting Secretary Frank DePaola, MBTA General Manager Dr. Beverly Scott and other federal, state and local officials.

"Today's funding commitment brings the GLX another step closer to reality, said Governor Patrick. "With the extension, residents of Somerville, Cambridge and Medford will have more options for how they get to work, school and play and, in turn, experience sustainable, smart growth in the local economies. I thank USDOT, the Obama Administration and our Congressional delegation for their commitment to this project."

"Bringing light rail to Somerville and Medford will connect residents to work, education and other oppor-

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tunities while making it easier than ever to access downtown Boston," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "We are proud to support projects like thisand recognize the need to do more. We are committed to working with Congress to find bipartisan solutions that will help the Boston region and communities across the U.S. continue to

invest in and enhance their transportation systems in the years ahead.

The U.S. Department of Transportation will contribute approximately \$996 million in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Capital Investment Grant Program (New Starts) funding over the course of the \$2.3 billion

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We kicked off this season of giving with Thanksgiving, where we distributed 130 turkeys to North End and West End families. At the Thanksgiving Day Celebration at the NSC, we served a full-course turkey meal to over a hundred people and were delighted to have a visit from President/CEO of ABCD, John Drew, who greeted the participants with sincere expressions of support and best wishes.

December has been a month filled with celebrations and providing a joyous holiday to the families we serve through several programs to bring gifts and necessities to those in need. We had the pleasant visit of the children of the North End Music and Performing Arts

Center (NEMPAC ) who performed the annual Holiday Musical Recital for the delight of the NSC clients and staff.

The new ABCD program "Adopt a Family" was a tremendous success, allowing us to obtain substantial relief to more than a halfdozen families with toys, food, household items and vouchers for essentials. The sponsors of the "Adopt a Family" included companies and organizations such as Sperry Top-Sider, the local Coast Guard, Strada Apartments, and private donors. On the morning of December 23rd three divisions of the Coast Guard came to the NE/WE NSC with their families to personally hand out the gifts from the wish list that the

families had presented. One of the gifts was a laptop computer for a young mother of two children who is studying to get her accounting degree at Bunker Hill Community College.

In addition, we gave out dozens of toys as part of our annual ABCD toy drive.

My most profound thanks go to all who contributed to making all these events successful and memorable, especially at this time of the year. The connections made through these events will allow us to identify and assist the needs of the communities that we serve and connect families and seniors to other resources, including basic needs assistance and recreational activities.

I want to express special gratitude to the volunteers of the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center, without whose tireless and selfless hard work make it possible for the NSC to operate.

We will continue our work of contributing to reducing and eliminating poverty in our neighborhoods. Thank you for being a part of our work and our mission!

Happy New Year and All the Best in 2015,

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#### THE HISTORY OF ANIMATION:

The Crazy World of Tex Avery



Droopy

If there is one name that captures the essence of the Golden Age of animation in all of its anarchic glory, from the wacky violation of physics to the stylized violence to the rapid fire gags it belongs to the man who started at Warner Bros., left after a dispute with the studio boss, and became a legend at M-G-M cartoon studio. Tex Avery essentially monopolized his adoptive studio's cartoon shorts outside of the Tom & Jerry and Barney Bear series.

His most popular reoccurring creation was Droopy, the dreary sad-eyed pup that, like the Road Runner, could not be brought down, usually by a bullying mastiff (who became a minor cartoon star in his own right, notably in the classic The Magical Maestro). The Droopy cartoons revolved around one joke, Droopy was an infallible protagonist that always defeated his enemy without doing very much, almost as if he carried some invisible protective shield be it to the Canadian north in Northwest Hounded Police to the Wild West in The Shooting of Dan McGoo to the countryside of jolly old England in Out-Foxed.

Screwy Squirrel, Avery's other cartoon star, proved less enduring in the long run, but in the 40s he was the embodiment of Avery's cartoon anarchy in such classics as *The Screwy Truant* and *Lonesome Lenny*. It's a pity Screwy Squirrel is not better remembered as the extent of cartoon lunacy in his cartoons rank them among the very best of the period.

But Avery's best work was largely based on one-hit wonders, albeit with the use of many recognizable faces. Interestingly, his best work involved cats, especially the masterpiece *The Cat That Hated People* (1948), about a cantankerous feline that

becomes fed up with life on Earth and takes off for the moon, only to find that it's just as nerve-wrecking. A similar looking cat appears in *The Ventriloquist Cat* (1950) and in my personal favorite Tex Avery cartoon *The Cuckoo Clock* (1950), a surprisingly smart spoof of Poe about a tortured cat driven to murder (if that's what you call a feline eating a bird) by a zany cuckoo-clock bird.

Among Avery's other stars were George and Junior, the tiny short tempered bear and his overgrown oafish son who started out as *Henpecked Hoboes* in 1946 but then tried and failed at a number of different jobs such as *Hound Hunters* and *Red Hot Rangers*.

Probably, however, Avery's work is best symbolized by the flashy lecherous Hollywood wolf ( a variation of which was first seen in Avery's nominated WWII cartoon The Blitz Wolf). This city slicker dressed in a zoot suit was both a product of Avery's complete blessed disregard for the physics of the real world (his eyes would famous pop right out of his head at the sight of a pretty girl) and the suggestive edge in his work, completely shattering the myth of cartoons as kid's stuff with Swing Shift Cinderella and Red Hot Riding Hood.

And then, of course, there was Tex Avery's specialty, the miscellaneous classics spoofing a particular subject such as *Batty Baseball*, a spin of old myths or fables as in *The Slap Happy Lion*, and the softer approach of *Little 'Tinker*.

As the '50s carried on and Americans made their way to the suburbs, Avery's work began reflecting the national shift. His new titles spoofed contemporary American life with *The House of Tomorrow* (1949), *T.V. of Tomorrow* (1953), Farm of Tomorrow (1954), and *Field and Scream* (1955).

There isn't an easy way to categorize the work of Tex Avery, one of the most prolific animators of the classic era. He spoofed literature, modern life, and even mechanics with Little Johnny Jet and One Cab Family, and brought Droopy to the world. Perhaps the surest thing to say about Tex Avery is that classic animation would never have reached its most anarchic potential without him

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# Polar Bear Plunge 2015

In spite of frigid, 24 degree temperatures on January 1, 2015, over 600 brave participants took the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Bear Plunge into Dorchester Bay in South Boston.

This annual swim is dedicated to past and recently deceased L Street Brownies. Although members of the Brownies are not limited just to New Year's Day.

Monies raised from the swim and T-shirt sales are donated to the South Boston Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund and also helps support the South Boston Youth Hockey Program.

The L Street Brownies Swim Club began their plunge in 1904 and is believed to be the second oldest in the nation behind the Coney Island Polar Bear Plunge in New York, which was first recorded in 1903.

Plunges are now held across the United States, with annual events held in Seattle (since 1993), Ever-

Coney Island, Lake George, NY, Boston, Milwaukee's Bradford Beach (since 1916), New Hampshire, and New Jersey. Some, such as Minnesota's, are held to raise proceeds for the Special Olympics. Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College also organizes an annual "Polar Plunge for Health Equity" into Occom Pond.

The Plungapalooza event in Maryland, the largest Polar Bear Plunge in the United States, held annually at Sandy Point State Park, raises funds for the Special Olympics. Sponsored by the Maryland State Police, in 2007, Plungapalooza raised \$2.2 million and had 7,400 participants. In 2008, an estimated 12,000 people participated.

Every Super Bowl Sunday, Long Beach, NY hosts one of the largest in the US. Since 1998 thousands of people have flocked to the beaches of Long Beach to jump into







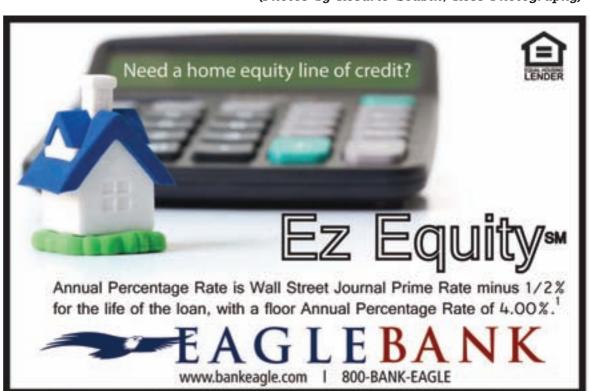








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#### **BOARDWALK EMPIRE:** FIFTH SEASON (DVD) HBO Home Ent.

