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# THE UNVEILING OF Capitoline Brutus

AT THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS



On Friday, January 18th, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA) unveiled *The Capitoline Brutus*, a rare bronze sculpture dating back to 300 BC that is on display for the first time ever in the United States. MFA Director Malcolm Rogers, Congressman Michael Capuano, Italian Consul General Giuseppe Pastorelli and Filippo La Rosa, Diplomatic Advisor to the Mayor of Rome, all addressed the crowd that included George Behrakis, Peter Aldrich, Anthony Pangaro and Antonio

Bartoli of the Italian Embassy in Washington. Capuano emphasized the great sharing between the two countries and how much he enjoys celebrating his heritage. The sculpture is part of 2013 The Year of Italian Culture in the United States, a year-long initiative that showcases the best of Italian arts and culture in more than 40 cities across the country. The Brutus will be on view in the George D. and Margo Behrakis Art of the Ancient World Wing through May 1st. Unveiling of "Bruto Capitolino"

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Giuseppe Pastorelli, Consul General of Italy, Congressman Michael Capuano and Filippo La Rosa, Diplomatic Advisor to the Mayor of Rome.

# **News Briefs**

by Sal Giarratani

### Between You and Me ...

I am really starting to wonder if former U.S. Senator Scott Brown is ready to start up his pickup truck again for another U.S. Senate election. This upcoming special election would be his second special election and third election overall since he won back on January 19, 2010. He would have to run again in 2014 for a full-term if elected this spring. How many campaign trails does he want to walk in a relatively short period of time? He could just wait until the governor's race next year. If he does run now, he probably could win, especially if he faces the Democrats' insider choice of Ed "Do you know where Malden is" Markey. Then, he would be running again in 2014 to keep the seat. No wonder he is taking his time in making a decision that will have a great effect on him

I don't think Brown needs an election to justify himself. He is one of the few politicians who doesn't seem to have any ego problem. He is happy just being himself.

### Capuano Says No to Senate Run

U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano, D-Somerville has decided not to seek the U.S. Senate seat up for grabs later this year in a special election to replace outgoing U.S. Sen. John F. Kerry headed to the Obama Administration as secretary of state. Right now, top Democrats are pushing in-

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# **STUDENT ASSIGNMENT:**

### It's Our Choice to Make

by Mayor Thomas M. Menino

With your support, in the coming weeks we will achieve meaningful education reforms that will benefit an entire generation of students and the broader community. I am asking for your help so we can move forward together.

For nearly 25 years we have split the city into three sprawling student assignment zones — North, East and West. Families today are faced with a bewildering set of options with no assurance they'll get what they asked for. Our schools are better than ever and we do our best to match families with their choices, but too often. children are sent to schools far from home because we couldn't give them what they wanted. Many families avoid the process altogether.

The Boston Public Schools, working with the community, has come up with a new approach to student assignment — one that emphasizes quality choices, predictability for families, and

great schools that are closer to home. The External Advisory Committee on School Choice, which I appointed nearly a year ago, has done incredible work to ensure broad and thoughtful community input, focus on a smart and honest look at school quality, and create a transparent process that has generated lots of great ideas from the community.

The EAC is now updating the public on the 'best of the best' models it received, which you can explore at bostonschoolchoice.org. These models are based on the input of more than 4,000 voices at more than 50 community meetings in the last year, including experts from MIT, Harvard, Boston College and other institutions who have joined the effort.

One option would create ten community-based zones, designed to offer a balance of quality choices no matter where a child lives. This approach would give families lots of options while giving them confidence that their choices were all familiar ones.

The other options are based on an address-based system with no zones, which tailors school choices for each individual student — ensuring every child has high quality choices on his or her list, including schools that are close to home and others that are a little further away.

All of these options are fairer and more predictable than what we have today. Families would still have choices — but they would also be empowered to learn more about their school options years in advance, enabling them to get involved, meet the principal and teachers, and 'go deep' with the school community before deciding which ones to pick.

The options would also help us build stronger communities. For too long, we

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# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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### THE TOWER OF BABEL



Pieter Bruegal painting of the Tower of Babel, 1563. (Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna, Austria)

(Genesis 11: 1-9) "And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said to one another, Go to, let us make brick and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone and slime had they for mortar. And they said, go to, let us build us a city and a tower whose top

(Genesis 11: 1-9) "And the hole earth was of one lanuage and of one speech. Indicate to pass, as they burneyed from the east, that ney found a plain in the and of Shinar; and they welt there. And they said to may reach into heaven and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go

to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of the earth; and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth; and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

Archaeologists differ in their opinions as to the exact location and physical makeup of the Tower of Babel. Many texts refer to this as a tower built in a series of stages or levels, one above the other, each successive level being smaller than the one below.

Experts also seem to differ on the height of the tower which is given from three hundred feet to six hundred feet. One account claims this is to have been the tallest man-made structure that the world knew up to the time of the Eiffel Tower (1889 A.D.). Some claim that

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# Res Publica

by David Trumbull



### The King's Good Servant, but God's First

I did not watch the ceremonies attendant on President Obama's swearing-in as chief executive for a second term. It was not because I disagree with just about every policy of his and believe he is harming the Republic and is a danger to the liberty of every citizen, including the ones most lauding him. No, I'm just not that into it.

For his true "inaugural," that is his first taking of office, I attended a festive event here in Boston with great satisfaction in living to see the first African-America president, even though I knew then that his policies would be severely misguided. I attended, in Washington, the inaugural of his predecessor, George W. Bush, but I took little notice of the official commencement of his second term. So I'm an equal opportunity second "inauguration" snubber.

I missed the whole thing. The comments, in print and on radio and television, regarding his speech have warned me away from reading it for fear of elevating my blood pressure. I missed news coverage of the various gala balls, so I don't even know what the First Lady wore, which is probably just as well, as her past selections have been underwhelming, or worse. From what I have seen, after the event, of commentary, the only note-worthy fashion statement came from a highly improbable source, United State Supreme Court **Justice Antonin Scalia**.

Justice Scalia has set cyberspace atwitter with his selection of headgear for last Monday's inauguration ceremony. He wore a black hat, a replica of the hat depicted in Hans Holbein's well-known portrait of **St. Thomas More**. The hat was custom-made and was a gift, in 2010, from the St. Thomas More Society of Richmond, Virginia.

Thomas More, familiar to many from his depiction in Robert Bolt's play (and movie) *A Man for All Seasons*, was martyred by the tyrant Henry VIII of England when he stood against the King's pretended supremacy over the church.

As Matthew Schmitz, Deputy Editor of *First Things* wrote: "Wearing the cap of a statesman who defended liberty of church and integrity of Christian conscience to the inauguration of a president whose policies have imperiled both: Make of it what you will."

GENERAL CONSULATE OF ITALY - BOSTON

# **2013 GENERAL ELECTIONS**

Pursuant to Presidential decree n. 226 of December 22, 2012, elections will be held on February 24 and February 25, 2013 to elect representatives to the Chamber of Deputies and to the Senate of the Republic. In Italy, voting at the polling stations will take place on Sunday, February  $24^{th}$  (from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.) and on Monday, February  $25^{th}$  (from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

**Outside of Italy**, Italian citizens residing abroad who are registered voters in the Overseas District may vote **by correspondence**. They can do so by casting their vote for the candidates listed on the ballot for the "Circoscrizione Estero" (Overseas District).

**All voters residing abroad** will receive a packet by mail **before February 6**<sup>th</sup> from the Consulate General of Italy in Boston containing: an instruction sheet on the voting procedures, the electoral certificate, a ballot (two for voters over the age of 25, therefore eligible to vote also for the Senate), one blank white envelope for the ballots, a stamped envelope bearing the address of the Consulate General of Italy in Boston, and the list of candidates for the Electoral zone of residence.

The stamped envelope containing the ballots, completed as indicated by the instruction sheet, must be sent by mail **as soon as possible** in order to reach the Consulate General of Italy in Boston **by - and no later than - 4:00 pm on February 21**<sup>st</sup>.

The vote is personal and secret. Voting more than once or voting on another's behalf is prohibited. Violators of the law will be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

Voters who have not received a complete packet by February 10<sup>th</sup> should contact the Consulate General of Italy in Boston to verify their electoral status and, if necessary, request a duplicate.

For further information, please visit Consulate's website www.consboston.esteri.it, or contact anagrafe.boston@esteri.it, or call 617.722.9220.

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# Con Decreto del Presidente della Repubblica n. 226 del 22 dicembre

Con Decreto del Presidente della Repubblica n. 226 del 22 dicembre 2012 sono state indette per il 24 e 25 febbraio2013 le votazioni per l'elezione della Camera dei Deputati e del Senato della Repubblica. In Italia le votazioni si svolgono presso i seggi nei giorni di domenica 24 febbraio (dalle ore 8,00 alle ore 22,00) e di lunedì 25 febbraio (dalle ore 7,00 alle ore 15,00).

**All'estero,** i cittadini italiani ivi stabilmente residenti, iscritti nelle liste elettorali della Circoscrizione Estero, possono partecipare alle elezioni votando **per corrispondenza**. Essi votano per le liste di candidati presentate nella rispettiva ripartizione della Circoscrizione Estero.

A ciascun elettore residente all'estero, il Consolato Generale d'Italia a Boston invia per posta, entro il 6 febbraio, un plico contenente: un foglio informativo che spiega come votare, il certificato elettorale, la scheda elettorale (due per chi, avendo compiuto 25 anni, può votare anche per il Senato), una busta completamente bianca in cui inserire le schede votate, una busta già affrancata recante l'indirizzo del Consolato Generale d'Italia a Boston, le liste dei candidati della propria ripartizione.

L'elettore, utilizzando la busta già affrancata e seguendo attentamente le istruzioni contenute nel foglio informativo, dovrà spedire **SENZA RITARDO** le schede elettorali votate, in modo che **arrivino** al Consolato Generale d'Italia a Boston **entro - e non oltre - le ore16.00 del 21 febbraio.** 

Il voto è personale e segreto. E' fatto divieto di votare più volte e inoltrare schede per conto di altre persone. Chiunque violi le disposizioni in materia elettorale, sarà punito a norma di legge.

L'elettore che **alla data del 10 febbraio** non avesse ancora ricevuto il plico elettorale, **potrà rivolgersi al Consolato Generale d'Italia a Boston** per verificare la propria posizione elettorale e chiedere eventualmente un duplicato.

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

### **GUEST EDITORIAL**

### It's Taxachusetts All Over Again

by Sal Giarratani

As I watched the governor lay out his tax plan during his State of the State address. I wondered what planet he occupied. His spending agenda would be the highest tax hike in Massachusetts history. Taxpayers simply cannot finance this dream of his. His attempt at building a legacy on transportation and education would bankrupt the Commonwealth long after he is history. Once again we get the liberal notion that we have a spending problem; we are apparently not spending enough of our money. We also have a taxing problem; Governor Patrick wants to dig deeper into the taxpayers' pockets which are already pretty depleted of capital.

As I heard the governor talk about extending rail service across the entire state, I wondered why. Do we need trains to the Berkshires, Springfield or even Medford? Sounds like a Disneyland approach to transit issues. Instead of finding ways to finance what we already have, it is like being in denial riding around in those Disney-like monorails. Also, his whole financing scheme seems premised on raising the state's income tax rather than lowering the state's sales tax. The opposite move would have been the better case. However, in any case, raising taxes never produces growth. It only stifles it. Does anyone remember the "Massachusetts Miracle" anymore?

How much more can we take? Why isn't the governor taking the radical approach of cutting taxes and needless spending in order to better finance his dream world where we must be growing money on trees and where it rains coins.

We can only hope our legislators, both Democrats and Republicans alike, up on Beacon Hill take a serious look at Patrick's huge spending ideas and his oppressive tax hike to pay for it. This guy is making former Governor Mike Dukakis look like a fiscal conservative.

"THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED AND BUILT BY PEOPLE WITH GREAT DREAMS AND THE COURAGE TO TAKE GREAT RISKS." - Ronald Reagan (January 26, 1983)

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# **NEW Health Holds Free Flu Clinic,** Plans Another

by Marianne Aiello



Flu Clinic volunteers.

North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) held a free flu clinic on Saturday, January 12th in response to Mayor Menino declaring the city's flu outbreak a Public Health Emergency.

"The mayor asked all health centers in the city to host clinics so that more people could get vaccinated," said NEW Health CEO Jim Luisi. "We were not given much notice, but our hardworking staff was up to the challenge and ran the clinic seamlessly."

NEW Health gave more than 300 flu shots during the 3.5 hour free clinic. Since the flu season began, the health center has given out more than 1,800 flu shots and efforts are ongoing.

More than 750 cases of the flu have been reported in Boston, according to the Department of Public Health. Of that amount, 25% have been hospitalized, with most hospitalizations occurring in people over age 45 with underlying medical conditions.

The health center is planning another FREE FLU CLINIC FOR AGES 18 AND UP ONLY ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. NEW Health is located at 332 Hanover Street, North End, Boston.

"One of the easiest ways to keep your family, friends, neighbors and yourself healthy is to get the flu shot," says NEW Health's Chief Medical Officer John Foster, MD.

Children under the age of 18 are not eligible to receive a free flu shot during the clinic on Thursday because children receive a more specialized dose of the vaccine. If your child needs a flu shot, please contact your pediatrician.

# **Mid-winter Book Sale at Copley Library**

Light the fire, make the cocoa and settle in with a good pile of books from the big mid-winter sale at the Copley Library on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Shop the shelves from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, early birds get the best deals. Most books are \$2 or less, with an selection of premium books and multi-media items at higher prices. In addition to books they also have CDs, DVDs, video cas-

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the McKim Building, use Dartmouth Street entrance for easy access.

