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Boston Celebrates 2011

Scenes from New Year's Eve Activities in Boston



First Night Boston drew a large crowd of revelers who participated in the many activities. The kick off parade was on Boylston Street, Boston, which included many Boston community groups, military and gorgeous floats. (Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

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The famous L Street Brownies from South Boston performed the annual dip in the frosty waters of South Boston's beach on January 1, 2011. The unusually warm New Year's Day brought out many more dippers who joined the original "Brownies."

(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

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Il messaggio di fine anno dell'ambasciatore d'Italia a Washington, Giulio Terzi

Soddisfazioni e speranze

Cari Connazionali,

desidero
formulare a
voi e ai vostri
cari gli auguri
di un sereno
Natale e di un
felice e pro-
spero 2011. E'
un messaggio
augurale des-
tinato a tutta
l'Italia che
vive, lavora e
studia negli
Stati Uniti.
Insieme agli
italiani
d'America, al



**Ambassador
Giulio Terzi**

Presidente e ai Consiglieri del COMITES e ai parlamentari italiani eletti nella nostra circoscrizione, i miei auguri vanno anche a tutti gli americani di origine italiana e a chi conosce il nostro Paese, apprezza la nostra cultura e condivide quei valori che l'Italia rappresenta nel mondo e che tradizionalmente ci legano agli Stati Uniti d'America.

Un anno fa avevo espresso un auspicio, ed un impegno: che l'insegnamento dell'italiano si diffondesse ancora di più nelle aule scolastiche americane. Il 2010 è stato un anno eccezionale per la nostra lingua: in crescita nelle scuole e nelle università, l'italiano tornerà da settembre prossimo tra

le materie dell'Advanced Placement Program, per le quali sono previsti crediti universitari. E' stata un'impresa non facile, fortemente voluta dal Governo italiano e resa possibile grazie al sostegno delle principali associazioni italo-americane e di importanti società italiane.

Il 2010 dell'Italia negli Stati Uniti è stato ricco di soddisfazioni per molti altri motivi. Vorrei anzitutto ricordare l'accoglienza che le massime Autorità americane hanno riservato al Presidente della Repubblica, ai numerosi membri di Governo e Parlamento che si sono recati negli Stati Uniti in visita ufficiale o di lavoro. In ognuna di queste occasioni è stata riaffermata la forte alleanza e la grande amicizia tra i nostri due Paesi. Un patrimonio comune che il Presidente Obama, nel proclama per il Columbus Day, ha definite "l'incalcolabile contributo degli italo-americani, la cui determinazione, il cui duro lavoro e leadership hanno fatto tanto per costruire la forza della nostra nazione". Si tratta di un rapporto rafforzato da una ricca storia comune e da valori ideali come quelli trasmessi, prima ancora che l'Italia fosse unita, da illuministi come Gaetano Filangeri e Filippo Mazzei, e riflessi nella Costituzione degli Stati Uniti d'America.

Da questi valori comuni sono motivati 4.000 uomini e donne italiane in uniforme

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

The Root Causes of the Financial Meltdown

If you listen to the Democrats on Capitol Hill, the root cause of the financial meltdown are to be found in the greed of Wall Street and bad Republican responses to it all. However, in reality it was both the Bush and Obama administrations that caused the downfall of the economy. When it came to bad government policies, it was quite a bi-partisan effort that led to the groundwork for the crisis to be born. Democrats mostly but some Republican know-it-alls also decided to expand U.S. homeownership through private lenders and both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

To this day, most Americans still don't know that government was the buyer of two-thirds of the subprime and other bad loans that set-off the financial crisis. The Feds through Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the FHA and the Community Reinvestment Act that subsidized and forced the extension of credit to risky borrowers and gave birth to the high risks that ultimately caused the meltdown. Housing and Urban Development officials reportedly directed investments into "affordable" mortgages and applied pressure forcing the lowering of credit standards.

This all was done in the name of the American Dream of Homeownership. Washington, D.C.