Concluding a powerful and groundbreaking five-season run, "Boardwalk Empire," the Emmy-winning HBO drama series from Academy nominee/Emmy Award winner Terence Award Winter and Academy Awardwinning Director Martin Scorsese, will begin its final season in 1931, a full six years after the end of Season 4. In stark contrast with the Roaring '20s, the country is in the throes of the Great Depression, and with the end of Prohibition in sight, Nucky is looking to legitimize himself by forging alliances with liquor producers. Season 5 also includes flashback scenes of Nucky, Eli, the Commodore, Gillian and others from 1884-1900 childhood experiences that would shape their relation-

#### **GUTSHOT STRAIGHT** (DVD) Lionsgate Home Ent.

ships and their futures.

When a gambler named Jack (George Eads) is down on his luck, he makes a deal with Duffy (Stephen Lang) a slick-talking Las Vegas millionaire to make some quick cash and repay his numerous debts around town — including to Paulie (Steven Seagal) and Car (Vinnie Jones), two gangsters not to be trifled with. But when Jack is seduced by Duffy's beautiful girlfriend May (AnnaLynne McCord), the deal turns deadly, and he finds himself gambling with the highest stake of all: his

#### STAR TREK: THE NEXT **GENERATION: SEASON 7** + ALL GOOD THINGS (Blu-ray) CBS + Paramount

Brilliantly remastered into high definition, the concluding episodes of the iconic series and its featurelength final episode conclude the Star Trek journey with new collections packed with exclusive, in-depth special features. The crew of the Starship Enterprise makes its final remarkable episodes. which were retransferred from original not your everyday family! film into stunning high-definition. Season 7 features Captain Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) facing a time-shattering confrontation with the mysterious, Q — in the landmark finale that won science fiction's prestigious Hugo Award. All Good Things has Picard facing his greatest challenge as he's transported through time — from his beginnings with Enterprise to decades after

his return to Earth — with

no explanation of how or why

— until Q reveals the true

nature of his journey.

The ultimate adventure

awaits in this gripping fea-

ture-length series finale!

#### FRANK (Blu-ray) Magnolia Home Ent.

Michael Fassbender stars as Frank, a genius rock musician who performs wearing a giant fake head that he never removes. Things get rocky between his protective bandmate Clara (Maggie Gyllenhaal) and newcomer Jon (Domhnall Gleeson), who is convinced they're meant for stardom. The band lands their biggest gig, but are they ready? And is the world? Check out the Blu-ray copy chock full of special features.

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#### **EXTANT:** THE FIRST SEASON (Blu-ray) CBS + Paramount

Academy Award-winning Producer Steven Spielberg provides a sci-fi thriller that hinges on the meaning of family and the essence of humanity. When Astronaut Molly Woods (Halle Berry) returned from a 13-month solo mission aboard a space station, she did not come back alone. Against all odds and explanation, she is pregnant. Her doctor is baffled, and while Molly acclimates to life back on earth, she struggles to make sense of the events surrounding her miraculous, mystery pregnancy. Her husband John is a robotic engineer and created their "son," Ethan, who is a "humanich" — a humanoid robot who serves as the voyages with these classic prototype for John's careerdefining project. Certainly

#### RWBY: VOLUME 2 (Blu-ray) Cinedigm

From the creators of smash-hit "Red vs. Blue," RWBY is a visually stunning anime series sensation. In Volume 2, team RWBY is back and ready for their second semester at Beacon, an academy that trains the world's strongest fighters. But real life doesn't stop for Ruby, Weiss, Black and Yang. Between classes and homework, they still have to find time to save the world. And between the White Fang, Roman Torchwick and a mysterious new trio, team RWBY certainly has their work cut out for them.

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

#### SULLIVAN'S HEADED TO HINGHAM?

Sullivan's, a landmark food stand at Castle Island in Southie since 1951 may end up with a second hot dog stand at the Hingham Bathing Beach down on Route 3A. Brendan Sullivan says the

family-owned business is at the very beginning stages of a South Shore shop. Sullivan added, "I would love to have it open by the end of next summer, but that might be pushing it. Stay tuned for further developments.

#### JOHN W. HALLOWELL, RIP

A good friend of mine who I met years ago while working for the Department of Mental Health in Boston as a police officer was John W. Hallowell, a researcher working out of Massachusetts Mental Health Center. He was also a noted author and English literature professor at Harvard University. Once, he had me as a guest lecturer in one of his writing classes and all the students and I loved this particular class. Afterwards, he told me they were surprised that a police officer could also be such a good writer. Rather a backhanded compliment if you ask me, but I took it in the vein it was offered.

#### GET YOUR \$300 **CUP OF COFFEE**

I just found out that my

Metro Credit Union over in Chelsea now offers free coffee and hot chocolate. It is self-serve and I am wondering when the donuts will show up. When the lady at the front desk asked me how my free cup of coffee was, I told her my free hot coffee actually cost me \$300 that day since I was paying a bill at the teller's window.

Hey, they might as well serve refreshments because the days of actually getting good interest on your money is long gone, huh?

#### WHEN DID THREE KINGS DAY START AND ALSO

When I was a kid, there was Christmas and Little Christmas also referred to as the Feast of the Epiphany, which covered the 12 days of Christmas. Today, we now have Three Kings Day, as it is referred because the word "epiphany" is so difficult to spell. Actually this feast is less about the three wise men and more about Baby Jesus being presented to the non-Jewish people.

Also, back when I was a kid, my dad told me that back in Sicily, the people celebrated the Feast of St. Nick. Today. Italian Americans have started celebrating La Befana with her long nose and witchy outfit broom and all.

#### **BOSTON BREWIN COFFEE** CHOOSE McKAY SCHOOL

My favorite spot for Sunday morning caffeine is Boston Brewin Coffee at Maverick Marketplace at 154 Maverick Street. This place makes great coffee. Boston Brewin has now adopted the Donald McKay School and donates regularly to the school as part of their "Pay it Forward" business plan.

Boston Brewin cares about the community it serves and gives back to it. You can't say that about Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks, can you? Boston Brewin has dedicated all of its profits of their East Boston store to the McKay School. The more coffee you drink there, the more money the school gets.

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#### **NEAD BINGO FUNDRAISER**

North End Against Drugs will be holding a bingo fundraiser to raise needed program funds. It will take place at the Nazzaro Center on Sunday afternoon, January 25th — the bye week before the Super Bowl. Doors open at 1:00 pm.

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

him and shoots, making sure he's quite dead.

Then of course, there's the New York Times warning against any unfortunate blowback against American Muslims. The last thing on my mind is concern over possible blowback, my concern is over the end result of this horrific attack in the name of a religion or God.

#### Happy Birthday to Elvis



January 8th would have been the  $80^{th}$ birthday of Elvis Presley. It is so difficult to believe that he has been

gone since the summer of 1977 at only 42 years old. He you when it comes to the reis still remembered and his music lives on forever. He may have left the building, but not our memories where the King still rules.

#### **HSA** Card Meant to Give Vets Health Care Options Now

U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-California, isn't happy with the Department of Veteran Affairs. The representative doesn't think those who served in uniform should be forced into a second-rate health care system. Despite promises of speedy reforms, 10 percent of all VA veterans still wait more than a month for care. In some cases, some can still wait up to six months. Despite all the promises, the VA has yet to act on a critical provision enacted as part of the reform package that Congress has passed.

"Veterans Choice The Card" was supposed to put an end to long wait times by giving vets a choice in care allowing them to go outside the VA system. VA Secretary Bob McDonald is still saying, "It is important to know that the Choice Card does not provide guaranteed health care coverage." Huh?

As Republican Rohrabacher says, "That's certainly not what Congress intended when it enacted the provision into law."

All our veterans fought and defended our freedoms and they deserve health care freedom in return. Period.

#### Young and Unsubsidized Shunning Obamacare

cent deadline for signing up via Healthcare.gov. Eightyseven percent qualify for subsidized care. That's even higher than the 85 percent who signed up last year in the first enrollment season.

The young and healthy aren't biting, while older and sicker folks sign up which is bad news long-term for health exchanges. Only 13 percent of the young are signing up without qualifying for subsidizes.

#### Mike Huckabee Eyeing 2016 Bid

Mike Huckabee just gave up his weekend FOX News Network talk show in order to focus on his plans not made yet about another presidential run in 2016. Huckabee is a former gover-Baptist minister and he jihadists.

thinks he should be in the mix come 2016 for the GOP presidential nomination.

I think he should have stayed at Fox because there is no way he can get elected by Tea Party Republicans in the 2016 primaries. Jeb Bush is the main target for any wannabes. He's got the name and can get all the cash he needs and will run to the middle and isolate the Tea Party.

I think the Republican Establishment is off its rocks if they think the country is ready for a third Bush who supports both Common Core and Amnesty.

The Wall Street Journal states Republicans only see One number jumps out at Bush, Mitt Romney and Chris Christie. It shows nobody understood what happened back in November on Election Day.