This sale is co-sponsored by the Citywide Friends and the Hyde Park Friends of the Boston Public Library. All proceeds benefit the off-budget and programming

needs of the BPL and its branches. Their latest project is a donation of \$17,589.00 to upgrade the audio/visual equipment in Rabb Lecture

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# Pirandello Lyceum Announces Showing of La Doppia Ora

Rosario Cascio, president of the Pirandello Lyceum, has announced the showing of an Italian film with English subtitles on Saturday morning, Febuary 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the North End library on Parmenter Street. The event begins at 10:15 am with cafe e biscotti followed by the film starting right at 10:30 am. The film is titled La Doppia Ora (The Double Hour). It is an Italian film from 2009 directed by Giuseppe Capotondi and running for 94 minutes. The film is free and open to the public with limited seating but be aware that it is for mature audiences only. For more information please call 781-640-3637.

**About the film**: Mixing film noir, thriller, love story and supernatural horror, The Double Hour has some of the dour provincial atmosphere and subtly menacing tone of 2007 Italo murder mystery The Girl by the Lake; but it's more intricately plotted and takes us into much more intriguing dreamand-reality territory. It also features a



Kseniya Rappoport and Filippo Timi.

standout performance by Italy-based Russian actress Ksenia Rappoport which won her the best actress prize on the Lido and Italian actor and writer Filippo Timi.

Plot: A chambermaid and an ex-cop meet at a speed dating event and a romance develops. But during a romantic getaway things suddenly take a dark turn.

# L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

A Candle for Spring

by Ally Di Censo

I cannot believe that January is almost over. It seems that just a short while ago, I bit into the marbled ring cake I made for New Year's Day and groaned at the prospect of going back to work after the holiday break. This January has been an interesting mix of warm spells and bitterly cold winds, delicate snowflakes and bright sunshine. At times, I felt caught in an epic tug-of-war between winter and spring, the two seasons struggling to hold their dominion in these liminal, unpredictable months. However, February soon approaches and with it a plethora of feasts that decidedly mark the arrival of spring. On Valentine's Day, one of my favorite holidays to break the monotony of frigid and snowy winds, I love to indulge in chocolates and cheerful heart decorations not only with my fiancé but with my family and friends as well. I wear the lucky color red on Chinese New Year and delight in King Cakes and beads on Mardi Gras. There is a less famous holiday, though, that introduces the month of February and spring in general. It is called Candlemas, and it is filled with light, hope and

Candlemas falls on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, honoring the date the Virgin Mary presented Jesus at the temple forty days after His birth. The term Candlemas derives from the use of candles in religious services during this feast, symbolizing the light Jesus brings to the world. The folkloristic origins of Candlemas, however, predate Christianity. The pagan Celts celebrated this day as Imbolc, a holiday signaling the first day of spring. Imbolc, which translates to "in the belly" according to

some scholars, observes the lactation of sheep and the seasonal birthing of lambs. Indeed, Candlemas functions as a seasonal holiday, bursting with customs and superstitions that establish this feast as a precursor to spring. In Europe, tradition decreed that a warm, sunny day on Candlemas presaged more winter weather to come, while a cloudy and chill day proclaimed an early spring. If this sounds familiar, it is because European immigrants to America adopted these customs into the holiday of Groundhog Day, also celebrated on February  $2^{nd}$  — a festival that also pays homage to the end of hibernation season. In Italy, several sayings testify to these weather superstitions, including one which reads: "Candelora col sole, tarda primavera," meaning "sunny Candlemas, late spring." These folkloristic dictums speak to the universal desire to welcome warm weather and new life, whether it comes in the form of a newborn lamb or flower shoots peaking out under the snow.

In addition to its status as a seasonal turning point, Candlemas also serves as an occasion for feasting and celebrations. In France, pancakes are the traditional dinner of the day, perhaps because they symbolize the sun, now becoming so prevalent in the spring sky. Italy brims with regional and local festivities that honor Candlemas, or Candelora in Italian. Though the celebrations differ, they all contain the common thread of welcoming in spring with light and unbridled joy. In the Sicilian city of Catania, Candelora fêtes segue into processions in memory of the town's patron saint,

St. Agatha, as celebrants offer huge candles that illuminate the night sky. The town of Montevergine, in the region of Catania, holds events commemorating gay rights and candlelit processions that pray for tolerance on Candelora. All across Italy, in fact, a visitor will witness candles or bonfires decorating churches, homes and town centers, providing protection against the cold air yet sparkling with anticipation at the coming spring. Candlemas always reminds me of my undergraduate days at Stonehill College, since the holiday usually fell around the start of my spring semester, when I would walk across the windy campus, noticing new buds on tree branches silhouetted against a cloudy sky. This year, I think I may celebrate Candlemas with a pancake dinner, emulating the French custom, while also watching the golden glow of the sun melt into night in honor of my Italian ancestors.

As winter gives way to spring, I think that we should all learn a lesson from Candlemas and look for our own candles of hope that light our way in the darkness. What sorts of things remind us of rebirth and new life in the midst of a dark and cold winter, whether the winter is literal or a state of mind? For me, these candles consist of a hug from my fiancé, a dessert made with my mother, watching silly shows on the Italian channel with my father, the purr of my cat. These are all signs that remind me that life will always consist of beautiful moments, even when all seems bleak. It is important to pay attention to such signs in the natural world as well: the flash of a robin's wing, a frost-encrusted crocus, a candlelit night. As long as we hold these precious moments dear, spring will always live inside us.

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# You Know Something's Wrong When a Gallon of Milk Cost More than a Gallon of Gasoline

I am starting to think we are all nothing but a bunch of cliff-dwellers. As soon as we somewhat deal with the "Fiscal Cliff," along comes the "Dairy Cliff." I don't know about you but I found myself in sticker shock when I noticed the price of a gallon of milk at Super Stop & Shop over at South Bay the other evening after work. The price reportedly started rising right after New Year's Day thanks to our feckless U.S. Congress. Remember when milk was inexpensive not that long ago? Now we "Got Less Milk" for a pint, half-gallon or gallon! I hope you enjoyed those older and cheaper prices because federal policy has just reached its sell-by date and will have dire results for all of us grocery shoppers.

Current farm programs consist of huge subsides, price supports and restrictions set in place almost five years ago, and which expired on New Year's Eve. This whole government policy is rigged as usual against consumers 99 percent of the time. Federal farm policy is now taking the Wayback machine of Mr. Peabody to 1949 when I was still in diapers as were many baby boomers at that time. If Congress stays neutral, the Department of Food Stamps will double the price supports for dairy farm products thanks to something called "parity." I haven't seen any news broadcasts on radio or TV or read any news stories in the papers but I have seen a spike in milk prices as gas prices continue to drop. This must mean something, huh?

Have we reverted to 1920s economics when the government stepped in when the price of milk dropped too much and the government created an artificial price floor? While our leaders are now haggling over raising the debt ceiling, they seem okay with dropping our dairy floor further down. These economics might have made sense 90 years ago when America had so many small dairy farms but today the dairy industry is full-time big business.

At the moment, a gallon of milk is about \$3.50 but could soon be as much as \$3.50 for half-gallon bottles of milk. The Dairy Lobby is a big time outfit down in the Beltway. By the 1980s, federal dairy policy cost the average American family enough to buy its own cow. High dairy prices historically hurt the working poor. Did before and will again. The issue of supply and demand works quite well already without government price controls and higher prices for no good economic reason.

This approaching debacle will have a grave impact on retailers and consumers while lining the pockets of the Big Milk lobby and is further proof as James Bovard, author of "Public Policy Hooligan" states that this debacle "is further proof that the only way to reform farm programs is to abolish them."

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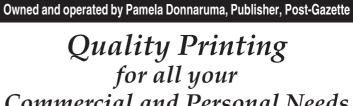
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February 3-9, 2013 is Burn Awareness Week and during this week Shriners Hospitals for Children® will begin its annual burn prevention campaign. This year's focus is on teaching children to "Be Burn Aware" — especially at home. The effort will include materials for children, as well as both general awareness and scald prevention information for parents and other concerned adults. Scald injuries are one of the most prevalent, and preventable, types of burn injuries occurring in homes. Information and materials pertaining to the effort can be found on the health care system's website dedicated to burn awareness and prevention www.burnawareness.org.

Homes are the sites of thousands of burn injuries to children every year, including scalds and firerelated injuries. Many of these incidents could have been easily prevented by following and implementing some basic safety tips.

"At Shriners Hospitals for Children, preventing burn injuries and providing burn awareness education is a concerted, continuous effort,' said Kenneth Guidera, M.D.,

# **Shriners Hospitals** for Children™

### Reaffirms Commitment to Burn Prevention through Annual Campaign

Campaign Focuses on Burn Awareness at Home

chief medical officer, Shriners Hospitals for Children. "In 2013, our campaign, 'Be Burn Aware,' focuses on teaching children ways to avoid burn injuries at home, with a particular emphasis on scalds. Scald injuries account for a large percentage of pediatric burn injuries, and many of them are preventable."

The campaign again uses two popular and child-friendly characters to showcase and share our messages: Boots and Brewster — a caped, cuddly bear and a googlyeyed teapot. In the materials, pair leads children through the various rooms of a house, pointing out dangers and how to easily correct or avoid them.

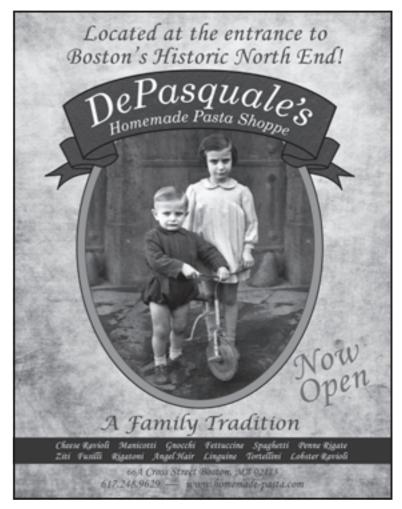
"Shriners Hospitals for Children is committed to improving the lives of children," said Richard Kagan, M.D., chief of staff, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Cincinnati and member of the physician executive team. "Many burn injuries that occur in the home are easily preventable; we hope that our ongoing awareness and prevention campaigns will reduce the incidence of these injuries."

Previous years' efforts have emphasized prevention of gasoline and gasoline-related burn and scald injuries.

Shriners Hospitals for Children encourages everyone concerned with keeping children safe to visit www.burnawareness.org for important burn prevention tips and information on how to order the free materials, some of which are available in both English and Spanish.

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# **MENTAL HEALTH** AND GUN VIOLENCE

by Sal Giarratani

Many states, including Connecticut where the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings took place, are seeing many elected officials trying to deal with mental health intervention. Today, the mentally ill have so many rights, including the right not to take medicine, that it is very difficult to obtain an order to involuntarily commit someone against their will. Often many mentally ill go untreated on our streets. Many fall victims to predators and unfortunately some become predators themselves. Many of the recent shooters appear to have been folks who fell through the cracks in a system which really doesn't work that well for the ill or their struggling families.

The shooter in Aurora, who did his shootings in a movie theater, is he competent to stand trial? What is competency? Competency means one thing in the criminal justice and totally something else in the mental health field. If someone plans a mass shooting and looks meditated and did they ety today.

know right from wrong at the time of their action? I have known in my line of work many mentally ill people who were highlyorganized, well-spoken and looked well, who were very sick individuals. Many of them quietly lived with their personal demons most or all their lives. Some get a little better. A few get worse. But all suffer.

Without knowing anything about the shooters down at the Arizona strip mall, that Colorado movie theater or that elementary school in Connecticut, I would think all of them had tortured minds most of their lives and always lived their lives five minutes from any midnight madness.

We can ban all guns. We can put armed guards in schools. We can arm a stadium full of fans as someone in Texas once proposed but unless we improve our system of mental health care, we will continue to see horrible acts from delusional and desperate folks. All the gun laws on the books can't stop something that is truly organized, is their act pre- not being addressed by soci-

# **ParkSCIENCE**

# — Free Children's Festival —

and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department invite families to the Franklin Park Golf Course Clubhouse for the ParkSCIENCE Children's Festival on Wednesday, February 20th, from 10:00 am to 12 noon. The free Festival will provide fun during February school vacation week with indoor and outdoor activities.

The lineup includes the Boston Park Rangers "Horse mobile horticultural lab table

Mayor Thomas M. Menino of Course" program and Crit- and outdoor plant parts scavter Exhibit, the New England Aquarium Tidal Pool where participants can handle and observe a wide range of live tidal pool animals from local waters, MIT's "Science from Scientists" activities and demonstrations, an exhibit hosted by City Archeologist Joe Bagley featuring artifacts found during various city digs, the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Plant-

enger hunt, and demonstrations hosted by iRobot.

In addition, the L.L. Bean Discovery School will present their Snowshoeing Discovery Course, a fun and easy way to try out the sport with expert instructors who will lead an easy guided trek through Franklin Park. Snowshoes will be provided. L.L. Bean will also be bringing the Bootmobile, a motorized replica of the famous L.L. Bean boot measuring 13' tall, 20' 6" long and 7' 6' wide.

Free parking is available at the clubhouse parking lot located at One Circuit Drive in Franklin Park. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, visit the website at www.cityofboston.gov/parks or go to www.facebook.com/ bostonparksdepartment.