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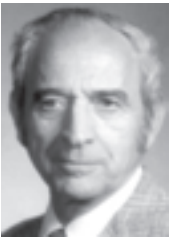
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THE INSATIABLE AUGUSTUS

During the past six weeks we have been examining the early career of the grand-nephew of Julius Caesar named Octavian, who became the first emperor of the Roman Empire. He ascended the throne after the death of Caesar, took the name of Augustus and reigned for about 41 years. Continuing with this ten part series we find that not unlike all public figures he received his share of criticism. It was Marc Antony who claimed that as a seducer and adulterer, Augustus walked in the footsteps of his grand-uncle Julius, a fact that even his friends did not deny. They excused it by claiming that these acts were committed as a matter of policy and not out of passion. Marc Antony made numerous other accusations about the moral conduct of Augustus. References were often made

to his hasty marriage to the pregnant Livia, and to the fact that his second wife Scribonia was divorced because she voiced strong resentment to the excessive introduction of a rival. Others implied that the rival was Livia.

Antony also claimed that friends of Augustus acted as panders, that they stripped and inspected matrons and well grown girls as one would the slaves on the block, before presenting them to the emperor. The charges of unnatural voice by Marc Antony were denied by offering evidence as to the purity of Augustus' character, but the charge of lustfulness could not be disputed as it became common knowledge among his inner circle of friends that he was fond of deflowering maidens. These were selected by friends from throughout the Empire.

It is said that some of the maidens were even selected by his wife Livia.

Another charge of Marc Antony that could not be refuted was that Augustus took the wife of an ex-consul from her husband's dining room right before his eyes and brought her into a bed chamber. It is said that when they eventually returned, her hair was in disorder "tutto sciatto" and her ears were glowing.

Wealth, power, and adultery seem to be "kissing cousins" with all emperors, and with Augustus it appears to have been his way of keeping track of his adversaries. This was done through the women of their household. I guess you've got to hand it to those old Romans, they certainly knew how to take care of their enemies.

NEXT ISSUE:
The Brutal Augustus

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT K-9 UNIT "Helping Paws for the Holidays"



Sergeant Corey Lewis of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department with his K-9 partner Kam.

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department recently participated in "Helping Paws for the Holidays," an event held in Lakeville, MA and sponsored by the organization "Vested Interest In K-9s of Massachusetts."

Vested Interest in K-9s, Inc. is a 501c(3) non-profit charitable organization dedicated to providing bullet protective vests to Massachusetts police dogs, including local police departments, county sheriff's offices, Mas-

sachusetts State Police, Transit Police (Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority), U.S. Air Force-Hanscom, and U.S. Coast Guard-Gloucester.

Initiated to raise funds to support the organization's goal of providing vests for each of the 20 Massachusetts Police dogs awaiting a bullet protective vest, the event began on November 27th and was held on each successive weekend through Sunday, December 19th.

As one of the main attractions for the event each weekend, several area law enforcement agencies provided representatives from their respective K-9 Units to perform demonstrations of the work that officers and their dogs undertake on a daily basis. Attending on behalf of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department for one of the weekend events, Sergeant Corey Lewis showcased his K-9 partner Kam's abilities as both a locator and apprehender as Corporal Tim Frates — clad in a protective "bite suit" — acted as the target. Sgt. Lewis was also presented with a bullet protective vest for his partner Kam by the organization on behalf of AVON of Plymouth, MA, which donated the funds to purchase the vest.

Sergeant Brian Stack of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department also attended the day's events and later spoke about his appreciation of Vested Interest In K-9s efforts.

"The main reason that we perform these K-9 demonstrations is to teach the general public about what police dogs are capable of doing to help law enforcement," said Sgt. Stack. "Most people

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Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Republican Reps Stand up for the Citizens of the Commonwealth

The Republicans dominated the coverage by the State House News Service of the new members sworn in to the House of Representatives on January 5th. Ending a 20-year decline, the House Republican Caucus will number 32. In the November elections, 12 Democrat House members lost reelection, while all Republican incumbents won.

Even before they were sworn in the new Republican representatives started work on behalf of Bay State citizens, announcing plans to file the "Live Free and Buy" to offer shoppers tax relief on the first \$4,800 of purchases made in Massachusetts.