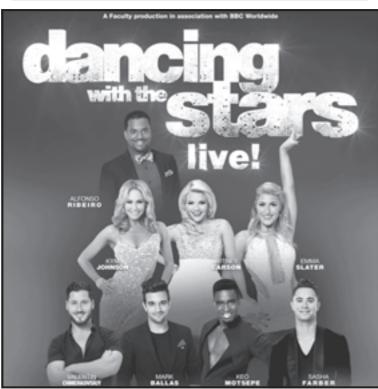
> For Huckabee, it is a chicken wing and prayer

#### Howard Dean is Just So Howard Dean

Former Vermont Governor and ex-DNC Chairman Howard Dean savs he refuses to call the acts of terrorism in Paris, acts of Islamic terrorism, because the killers are as Muslim as he is. Why do liberals say such stupid things? When an act of jihad is committed by thugs who call themselves Islamic soldiers, it means their acts were acts of Islamic terrorism. Dean can live in denial all he wants, but I believe the killers when they nor and Religious Right call themselves Islamic

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#### MUSIC

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GARTH BROOKS & TRISHA YEARWOOD — January 22-25, 2015. Since 1989, Garth Brooks has been one of the biggest country artists, with six Diamond-certified albums. Brooks is currently on his first major tour in over a decade. The electrifying return of America's most powerful concert force makes his first Massachusetts appearance on *The World Tour* and his first time in Boston in over 17 years!

NEIL DIAMOND — March 23, 2015. Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Neil Diamond will release his new CD "Melody Road," on October 21st. "Melody Road," his first album of new songs since 2008. Come March, Diamond will embark on a North American concert tour that includes dates in the Unites States, Mexico and Canada. Diamond's career began in the 1960s and continues on today with such fan favorites as: "Cracklin' Rosie," "Song Sung Blue," "Longfellow Serenade," "I've Been This Way Before," "If You Know What I Mean," "Desiree," "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," "America," "Yesterday's Songs," "Heartlight," "I'm a Believer" and Red Sox Nation's anthem "Sweet Caroline." A show not to be missed! Tickets are now on sale.

**BETTER MIDLER** — June 12, 2015. More than 40 years after her debut album, Bette Midler continues to own the stage no matter where she performs, thanks to her charismatic presence and divine voice. With sev-

eral classics in her catalog including "The Rose" and "Wind Beneath My Wings," seize the opportunity to see the legendary Bette Midler sing live.

BARRY MANILOW — June 16, 2015. From No. 1 hits to multi-Platinum-selling albums and numerous awards, this Brooklyn-born singersongwriter's skills have captivated fans around the world for decades, so get your Barry Manilow tickets for the next tour to experience the legendary artist live in concert.

**U2** — July 10, 11, 14 & 15, 2015. Join U2 on their iNNOCENCE + eXPERIENCE Tour 2015. The band are heading out on the road again, playing indoor arenas for the first time in a decade. The iNNOCENCE + eXPERIENCE Tour will see U2 play 19 cities worldwide next year, with pairs of shows in each city. Special shows are being planned for Dublin for the end of next year to benefit the U2initiated Music Generation project and details will follow once they are finalised. "We are going to try to have a completely different feeling from night one to night two," said Bono, "and have some fun playing with the idea of innocence and experience. More to be revealed!"

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JEFF BECK — April 19, 2015. Beck's career took off in the mid-1960s, after replacing Eric Clapton as lead guitarist for The Yardbirds on the recommendation of his friend Jimmy Page. He played on several of the rock group's hits, such as Heart Full of Soul, Shapes of Things and Over Under Sideways Down. Over the years, Beck has collaborated with Stevie Wonder.

Diana Ross, Mick Jagger, Tina Turner, Roger Waters, Les Paul, Jon Bon Jovi, Stanley Clarke, Herbie Hancock and Joss Stone among many others. Beck has twice been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame: once with The Yardbirds in 1992 and once as a solo artist in 2009. He has won numerous Grammy Awards, including two at the 2011 Grammy Award Celebration when he won Best Rock Instrumental Performance for "Hammerhead" and Best Pop Instrumental performance for "Nessun Dorma," both from his last studio album, Emotion & Commotion.

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ITALIAN OPERA AND WHAT BROADWAY DID TO IT — Friday, January 23, 2015. Starring sopranos, Laura Hansen and Kristyn Taylor, and baritone, Frank Walker, singing arias, duets and trios from favorite Italian operas followed by Broadway's version of "drama, drama, drama!"

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DROPKICK MURPHYS — March 12-15, 2015. The Dropkick Murphys are going on their inaugural Celtic Punk Invasion Tour which will hit several dates on the east coast as well as going overseas to Ireland and the UK. The Massachusetts natives then will play Boston at the House of Blues on March 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th. The show on the 14th has the most expensive average ticket, significantly higher than the tour average. Luckily for fans there is an earlier show that same day for those who can not get to the evening show. After that the Dropkick Murphys head overseas to play Dublin, Ireland on St. Patricks day for the first time in their career.

## **DANCE**

WILBUR THEATRE 246 Tremont St., Boston, MA 617-248-9700

www.TheWilburTheatre.com DANCING WITH THE STARS LIVE! - January 16, 2015. The allnew Dancing with the Stars: Live! tour will feature a cast of the television show's most popular competitors, treating audiences to exciting and romantic performances. Dancing with the Stars dancers will choreograph brand new never-before-seen numbers and re-create some of the show's most memorable moments. As announced on the show, Mark Ballas, Witney Carson, Valentin Chmerkovskiy, Emma Slater, Kym Johnson, Keo Motsepe and Sasha Farber are the first dancers revealed to be on the tour.

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART 100 Northern Ave., Boston 617-478-3100

www.ICABoston.org MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP: Italian Concerto, A Wooden Tree, Jenn and Spencer, and Words -January 21-25, 2015. Mark Morris returns to the ICA for the first time since 2007. Brooklyn-based choreographer will present four works: Italian Concerto, his interpretation of Bach's popular Italian Concerto in F Major; A Wooden Tree, a whimsical ensemble piece set to offbeat Ivor Cutler recordings; the passionate Jenn and Spencer, with music by Henry Cowell; and Words, a brand-new work set to Mendelssohn's "Songs Without Words." MMDG Music Ensemble per-

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# COMEDY

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www.TheWilburTheatre.com SEBASTIAN MANISCALCO

January 17, 2015. "What's Wrong with People?" asks Sebastian Maniscalco in his hilarious new hit stand-up special airing on Showtime and available on DVD nationwide on March 27th. In "What's Wrong with People," he brings his witheringly sarcastic and exasperated take on modern behavior and decorum, trying to bridge the gap between the Italian-American Old World he grew up in and the contemporary frenetic world we all live in today. The result is an original, highly relatable stand-up comedy tour-deforce that has Sebastian performing sold-out concerts worldwide. His selfdeprecating comedy reminds fans of a young Jerry Seinfeld who constantly challenges his audience to recognize the absurdities of everyday life. CRAIG FERGUSON'S HOT &

GRUMPY TOUR: WALKING THE **EARTH** — February 14, 2015. Craig Ferguson entered the world of late night comedy following a diverse and eclectic career that encompasses film, television and the stage. On December 19th, 2014, Ferguson concluded his nine-year run as the host of CBS's "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson," which has set all-time viewer records and earned him a Primetime Emmy nomination during its run. Ferguson can currently be seen as the host of the new syndicated game show "Celebrity Name Game," from executive producers Courteney Cox and David Arquette. Ferguson recently lent his voice to the animated features "How to Train Your Dragon" and its sequel, "How to Train Your Dragon 2," as well as the Disney animated features, "Winnie The Pooh" and "Brave." Ferguson has become a huge success on the North American comedy circuit, having performed to sold out theaters all over the country, including Carnegie Hall and Radio City Music Hall. Additionally, Craig has released three widely acclaimed stand-up comedy specials, including, "I'm Here to Help," which garnered him a Grammy nomination for Best Comedy Album. Ferguson is also a New York Times bestselling author, having released his first novel, Between The Bridge and The River, and his memoir, America On Purpose - a book about why and how the late night funnyman became an American.

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DISHING WITH THE DIVAS — A MUSICAL COMEDY — March 27, 2015. The high-energy performance surrounds the final live studio broadcast of the hit talk show "GIRL TALK" on WPMS radio. The two radio hosts and their most popular regular guest, sex therapist Dr. Lauda (think Sofia Vergara), are going out in style! The ladies love to dish about life, love, sex, marriage, relationships, friendships, motherhood, careers, food, alcohol, and, yes, men in any capacity. This show will have audiences dishing, dancing, laughing and singing from start to finish as these three talented ladies belt out hits by artists such as The Pointer Sisters, Jennifer Lopez, Carrie Underwood, Aretha Franklin, and many more!