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# **Drunk Driving and the** 4th Amendment

by Sal Giarratani

Recently, I read a New York Times editorial that I agreed very much with as a conservative. The 4th Amendment prevents law enforcement from searching folks without a warrant but the U.S. Supreme Court allows some exceptions to the rule known as "exigent circumstances" when police believe that any delay involved in getting a warrant would lead to the destruction of evidence. Missouri v. McNeely is headed really soon to the High Court. The police in this case forced a driver to take a blood test at a hospital after he refused to take a breath test with a portable machine when he was stopped for erratic driving. The blood test showed that his blood alcohol was almost twice the state's

The New York Times opined, "The Missouri Supreme Court wisely ruled that the warrantless blood test was an unreasonable search because there was no emergency that prevented the police from getting a search warrant in a timely manner before the alcohol in the driver's blood dissipated." As a police officer for over 27 years, I agree with the NY Times on this 4th Amendment issue. However, the State of Missouri is now asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the state court ruling and in my opinion as well as the NY Times, "to radically revise the 4th Amendment law so that police without a warrant can draw blood from every person arrested on suspicion of drunken driving, regardless of the circumstances. The United States government has sided with Missouri officials on these warrantless blood draws to and I quote the feds, "to prevent the imminent destruction of evidence."

In over 21 states including Missouri, the police have obtained thousands of warrants to get the blood alcohol evidence. If the U.S. Supreme Court agrees with Missouri officials challenging the state court ruling, the NY Times states, "(I)t will diminish constitutional rights without increasing public safety in any meaningful way."

If you want to attain whether a driver is legally drunk, you should do so legally. Once again proving that many public policy issues are neither liberal nor conservative. They are only to be judged as constitutional. Period. End of story.



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# An Escape from Winter Doldrums

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Winters are long in New England, the cold and grey skies create a bleak and monotonous landscape that leaves us longing for the rebirth that comes with spring. For us, photography has always offered an escape from the cold grip of winter, whether we are shooting a group of house plants or a colorful sunrise, we can evoke, through our work, the feelings of rebirth and hope that are part of spring and summer and for a while escape the cold grip of winter.

Recently we were invited to the wedding of two very close friends. We've known Ann and Tom for years and wanted to present the newlyweds with a gift that expressed the depth of feeling we have for both of them. Remembering that Ann is English and for years has extolled the beauty of English gardens and in particu-

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and endless variety of shadings, we decided to make our gift to our friends a still life framed photo of roses.

We purchased 24 roses in pink, red and white and arranged them in a large Chinese porcelain vase borrowed from a friend that perfectly complimented the flowers. We arranged the roses against a pale grey wall mimicking a Flemish painting included in a collection of Dutch Masters that we once saw in New York.

Wanting to create a setting that would evoke feelings of spring, we arranged the lighting to capture the full beauty of the roses. We then photographed the arrangement over and over again. Finally, after taking about 36 photos of the bouquet, we settled for a still life arrangement with a complimentary figurine.

After three hours of shootlar roses with their scent ing, the picture was taken,

and finally we could sit and for a while reminisce about the many good times we've spent with Ann and Tom. We then noted that in the process of creating a gift for our friends we gifted ourselves by escaping into spring, if only for an afternoon, and leaving the dreary doldrums of winter.

We had the photo scanned and printed in high resolution then mounted it in a double mat and framed in a 10" by 14" gold wooden frame. On the back of the frame we placed a heartfelt sentiment to two very special people. It looked spectacular.

We sent the picture to our friends confident that they would enjoy it with thoughts of the afternoon we spent creating it, the unexpected escape from winter that its creation afforded us and warm good wishes to Ann and Tom and their new life together as man and wife.

# 2013 East Boston Chamber of Commerce **Installation of Officers and Directors Ceremony & Dinner**

Please join the East Boston Chamber of Street, Day Sqare, East Boston from 6:00 pm Commerce for their Annual Installation of Officers and Directors Ceremony and Din-Spinelli's Function Hall, 282 Bennington email info@eastbostonchamber.com.

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# Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Boston the leading city in the flu epihospitals were

reporting record numbers of flu victims, the good news is the outbreak may be coming to an end. Boston also has a record number of illegal aliens who could be carrying infectious diseases into the city! Martha Coakley says it's not illegal to be illegal in Massachusetts! ... Al Gore has made millions on his global warming theory, enough to buy a radio station that he's recently sold to Al-Jazeera Arab Nation Broadcast. It's reported that Al Gore has become richer than Mitt Romney with his global warming theory. While Mitt made his money via business, Gore used his skills as a "bull crapper" to make his. According to reports Al sold the radio station to Arab owned Al-Jazeera for millions and who make their money by selling fossil fuel that Al claims is the cause of global warming. I rest my case! ... The latest news of Senior Senator John "Ketchup King" Kerry replacing retiring Secretary of State Hillary Clinton doesn't come as a surprise! However, whispers of Kerry's temporary replacement Barney Frank is a joke! What a sad state of affairs this country has become! Liberal loonies now rule the land!!! ... Heard Ecco Restaurant on Porter Street is rockin' and rollin' with its new menu! It's been all good reviews ... Revere is on the move! The new Market Basket is scheduled to open at Northgate behind Price Rite that reportedly is going out of business around April or May. Heard the new Revere Market Basket will have a beer and wine license and is the second largest store in Massachusetts. The largest Market Basket is located in Chelsea ... Revere and East Boston residents will be asked to vote in April as to whether they are for or against a casino built in their neighborhoods ... What to expect in the future: A 15-story hotel built on the

was former Shaw's site in Revere across from Suffolk Downs. A hotel on North Shore Road demic! Boston across from Wonderland Train Station is part of the new construction coming to Revere. On the stretch of open land on Ocean Avenue developers are bidding for a mixed use complex that will include restaurants and shops plus condos. That mixed use proposal sounds better for Revere residents than building more low income apartment buildings that can lead to more crime and drugs ... Councilor-at-Large John Correggio, who is up for re-election is holding a fundraiser at Demaino's Restaurant in Revere on Monday, April 15th between 7:00 and 10:30 pm ... Rumors are George Rotondo will seek another bid for councilor-atlarge and if Rotondo wins is he is thinking of taking another stab at running for mayor. Not a good idea! People are happy with their new Mayor of Revere and if Rizzo continues to do the right thing, he'll be mayor for many years to come! ... Reports of poor service at Citizens Bank on Broadway, Revere continues. A couple of bank tellers at that branch just don't get it! They need to take lessons in customer service from their neighbors across the street TD Bank who get an "A" in customer recognition and service. This bank projects an image of carelessness towards the customer! ... Eighty-eight million people chose not to work in the past four years under the Obama administration and taxpayers are picking up the tab. If you're a working person expect to pay more in taxes this year. Rich people are really getting zonked! What a shame self-made wealthy business people who worked hard all their lives have to be subjected to unfair government policies. We're becoming a socialist country! ... In 2013 it's being reported there will be a huge rise in unemployment globally. What it means for Americans is more people will be heading to the United States to suck off the system! ... Till next time!

# **EAST BOSTON WARD 1 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE** TO MEET

The East Boston Ward 1 Republican Committee meets Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 10:00 am at the East Boston YMCA. East Boston voters who are registered as undeclared or unenrolled or as Republicans are invited to attend. Please call Chris Morton at (617) 569-4075 for more information about this meeting.

The East Boston YMCA is at 215 Bremen Street (near the corner of Porter Street) in East Boston. The MBTA station closest to the YMCA is the Blue Line's Airport station.

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# **Orient Heights Community Center Renamed in Honor of Marty Pino**



Many family members, city officials and friends of Marty Pino were on hand at the renaming dedication of The BCYF Martin Pino Community Center.

Martin "Marty" Pino devoted his life to trying to improve the lives of young people in East Boston. Starting back in 1975, he was a co-founder of a youth basketball league, he worked as a camp counselor (boasting City Councilor Salvatore LaMattina as one of his campers), he headed a program at Maverick Gardens public housing development and even drove an ice cream truck. Sadly, Marty passed away in 2003 but his memory lives on through all those whose lives he touched. Recently, those people had an opportunity to repay him in a small way for all he had done for them by dedicating the Orient Heights Community Center in East Boston to his name. On Friday, January 18th, Mayor Thomas Menino, along with Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) and over 200 friends and family of Marty's rededicated the Community Center as "The BCYF Martin Pino Community Center."

It was a former player of Marty's, Mario Gallotto, who began the push to have the

Center renamed in honor of his former coach and mentor. Gallotto now helps run the basketball league that Marty started back in 1975.

Mayor Menino was unable to attend the event but Daphne Griffin, Boston's Chief of Human Services and Executive Director of BCYF, spoke for herself and on behalf of the Mayor. Mario Gallotto, Councilor Sal LaMattina, John Forbes Sr., a lifelong friend of Marty's, and Marty's son Anthony spoke at the dedication.

Marty's widow, Coleen Pino, remembered her husband to everyone by saying, "Our family is so proud and happy to share in this wonderful tribute to Marty. Marty truly devoted his heart and soul to the youth of East Boston. It is amazing that so many people still remember him. He touched so many lives in his lifetime and we hope all who enter the gym doors will continue to honor his legacy by inspiring our youth to be the best people they can be."



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East Boston Main Streets presented the 17th annual "Taste of Eastie" celebration at the Hilton Boston Logan Airport Hotel on Thursday, January 17th to a packed crowd of hungry folks looking to try all kinds of great ethnic foods, Buon Appetito! Buen Apetito! Bom Apetiti! or as my mother always said at the kitchen table, "Mangia!" East Boston Main Streets has been dedicated to creating a vibrant business district and to improving the quality of life for all who live, work and do business in the East Boston community.

As I walked around the crowded room, I was tantalized by various tastes and aroma from the many diverse culinary experiences the neighborhood has to offer to please every possible palate. There were at least 25 different restaurants and eateries. There were appetizers and desserts and in between main courses from all over East Boston's main streets. I stopped counting how many tables I sampled but it was probably around a good dozen or so. No one left the room hungry and everyone seemed to have a great time once again at this yearly showcasing of Eastie's incredible culinary delights.



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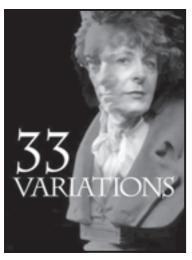


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# Socially Scene

by Angela Cornacchio



This one of a kind look into the trials of Beethoven's life comes to The Lyric Stage in Boston until February  $2^{nd}$ .

(Photo courtesy of Lyric Stage Productions)

The Celebrity Series is Heating Up in the Hub .... On Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at Symphony Hall the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra with conductor Daniel Barenboim will perform their All-Beethoven symphony program.

The formation of the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra began in 1999. The orchestra is composed of musicians from Israel, Palestine and other Arab countries, where the open ear has been too often replaced by the unsheathed sword, to the detriment of all. Now, over 10 years later, they have achieved an orchestra that is worthy of the venues they play. "One which shows that people who listen to each other, both musically and in all other ways, can achieve greater things." - Daniel Barenboim.

Their program will include a tribute to the great Beethoven by performing Symphony No.2 in D major, Op.36 and Symphony No.3 in E-flat major, Op.55 Eroica.

Also on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 pm at the Berklee Performance Center, the Mon-terey Jazz Festival will make a stop on their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary tour.

Monterey is the longest consecutively running jazz festival in the world. This exclusive presentation, Monterev Jazz Festival on Tour, 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, celebrates the Festival's legacy expanding the boundaries of live jazz presentation. With vocalist Dee Dee Bridgewater leading a stellar lineup of instrumentalists, including Grammy Award-winning bassist Christian McBride, this concert promises to be an unforgettable evening of great jazz.

Each season from October to May, the Celebrity Series presents more than 50 multicultural and international artists and performing ensembles to audiences in the Variations as research for a monograph she is preparing. She's determined to answer the question that has puzzled scholars since the work was published: why would

greater Boston area. By utilizing a number of different performance venues throughout the Boston area. each year the Celebrity Series presents programs of classical music, modern and classical dance, jazz, folk, world music, family music and multi-media performances. If you are interested in attending these shows or looking for the upcoming schedule you can contact the Celebrity Series of Boston at 20 Park Plaza, Suite 1032, Boston, call 617-482-2595 or visit www.celebrityseries.org.

33 Variations Hits the Stage in Boston .... Now through February 2nd at The Lyric Stage in Boston, the story of a mother coming to terms with her daughter, a composer coming to terms with his genius. Separated by 200 years, these two people share an obsession that transcends the boundaries of time. Moisés Kaufman (The Laramie Project and Gross Indecency) has written an extraordinary play about passion, parenthood and the moments of beauty that can transform life.

Moisés Kaufman has made a career out of creating plays that are quasi-documentaries. They deconstruct a real-life event and its impact on a community, such as the murder of Matthew Shepard in The Laramie Project or the trials of Oscar Wilde in Gross Indecency. Much of the dialogue in these plays is taken directly from primary sources like newspaper articles and trial transcripts. 33 Variations continues on that path and adds a new element. The story of how Beethoven came to compose the Diabelli Variations is rendered as faithfully as possible, with much of the dialogue taken from Beethoven's conversation books and Anton Schindler's biography. It also addresses the issue of how truthful either of those sources really can be. Kaufman introduces an entirely fictional character to the story, one who lives in the present day and who serves as a kind of envoy for a modern audience into Beethoven's world. This character, Dr. Katherine Brandt, also becomes the protagonist in a searing personal drama that takes the idea of "variation form" to a level of deep emotional resonance. At Lyric Stage, Paula Plum plays Dr. Brandt, a musicologist who journeys to Bonn in order to inspect Beethoven's sketchbooks for the Diabelli Variations as research for a monograph she is preparing. She's determined to answer the question that has puzzled scholars since the work



At the Boston Opera House, Broadway in Boston brings Sister Act, the story of a murder witness who finds refuge with a group of nuns.