Republican lawmakers, led by Minority Whip Brad Hill have also called on their colleagues to join with them in making "Melissa's Bill" a 2011 legislative priority. "Melissa's Bill" was filed in the memory of Melissa Gosule, a then-27-year-old teacher who was murdered in 1999 by a repeat offender who had served less than two years in jail for a combined 27 criminal convictions. "Melissa's Bill" was refiled for multiple sessions, most recently in January of 2009 and has been stuck in the Judiciary Committee since March of the same year. If passed into law, repeat vio-

lent offenders would be kept where they belong — behind bars.

In the wake of the tragic shooting death of a Woburn Police Officer John Maguire by a career criminal, the Republican Caucus is hoping there will be an appetite to pass this critical piece of legislation early in the new legislative session. You may recall that Democratic Governor Deval Patrick's reaction when asked whether Maguire's murderer, who was serving three life sentences for violent crimes should have been release was to say that he was "upset" but could not respond until he read a report from one of his undersecretaries. Republican in the State House had no need to consult reports in order to know what should be done with violent offenders: "A priority of the Legislature should be to ensure the safety of all the citizens of the Commonwealth from dangerous, habitual offenders and this legislation would do just that," said Representative Hill, the sponsor of "Melissa's Bill."

David Trumbull is the chairman of the Boston Ward Three Republican Committee. Boston's Ward Three includes the North End, West End, part of Beacon Hill, downtown, waterfront, Chinatown, and part of the South End.

Letter to the Editor ...

Thank You for Your Support

Dear Editor,

Your coverage and pre-event articles and ads for the 40th North End Christmas Parade was outstanding and well appreciated.

As you reported, this was the best ever holiday event held to date and in part the *Post-Gazette* helped make the seasonal event the success it was.

Hundreds of people attended the arrival of Santa Claus and participated in the parade through the community streets.

In addition, thank you for the year round coverage you give to the North End Athletic Association.

Sincerely,

NEAA Christmas Parade Committee



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GUEST EDITORIAL

I Was Prescient in 2010, So Let's Have More Predictions for 2011!

by Herman Cain

The annual predictions derby has started again. I wanted to resist getting into that race this year, but when I went back to see how I did at the beginning of 2010, I was pleasantly surprised. Here are the predictions I made for 2010 in my January 3, 2010 commentary:

- The economy will not improve in 2010. Check!
- The unemployment rate will remain above 9%. Check!
- Businesses will remain in a state of "stop." Check! On a roll!
- The \$787 billion stimulus will just grow government. Check!
- Republicans will regain control of the House. Check!
- The Senate will be split 50/50 (It's 51D/47R/2Ind). Close!

Since some people will think I just got lucky last year, so I decided to make some predictions for 2011:

The overall economy will get no better or no worse. Even though President Obama believes he made a huge compromise by agreeing to extend the current tax rates for two years, that time period does not remove enough uncertainty from the business environment to stimulate robust investments.

Businesses will continue to be cautious with their cash, because they usually make big investments based on at least a five- to 10-year time frame to insure they get an adequate return on their investments.

The two-year extension of tax rates, plus the two-percentage-point payroll tax holiday for employees, will help, but it will not generate the robust economic growth we need to substantially reduce the unemployment rate, and stay ahead of the rapidly growing Chinese economy.

We cannot tickle our economy into robust growth. We need bold economic stimuli and that does not mean more government spending. The \$787 billion stimulus bill and the billions more in failed pop tart programs have shown that in spades! Namely, we cannot spend our way to prosperity. We must grow our way back to economic prosperity.

The newly elected House will "repeal and replace" ObamaCare. They must do so because the same voters that gave Republicans control of the House overwhelmingly want it repealed and replaced. Secondly, soon-to-be Speaker of the House John Boehner has publicly stated many times that they will do so. If any of Boehner's Republican colleagues do not support him in that endeavor, they will be political dead meat in 2012.

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Remembering ...

OFFICER JOHN MAGUIRE

1950-2010

by Sal Giaratani

One guy stood lookout and the other, a lifelong career criminal reportedly armed, decided to rob the jewelry of the Kohl's in Woburn on Sunday night, December 26 during a snowstorm. They fled the store running with the loot. Police arrived. A chase ensued and a shoot-out took place in the parking lot. When it was over, one of the robbers was dead and

a Woburn police officer of 34 years whose father once served as Woburn police chief became the first Woburn officer in the city's history to die in the line of duty. Officer John Maguire, 60, a husband and father of three was nearing his retirement, but it would never arrive for him or his family.