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**DIRTY DANCING** — April 28 to May 10, 2015. The 1987 movie is an untouchable musical classic, and has sealed the sadly departed Patrick Swayze's place in the cult movie canon. A massive box office success at the time, it has spawned numerous imitators, a belated sequel and "nobody puts Baby in the corner" branded merchandise for toddlers. The stage version made its debut in  $2004\ in$  Australia. Adapted by the movie's original scribe Eleanor Bergstein, this North American touring production hews closely to the plot of the movie, packing in all its anthemic anthems (I Had the Time of My Life, Hungry Eyes) and cheesy oneliners with aplomb. It delivers everything the audiences can hope for lots of sexy dancing and rock 'n' roll. Taking on the unenviable task of replicating Swayze's charm (and hunky good looks) in this tour is Samuel Pergande (Cirque Du Soleil: La Nouba), while Jillian Mueller (American Idiot) is the Baby to his Johnny.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

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PROFESSIONAL BULL RIDERS — February 7-8, 2015, The Professional Bull Riders announced that fans will again be able to watch the best bull riders and top bucking bulls when the PBR Touring Pro Division (TPD) returns to the DCU Center. Fans will witness thrilling 8-second rides and jaw-dropping wrecks throughout the adrenaline-soaked performance as the PBR's insanely brave cowboys risk it all against monstrous animal athletes that can weigh as much as 2,000 pounds. This year's event will feature a special opportunity for bull riding fans to get the ultimate in fan experience

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## **ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS**

**"The Sicilian Corner"** — 10:00 am to Noon every Friday with hosts Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and **"The Italian Show"** with Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 9:00 am to Noon. Go to www.1110wccmam.com.

"Italia Oggi" — Sundays 11:00 am to Noon with host Andrea Urdi 1460 AM. Go to www.1460WXBR.com.

"Dolce Vita Radio" — DJ Rocco Mesiti 11:00 am-1:00 pm; Sundays 90.7 FM or online www.djrocco.com.
"The Nick Franciosa Show" — Sundays from Noon to 3:00 pm on

WLYN 1360 AM and WAZN 1470 AM.

"Guido Oliva Italian Hour" — 8:00 am-9:00 am Sundays on WSRO 650 AM and online at www.wsro.com.

**"Tony's Place" on MusicAmerica WPLM FM 99.1** — Sundays 9:00 pm-10:00 pm on MusicAmerica. Host Ron Della Chiesa presents Tony's Place. Visit <a href="https://www.MusicNotNoise.com">www.MusicNotNoise.com</a>.

"L'Italia Chiamo Italian Radio Show" hosted by Stefano Marchese and Emanuele Capoano — Thursdays 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Visit www.zumix.org/radio or litaliachiamo.wordpress.com; email: litaliachiamoshow@gmail.com. Tel. 857-334-0868.

**"Intervallo Musicale"** — Sundays 10:00-10:30 am; Host Carmine Guarino on WUNR 1600 AM and online at www.wurr.com.

# Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Are you awake? Well, a Florida man called police to observe him spanking his daughter to make sure he didn't violate any law. Dale Garcia wanted to discipline his 12-year old after she got into "a heated argument" with her sister, so he called police. "I stood by as he spanked her four times on her buttocks, "the officer wrote in his report. "No crime has been committed."

Low expectations, after a Pew Research Center survey of 48,643 people in 44 countries found that people in poorer nations in Africa and South America were more likely to say they were having "a good day than people in Europe, Asia, or even the

Not a good week! Harvard University's faculty, which reacted in outrage when the university announced that partly as the result of the Affordable Care Act reforms, they will have to share more of the cost of their very generous health care coverage. "It's equivalent to taxing the sick!" complained one professor.

Be aware, too much sugar is a primary cause of obesity, diabetes, and tooth decay, and new guidelines from the World Health Organization call for a sharp reduction in the amount added, or "free," sugars in the typical diet. "The key point is that we are consuming way too much added sugars for good health," says Rachel Johnson of the American Heart Association.

Reminder, pot smoking can damage developing brains. Today's more potent strains, in fact, can cause structural changes in a key region of the brains of people younger than 26, especially if they smoke daily.

How do we relax? By reaching for the cookie jar. 91% of Americans munch at least one snack a day, and 7% of us squeeze in five snacks or more. Our waistlines reflect that taste for treats: 51% of us want to lose weight but only 26% are seriously trying to do so (Gallup). But there might be little point in shedding those extra pounds. 49% of Americans think the severity of recent natural disasters, such as California's record-breaking drought, is a sign that we're entering the biblical "end times" (Public Research Institutes).

Our paesano Sal Locascio has spent 57 years driving a New York cab, according to Corey Kilgannon in The New York Times. At 83, he is the city's oldest yellow-cab driver with his own medallion-the prized permit that gives drivers the right to operate a taxi and pick up street hails. Locascio, a World War II veteran, started driving cabs in the 1960s and got a fast education in the quirks of the city's inhabitants. "I had a passenger who came in as a guy and got out as a girl," he recalled. "And I said to myself, "Ok, this is New York." He also became accustomed to driving around the rich and famous, and picked up scores of celebrity passengers, including Judy Garland ("She said I was going too fast"), Gregory Peck ("It was so hot in the cab, the poor guy was turning colors.") "Now they're all gone, except me." Locascio lost his wife last year and describes his driving as "slow and getting slower." But he has no plans to retire. "What matters to me now is to keep myself going," he says. "You're a short time alive and a long time dead."

Our show biz informant Al Natale, reports, just seven months after they began dating, actress Cameron Diaz and rock musician Benji Madden were married in a ceremony at Diaz's Beverly Hills home. Among the guests were Reese Witherspoon, Samantha Ronson, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Drew Barrymore. It was the first marriage for both Diaz. 42 and Madden. 35.

A wealthy father didn't know what to give his daughter as a wedding present, so he promised to pay for her divorce.

Carlo Scostumato claims some men believe in dreams until they marry one.

The attractive, astute, Rosalie Cunio of Waltham, says, "We've had adult education for several thousand years. It's called marriage.

Steven Sebestyen claims there's one point at which both husband and wife are in perfect agreement - she thinks nothing is too good for her, and so does he.



Steven's great wife Theresa thinks a typical marriage is where the husband keeps his mouth shut and his checkbook open.

My dear readers let me be honest about my marriage. The day before our wedding, September 13, 1953, I told my wife-to-be I had some rules regarding our marriage. Thou shall be in charge of money. Thou should never ask me what I want for dinner. Whatever you cook, I'll eat. And thou will be in charge of our home. It worked! Just remember, women are better managers than men! We are all alive only because our mothers were good managers! They kept us healthy, clean and they always gave us good advice. We can add much, much more to why women are good managers. Gee, Hillary Clinton will be a great president!

Weird! An Illinois man who went to the hospital complaining of arm pains was shocked to discover that a 7-inch metal turn signal from a Ford Thunderbird had been embedded in his body since 1963. When Arthur Lampitt crashed the car five decades ago, doctors treated his broken hip but missed the lever in his arm. The object didn't trouble Lampitt, 75, until a few weeks ago, when his arm swelled up. Doctors removed the rusty lever in a 45-minute operation, and presented it to Lampitt. "I was surprised how corroded it is," he said.

The naked truth! California firefighters spent two hours extracting a naked woman from a chimney after she tried to sneak into her ex-boyfriend's home at 5 a.m. The 35year old took off her clothes in the hope it would help her fit down the 1-foot-wide chimney. But halfway down, she became wedged and called the ex on her cell phone, "I said, Where are you at'?" said Tony Hernandez. "And she said, "I'm trapped in the chimney." Firefighters freed her by breaking the chimney open, and she was treated for minor injuries. The chimney will have to be rebuilt.

To think the future belongs to the English language, said John Mc Whorter. English is rapidly becoming what the creators of Esperanto had envisioned: a language spoken on every continent, and the primary medium for communications among different nations. Today, almost 2 billion people speak English to some degree, and soon one out of three people on Earth will be able to converse in it.

Ah, the Italian-Americans. To the established Americans whose family had been here for awhile, the Italian immigrants were trespassers to be looked down upon with distrust and dislike. Italians were given degrading "slang" names like "Wop," "Dago," and "Guinea," insults shared by all immigrants at one time or another. The term "Wop" supposedly originated in the Neapolitan dialect word guappo, which Americans trimmed and adapted to refer pejoratively to anyone of Latin or Mediterranean origin. "Guinea" is derived from early American reference to the dark-skinned natives of British Guiana. It was later bestowed upon the swarthy, dark-eyed Italian immigrants. The Italian-American fared no better than the American Negro in being stereotyped. Most Americans considered the strange Italian as "dark foreigner," ignorant, dirty, loudmouthed, and smelling of garlic and cheap wine. It became necessary, then, for Italian-Americans to form fraternal organizations, like the Order of the Sons of Italy in America, to protect themselves against attacks of intolerance and its effects upon their self-esteem. Ah, Thomas Aguinas, Michelangelo, Da Vinci, Raphael, Dante, Galileo, Giribaldi and Verdi. Roman civilization, along with that of the ancient Greeks, permeates every part of our lives today. It would require many, many pages to cover the greatness of Italians! We will never forget being called a Guinea!