(Photo courtesy of Broadway in Boston)

Beethoven, who in the years 1819-1823 had more important commissions to fulfill, severe health problems, and a devastating legal dispute with his relatives, wreak havoc with his personal and professional relationships in order to write 33 variations on a theme he apparently didn't like, was it just to satisfy his publisher's silly vanity project?

Known as the intimate "4-star theatre" in Copley Square, The Lyric Stage Company is Boston's oldest theatre company, dedicated to presenting a wide range of the highest quality plays and musicals. Founded in 1974 and deeply committed to nurturing the talents of Boston-area theatre artists, The Lyric Stage Company presents seven productions each season to an annual audience of over 40,000, including over 2,000 season ticket holders. 33 Variations will be on stage until February 2nd at The Lyric Stage Company of Boston, 140 Clarendon Street. For tickets you call 617-585-5678.

The Boston Festival of Films from Iran .... Modest Reception is playing now through January 31st at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. A film by Mani Haghighi, Modest Reception is a story of a Tehran couple that distributes large bags of money to residents of an impoverished town and captures their shocked reactions on a cell phone. What seems like an act of generosity is actually something perverse and puzzling. The film's mood shifts between black comedy and psychological thriller brilliantly in the hands of director Mani Haghighi, giving us an intriguing and honest look into the darker side of human nature.

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The Museum of Fine Arts is located at 465 Huntington Avenue Boston. For more information on tickets and show times you can call 617-267-9300.

Sister Act Plays Boston Opera House ... Now through February 3<sup>rd</sup> one of the best shows on Broadway makes its way into the city. The five-time Tony-nominated smash hit musical Sister Act is coming to Boston for a limited time. Sister Act is produced by Whoopi Goldberg, Stage Entertainment and Troika Entertainment and is part of the Lexus Broadway In Boston Series.

When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder, she's put in protective custody in the one place cops are sure she won't be found — a convent. Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and an uptight Mother Superior. Using her fabulous disco-ness and killer voice to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church, but in doing so blows her cover. Soon it's nun-on-the-run, but

she finds salvation in the heavenly power of her newly found sisterhood. Based on the mega-hit feature film of the same name, Sister Act features an original Alan Menken-Glenn Slater score with a vast spectrum of musical styles from Motown, soul and funk to great big disco anthems and Barry White inspired musical comedy. Directed on Broadway by four-time Tony Award winner Jerry Zaks (Guys and Dolls, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum and Smokey Joe's Café), the production features choreography by Tony and Olivier Award nominee Anthony Van Laast (Mamma Mia and Bombay Dreams) and is based on the Touchstone Pictures motion picture Sister Act written by Joseph Howard.

For tickets and info stop by the box office at 539 Washington Street in Boston, call 1-800-982-2787 or visit www.BroadwayInBoston.com.

In Her Voice: Jacqueline Kennedy, The White House Years ... The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum presents a new exhibit highlighting Mrs. Kennedy's 1964 oral history interview. Sealed for 47 years and published in September 2011, it is a series of wide-ranging conversations with historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., in which Mrs. Kennedy reveals her thoughts and impressions on topics spanning John F. Kennedy's early campaigns to the Cuban Missile Crisis.

The conversations cover Mrs. Kennedy's impressions of world leaders and events. her role as First Lady and her life as a wife and mother living inside the White House. In the spring of 1964, a few months after President Kennedy's death, Jacqueline Kennedy recorded a series of interviews with historian and family friend Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. At the age of thirty-four, with the White House years behind her, she was speaking

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### ENLIGHTENED: FIRST SEASON (DVD) HBO Home Ent.

An HBO original series starring Laura Dern as Amy Jellicoe, who comes home to California after a stay at a holistic treatment facility, the result of having a mental breakdown at work triggered by her self-destructive ways. Amy returns to her old life with a new cultivated approach and perspective, involving daily meditation and inner healing. Rehired at Abaddonn Industries, but in a demeaning position, there she uncovers corporate abuse and corruption that fuels her quest to make a change in the lives of others. Although well intentioned, those who know her best are still skeptical.

### **GEORGE LOPEZ:** IT'S NOT ME, IT'S YOU (DVD)

### HBO Home Ent.

George Lopez's comedy lives on the edge from the moment he hits the stage of L.A.'s Nokia Theater, during his record-breaking standup performance. He immediately has the packed house in hysterics with his discussions that involve dating and marriage, kids, parenting, irritating pets, getting old and of course politics. Lopez is the first Mexican-American to star in his own self-titled hit sitcom and talk show and has twice hosted the Latin Emmy Awards. Funny!

### GAME CHANGE (Blu-ray) HBO Home Ent.

'Game Change' offers a searing behind-the-scenes look at John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign, from the decision to select Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as McCain's running mate to the ticket's ultimate defeat in the general election just 60 days later. 'Game Change' pulls back the curtain on the intense human drama surrounding the McCain team. the critical decision made behind closed doors and how the choice was made to ever seen. A nation at the bring Palin on the ticket. A defining moment in U.S. prosperity by these men! politics that won five Emmy Awards!

### UNDERCOVER BRIDESMAID (DVD) Gaiam Vivendi Ent.

Tanya Harsin (Brooke Burns) has been hired to protect Daisy (Nicole Paggie), the daughter of Texas mogul Jim Thompson (Gregory Harrison), as Daisy has been receiving death threats weeks before her wedding. From the playboy cousin with an inheritance at stake, to the money-hungry aunt who is depleting the family scholarship fund, an angry business partner and a groom with a wandering eye, makes everyone a suspect. Brooke blends in as the undercover bridesmaid, making sure not to lose control ing and emotional!

of her mission, even if distracted by a handsome friend of the groom!

### **BEST OF WIDGET! (DVD)** Anchor Bay Ent.

Widget is the busiest builder and fix-it whiz in Wuzzleburg, and Wubbzy's good friend! Enjoy six "best of" episodes, plus a bonus episode. Widget's adventures include modifying a road racer for the Wuzzleburg Derby, trying to become a ballerina in "Gotta Dance," invents a solar-powered robot, builds the ultimate television and searches for her missing wiggle wrench. All machines, workshop wonders, plus plenty of good times with the Wuzzleburg

### CRIME STORY/ THE PROTECTOR (Blu-ray) Shout! Factory

Martial arts sensation Jackie Chan provides a double-shot of adrenaline with a double feature 'Crime Story/The Protector." Crime Story has Chan in one of his grittiest roles ever as a police detective on the edge, who must race against time to solve a deadly kidnapping case. In "The Protector" Chan teams up with Danny Aiello as a pair of NYPD cops sent to Hong Kong to catch a drug lord who kidnapped the daughter of his former associate. Action plus!

### THE MEN WHO **BUILT AMERICA (Blu-ray)** Lionsgate Home Ent.

Meet the titans who forged the foundation of modern America and created the American Dream. "The Men Who Built America" miniseries shines a spotlight on the influential builders, dreamers and believers as Andrew Carnegie, J.P. Morgan, Henry Ford, John D. Rockefeller and Cornelius Vanderbilt. Men who transformed a nation decaying from the inside after the Civil War, into the greatest economic and technological superpower the world had crossroads, catapulted into

### THE IMPOSTER (DVD) Indomina Releasing

'The Imposter' tells the gripping true story of a Texan boy who went missing in 1994 and was miraculously found three and a half years later, thousands of miles away in southern Spain. Despite glaring inconsistencies in his physical appearance, the boy's family brought their long-lost "son" home to restart his life in Texas. A deluge of questions arose, but truth soon proves stranger than fiction as the real story emerges. It is a jaw-dropping story about the lies we want to believe and the truths we choose to construct. A film documentary that is unforgettable, chillThe 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

### **NEW QUINCY CENTER** SECURES MILLIONS

The City of Quincy has announced more than \$55 million in equity financing that will allow developers Street-Works and Beal Cos to start construction of Merchants Row, a 306-unit loft residential, retail and office complex, the first phase of the \$1.6 billion New Quincy Center project.

### **NEAD FAMILY DINNER** HONORS J.R.

In his last official event as NEAD's president, John Romano hosted this year's North End Against Drugs Family Dinner/Family Talk on January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Nazzaro Community Center. City Councilor Sal LaMattina presented a City Council citation to Romano recognizing his 23 years of service to the organization. Sal reminded folks present that Boston Against Drugs started in Boston 23 years ago and there are only two neighborhoods left with this anti-drug community group, here in the North End and across the bridge in Charlestown. Not surprisingly since folks like Romano are in it for the long haul as was the late Bobby D who was well-known for his tireless work in both neighborhoods.

### EATING FOR DIABETES BENEFIT?

Eight North End restaurants are participating in City Feast 2013 to benefit the Joslin Diabetes Center's High Hopes Fund. This special event will take place on January 27th.

### WE CAN FIND THEM

BUT CAN WE FINE 'EM? Mayor Tom Menino wants to crack down on aggressive panhandlers including fining those who violate any new city restrictions set up. The mayor in part also blamed cuts in human services by the state and federal government for the upsurge of beggars at street corners badgering motorists at red lights. The mayor says it is all about law and order on the mean streets of Boston. The mayor says fine them because they do get "checks" and sometimes actually have some sources of income. I think the source often is the empty coffee cup they carry hoping to fill up with coins and dollar bills. Over in Dorchester by old St. Margaret's Church, trees were planted in the middle of the road to force the homeless onto sidewalks. However, the trees that were planted never took root and even the homeless standing there begging looked better than dead sticks pretending to be trees.

### **BLUE STATE COFFEE?**

Blue State Coffee is a cool little coffee shop over on Comm Avenue near Boston University to the right and Allston Village down the street to the left. It is a great little place, good food and good drinks. They have quotes up all over the place, one by Thomas Jefferson and the other of course by the PresiBarack Obama. I am admittedly a Red State conservative but I just loved that great vanilla latte I had there in a real coffee cup. Best tasting latte ever! Paper cups just won't do to appreciate a good cup of java.

### A DAY WITH THE **KNIGHTS AT FOXWOODS**

The North Quincy Knights of Columbus has a trip scheduled for Foxwoods on Sunday, January 27th. Don't forget your coffee and donuts at the Council before heading out to Connecticut. Bus leaves at 8:00 am and returning about 6:30 pm. For further information, call Charlie Feetham at 617-773-2523 or Duane Slattery at 781-767-1242.

### **GREAT LETTER TO EDITOR**

Recently, there was a great little letter in the Boston Herald from David Rimmer from Methuen that wrote truth to power, "Regarding Gov. Deval Patrick's unemployment reform: It's a sad state of affairs when enforcement of common sense regarding unemployment benefits is called sweeping reform. It tells you just how low the bar was to begin with. Real reform should start with confronting EBT abuse."

### **QUINCY CHAMBER EVENT JANUARY 31**

The Quincy Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Business Expo will be held on Thursday, January  $31^{st}$  from 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm. For more details, call 617-471-1700 or visit www.thequincychamber.com. THEY'RE DOING WHAT UP

### IN NEW HAMPSHIRE?

I came upon this news item and thought it worthy to repeat here. Long before the shootings at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, the New Hampshire Chiefs of Police Association announced a planned gun raffle to raise money for a youth training academy. Some of the weapons to be auctioned are highpowered semi-automatics. When asked recently if the auction was still a go, the answer was ves. of course. The police chiefs still think it is a great idea to let folks bid on these babies.

### ANOTHER NH NAKED CITY STORY

Recently, a neighborhood dog somewhere up in New Hampshire, who roamed unleashed and was known to all, entered someone's yard and upset that guy's two caged bunny rabbits. The guy went inside and came out with his AR-15 semiautomatic rifle and took out the little dog whose only crime was being unleashed and barking. This guy sounds like a sick puppy to me, one who like big guns and quiet dogs.

Dog owners were upset to know that under New Hampshire law, anyone can kill anyone else's unleashed dog it will.

dent of the Blue States if it scares someone else's rabbits or other animals as a trespasser. The same law is also in effect here in Massachusetts.

### **NEAD/NEAA SKATING EVENT COMING UP SOON**

On Sunday, January 27th from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm at the Steriti Skating Rink, North End Against Drugs and the North End Athletic Association will be holding a fundraiser during Free Public Skating thanks to the generosity of Fred White of the North End Skate Shop. All proceeds from rentals and the snack bar will be donated to the fundraiser. There will also be bocce and a bake sale. Last year this was a very successful fundraiser. For more information, contact J.R. via email at jromano45@gmail.com.

### **JEWELL** COMING TO THE WILBUR

Jewell will be arriving at the Wilbur Theater with her Greatest Hits Tour on March 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to www.thewilbur.com.

### SOMERVILLE IS GIVING CATS THEIR DAY

The first Copy Cat Festival will take place on Sunday, February 17th at the Armory on Highland Avenue. As Rachel Strutt from the Somerville Arts Council observed, "I think historically dogs have received a fair amount of programming, but it's time for the cats to be in the limelight." For further information, go to www.somervilleartscouncil.org.

### REPUBLICANS OUT IN WEST ROXBURY LOOK TO **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

The Ward 20 Republican Ward Committee recently met for their monthly meeting at the Area-E community room. Outgoing ward secretary Mike Twohig presented his case for the future saying, "What I would like to see between elections and what I think we need here, in the state is a head of the (state) party who is going to be appearing on morning talk shows. It's down time. It's between election cycles. They should be out there once or twice a week, constantly. You know, appearing on 'Howie Carr' in the afternoon where people are hearing it constantly." Another ward member added that Republicans were in "the business of sales." Stating further, he said "It's all about targeting, repetition and exposure. You can't just show up once and hope ...'