Police Chief Phil Mahoney said, "this officer responded and gave his life for this city and this community ... We do not have shootings in Woburn; it's not that type of community. Officer Maguire lost his life defending it right in the middle of Washington Street. We can't believe Jack is not with us. We're all in mourning." Woburn Mayor Scott Galvin



added, "The City of Woburn is deeply saddened by the loss of one of its own."

As a police officer myself since 1985 for the Department of Mental Health in Boston, I take the death of a police officer gunned down doing his job personally offensive. Too often, many never take the time to see the man or woman behind the badge. These

are people who sacrifice their lives, who miss out on holiday gatherings, who work too much, earn too little and take big risks. As a society, we have forgotten to honor and respect those who protect us. We take their presence for granted. We expect them to be there whenever we call upon them.

The City of Woburn buried one of their own. It is a sad job. He will be missed by those he worked with. He gave over 34 years of his 60 years of life to the citizens of Woburn. It wasn't supposed to end like this for him. He should have been able to enjoy his retirement with his family and friends but now he has been taken from all of us much too soon.

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FinanciallySpeaking

with Ben Doherty

THE STOCK MARKET ENDURED A BUMPY RIDE FOR A YEAR, BUT ENDED UP WHERE IT BEGAN AT YEAR-END

The stocks Dow Jones gained nearly 11% and the NASDAQ did better, yet it didn't feel like a winning year amidst stumbles and scares. US stocks clambered to a second straight year of gains in which the Dow reached levels not seen since the fall of Lehman Brothers in September 2008. It was like a rollercoaster, certainly nothing like a straight line. The Dow has gained 1141 points or 11%, and stands at 1160. The S&P500 has risen 12.4% to 1258. The NASDAQ has risen 393 points to 1262. Unemployment fell to the lowest levels in over two years, on an index of home sales was up 3.5% from November 25th, home sales rose 3.5%.

Mortgage rates rose on 30 year maturity to 4.86%. Rates on 15 year fixed rate mortgages interest to 4.2% from 4.15%.

Russian justice was evident in court this week, as a judge sentenced Putin's opponent Khordorkowsky to six more years of prison. He was sentenced in 2005 and six more years were added to his sentence. 2005 and these were for political reasons not judicial. Khordorkowsky expected a guilty verdict, but not an additional six years in prison. He thought he could

get justice, but through the media, the parliament or the courts. This ensures that Putin will remain in power through the 2012 elections and in control of the country. Mr. Khordorkowsky will not be able to challenge Putin again as he was the most powerful oil tycoon in the country. The judge found him guilty of embezzling billions of dollars. He was the country's richest man and they isolated him from society for 14 years.

The bank, formally known as the Institute for religious works is one of several Vatican holdings, which was adopted along with the European Union rules. This agency controls the Pope's vast real estate holdings and the TV stations, the Holy See, museums, are covered as well. The bank was created to manage assets placed in its care that are destined to be part of the Pope's charitable works. It also manages the ATMs and the pension (for 40,000 workers). Pope Benedict XVI wrote a missal directing all Vatican compliance decisions with their norms and new laws. The agency will share information with international customers, a shift from the financial systems.

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR 2011

1. Shop for a no fee checking account. New regulations have rained in banks penalty fees. You may have to find a new bank. There are free checking offers at some new banks, or your bank may require you to have \$2,500 on deposit to qualify.
 2. Save your raise or your bonus. Put it in a 529 Plan or a Roth IRA where it will grow tax-free.
 3. Get a new health plan or one that has a health family plan. This can save hundreds of dollars a year.
 4. Use your credit card to pay for incidentals. The rewards are good and they are offering 50 dollars for use. Of course you must pay on time and use your bank visa debit card.
 5. Use your vacation days or get paid for them and use the money for a contribution to your IRA plan.
 6. Diet – eat green vegetables, salads – skip deserts.
 7. Stop smoking.
 8. Moderate drinking — one beer or a glass of wine daily.
 9. Exercise — 3-4 times a week.
 10. Use steps rather than an elevator if possible (one or two levels).
- Happy New Year!**
It's time to call your financial advisor or call me at 617-261-7777.

THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani



I WAS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS BUT ONLY IN MY DREAMS

Well, another Christmas holiday has come and gone. No more, "Ho, ho, hos" from Santa Claus. No more presents to buy. No more presents to get. No more lights to light. No more Christmas trees or nativity sets to display. Everything has been unwrapped. The cardboard boxes are standing by to be refilled again with all that Christmas stuff. Tucked away for the next 12 months when we'll do the ritual all over again.

I am still humming all those Christmas songs and hymns. From "I'll be Home for Christmas" to "Silent Night, Holy Night." We now move forward into the next yearly chapter of our lives. We leave behind more dreams and welcome more goals to reach. What's done is done.

Elvis Presley sang about "Blue Christmas" and for many of us out there, Christmas has sadly turned blue. Because we are without those we loved so much once long ago. As a Catholic, I know Christmas is about the re-birthing of life and hope and meaning but as a human being, I know all that has been lost too.

Back in the day growing up in the fifties as a little kid in Roxbury and the South End, Christmas was about toys, lots of toys. We didn't know what a metaphor was and it didn't sound like fun either. None of us truly understand how important Christmas is to us until we get too big to appreciate it correctly.

I remember when my parents and little brother were still alive. We would go to Midnight Mass at the Immaculate Conception and hopefully stay awake through most of it. If it had snowed a bit, we could really get the "feeling" of Christmas as we walked home to bed awaiting the gifts to unwrap at the crack of dawn.

My brother believed in Santa a little longer than me. My disbelief came about at age six living on Salutation Street in the North End. I was too analytical. With no chimney to climb, how did Santa enter the apartment. I knew my parents always locked the door but I pretended a few more years just to keep getting those presents marked "from Santa."

I did recover my Christmas spirit this year. There was no "Blue Christmas" in 2010. I had family and friends to share old memories and create new ones. Most of us aren't Jimmy Stewart from "It's a Wonderful Life" or Maureen O'Hara from "Miracle on 34th Street." Most of us try and hold on to all those good memories that made us happy because the longer we live, the more we appreciate the simpler gifts of life. We also learn the value of all those gifts we are given every day, such as the people we surround our lives with and share the joys and sorrows of our humanly bonds. In the end, we are all Santa Clauses to one another.

Free Course Offered to Help Families of Mentally Ill

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Massachusetts with help from the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health and the Metro Boston Recovery Learning Community is sponsoring a free educational course in a downtown Boston location for family members and significant others of individuals with a serious mental illness. There will be twelve weekly Wednesday evening classes from 6:30-9:00, beginning Wednesday, February 16, 2011 and ending on Wednesday, May 4th, 2011. The NAMI

course, which has been given nationwide to over 100,000 family members, is intended to help family caregivers cope with a close relative's mental illness. The course is taught by two family member volunteers. The Family to Family course will cover information about schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, anxiety disorders and borderline personality disorder. The classes also cover topics such as coping skills, crisis and relapse management, listening and commu-

nication techniques, problem solving and limit setting techniques, empathy and the family caregiver's need for self-care.

The course is not open to individuals who themselves suffer from a serious mental illness, unless their condition is stable and they wish to attend as a caregiver for a close relative who has a mental illness. The class size is limited to 30 participants and advance registration is required.

For further information or to register, please call 508-693-5872 or log onto www.namimass.org.

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THE LEGAL Interest

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If You Open a Trust Bank Account in Your Name and in Your Granddaughter's Name, Whose Money is it?

LISA MICHAUD vs. MARY FORCIER and ANOTHER
78 Mass. Appeals Court 11, No. 09-P-392
Decided October 5, 2010

A grandmother (Marianna Forcier) opened a Rockland Trust account naming herself and her granddaughter (Lisa Michaud) in the account. After the grandmother died the granddaughter withdrew the money from the bank account. The other beneficiaries claimed the money belonged to the estate. The court said: "When a joint bank account is established as a matter of convenience

and is not intended to constitute a completed gift, the contents of the account belong to the estate of the deceased joint tenant. The trial judge did not err in finding that the funds in the Rockland Trust account belonged to Marianna that Marianna added Michaud's name to her account as a matter of convenience, and Marianna did not make the contents of the account a gift to Michaud. Accordingly,

the judge properly ordered Michaud to repay the amount she withdrew from the joint account."