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME

# Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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#### Cabbage & Pork Chops

- 4 pork chops
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 3 ripe plum tomatoes or 8 oz. canned crushed tomatoes
- 2 dry bay leaf sprigs
- 2 small garlic cloves chopped (optional)
- 1 small head of cabbage
- 3 carrots
- 3 potatoes 1 cup of water
- 1/3 cup olive, canola or vegetable oil
- Salt and pepper

In a twelve-inch saucepan, heat oil and carefully add pork chops. Brown chops lightly on both sides. Remove them from saucepan and set aside on a platter. Add chopped onion to the saucepan and simmer until onion is about to brown. Add bay leaves, garlic and cut-up or crushed tomatoes. Stir and cover. Simmer over low heat for about fifteen minutes.

Meanwhile, clean and wash carrots. Cut carrots into fourinch lengths and set aside. Peel potatoes and wash. Cut into wedges of one-inch thickness and set aside. Remove soiled or spoiled outer leaves of cabbage. Wash and cut into four or five portions. Set aside.

After tomato mixture has simmered for fifteen minutes, add one cup of water and stir. Add the chops and carrots. Cover and bring mixture to a slow boil. After ten minutes, add the cabbage. Ten minutes later add the potatoes. Additional water may be added if needed. Salt and pepper to taste. Cover and cook over medium/low heat until vegetables are tender.

#### • **PEM** (Continued from Page 5)

he has been working on a cumulated more than 40 patwearables technology product launch for a New Englandbased startup. He has enjoyed success designing and developing products such as stomach staplers, laser welders, coffee makers, toothbrushes and toys. As the lead industrial designer for a technology products company in Palo Alto, Calif., White ac- www.pem.org.

ents and 24 industry awards. For Beyond Productions, proof ducers Discovery Channel's MythBusters, he consulted, developing concepts and storyboards, and acted as a build adviser for a new TV show.

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LINDA R. LOPEZ Date of Death November 5, 2007 INFORMAL PROBATE

**PUBLICATION NOTICE** To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Regina Lopez-Gamez of Moreno Valley, CA. Regina Lopez-Gamez of Moreno Valley, CA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without

surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. 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 Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Estate of FREDERICK W. GREAVES Date of Death September 15, 2008 INFORMAL PROBATE

**PUBLICATION NOTICE** To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

Roberta Greaves of Copiague, NY. Roberta Greaves of Copiague, NY has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety

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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo



A Nostalgic Remembrance

When I was six years old, Nanna had a heart attack. It was serious enough to keep her hospitalized for a long period of time. Mom, Aunt Ada (Uncle Nick's first wife) and I would visit her during the day. Babbononno, Uncle Paul and my father would go to see her after work. Uncles Nick and Gino were in the service and could only pray for their mother from afar.

When Nanna finally came home, Babbononno virtually stopped playing music at night to be with his wife. Of course, he couldn't give up his day job, so my mother took care of Nanna. At night Babbononno was an attentive husband, but Nanna would fall asleep rather early and that left Babbononno with time on his hands. He liked to read and would take the Boston Post, this newspaper and Il Progresso and read them from front page to the last. When he would get bored, he would ask me, "Aye, Jenny, wadda dey gud onna da radio?

Even though I was a kid, I was a radio buff. I could tell you the call letters for the Boston stations, their numbers on the rotary dial, the names of the shows on the radio, the days they aired and the time slots they could be heard. Even as a kid, I had a good memory. I told Babbononno that Mom and Nanna listened to the Don McNeil Breakfast Club in the morning followed by the Arthur Godfrey Show. During the mid-day hours, there were soap opera serials like Our Gal Sunday, Big Sister, Aunt Jenny's Real Life Stories, The Romance of Helen Trent, One Man's Family, Wendy Warren and the News, John's Other Wife, Just Plain Bill, Young Dr. Malone, Young Widow Brown and Queen for a Day. Babbononno had no interest in these shows as they were mostly for women and he wouldn't be home, anyway.

When I told my grandfather what was on in the afternoon slots, he decided he would get an early start on reading his newspapers. Afternoon 15-minute serials were mostly for kids, and of course seeing I was a kid, I was glued to Babbononno's old arch shaped Philco radio. From about 4:00 o'clock on, I listened to Superman, Tom Mix, The Gene Autry Show, Bobby Benson and the BRB Ranch, and Captain Midnight. I remember once while listening to Superman, spon-

sored by Kellogg's Pep, a longgone kid's breakfast cereal, Dad came home and discovered he had forgotten to buy cigarettes. He gave me a quarter and asked me to go get him a pack at the corner store. I waited for the commercial, ran down the three flights of stairs to Eutaw Street, ran to the corner of Brooks and Eutaw where Staffier's Variety Store was located, bought Dad his cigarettes, ran back to the house, climbed the three flights of stairs, gave the pack of Old Golds to my father and accomplished all of this before the commercial ended.

Late in the afternoon, Dad would get ready to head out to his nighttime job. He, at the time, was playing bass with a Latin band at the Bradford Roof. After he left for work, Mom would tend to Nanna's needs and that left Babbononno and me to search the radio for programs to listen to. Let's see how many of them you remember. There is no special order to them nor am I listing them according to the nights they were on, because I'm not sure at this point 70 or so years later.

Babbononno would let me turn the dial and find shows he would put his approval on: Bulldog Drummond, A Man Called X, Casey Crime Photographer, Chandu the Magician, Charlie Chan, Ellery Queen, Philip Marlowe, Richard Diamond, Mr. District Attorney, Big Town, Bold Venture, The FBI in Peace and War, Gang Busters, Philo Vance, Boston Blackie, Crime Does Not Pay, Martin Kane Private Eye, The Fat Man, The Thin Man, Mr. Keen Tracer of Lost Persons, and Nick Carter Master Detective. When I would come across the one he liked, he would grab my hand to prevent me from turning the dial and say, "Dissa da wunna we listen to.'

There were dozens of other shows that I found on the air at any point in the evening and it depended on Babbononno's mood as to what we listened to. The names were Beulah, Sgt. Preston of the Northwest Mounted Police, Don Winslow in the Navy, Dragnet, Duffy's Tavern, The Life of Riley, My Friend Irma, People are Funny, The Phil Harris-Alice Faye Show, Sky King, Stella Dallas, 20 Questions, 64 Dollar Question, The Voice of Firestone, Topper, The Great Gildersleeve, Halls of Ivy, Our Miss Brooks, Meet Corless Archer, The Cisco Kid, Lum and Abner, Henry Aldrich,

Rin Tin Tin, The Goldbergs, and Life With Luigi.

If my grandfather wanted to stay with comedies, music or variety shows, there were: Beat the Band, People are Funny, The Camel Caravan, Your Hit Parade, Kraft Music Hall. Abbott and Costello, The Bell Telephone Hour, Lux Radio Theater, Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts, The Quiz Kids, It Pays to be Ignorant, Life Begins at 80, The Bob Hope Show, The Jimmy Durante Show, Hollywood on the Air, Amos and Andy, A Date with Judy, Baby Snooks, Blondie and Dagwood, Laurel and Hardy, The Judy Canova Show, The Bickersons and the Red Skelton Show. There were also shows that featured the big bands of the day: The Benny Goodman Show, The Artie Shaw Show, The Duke Ellington Show, The Jack Benny Show, The Fred Allen Show, and The Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey Show.

Of course, I couldn't stay up as late as Babbononno, but I would argue to hear the rest of a program we were listening to when Mom would notify me that it was past my bedtime.

I spent my youth using my imagination while listening to radio. Years later, many of the shows I've mentioned made it to early television. When I saw what some of the folks looked like on TV, I was shocked, because with radio, we would conjure up what the stars looked like. Well, those days are gone as are my grandparent's and my folk's generations. But, I wonder how many of you remember some if not all of the shows I've mentioned. Those were great times that will never come back. Thank God I was around to have had those great experiences of yesteryear. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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Estate of JOHN THOMAS McRIGHT Also Know As JOHN McRIGHT

Date of Death February 1, 2011 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Miranda Countz nee McRight of Huntsville TX a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Miranda Countz nee McRight of Huntsville, TX has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court 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 Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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• **Green Line Expansion** (Continued from Page 7)

project with funds from the nities through local partici-Commonwealth covering the remainder.