Members also hoped that former U.S. Senator Scott Brown would be running soon again in the next special election and hope that the Brown campaign definitely will open up an actually working West Roxbury office. In the last election the Brown campaign had an office in nearby Dedham, it needs to be physically in West Roxbury too. Hopefully,

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Tony Bennett comes to the Boston Opera house for a special Valentine's Day concert. See MUSIC SECTION for more details.

### **MUSIC**

HOUSE OF BLUES 15 Lansdowne Street Boston, MA 888-693-BLUE (2583) www.HouseOfBlues.com

**THE LUMINEERS** — February 4, 2013. Hot off the success of their debut single Ho Hey, The Lumineers will be making a stop in Boston on their 2013 world tour. The Lumineers are an American folk rock band based out of Denver, Colorado. The core band consists of singer Wesley Schultz on guitar, Jeremiah Fraites on drums and Nevla Pekarek on cello and vocals. Two fulltime touring members are with added musicians for tours. Their self-titled debut album was released on Dualtone Records on April 3, 2012, peaking at number 8 on the Billboard 200 chart. As of December 2012, their debut album has been certified gold in the US, Canada and Ireland. Fraites has classified the musical style of The Lumineers as ...not reinventing the wheel or doing anything that different, the songs are super simple. The ideas themselves are very simple ideas. Anyone who can play an instrument can play a Lumineers song." Don't miss your opportunity to see the one of the hottest bands in the country at the House of Blues, Doors open at 7:00 pm and the show begins at 8:00 pm. Call the House of Blues at 888-693-BLUE or visit their website at www.houseofblues.com for more information about the show and the House of Blues.

TD GARDEN 100 Legends Way, Boston, MA 617-624-1050

www.TDGarden.com

**MUMFORD & SONS** — Tuesday, February 5, 2013. Mumford & Sons consists of Marcus Mumford (vocals, guitar, drums, mandolin), Ben Lovett (vocals, keyboards, accordion, drums), "Country" Winston Marshall (vocals, banjo, guitar, resonator guitar) and Ted Dwane (vocals, string bass, drums, guitar). Mumford & Sons formed in December 2007, emerging out of what some in the media labeled the "West London folk scene" with other artists such as Laura Marling, Johnny Flynn and Noah and the Whale. Mumford & Sons recorded an EP, Love Your Ground and performed in small to moderate venues in the U.K. and U.S. to expose audiences to their music and build support for an eventual album. Their debut album, Sigh No More, was released in the U.K. and Ireland in October 2009 and February 2010 in the United States. The album reached number one in Ireland, Australia and New Zealand and eventually peaked at number two on the U.K. Album Chart and the Billboard 200 in the U.S. The band's second studio album Babel was released in September 2012. The album debuted at number one in the U.K. and U.S., becoming the fastest selling album of 2012 in the U.K. and the biggest selling debut in 2012 in the U.S. The band gained popularity throughout 2010, performing for larger audiences and making their first network television appearances in the 1. 2010. the hand U.S. On December

received two Grammy Award nominations, one for Best New Artist and the other for Best Rock Song. The live performance at the Grammys in February led to increased popularity. The band won the ARIA Music Award for Most Popular International Artist in 2010 and the Brit Award in 2011 for Best British Album. In 2011 they received a European Border Breakers Award for their international success. In December of 2012 the band was nominated for six Grammys including Album of the Year, Best Rock Song and Best Long Form Video. For more information on their 2013 tour, visit their website at www.mum for dands on s. com.

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE 539 Washington St., Boston, MA 617-259-3400

www.BostonOperaHouseOnline.com TONY BENNETT — Thursday. February 14, 2013. Go from Rags to Riches with Tony Bennett in 2013! Legendary crooner Tony Bennett is back on tour and tickets are now available! The Grammy Awardwinning I Left My Heart in San Francisco singer is out on the road once again, and fans won't want to miss their chance to see the iconic performer live. Along with being an iconic singer, Tony Bennett is also a serious and accomplished painter, having created works — under the name Anthony Benedetto — that are on permanent public display in several institutions. He is also the founder of the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts in New York City. Raised in New York City, Bennett began singing at an early age. He fought in the final stages of World War II as an infantryman with the U.S. Army in the European Theatre. Afterwards, he developed his singing technique, signed with Columbia Records, and had his first number one popular song with Because of You in 1951. He then furthered his aproach to include jazz singing. His career suffered an extended downturn during the height of the rock music era. Bennett staged a comeback in the late 80s and 90s, putting out gold record albums again and expanding his audience to the MTV Generation while keeping his musical style intact. He remains a popular and critically praised recording artist and concert performer.

## THEATER

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www.BostonOperaHouse.com

**SHEN YUN 2013** — February 8-10, 2013. Shen Yun brings to life 5,000 years of Chinese civilization through classical Chinese dance and music in an exhilarating show you will never forget. Shen Yun captures the spirit of a culture long lost. The show moves quickly through regions, dynasties and legends. Ethnic and folk dances fill the stage with color and energy. Tremendous athleticism, thunderous battle drums and masterful vocalists are all set to animated backdrops that transport you to another world. It is a grand production with nearly 100 artists, 400 costumes and the only orchestra in the world featuring both classical Western and Chinese instruments as permanent members. Shen Yun is the first company to present classical Chinese dance to the world on a large scale. And it has taken the globe by storm, performing in over 100 cities. Shows in top venues, like New York's Lincoln Center, are sold out. Think of it as a journey into a longlost world you cannot see anywhere else - from ancient legends to heavenly palaces to the dusty plateaus of the Middle Kingdom. You cannot even find a show like this in China, where this ancient heritage has been destroyed. But now you can experience it live on stage. For thousands of years, Chinese artists cultivated virtue, believing that to create true art worthy of the heavens, there must first be inner purity. Today, Shen Yun's artists follow this noble tradition. The result is a performance of consummate beauty, purity and goodness. Find out why artists and theatergoers around the world are calling Shen Yun "breathtaking," "mesmerizing," "a miracle" and "inspiring." Allow yourself to be taken away to distant lands and ancient legends.

THE BOOK OF MORMON — April 9–28, 2013. Winner of nine Tony Awards including Best Musical. From Trey Parker and Matt Stone, four-time Emmy Award-winning creators of South Park and Tony Award-winner Robert Lopez, co-creator of the Tony Award-winning Best Musical Avenue Q, comes The Book of Mormon, a new Broadway

musical that Jon Stewart of *The Daily Show* describes as, "a crowning achievement, so good it makes me angry" and by *Entertainment Weekly* as "the funniest musical of all time." Featuring choreography by Tony Award-winner Casey Nicholaw, *The Book of Mormon* is directed by Nicholaw and Parker. Don't miss your chance to see what Ben Brantley of *The New York Times* calls "the best musical of this century." Contains explicit language.

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JERSEY BOYS: THE STORY OF FRANKIE VALLI AND THE FOUR SEASONS - January 30, 2013 -March 3, 2013. More than 117,000 theatergoers cheered when JERSEY BOYS made its sell-out premiere at the Citi Performing Arts Center Shubert Theatre and 84,000 more during its triumphant Winter 2010 return to the Citi Emerson Colonial Theatre! Worldwide, more than 13 million people have seen JERSEY BOYS. And now, the show that makes critics and audiences cheer is "Working Its Way Back" to Boston. JERSEY BOYS, is the Tony®, Grammy® and Olivier Award-winning Best Musical about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers The Four Seasons: Frankie Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito, and Nick Massi. This is the story of how four blue-collar kids became one of the greatest successes in pop music history. JERSEY BOYS features their hit songs Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, Rag Doll, Oh What a Night and Can't Take My Eyes Off You.

REAGLE MUSIC THEATRE 617 Lexington St., Waltham, MA 781-891-5600 www.ReagleMusicTheatre.org

VICKI LAWRENCE AND MAMA: A TWO WOMAN SHOW — Sunday, February 17, 2013. Vicki Lawrence returns with the role that took her to stardom. The Emmy award winning performer gained esteem for her role as Thelma Harper (also known as Mama) from the Carol Burnett Show and the celebrated show Mama's Family. She is bringing back the character that made her famous in Vicki Lawrence and Mama: A Two Woman Show. Instead of revisiting the now legendary skits, this performance will feature brand new pieces that mix comedy, music and Vicki's views on the real world. This is the perfect show for audiences looking for laughs and satire. Prepare to laugh your heart out!

### **MUSEUMS**

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM East India Square 161 Essex Street, Salem, MA 978-745-9500, 866-745-1876 978-740-3649 www.PEM.org

HATS: AN ANTHOLOGY BY STEPHEN JONES - Now through February 3, 2013. Explore the delightful realm of hats, wildly plumed bonnets, silk turbans, sequined caps, embroidered crowns, Sarah Jessica Parker's lime-green fascinator and 250 other elegant and sometimes outlandish styles. Displayed with the wit and whimsy of British milliner-tothe-stars Stephen Jones' Hats reveals the boundless creativity of hat design and our own fascination with wearing these indescribable works of art. Support provided by the East India Marine Associates (EIMA) of the Peabody Essex Museum. Exhibition organized by the Victoria and Albert Museum, London. Extended museum hours until 9:00 pm only on Wednesday, January 30th-Saturday, February 2nd. Reduced admission after 5 pm for these dates

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY 46 Joy Street, Beacon Hill Boston, MA 617-725-0022

www.AfroAmMuseum.org PORTRAITS OF PURPOSE: A TRIBUTE TO LEADERSHIP - BOS-TON 1980-2012 - Now through April 15, 2013. During the 18th and 19th centuries, Boston was a leader among Northern communities of color. Black Bostonians traveled and interacted with leaders nationally and internationally. They were entrepreneurs, educators, artists, authors, activists, elected officials and patriots. This tradition continues. Leaders and citizens in Boston's communities of color have continued to lead and form institutions that have proved critical to the fabric of this city.

Their activism, community involvement and commitment have led to a better Boston and a better world. A selection of these dedicated citizens is represented in Don West's Portraits of Purpose, a collection of life-sized photographs. Portraits of Purpose gives us an understanding of the many people of Boston and beyond who have acted their conscience and made a difference. Their history will not be forgotten. Don West, noted Boston photographer, has been photographically recording the events and the people in Boston for over  $35\,$ years. He began his career as a freelance and news photographer, making a conscious choice to capture affirmative images of people of color in all facets of community life. In the 1980s he worked for United Press International and Boston's black weekly paper, the Bay State Banner. West has since gone on a host of assignments with major newspapers and magazines such as the Boston Globe, New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, Ebony, People and Black

### COMEDY

SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY HALL 34 Court Street, Springfield, MA 413-788-7033

AN EVENING WITH BILL COSBY

March 2, 2013 at 8:00pm. New England Public Radio presents Bill Cosby Live for New England Public Radio, a benefit concert for WFCR and all-news WNNZ. Proceeds will go directly to support New England Public Radio. One of America's most beloved comedians of all time, Bill Cosby has captivated generations of fans with his comedy routines, iconic albums, the groundbreaking series, The Cosby veteran comic created and produced the Emmy-winning cartoon Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids, which began airing in the 1970s and was made into a film in 2004. Perhaps Cosby's greatest contribution to American entertainment and culture is The Cosby Show, about a close-knit, upper class black family. Cosby said his intent was to portray an American family. Time magazine called the show "an encouraging sign of maturity in matters of race." The Cosby Show dominated the #1 spot for years, earning nearly unanimous critical praise. Life magazine described the program as "a gentle, whimsical, warmhearted" show whose "delicious ordinariness of its pleasures and tribulations has given millions a fresh, laughtersplashed perspective on their own domestic lives." For his philanthropic efforts and positive influence as a performer and author, Cosby was honored with a 1998 Kennedy Center Honors Award. In 2002, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian honor and the 2009 recipient of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor and the Marian Anderson Award in 2010. Presented by Bulkley Richardson Attorneys at Law.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

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THE DDOCDESSIVE

NEW ENGLAND BOAT SHOW Februray 16th-24th. New England's premier winter boating event is held at the state of the art Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. The Progressive Insurance New England Boat Show has grown into the Northeast's largest boat show, attracting thousands from the New England Seaboard. The show fills 300,000 square feet with hundreds of the newest boats from the region's top dealers, along with a wide selection of marine accessories and special features, creating a marine marketplace and boater's paradise like no other! See powerboats of all makes and models for cruising, fishing, wakeboarding and all the water sports! The Progressive Insurance New England Boat Show offers dozens of sailboats from skiffs and one design dinghy racers to Coastal Cruisers. All rigged and ready for your inspection! The show also has

more than 250 exhibits of the latest

in marine accessories to stock up on

everything from the newest naviga-

tional equipment, hardware and gal-

ley ware for your boat. There will be

seminars and informational clinics,

interactive displays, giveaways, con-

tests and more!

# ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

**CARNEVALE - BALLO 2013** - Saturday, January 26, 2013 at the Dante Alighieri Society, C,A, Pescosolido Building, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge. Cocktails at 6:30 pm and dinner at 7:30 pm. Music by Seabreeze Band. Dancing, costume parade and more. For information and reservations call the Dante at 617-876-5160 or visit www.dantemass.org or call Lino Rullo at 781-862-1633 or by email at rullol@hotmail.com.

### ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS

**"The Sicilian Corner"** 10:00 am to 12 Noon every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and **"The Italian Show"** with Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Go to www.1110wccmam.com.

"Italia Oggi" Sundays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with host Andrea Urdi 1460 AM 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 12 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.

"Radio Italia Unita" - Thursdays 2:00 pm-3:00 pm on www.zumix.org/radio or itunes, college radio click on Zumix. For more information, log onto

**"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>.

# Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Going to confession! After the pastor of St. Aloysius Church in Springfield, Ill., called 911, saying that he was stuck in a pair of handcuffs, he'd been "playing with." When police arrived, they say, they also found Father Tom Donovan wearing a gag. Amen.