The project will be constructed in four overlapping phases from 2013 to 2020. Phase I work began in January 2013 to widen two rail bridges that will carry the new Green Line tracks. Construction on the new Lechmere, East Somerville and Union Square stations will begin this spring. Once completed, trains will operate every five to six minutes in the peak period, providing fast and efficient service to Boston, and resulting in an estimated 37,900 transit trips per day.

The project will include construction of six new stations, purchase of 24 new light rail vehicles, construction of a new vehicle maintenance facility, construction of a community bicycle and pedestrian path, and relocation of some existing commuter rail track.

The MassWIN (Massachusetts Workforce Initiative Now) program is an effort to build sustainable commupation and collaborative partnerships in transportation projects focused on workforce investment, education achievement, business development and city improvement. The goals of the program are to train residents to meet the hiring requirements for local transportation and construction jobs; place trained community members in transportation and construction career paths; grow the local workforce and economic base; and support sustainable communities by expanding the local work-force, businesses and neighborhoods.

The 4.7-mile light rail extension will extend existing MBTA Green Line service from a relocated Lechmere Station in East Cambridge to Union Square in Somerville and College Avenue in Medford. The project will serve some of the region's most densely populated areas not currently served by rail transit - where 26 percent of residents do not own or have access to cars.

#### • State of the City (Continued from Page 1)

- StartHub, to unify and bolster start-ups, support entrepreneurs growing businesses in Boston, and market Boston's startup scene to the world.
- Upgrading the Mayor's Hotline with a more effective and convenient 311 sys-
- Creating a cross-departmental, citywide Office of Analytics, to bring the power of big data to city services and operations, and a fulltime "start up czar" to help entrepreneurs grow businesses in Boston.
- Putting out a Request for Information inviting ideas for significant upgrades in space and programming on City Hall Plaza.

#### Stronger Neighborhoods, Making Housing More Accessible, Affordable

Mayor Walsh knows that Boston will only thrive when housing is affordable and accessible and neighborhoods are strong. As a result of investments in the City's urban park structure result, 97% of Bostonians live within a 10-minute walk of a park — making Boston first in the nation in access Mayor laid out his Boston 2030 plan, calling for the creation of 53,000 new housing units to accommodate the expected 91,000 new Bostonians by 2030.

- Making 250 city-owned parcels available for development through the Neighborhood Homes Initiative to provide housing for low- and middle-income families where it is needed most.
- "Main Street Makeovers," beginning with Bowdoin-Geneva in Dorchester and Grove Hall in Roxbury, Main Street Makeovers will pro-

vide targeted public space upgrades, extra help for small businesses and priority services from Public Works.

- Pushing the City's universities to build more dorms to help solve the City's student housing problems and relieve pressure on rents in the neighborhoods.
- · Asking the Massachusetts Legislature to support giving a tax break to developers of middle income and workforce housing.

#### Helping Our Most Vulnerable Residents

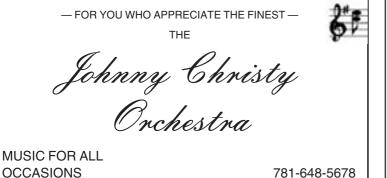
The Mayor recognizes the urgent need to relieve the pressures associated with cost of living and reiterated his commitment to ending homelessness in Boston, with a safe shelter, access to services and transitional housing.

- Boston Water & Sewer Commission will boost the water discount for all senior and disabled homeowners to 30 percent. The Mayor has called on other utilities -National Grid, NStar and Comcast — to follow suit.
- · Asking the Massachusetts Legislature to support to parks. Last year, the a senior set-aside in the state's Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

In December, Boston was selected as one of 35 cities from around the world to be invited to join the 100 Resilient Cities Network, a project of the Rockefeller Foundation that supplies its member cities with tools, funding and other resources to build resilience to the challenges of the 21st century. The grant will be used to convene a citywide conversation aimed at healing divisions in the community.

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RHONDA DENISE MOORE
Date of Death January 23, 2010
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Arvetta Moore of Suisun City, CA.

Arvetta Moore of Suisun City, CA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. 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 Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner

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Estate of GRACIE LOU BROWN Date of Death September 16, 2012

INFORMAL PROBATE
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Gracie P. Williams of Las Vegas, NV.

Gracie P. Williams of Las Vegas, NV has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without

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Gridiron Audibles



# Patriots Rally to Knock out Ravens, Move on to Conference Championship

In a game that will go down as the most memorable in Gillette Stadium's first 12 years of existence, the New England Patriots survived an epic matchup with the Baltimore Ravens 35-31 sending Tom Brady and

company to their 4th straight AFC Championship game.

Last Saturdays divisional playoff game was yet another example of why this year's edition of the Patriots is unlike any other we have seen in recent memory, as they twice rallied back from 14-point deficits, becoming the first team in NFL postseason history to do so. "Mentally tough, resilient group of guys," said receiver Julian Edelman following the win. "Down 14 twice, but had the confidence to come back and execute plays when we had to."

Despite the deficits, the Patriots refused to be denied. Brady shrugged off his past playoff failures versus the Ravens, capitalizing on his opponents biggest weakness: the Ravens secondary. With the running game grounded to the tune of 14 yards in the game, the lowest total rushing yards registered by a winning team in postseason history, Brady dissected the Ravens through the air for 367 yards and three touchdowns, in the process breaking his childhood idol Joe Montana's postseason touchdown mark. The Patriots organization stresses the importance of team rarely promoting individual records, but even his head coach Bill Belichick, couldn't help but touch on his quarterback's accomplishment. "He deserves it. Tom's a great, clutch player. He's done it with a lot of different receivers, and against a lot of different defenses. There's no quarterback I'd rather have than Tom Brady.'

The games defining play will undoubtedly be a 51-yard pass from Julian Edelman to Danny Amendola to bring the Patriots back from their second 14-point disparity. Edelman, a college quarterback at Kent State before being converted to wide receiver by the Patriots, threw a beautiful pass after receiving a lateral from Brady. "We've had it in for a little bit and coach finally called it. We all saw that the [pass] coverage was what we wanted and we were able to execute the play."

The Patriots first lead of the night came with 5:13 to play in the game, when Brady split the ball between two defenders on a 23-yard touchdown pass to receiver Brandon LaFell. "It was a better catch than it was a throw, said Brady in an interview with Boston sports radio WEEI. "He got one hand on it, the defender kind of had his right arm and he still made the catch."

When Baltimore quarterback Joe Flacco got the ball back, he led the Ravens to the Patriots 36-yard line, where he gambled, going for it all with a pass to the end zone, and was intercepted by Patriots reserve safety Duron Harmon.

With 1:39 to play and the Ravens with only one timeout remaining, Belichick had Brady take three kneel downs, leaving 14 seconds for the Ravens to attempt a last ditch Hail Mary throw which was knocked out of the end zone by safety Devin McCourty. The Patriots and their fans could finally catch their breathe.

Following the game, Ravens head coach John Harbaugh took exception to what he dubbed as "deception" on the part of the Patriots offense in running a sequence of plays calling for players to be lined up in traditional receiver positions but to declare themselves as ineligible. Harbaugh argued that his defense was at a disadvantage due to this "substitution trick" and asked the league to look into these actions. The league obliged, ruling that the plays were legal in terms of formation and being reported prop-

erly by the Patriots and referees.

Harbaugh's comments were met with incredulity on the part of the Patriots, particularly Brady who fired back, "Maybe those guys [Ravens] need to

study the rulebook and figure it out."

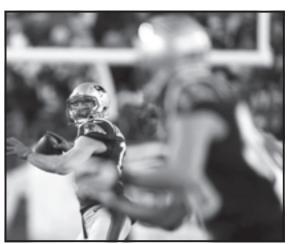
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Instead of preparing for Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos, which seemed like an inevitability all season, the Patriots will now face the Indianapolis Colts in Sundays AFC Championship game. The Colts are coming off a surprising 24-13 win in Denver over the Broncos. Manning, clearly off his game, floated balls out to wide-open receivers, missing his intended targets. For the better part of the last month, he no longer resembled the quarterback Patriots fans have grown to despise. Uncertainty surrounding Manning's future due to his age and health issues has led to speculation that this loss may have been his last NFL game.

The Patriots and Colts met in Indianapolis on November 16<sup>th</sup>, with the Patriots pulling away from the Colts in the second half for a 42-20 win. This was the Jonas Gray game when the running back ran over the Colts defense for 201 yards and four touchdowns.

And while replicating those numbers on the ground may not happen Sunday, the Patriots are at home and should be able to take care of Andrew Luck and whatever the Colts throw at them.

We're moving on to the Colts...



THE PASS

# NFL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP PREDICTIONS

#### NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Seahawks over Packers
Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>,

A healthy Aaron Rodgers would make a big difference in this one. Unfortunately for the Packers, Rodgers is hobbled and will face the best defense in football in their backyard.

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP Patriots vs. Colts

Sunday, January  $18^{th}$ , 6:40 pm. (See above)

#### LETTERS POLICY

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

 Letters should be typed, double-spaced and must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. Anonymous letters are not accepted for publication.

 Due to space considerations, we request that letters not exceed two double-spaced, type-written pages.

 This newspaper reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and taste and to limit the number of letters published from any one person or organization.

 Deadline for submission is 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the Friday on which the writer wishes to have the material published.
 Submission by the deadline does not guarantee published.

Send letter to: Pamela Donnaruma, Editor, The Post-Gazette, P.O. Box 130135, Boston, MA 02113

# MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. L1185-C2, CARGO BUILDING NO. 57 FIRE PROTECTION REPLACEMENT, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, 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 25, 2015, 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 11**, **2015**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the filed sub-bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00 AM LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2015.

The work includes INSTALLATION OF NEW HYDRAULICALLY CALCULATED AUTOMATIC FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEM AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IN CARGO BUILDING NO. 57. REMOVAL OF EXISTING SPRINKLER SYSTEM AND FIRE ALARM DEVICES AND ASSOCIATED CEILING WORK. PROVISION OF TWO NEW ROOMS FOR NITROGEN GENERATORS. PROTECTION OF ALL OFFICE EQUIPMENT, AND FURNISHINGS WHICH WILL REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICES DURING DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT.

Bid documents will be made available beginning THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015.

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.

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 & Maintenance and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS. The estimated contract cost is THREE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,100,000.00).

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 & Maintenance 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.

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 **TEN MILLION DOLLARS** (\$10,000,000.00). 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 complete details.

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

#### ACOUSTICAL TILE \$350,000

ELECTRICAL \$560,000

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 Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than **THREE PERCENT (3%)** of the Contract be performed by minority and women owned 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 sub-contractors of the requirement for such certification where the sub-contract 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 THOMAS P. GLYNN CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court **Middlesex Division** 208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI14P6522EA

Estate of KATHE M. TOWNSEND Date of Death November 11, 2014 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitione Stephanie McGrory of Menlo Park, CA. a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Stephanie McGrory of Menlo Park, CA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. 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 Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Run date: 1/16/15

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** 

Middlesex Division

208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI14P6739EA

Estate of

**FANNIE RUTH ANDRESS** 

Date of Death November 9, 2014

**INFORMAL PROBATE** 

**PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner

Stephen M. Andress of Bedford, MA, a Will

Stephen M. Andress of Bedford, MA

has been informally appointed as the Personal

Representative of the estate to serve without

The estate is being administered under

informal procedure by the Personal Represen-

tative under the Massachusetts Uniform Pro-

bate Code without supervision by the Court

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

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formal proceedings and to obtain orders

terminating or restricting the powers of

Personal Representatives appointed under

informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and

Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner

has been admitted to informal probate.

surety on the bond.

To all persons interested in the above

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Middlesex Division 208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI14P6663EA

Estate of

**WILLIE JAMES LEWIS** Date of Death June 5, 2011 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Freddie M. Lewis of Warren, MI.

Freddie M. Lewis of Warren, MI has been informally appointed as the Personal Repre sentative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. 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 Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. Run date: 1/16/15

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Division 208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI14P6230EA Estate of

GEORGE FRIEDERICH WILGRAM Also Known As GEORGE F. WILGRAM Date of Death October 13, 2014 **INFORMAL PROBATE** 

**PUBLICATION NOTICE** To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner George M. Wilgram of Winchester, MA, Petitioner Melanie J. Wilgram of Burlington

MA. a Will has been admitted to Informa probate. George M. Wilgram of Winchester, MA Melanie J. Wilgram of Burlington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without

surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. 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 Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner

Run date: 1/16/15

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS** 

Run date: 1/16/15

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting consulting services for MPA CONTRACT NO. A361, FY15-17 TERM FIELD SURVEY SERVICES. The Authority is seeking qualified land survey consulting firm or team, with proven experience to provide professional survey services on an on-call, as needed basis. These services are expected to be provided at ALL Massport facilities. 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. A Supplemental Information Package will be available starting January 23, 2015 on the Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport http://www.massport.com/doing-business/\_layouts/ CapitalPrograms/default.aspx as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, on COMMBUYS (www.commbuys.com) in the listings for this project or by contacting Susan Brace at Capital Programs (SBrace@massport.com)

The Supplemental Information Package will provide detailed information about Scope of Work, Selection Criteria and Submission Requirements.

The Authority expects to select three (3) consultants. However, the Authority reserves the right to select a different number if it is deemed in its best interest to do so. Each consultant shall be issued a contract in an amount not to exceed FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000). The services shall be authorized on a work order basis.

The selection shall involve a two-step process including the shortlisting of firms based on an evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications received in response to this solicitation, followed immediately by a final selection of the consultant(s) by the Authority.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport's standard work order agreement, a copy of the Authority's standard agreement can be found on the Authority's web page at www.massport.com. The Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

This submission, including the litigation and legal proceedings history in a separate sealed envelope as required 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 19, 2015** at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submission which is not received 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.

> MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY THOMAS P. GLYNN CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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# **EXTRA** Innings

by Sal Giarratani



#### The Great Roberto Clemente



Roberto Clemente played in an era of legendary players such as Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle, Hank Aaron, Frank Robinson, Willie McCovery and Brooks Robinson. Outside of hitting tons of home runs, Clemente "did everything else as well as anyone and maybe better," said Bill Virdon, former teammate and manager.

He always comes to mind at this time of the year as he perished in an airplane crash on December 31, 1971 en route to Nicaragua after a terrible earth-

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141

Docket No. MI14P6289GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO

G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 In the Matter of VIRGINIA MAHER of Stoneham, MA

#### RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Life Care Stoneham of Stoneham, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Virginia Maher is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of January 30, 2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court

Date: December 5, 2014

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/16/15 Puerto Rican Relief Effort.

He hit his 3,000th ball in the final game of the 1971 season knowing little that it would be his very last hit. During the 1971 World Series against the Orioles, he led his team to the Series win and had a .414 average with two homers and four RBIs winning the World Series MVP.

Over his career, he hit .317 with 240 homers and 1.305 RBIs, 12 Golden Glove Awards and the 1966 NL MVP Award. He was a GREAT PLAYER because he took nothing for granted and kept working to improve his skills. Also in 14 World Series games over his career, he hit an amazing .362.

Following his untimely death at 37 years old, the standard Hall of Fame's fiveyear waiting period was waved and he was inducted into Cooperstown in the summer of 1973. In 2003, President George W. Bush presented Clemente posthumously with the Presidential Medal of Honor.

In the Steroid Age that would soil baseball some two decades later, Clemente represented an era that made America proud of this sport. He once said, "I believe we owe something to the people who watch us play. When I put on my uniform ... I am the proudest man on Earth."

#### Padres Get Upton

San Diego just picked up Justin Upton from the Atlanta Braves in a trade that sent four prospects to the Braves. Upton is a serious right-handed power hitter and will get \$14.5 million

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI14P6628EA

Estate of NICOLE MESIDOR Date of Death July 4, 2014 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by Vladimir Mesidor of Malden, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. esting that Vladimir Mesidor of Malden, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Corporate Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on January 21, 2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceed ing. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients 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.

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court Date: December 24, 2014

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/16/15

quake shattered that coun- in the final year of his contry. He was the head of the tract. Last season he hit 29 homers and knocked in 102 RBIs for the Braves.

#### Whose Cap Will Randy Wear to Hall?

Randy Johnson played ten seasons for the Mariners and came into his own in Seattle, but he also played eight seasons with the Diamondbacks and won four consecutive Cy Young's in Arizona. He played longer with the Mariners, but won all those Cy Youngs and the Championship in Arizona.

Johnson without taking sides says the decision on what cap he wears as he enters Cooperstown is out of his control. There was a little hint at a recent news conference hosted by the Hall of Fame. He was seen wearing an Arizona Diamondback uniform.

#### Red Sox Add Breslow

The Red Sox have added lefty Craig Breslow, who signed a one-year, \$2 million deal. He's coming off a &^\$##@ season in which he had a 5.96 ERA and allowed 73 hits (eight of them homers) in 54.1 innings.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Division 208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI14P6606EA

Estate of MARY P. SWEENEY
Date of Death August 10, 2014 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Kathleen E. Cloonan of Wellesley, MA.

Kathleen E. Cloonan of Wellesley, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. 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 Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Run date: 1/16/15

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU14C0481CA NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME In the Matter of

SALAH MAHDI ABOOD AL-AMIRY of BOSTON, MA

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by Salah M Al-Amiry requesting that Salah Mahdi Abood Al-Amiry be allowed to change his name as follows: Salah Mahdi Abood Al-Amiry De Mesopotamia

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON FEBRUARY 5, 2015.