Bang! Bang! Finding the right bar, after a Minneapolis man who'd been shot six times stumbled into a bar that happened to be packed with off-duty nurses. Six medics used bar towels to apply pressure to the bullet wounds, saving the man's life. "I love you guys," he said.

Weird! Dave Schneider, a rock-band guitarist, who was forced by airline staffers to check his \$10,000 vintage Gibson guitar into baggage before a flight. After the plane landed, Schneider watched as the guitar got caught in the baggage machine and was crushed.

Air rage, after a drunken airline passenger went on a violent rampage and was ductaped to his seat to shut up. Of the passenger, Gudmundur Arthorsson, 46, a relative said, "Gudmundur likes to drink, but his behavior has the family scratching their heads."

Giuseppina, cosce storte, claims, when a man drinks too much liquor he can approach you from several directions at once.

Shame! Shame! A South Carolina restaurant is defending employee uniforms that mock illegal immigrants. Servers at Taco Cid wear T-shirts that depict an animal trap baited with tacos, beneath the slogan, "How to Catch an Illegal Immigrant." The restaurant said the slogan was "a witty and comical statement regarding ILLEGAL immigrants," and not aimed at "any specific ethnic group."

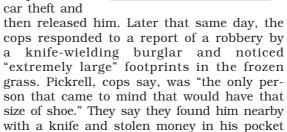
Wow! The mysterious death last year of a lottery winner is now being investigated as a homicide after medical examiners discovered cyanide in his system. Urooj Khan, 46, won \$1 million on a scratch-off ticket in June. But little more than 24 hours after the state issued him a check for his after-tax winnings of \$425,000, he awoke at night screaming in pain before collapsing and later dying in the hospital. The Cook County medical examiner initially declared his death natural, but after a relative suggested that authorities examine Khan's death further, toxicology tests revealed a lethal amount of cyanide. Chicago police, who are heading the investigation have made no arrests. Khan's wife, Shabana Ansari, 32, said he was "the best husband on the planet"

America the beautiful: Bulgarian President Rosen Plevneliev was widely ridiculed by his countrymen after his televised New Year's address praising the "unique beauty" of Bulgaria showed a photo of Colorado's Rocky Mountains. Tourism officials and much of the Bulgarian Internet criticized Plevneliev for failing to apologize for the mistake. But the president insists the gaffe was not his fault. "Ask yourself the simple question whether the president is a technician sitting behind a computer and composing images," he said. The average elevation of Bulgaria's mountains is a bit over 4,000 feet, while the Rockies soar to more than 14,000 feet.

Bow wow! Dogs go wild: Feral dogs savagely attacked and killed four people in a Mexico City park. Locals living near the large Cerro de la Estrella on the outskirts of the city first found the partially eaten bodies of a 26-yearold woman and her baby and authorities said the two had bled to death of bite wounds. A few days later a teenage girl called her sister from her cell phone shrieking that she and her boyfriend were being attacked by a pack of dogs. Their mauled bodies were found a few hours later, Mexico City Public Safety Secretary Jesus Rodriguez told people to stay out of the park until officials trap all the dogs. The city's poorer districts are home to hundreds of strays that run in packs.

According to the great Kyle Waters of Swampscott, "A dog is smarter than some people. It wags its tail and not its tongue."

A shoe-in! A Washington state man has been arrested because of his enormous footprints. Police first arrested Benjamin Pickrell — who is 6 - f o o t - 9 with size 16 feet — on suspicion of car theft and



and promptly re-arrested him.

Meow! Guards at a prison in Brazil foiled a breakout attempt when they apprehended a cat sneaking through the prison gate with escape tools taped to its stomach. The cat, officials said, was carrying two small saws, two drill bits, a cell phone, three batteries and a mobile-phone charger. All 263 prisoners are suspects in the breakout plot said a prison spokesman, but "it will be hard to discover who is responsible since the cat does not speak."

America now has more devices that connect to the Internet than it has people. the nation's 311.5 million residents own more than 425 million personal computers, tablets, smart phones and gaming consoles, according to the research company NPD Group.

To think, decades ago, in my office, we owned a computer and at that time it was called "The brain." Yes, we do own a computer. So what is my e-mail address? *RJB@ISP.Com*.

The computer is a great invention. There are as many mistakes as ever, but now they're nobody's fault.

Interesting! There are too many law students. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that the economy will create 21,880 new jobs for lawyers annually until 2020. But law schools produce more than 44,000 graduates each year.

A noted jurist says our laws should be rewritten in simple language so that everybody could understand their meaning. If this were done, a great number of lawyers would have to go to work for a living.

Carlo Scostumato, says, "If you can't get a lawyer who knows the law, get one who knows the judge.

The astute Mona Lisa Cappuccio reminds us, "Old lawyers never die. They just lose their appeal."

Steven Sebestyen claims lawyers would have a hard time making a living if people behaved themselves and kept their promises. And Steven's gorgeous, brilliant, wife Theresa, says, "Many wives of young lawyers are buying sewing machines. They want to help their husbands make loopholes."

Bang! Bang! About 600 teachers from 15 states have signed up for free firearms training in a program launched by the Buckeye Firearms Association. Only three states — Kansas, Mississippi and Utah — allow concealed guns in schools.

Wee bit of show business reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. By the age of 3, Sophie Tucker was singing in her parents' cafe in Hartford, Connecticut in 1894. She had a small role in "Ziegfeld Folies of 1909" and was a headliner by 1911. "The Last of the Red Hot Mamas" is remembered best, perhaps, for her approach to the song "Some of These Days." The "Hit Parade" radio and television series featured many singers. Among the well known's were Wee Bonnie Baker, Dorothy Collins, Doris Day, Georgia Gibbs, Dick Haymes, Snooky Lanson, Ginny Simms, Frank Sinatra, Martha Tilton and Bea Wain. Worth repeating! Three-time Academy Award winner Harry Warren (1893-1981), was born Salvatore Guaragna in Brooklyn and was the son of a Calabrian boot maker. One of Hollywood's most successful and prolific composers, he wrote "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "I Only Have Eves for You," "That's Amore," "You'll Never Know," "Lullaby of Broadway" and "A Love Affair to Remember." AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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### Swordfish Alla Messinese

Swordfish Messina Style in Tomato Sauce

- 1 swordfish steak (about 1½ pounds)
- 1 medium onion chopped 2 celery stalks chopped
- 3 teaspoons capers in
- vinegar and water 3 fresh ripe tomatoes chopped or 10 ounces crushed tomato
- 2 sprigs bay leaf
- 3 small potatoes cut in quarters
- 1/4 cup olive, canola or vegetable oil
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons white wine (optional)

Heat oil in a skillet and add chopped onion, chopped celery stalks and simmer until onion is opaque. Add capers, stir, and simmer slowly. Do not brown onion. Add tomato and cover. Cook *slowly* for about five minutes. Check frequently. A little water can be added to keep mixture from sticking to skillet

Meanwhile, peel and cut potatoes into quarters. Wash and set aside. Rinse swordfish under running water and dry. Cut swordfish into two-inch portions. It is not necessary to remove outer skin of swordfish. Add potatoes first to skillet; add half a cup of water and cover. Allow cooking for about ten minutes. Then add swordfish pieces to skillet. The swordfish can be placed on top of potatoes if skillet becomes crowded. Spoon some of the tomato sauce over the swordfish. Add only small amounts of water if needed after a few minutes. Cover and simmer slowly for about ten to fifteen minutes or until swordfish is fork tender. Try not to overcook swordfish. Add wine (optional), cover and bring to a slow boil. Then remove from burner.

Serve with fresh Italian bread, vegetable of choice or salad. Serves two.

Variation: Prepare the swordfish recipe without potatoes. Instead, cook rice or pasta of choice as directed on the package and serve topped with the tomato sauce from the skillet. Serve the swordfish separately with vegetable of choice or salad and Italian bread.

NOTE: Each time I prepare this swordfish meal, I picture my mother-in-law, Mary Sinopoli, at the kitchen stove in our Battery Street apartment. As she carefully prepared the ingredients, she stated, "Swordfish should not be cooked too much as it becomes dry and loses its flavor." I found that to be very true.

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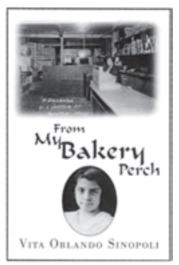
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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo



A Nostalgic Remembrance

Last week, I was talking about my first trip to Miami Beach. It was during a February school vacation when I had just started teaching. I was supposed to stay with a musician friend but my stay with him was cut short by the unannounced arrival of his sister with no place to stay. I found a place on Miami Beach and was ready for a vacation week of fun in the sun. I received a message at the hotel to call Larry, the musician I was supposed to stay with, and when I called, he told me that his sister wanted to meet me and he was bringing her to the beach for an early Sunday dinner to which I was invited.

As I mentioned last week, a heat wave hit southern Florida and that Sunday I spent more time in the tropical waters of the Atlantic than on the towel I had purchased. When it was time to meet with Larry and his sister, I dressed. Back in the day, you dressed at almost every location on the beach. The problem was that, over the weekend, I had lost about ten pounds due to the climate and my suit was just hanging on me like a sack.

At the appointed time, I met Larry and his sister. There was a famous steak place on one of the side streets off Collins Ave. called the Embers. We met there for an early dinner. The food "was great and I enjoyed the company of friend Larry's sister. She was an older woman from a working class family from Boston and Larry was the star of the family having become a well known piano player in show business circles. When it was time for them to head back, Larry gave me a list of places where he thought I might enjoy the night life and meet some interesting people who also were on vacation.

On my own, I walked along Collins Avenue checking out the hotels, stores and the well dressed tourists. The first place I decided to stop at was a club called Murray Franklin's on a side street where we had eaten. Do you older folks remember a Boston comedian named Freddie Ross? Yes? Well, he was the headliner there. I was ushered to a table near the stage, ordered a drink and watched the opening act. A rather attractive young lady came out on the stage holding a dummy. She sat down with the dummy on her lap

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and began her act. The dummy had a Yiddish accent and the voice was a male voice. When the young lady spoke, she had a female voice and spoke with an accent, also. As I found out later, she was from Naples, Italy, not Naples, Florida. So, the dummy had a Yiddish accent, she had an Italian accent and you couldn't see her lips move when she did her routine.

When she had finished, Freddy Ross was announced and he spent an hour telling jokes. I gave the waiter a note to give to Freddy Ross and after he finished his act, he left the stage and came over to my table. The note stated that Nick Conti was my uncle. At that point in time, Uncle Nick was the vice president of the Musicians' Union and knew just about every entertainer in Boston. Ross and I spoke for several minutes about Boston's club scene which he was an integral part of. There were two people named Freddy that were Boston headliners back then, Freddy Ross and Freddy Hall, both good comedians. Just before he decided to leave the table, he spotted the ventriloquist with the dummy that had a Jewish accent. He called her over and as we were introduced, I stood up and said, "Multo piacere." She answered me in Italian and then asked in English how I knew she was Italian. I told her that I thought she had a Neapolitan accent. She said, "You're right, but how did you know?" I told her that my family was Avellinese and I was familiar with the accent. She smiled as I complimented her on the Yiddish accent she used through her dummy. The answer explained the situation. She came from New York's Lower East Side that, back then, was loaded with Jews and Italians.

When I left the club after an hour of conversation with the entertainers, it was time for their next show. I wandered Collins Ave again and not too far from the Embers ran into a bunch of people from Revere. They were school teachers who, like myself, were trying to obtain a Florida tan during the February school vacation. We had recognized each other as three of the four people, like me, were taking graduate courses at Boston State a couple of evenings a week. They invited me to join them and we headed for what would

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be a tour of the night clubs that were part of the better Miami Beach hotels.

As time went on, I discovered I was not a drinker. I would order a rum and Coke with the rum on the side and gave the rum to whichever of the others wanted it. I drank the Coke. As the evening continued, I told them the story of how a travel agent wanted to book me into a hotel where he said, "my kind" could be found. When I mentioned the hotel, the Johnina, one of the crowd said that there was a lounge in the hotel and that they wanted to visit as the entertainment was supposed to be good. We headed to the hotel and the Dream Bar Lounge. The entertainment consisted of just a short man named Willie Rustum. He was dressed like a beachcomber and sounded like Tony Bennett.

I was totally impressed with his voice. An hour later. one of the crowd said, "It's time for the Boom Boom Room." I asked what the Boom Boom Room was and was told that it was the most famous night club on Miami Beach. Located on the lower floor of the Fontainebleau Hotel it featured two bands, one Latin American and the other American.

After waiting for a table, we ordered drinks and I danced the night away with one of the girls in the party. From my ventures at the Cave, a Boston Latin American night club, I had become quite proficient at handling a mambo, meringue and a cha cha cha. She was a good Latin dancer and I held my own. This venture would be the first of many to the long gone Boom Boom Room. Over the next few years, every time I was in Miami Beach, one of the stops had to be that night

We parted company in the wee hours of the morning and I headed back to the hotel I was staying at. The next day, I headed for South Beach to catch up with the same crowd. Back then, South Beach was not the South Beach of today. It was where the inexpensive Kosher hotels were located and the crowd was mostly old folks. From here on in, I would spend most of the vacation with the same crowd. It was sunny and hot every day and at the end of the week, I had developed a dark tan.