WITNESS, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 5, 2015

Ann Marie Passanisi, Register of Probate Run date: 1/16/15



# Steve Morgan vs. Primo Carnera Dempsey, Loy, Huston, Kruger "The Prizefighter and the Lady"



Primo Carnera, Myrna Loy, and Max Baer giving Loy the eye.

Boxers have appeared in many movies over the years, usually as, well, boxers. Most of the time they are cast as extras and in minor roles or as window dressing. "On The Waterfront" had a number of ex pugs in it; men such as Tony Galento and Abe Simon. Jersey Joe Walcott had a decent role in "The Harder They Fall." Curtis Cokes did a great job in his part in "Fat City", and perhaps the best ever was former heavyweight contender Jack O'Halloran in his role as Moose Molloy in "Farewell My Lovely" a performance that was worthy of an Academy Award nomination. Jack also went on to play Non in the Superman movies.

In 1933 a movie was made that featured boxers, including the current heavyweight champion in leading roles. What made this movie even more interesting is the fact that not only was the champion in it, but he would

defend his title against the number one real life contender in this fictional story. In a year's time these two would meet for real. This is something that has never happened before or since.

The movie was "The Prizefighter and the Lady" starring Max Baer and Myrna Loy. This was not some novelty movie but was indeed a serious movie directed by W. S. Van Dyke. Originally, the movie was going to be called "The Sailor and the Lady" and was to be directed by Howard Hawks and star Clark Gable. When it turned out Gable was not available for the role, the producers took another tact and rewrote the script with

leading role.

During the planning of the film, and with Baer already cast, Primo Carnera won the heavyweight title, and according to Frederic Mullally in his fine biography "Primo", the people at MGM decided to try and lure the reigning champ into playing himself in the movie. The original script called for Baer to defeat Carnera, but the champ would not agree to that. However, a rewrite changing the outcome to a draw, along with \$25,000.00 was enough to get the Italian giant to step into the role.

There are many stories about how Baer, knowing he would be fighting Carnera sometime in the near future, did his best to intimidate the champion. Baer also got to spend valuable time in the ring with Primo as they filmed the fight scenes, which are actually quite good. It is said that Max figured out Carnera would be easy to hit with a right hand from these sessions.

The story is nothing deep, but interesting none the less. Baer plays a barroom bouncer named Steve Morgan who is discovered one night by a washed up manager known as the Professor, played by Walter Huston. The Professor sees Morgan in action disposing of a couple of ruffians in a bar. He convinces Steve to take a bout and from there on out it is one victory after another that leads Steve to a title shot.

While doing roadwork, Morgan encounters Belle Mercer who has been in a car accident while almost running Steve over. Morgan falls head over heels for Belle, but Belle is the girlfriend of notorious gangster Willie Ryan (Otto Kruger). Belle tries to resist Morgan's overtures to her but finally gives in and the two are married. Ryan is not happy with this, but allows Steve to live figuring eventually Belle will realize the folly of her ways. Soon enough she finds out that her new husband cannot resist the ladies and leaves Steve to return to Ryan. It is at this point a despondent Morgan, having now lost his wife, and the Professor whom he slapped in an argument, gets his shot at the title in a bout that is financed by Willie Ryan. Ryan figures Morgan will take a beating from Carnera and is looking forward to seeing him get his just deserts.

Jack Dempsey, playing himself, is cast in the role of promoter for the fight. He also plays the referee. According to Turner Classic Movies, Dempsey was chosen to play the referee so he could keep control of the two future adversaries during filming of the fight

Baer showed great acting ability in his role as Steve Morgan. Not only could he act. he also has a large song and dance scene where he proves he can sing and move gracefully about the stage. This scene includes some gymnastics by the very agile contender.

At the time of its release the New York Times gave it an excellent review pointing out Baer's great potential as an actor. I quote critic Mordaunt Hall: "Mr. Baer is easily the



Jess Willard, Max Baer, Unknown, Jim Jeffries, Jack Dempsey, and Carnera

the now very popular Max Baer cast in the outstanding thespian graduate of the squared ring ... His voice is clear and pleasing and it causes one to wonder whether his success as a player will not interfere with his fighting."

> Mr. Hall goes on to praise Max's versatility as a song and dance man. It appears that playing in the movies did not get in the way of Baer's boxing career, but, like the character he portrayed, the nightlife did.

> There are many great scenes in this movie for boxing lovers. Before the title bout former champs Jess Willard, James J. Jeffries, Billy Papke, Joe Rivers, and Jackie Fields are introduced. There is a moment where Willard goes up to Dempsey and they briefly discuss their Toledo battle.

> Everyone in this movie is good. Jack Dempsey shows his acting chops, and Primo Carnera, while not given much of a speaking role, appears relaxed and natural in front of the cameras. I highly recommend this film for boxing fans and movie fans. It is a much overlooked piece of film and boxing history.

> Oh yes, Steve does get Belle back at the end of the movie.

Next week I will write about the actual Baer-Carnera bout.

#### HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

He is the man of the hour, the talk of the town, and for at least the time being, the rejuvenator of an entire team.

Perhaps that's a bit too much for an 18-year-old NHL rookie to comprehend, but that is what David Pastrnak has become, bursting onto the scene and brightening these cold January nights with a fresh enthusiasm that appears to have spread throughout the Bruins locker room.

He seems to be just what was needed to lift the Black and Gold out of the attitudinal doldrums as the team seems to have returned to playing with a renewed spark and energy, characteristics that were missing in the 2014 portion of the schedule.

"We hadn't seen a lot of life in the first half (of the schedule)," noted Coach Claude Julien, who did indeed seem to speak with a renewed enthusiasm in his postgame press conference following his squad's 4-3 victory over Tampa Bay, the top team in the Eastern Conference.

"It seemed like it was hard to get things going," recalled Julien as he spoke about the previous months of the campaign. "When you have a different lineup every night and different players playing in different places it isn't easy. But it's starting to come around and sometimes you need a little bit of time for it to do that. Our players are feeling it right now and when you feel it you've got more energy. When you're feeling it, there's no doubt you're a bit more inclined to step in and do the things you have to do. This is more like the team we haven't seen for a long time."

In short, the type of Bruins that won a Stanley Cup (2011) and reached another Stanley Cup Final (2013). That type of team is back. For how long? Who knows? But it is.

It would not be accurate to credit Pastrnak for all of been the one to light the

"It's always exciting to have one of those guys that has unbelievable speed and hands," noted Julien with satisfaction. "He's a young player and certainly he can bring a lot to the table."

And how many times have you heard a coach say this about a player? "I enjoy watching him play." Yes, Julien did say that, perhaps the highest form of praise that a coach can give to an athlete.

While Pastrnak's on-ice contributions (a pair of twogoal games against Philadelphia and Tampa Bay) have been extolled by many, it is his attitude that has caught fire with his teammates.

"He's come in here and been himself," said Julien who has seen quite a number of players parade through the B's locker room over the years. "He's a nice person and it's easy to respect him. He's always got a smile on his face. He loves the game. It's pretty obvious he comes to the rink every day happy to be doing what he's doing."

To be sure there is a concern among the Bruins management and coaching staff. One aspect is something that has not changed since the Bruins Development Camp back in July when Pastrnak caught the eye of GM Peter Chiarelli.

The concern centers on Pastrnak's weight — around 170 — and that's being generous. In society that would be a good weight for a 6-0 male. But not in today's NHL. Many players weigh much more — over 200 — and the thinking is that Pastrnak might get seriously injured if checked hard by someone who weighs considerably more.

In addition, if Pastrnak continues his scoring ways, opponents will employ strategies in an attempt to rein in his game. It's conceivable that he could be challenged. Will he be able to handle himself facing a direct physical challenge by an opponent outweighing him by 30-40 pounds?

Although perhaps said in jest during training camp back in September, when he was asked what it would be like to scrimmage against B's Captain Zdeno Chara (6-9, 255), Pastrnak did respond in a telling way with one word: "scary." There are other large players in the NHL and "scary" might well become a reality sooner rather than later.

Interestingly, by the time you read this the young man's fate for the 2014-2015 season will have been decided. Because of his entry level contract, Pastrnak this, but he may well have could only play 10 NHL games before a decision was made for the balance of the campaign. By the MLK weekend he'll either be back in Providence or still with the Bruins.

Whatever happens, it seems reasonable that a career with the Bruins holds the potential of being bright and memorable. But whether that potential will become a reality over the course of the long term is something that can't be predicted right now.

Let Pastrnak speak for himself: "I'm just trying to play my best for the team. That's all I'm focusing on." Well spoken, David. Let's enjoy these good times for as long as they last.

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