I flew home that Sunday night at the end of the week. Dad drove past me twice as I stood waiting for him outside the Logan terminal. Mom apologized stating they didn't recognize me at first due to my deep tan. On the way home, I sat with Babbononno in the back seat and told him the story of the vacation. He insisted that, the next time, he would come with me. I said OK, but I knew it would never happen.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

• **Socially Scene** (Continued from Page 9)



"It was really the happiest time of my life. It was when we were the closest— I didn't realize the physical closeness of having his office, in the same building and seeing him so many times a day."

(Photograph by Cecil Stoughton)

for the historical record — to preserve and shape her husband's legacy. The interviews, held on deposit here at the Kennedy Library, were sealed for 47 years. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis died in 1994. In 2011, the 50th anniversary year of the Kennedy Presidency, her daughter, Caroline Kennedy, decided it was the right time to share these conversations with the public. Selections are featured in this exhibit.

Mrs. Kennedy had a rare combination of gifts - intelligence, courage, discipline, artistic creativity and a style all her own. She had an adventurous spirit and was an accomplished horsewoman who lived life at a full gallop. Her oral history interview reflects these gifts. As wife of the President, she witnessed historic events at close range and had first-hand experience with world leaders. She had a clear sense of her place in history and significant accomplishments as First Lady, yet she also believed that her primary obligation was to her family. This exhibit joins Mrs. Kennedy's words - her unique way of seeing the world — with the photographs, documents, and artifacts she describes, adding new illumination both to the great events and personalities of the 20th century, as well as to the sensibilities of the woman describing them. The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to the memory of our nation's 35th president and to all those who through

the art of politics seek a new and better world. Located on a ten-acre park, overlooking the sea that he loved and the city that launched him to greatness, the Library stands as a vibrant tribute to the life and times of John F. Kennedy. The Presidential Library and Museum is located at Columbia Point Boston, and can be reached at 617.514.1600 for information and hours. You can also visit www.jfklibrary.org for upcoming exhibits.

As always I like to include a restaurant to accompany these fantastic events for you to make a night or day of it. This week I found a hidden gem.

Petit Robert Bistro ... Many restaurants nowadays refer to themselves as bistros, despite the fact that their food, ambiance and prices are at odds with the true definition of the term. In France, a bistro is where blue collar workers go to eat home style fare at very modest prices. It is often served on bare wood or with draught beer and vin ordinaire. Daily blackboard specials are prepared by Chef Jacky Robert, whose career and reputation are well-known to both Boston and west coast diners. Manager Loic Le Garrec is a native of Brittany and a veteran of Boston and New York's top dining room. There are two locations in Boston; 468 Commonwealth Ave (617-375-0699) in Kenmore Square and 480 Columbus Avenue (617-867-0600) in the South End.





# News Briefs

(FROM ITALIAN **NEWSPAPERS AND** OTHER PUBLICATIONS)

Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

HOW TO BECOME A SUPERMOM! The process, or approach, isn't easy. How to stop a child from crying? What is the appropriate food to give to a child? Is it OK to fly during a pregnancy? How to manage things while the mother-inlaw tries to 'lecture,' often in an invasive manner? These are questions the new mothers ponder, finding an answer, eventually, sometime later.

Something, however, has come to help them recently; a new book entitled "101 Ways to be a Super-Mother," authored by Giovanni Canzi (Newton Compton, publisher, pp. 214). Canzi describes all the vicissitudes associated with pregnancy, using the wisdom of having experienced maternity herself. The first thing or secret, as she suggests, is to get set for the nine-month pregnancy with peace of mind by choosing the right physician who will monitor the pregnancy's progress. For those who like to travel, it is better to fly between the fourth and the sixth month of the gestation, never forgetting to carry a doctor's certificate to require a seat with a frontal space and take a walk during the flight. After delivery, an excellent way to regain the physical shape is power strolling. The early formative period to teach something to the new born is by reading loudly, even beginning on the first day of the child's life. Also, it's important to play classical music, mainly Mozart (we previously wrote about the influence of Mozart's music on the infant). It is also important to rearrange the logistics of the residence and make it suitable for the baby. Canzi, the author, has suggestions for the mother, but also cautioning that it is better not to raise a child to 'perfection'!

### THE NOURISHING ADVANTAGES OF MOTHER'S MILK.

Mother's milk has been found to contain an anti-cancer protein that protects the newborn. An Italian study, published by the Journal of Human Lactation, describes the discovery. The researchers at the "IRCCS Burlo" of Trieste, Italy analyzed the first sample of milk produced by the mother, a more mature milk, versus 'artificial' milk (formula) and discovered that the concentration of the protein TRAIL — which may possess anti-tumor properties — is 100-400 times higher in the blood but is entirely absent in the artificial formula. The maternal lactation can prevent a few types of cancer such as lymphoblastic leukemia, Hodgkin's disease and Neuroblastoma. The soluble TRAIL is a strong candidate that can explain the overall biological effect of the maternal lactation vis-à-vis cancer.

MARIO MONTI'S SMART CABINET EXPANDS. A new consultant to the 'Government of Professors,' Francesco Giavazzi, is an economist of international stature as well as a colleague for many years of Premier Monti himself. He is a well-known political economics professor at the 'Bocconi University,' in Milan, but only a few are aware that Giavazzi, born in the City of Bergamo on August 11, 1949, is also an electronic engineer from the "Politecnico" in Milan and received a PhD in Economics in 1978 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. He is an engineer that also can "count"!

### • Stirpe Nostra (Continued from Page 2)

it was six stages high and the seen stages were built in an earthen platform, each stage or light was of a different color, and each was consecrated to a different planet. Many claim this to have been the chief tower in Babylon, others place it eight miles away in a suburb of the city, and still others claim it was built one hundred forty miles away in the ancient City of Ur.

### ST. JUDE AND ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

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

A few facts seem to be others claim seven. Another accepted among all of the interesting theory is that experts: (1) The tower was constructed of sun-dried bricks; (2) it was an extremely high tower; (3) it was built by the ancestors of Noah, either to escape from a possible second deluge, or to converse with the gods, or both. In any event, the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, and regarding this building as an impious assertion of human pride, He confounded their language so that they could not understand each other. Consequently they gave up the building scheme and were scattered abroad. The Lord scattered them over the face of the earth, and thus we have one explanation for the different languages of the world, or so sayeth the Good Book ... and you'd better believe it!

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sider U.S. Rep. Ed Markey for the nomination. Apparently, Markey's entry is scaring away the opposition. It appears that it is being left to U.S. Rep. Steve Lynch, D-South Boston to decide if he wants to challenge the Washington insiders' choice. Here's hoping Lynch decides to take on Markey in the special election. Somebody should. I thought the Democrats were the party of the people, not the party of the elite people.

Living in the Real World Teri O'Connor from Leominster had a great little letter in the Boston Herald the other day talking about life in the real world. Read this opine, "Shame on Congress and the president for failing to keep the 2 percentage point payroll tax cut for Social Security. Trying to protect the middle-class? Really? They should all have to live paycheck to paycheck and still not have enough money to live on. Then they would see how the real world is." Kudos!

### A Great Book Title if Ever There Was One

Recently, Herb Silverman (I really don't know who he is) wrote his own autobiography. He is a Jewish atheist who comes from the Bible Belt. His new book's title? — "Candidate Without a Prayer." Not a bad brand name, huh?

### Charles Durning, R.I.P.

Actor Charles Durning was always a great Hollywood actor but never really got the recognition he truly deserved. He played a crooked cop in "The String" starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford, he was the lonely widower in "Tootsie" starring Dustin Hoffman and a hostage negotiator in "Dog Day Afternoon" with Al Pacino. He was always the best man but never the groom. He did win two Supporting Actor Oscar nominations. Over the years, he mostly played supporting roles on screen and was great at this role for so many

### Isn't This Great. an Illegal Perv Worked for U.S. Senator!

U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez, D-NJ reportedly employed an intern in his office who was both illegally in this country and a sex offender to boot. Homeland Security waited until after this past

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November election to arrest him. Menendez told MSNBC that once his arrest came to his attention, the kid was let go from the intern program. Big question? Didn't they vet this guy properly? How, many other illegals or sex offenders are working up on Capitol Hill?

### Dealers Want Out of Bill to Fix Recalled Vehicles

Car dealers and smaller rental-car companies want to be able to sell, rent or lend cars that have been recalled for safety defects before they get around to fixing them. Many of them are lobbying behind the scenes to make sure they can. Major rental car companies agreed last year not to do that. However, Capitol Hill wants all aboard. Legislation to block all rental car companies from lending out recalled vehicles before repairs are made will be re-introduced soon in the new Congress says the bill's co-sponsor U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.

Accidents, injuries and deaths have been attributed to rental cars with defects not repaired subject to recalls. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration believes all vehicles under recall should be promptly repaired regardless of whether they are new, used, leased or rented. The Government Accountability Office urged NHTSA to seek authority to require used car dealers - who sold 11 vehicles in 2009 — to make recall repairs before selling them.

The Raechel and Jacqueline Houck Safe Rental Car Act is named for sisters from California killed when their rental car caught fire and crashed into a truck. The defect in the car was subject to a recall but the car had

# LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI13P0298EA Estate of **ERNEST LOVELL DYETT** 

Date of Death May 29, 2012 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION To all interested persons:

A petition has been filed by Lydia Z. Dyett of Bowie, MD 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 Lydia Z. Dyett of Bowie, MD 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 19, 2013.

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

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, PETER C. DIGANGI,

First Justice of this Court Date: January 22, 2013

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/25/13 never been repaired.

Passage of this piece of legislation seems like a nobrainer. I find it sad that there is lobbying going on to defeat this safety imperative. Once I Thought He Would

Make A Good Politician

I thought we all heard the last of Arnold Schwarzennegger when he finished his two terms as governor but like a bad cold he's BAAACK! He had been redeemed by Hollywood and is now back on the large screen in "Last Stand" where he plays a lawman in a sleepy Arizona town about to be invaded by trouble. Considering his messy personal life, he probably needs all the cash he can get to cover his family or should that be plural "families" responsibilities. I won't be seeing this flick. Not exactly "Lincoln," is it? Give me an old Rambo movie anytime.

### **Both Sides** Hit Low Blows

The National Rifle Association put together a TV ad about President Obama's anti-gun stance and sadly used the President's two daughters to make a point. Then, the president himself trots out four young children at his press conference to make his point on his gun legislation. In this case both the White House and N.R.A. are guilty of using kids as fodder in their on-going battles with each other. The liberals had a field day with this N.R.A. advertisement but were silent on the president's equally offensive ploy. I have no blindside, I criticized the N.R.A. and now I also criticize the president

### **Quote to Note**

"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

### My Quote to Note

"You don't have to fully agree with everything Dr. King ever said or did but he was right about faith. It can move mountains. More people need it."

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Division 208 Cambridge Street (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI12P5742EA

Estate of ARMANDO P. SCARPONE Date of Death September 26, 2012 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the abovecaptioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert Scarpone of Woburn, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

Robert Scarpone of Woburn, 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.

### • Student Assignment (Continued from Page 1)

have relied on our vast three-zone system to adjust for changes in population. These sprawling zones also allowed us to place programs that served students with specific types of disabilities or English Language Learners in buildings often far from where these students actually live. We are ready to put these days behind us. Our schools should respond to what children need, and that's what these proposals would do.

Ultimately, of course, this is a conversation about quality — and the urgent need to make every public school a great choice. When I took office, just one in four high school students earned a passing grade on statewide mathematics tests. Today, thanks to the hard work of teachers, students and families, 86 percent pass on their first attempt. Perhaps most encouraging, 94 percent of today's parents told us in a survey this spring that their school is a great place for their child to learn.

Superintendent Carol R. Johnson and the Boston School Committee have

doubled the number of students participating in summer learning programs, trained thousands of teachers to help students learn English, added weekly arts and music for 14,000 students, and created new tools for students to give feedback to their own teachers.

Not a single change came easily. We fought hard for each and every reform and there were always voices that asked us to do less or slow down. Over the last year I have watched as an extraordinary public process has played out — and our students stand to benefit greatly from this shared effort. Today, I am asking for your support as we take yet another important step our children deserve.

The External Advisory Committee on School Choice invites the community to an update on Monday, February 4th at 6:00 pm at Orchard Gardens K-8 School, 906 Albany Street, Roxbury. BPS will present the latest options and the EAC will invite public comment. To learn more and to get involved, visit bostonschoolchoice.org.

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

pot titles, that means the seniors at the other three schools all have the possibility of graduating without ever having won a Beanpot. The scramble will be on to see if the seniors at Northeastern, Harvard and BU can make the most of their last opportunity to emerge victorious over the course of those first two Mondays in February.

BEANPOT NOTES — The last time the tournament was played on February 4th and  $11^{th}$  was in 2008 ... Boston University has lost on opening night only four times over the six-decade history of the event. Boston College has failed to make it to championship night only six times ... BU has participated in 49 championship games while BC has played in 32 ... The last Beanpot that was played at the old Boston Garden was in 1995. BU defeated BC, 5-1 to win the final championship game in the hallowed structure. That wrote the final chapter on a fantastic

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42-year run in the original Garden ... One of the positive aspects of the new Garden is that it allows more people to see the tournament in person. The capacity of the original Garden was just under 14,500. The present building on Causeway Street sits 17,565 for hockey an increase of over 3,000 seats ... The most remembered Beanpot is history isn't recalled for the games but for the weather. It was on opening night (February 6, 1978) that the Blizzard of 1978 struck, leaving several hundred fans stranded in the Garden for a number of days. While both first round games were played that night, those scheduled for the second Monday were not played until March 1st. This year's Beanpot will mark the 35th year since the Blizzard of 1978.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 617-768-5800 Docket No. MI12D2592DR **DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING KA MAN CHEUNG** CHENG GUANG REN

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for

The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Jeanne Mun Fong, Esquire, 10 Tremont Street, Suite 200, Boston, MA 02108 your answer, if any, on or before February 21, 2013. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Registe of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court Date: January 8, 2013

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 1/25/13



# **EXTRA** Innings

by Sal Giarratani



### Hot Stove Cool Music at Paradise

On Saturday, January 12th, I attended the "Hot Stove Cool Music" winter concert at the Paradise Rock Club on Commonwealth Avenue. Hot Stove Cool Music was co-created by former Red Sox G.M. and present President of the Chicago Cubs Theo Epstein. This fundraising event celebrated "Music, Baseball & Giving Back." Among the many non-profits who benefited by this "giving back" was The Home for Little Wanderers. At the event representing the Home was Board of Ambassadors member Sherri Raftery who is also the executive secretary of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Among the many bands participating at this fundraiser were: Mike O'Malley, Hometown Hollywood Hero, Hot Stove All Stars featuring Peter Gammons, Tanya Donelly, Reigning Monarchs, Bill Janovitz, Theo Epstein, Len Kasper, Robin Lane, Christian McNeill & the Sea Monsters, Chad Hollister Band and my favorite group The Parkington Sisters from Cape Cod.

I had a terrific time listening to the Parkington Sisters do their folk rock and talking baseball with Theo Epstein and Peter Gammons too. Lots of money was raised for many good causes.

### Remembering Bruce Hurst

Bruce Hurst will probably never make it into Cooperstown but there was a time with the Red Sox when he might have been called the best lefty in pitching history. Hurst played in the shadow of Roger Clemens and never got his due recognition outside of the Fenway fans. He finished with 88 wins for the Sox, one fewer than Babe Ruth. In nine seasons with Boston, he tossed 54 complete games. Not a bad stat considering how weak

### 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. MI12P5490EA

Estate of MARY GRACE DOWLING Date of Death August 8, 2012 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner James J. Dowling of Cincinnati, OH, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

James J. Dowling of Cincinnati, OH 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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today's pitchers are with all their pitch counts per game.

### Red Sox Looking at Vazquez Again

The Red Sox are checking out right-hander Javier Vazquez again. Our scouts were down in Puerto Rico watching Vazquez pitch for Caguas in a Puerto Rican Winter League game. The White Sox and Nationals also sent scouts to watch him start his game. The 36 year older is still undecided about staying retired or pitching again in 2013. He is also planning to pitch for Puerto Rico in the World Baseball Classic in March. He had a good night on the mound too. He allowed one run on six hits, one walk and 10 strike outs in six innings. The Red Sox are still trying to build up its starting rotation.

Vazquez hasn't pitched in the majors since 2011 when he started 32 games with a 3.69 ERA in over 190 innings for the Florida Marlins. In 2009, he finished fourth for the Cy Young Award with the Atlanta Braves. In his 14 year career he has done better in the National League. In five starts thus far, Vazguez has a 3.52 ERA with 30 strikeouts in 23 innings.

### Dale Murphy Should Have Made the Hall of Fame

When I think of ballplayer Dale Murphy, I think of someone whose team is trailing by 10 runs with two outs in the ninth. He knows his team is doomed but he still gives it his all at bat. That is how he played his entire career. This year was Dale's last year on the ballot for Hall of Fame induction. This year like the previous 14, he failed to garnish the 75 percent of the votes needed for admission into Cooperstown.

Once he was called one of the best players in baseball. He was N.L. Most Valuable Player in 1982 and 1983 for the Atlanta Braves. He was a Gold Glove outfielder with plenty of power and speed and his fame to fame, he never missed a game. However, he was finished by age 36 mainly because he played the game so hard. He Gehrig Award, the Roberto Clemente Award and the Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year. Lifetime he hit .265 with 398 homers. During the 1980s only Mike Schmidt hit more home runs. He ended up with the Phillies and Rockies before calling it quits in 1993. Murphy now joins the likes of great players like Jim Kaat, Luis Tiant, Dave Cone and Gil Hodges. Their inclusion should have been a nobrainer.

Murphy, 56, is one of those guys who had a long lasting positive effect on the sport of baseball and a guy who doesn't need a bronze plaque for validation. He was one of the good guys who played by the rules and as he once stated, "There's a message to kids. Whatever you do in life, do it the right way.'

### Ryan Freel Dead at 36

Former Major League ballplayer Ryan Freel known mostly for his fearless play and whose career was cut short by injuries after 8 seasons of play has passed away at 36 years of age. Freel died from allegedly a self-inflicted shotgun wound. He spent 6 of his 8 seasons with the Reds and finished his career in 2009 with a .268 average. During his career it is said he sustained up to 10 concussions. He missed 30 games in 2007 after crashing into another outfielder going for a fly ball and, guess what, got a concussion. He started off with the Blue Jays then went to the Rays, Reds. Orioles. Cubs and ending with the KC Royals.

In 2006 he was quoted in the Dayton Daily News as saying "he had an imaginary friend inside his head who he named Farney. Everybody thinks I talk to myself, so I tell 'em I'm talking to Farney." Makes you wonder about all those concussions, doesn't it?

### Back in the Day Who Didn't Love Sonny?

Lefty Sonny Siebert had double-digit win seasons in four straight years with the Red Sox (1969-72). Always a great third starter in the rotation. Always underrated! He finished his 12-year career with a 140-114 with a 3.21 ERA. Doesn't belong in Cooperstown but certainly should be in the Red Sox Hall of Fame.

### Finally for this Week

Boston Herald sportswriter Michael Silverman did a recent piece on slugging first basemen in reaction to Mike Napoli finally being officially welcomed on to the Red Sox. Silverman mentions great slugging first basemen of the past who covered the bag at Fenway. He mentioned Carl Yastrzemski, Jimmie Fox, Mo Vaughn, Dwight Evans, Kevin Youkilis, Adrian Gonwas a winner of the Lou zalez and Brian Daubach. Is a player's OPS the new stat to judge folks on nowadays? I don't remember anyone's OPS being an important stat. Has the OPS taking the place of slugging percentages.

My favorite Red Sox first basemen back in the sixties were Pete Runnels, who was always a threat to win the batting crown and Dick Stuart who cracked 75 home runs in his two seasons in Boston.

Stuart never hit for a high average and was indeed a sloppy fielder but at the plate he was always a threat to knock one over the Green Monstah.

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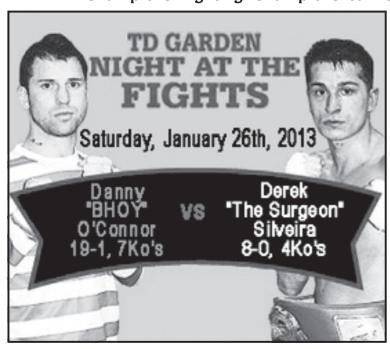
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# CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

January 26<sup>th</sup> at TD Garden, It's a "Night at the Fights!"
2013 Lowell Golden Gloves Tournaments
Punches Off with Excitement! "Bing! Bang! POW!"
Champions Fighting Champions to be "Champion!"





Ryan "The Polish Prince" Kielczewski.

Keep open the date, Saturday, January 26th, for "Night at the Fights!" at "TD Garden" in Boston's famed North End. Scheduled is a fight card that should give you plenty of action. Here's the fight card you'll get: In the main bout, two tough battlers, 19-1-0, 7 KO Danny O'Connor of Framingham and 8-0-0, 4 KO Derek Silveira of Salem, both battling for supremacy. Both fighters are coming off kayo victories. Also on this fight card will be tough Ryan Kielczewski of Quincy. Five (5) Amateur Match-ups will also entertain you this night. There will also be an autograph show of legends Micky Ward, Vinny Pazienza and Marlon Starlings. Come on down. You will get plenty of



Vinny "The Pazmanian Devil" Pazienza.

entertainment at this "Night at the Fights!" January 26th at Boston's famed TD Garden. "Come on Down!"

New England 2013 Lowell Golden Glove Title Championship Fights. All New England teams representing Greater Lowell, Greater Vermont, Southern New England and Western Mass will be fighting, vying to fight and win New England titles. All four fight teams have won their own Regional Championships already. All fighters who enter these four tournaments have no idea who might be entered in and possibly be their opponent. This Golden Glove tournament is loaded with great fighters from surrounding



Marlon "Magic Man" Starling

cities and towns in New England. Golden Glove Championship Team Fighters. All talented and the best in their area. Fighters who are champions, fighting champions, to be champion. It gets no better than this. Some of the great fighters who have come out of this tournament: Rocky Marciano, Mike Tyson, John Ruiz, Vinny Pazienza, Marlon Starling, Tony DeMarco, Tony Petronelli, Marvin Hagler, Dawson and Micky Ward.

Speaking of Golden Glove Champions, I was in a laundromat the other day when a familiar looking gentleman approached me. After we spoke a few minutes, I realized it was John Cabral, who reminded me he trained at the Boys' Club in New Bedford. John



John "The Quietman" Ruiz.

Cabral did well. He won the 1983, 119 lb. Novice S. N. E. Golden Glove title. Fight family members though the years (past and present) are great and always a pleasure to run into, read about and speak with. Champions, fighters, trainers, promoters, sponsors, commissioners, endorsers, fans, promoters and all. **Bernard** "Ben" Doherty Boxing Commission Boston, Joe Dias Fall River, Charles P. Dwyer Portsmouth, RI, Vito DeLuca Seekonk, Florian Hall Dorchester, Jerry Cahill Manager, Wayne Elcock, Mickey Finn President Ring 4, **Sean Farley** Farley Boxing, Dave Gemelli GEM Hanover, Hamid's Academy Master Hamid Lahrizi Brockton, Gary J. Litchfield Boston, Joe Lauzon Brockton, Lowell Sun Charities, Tony Magnifico Boxing at Ringside Gym, John Madfis Auburndale, O'Malley's Boxing Gym James A. Farrell Quincy, John O'Brien Hull, Petronelli Bros. Gym Brockton Goody & Pat Petronelli, Promoter Doug Pendarvis Dorchester, Roger Pit Perron Brockton, John Russo's Awards Unlimited Somerville, Charlie "Punchlines" Ross Milton, Tommy Rawson, Rino's Place chefs & owners Tony and Anna East Boston, Sanford A, Redock Brooklyn, NY, Hank Tuohy Sandwich, The Great "Valenti Family!" (Al, Fred, Rip and Tony Valenti.) Charles Babe Wood Historian Manomet, Dana White Ware of the **UFC** went to University of Massachusetts.

### GOLDEN GLOVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE Lowell 2013

**January 29**th 7:30 pm, **Open & Novice** Open Semi Finals.

**February** 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm, Greater Lowell/Central New England Open and Novice Class Finals.

12<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm, New England Novice Class semi finals. 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm, New England

Novice Class Finals. 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm, New England Open class semi-Finals.

20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm, New England Open Class Finals.

### HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss



GAME ON — The Boston Bruins were victorious 3-1 in their season opener against the New York Rangers on Saturday, January  $19^{\rm th}$  at TD Garden.

(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

RETURN OF THE B'S — Just when many thought the season might be lost, the NHL powers that be settled their differences and the season began — with the Bruins returning in what appeared to be some semblance of midseason form. The Garden was jam-packed for the two opening weekend contests against the New York Rangers and the Winnipeg Jets. The spirit in the stands was great to behold.

Plus, in the compressed 48-regular season schedule, the Bruins picked up two victories to jump out of the box at 2-0, something that would be nice in any season but was especially important in this shortened campaign.

"I mentioned to the players just before the third period (of the Winnipeg game) that those next 20 minutes would be just as important as the last 20 we'll play during the regular season," noted head coach Claude Julien in his postgame press conference. "We had to do whatever we could to come up with two points (a shootout victory). I think that kind of answers the question. We realized how important a good start is for every hockey club. We need to continue to think that

It's early, of course, but already there are some opening trends. One has been the B's performance as a team, with particular emphasis on the defensemen.

"I think our team as a whole has been pretty good at getting back to basics," said Julien. "Our defense has done a great job. They try to force shots from the outside and that gives (goalie) Tuukka Rask the best chance possible to see those pucks and make the saves. Tuukka has come up big for us. Defensively, I think we're starting to play more through our identity and because of that we're getting some offensive opportunities as well."

BEANPOT TIME — The first two Mondays in February bring the return of that alltime winter classic — The Beanpot Tournament — to the front and center of the local sports scene.

This year's annual renewal at the Garden has the first round scheduled for Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> with Championship Night set for Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The opening night has Boston University meeting Northeastern in the first game at 5:00 pm. while defending champion Boston College faces Harvard in the second game at 8:00 pm.

One of the most memorable nights in recent Beanpot history came in 2005 when Chris Bourque, the son of Bruins great Ray Bourque, won the tournament with an overtime goal as Boston University beat Northeastern. Chris Bourque, following in his father's footsteps, is now with the Bruins.

The 2013 event will be the 61st renewal of the classic that dates back to the 1952-1953 season. They used to call it the "BU Invitational" because Boston University won so often (29 titles) but lately that has changed. The Boston College Eagles have won the last three Beanpots in a row and four of the last five title games. Three of those BC victories came in overtime.

BC's recent wins indicate that there is a renewed parity of play in the Beanpot. BU hasn't won since 2009. Here's another. Although it hasn't won a Pot since 1988, Northeastern has played in two of the last four Beanpot finals. The last time Harvard played in the championship game was 2008. The last time the Crimson won it all was 1903.

One thing's for sure. The Beanpot is the start of what BC coach Jerry York calls "trophy season." All the regular season victories to date have been nice but a win in the championship game provides something that a team can take home — a trophy.

There's also additional motivation this year. Since BC has won the last three Bean-

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