Many parents, aunts and uncles open trust bank accounts naming a relative as co-owners. If you are named as a co-owner there could be a problem after the death of a parent. Another member of the family will claim it's not your money. If the parent intends that after death it is for you, get it in writing.

Recent Events at the North End Branch Library



Some of the "Friends" selling raffle tickets at the Annual Open House.

Recently, the Friends of the North End Branch Library sponsored two programs that were held at the North End Branch, 25 Parmenter Street, Boston, MA.

On Wednesday, December 4th the Friends held their Annual Holiday Open House at the Branch. The Al Natale Jazz Combo provided the musical entertainment with jazz renditions of holiday tunes, there were also "sing-a-longs" and comedy was provided by

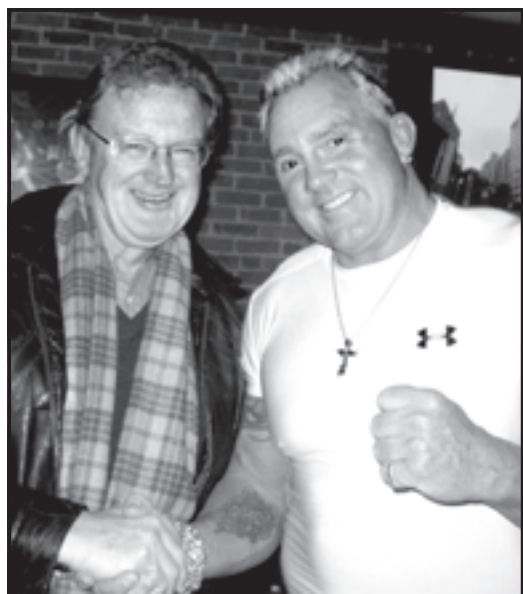


The Al Natale Jazz Combo at the Friends of the North End Branch Library's Annual Open House.

Ray Barron from the *Post-Gazette*. Refreshments were courtesy of The Il Panino Group. The program finished off with prizes being raffled off, including a Gingerbread House created by "Friend" member, Cynthia Stillinger. To learn more about upcoming events at the North End Branch or for any other information, please call 617-227-8135.

Author Michele McPhee's Book "Date with Death" Premieres on Lifetime

On Monday January 3, 2011, Jerry Remy's Restaurant in the Fenway hosted a viewing party of Lifetime's premiere of "The Craigslist Killer" adapted from local author Michele McPhee's book "A Date With Death". A large crowd turned out for the premiere including local notables such as United States Senator Scott Brown, Media personalities, Emily Rooney, Dave Andelman, Joe Ligotti, Todd Feinburg, Novelist William Martin, Comedians John Pizzi and Patty Ross, Film Producer Dorothy Aufiero and legendary wrestler Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake.

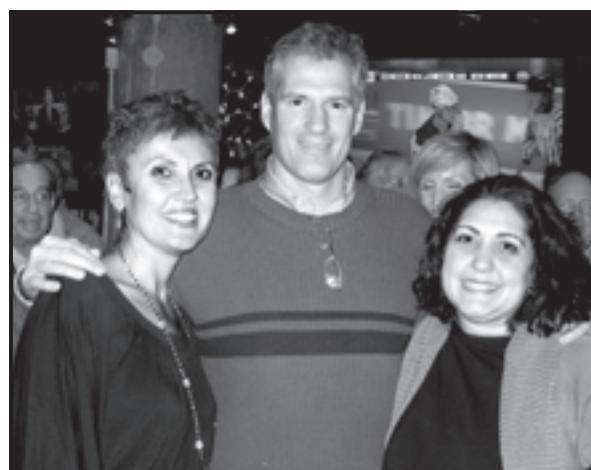


Novelist William Martin with Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake

(Photos by John Harrison)



Left to Right: Michele McPhee with TV and radio talkshow host Emily Rooney.



Left to Right: Maria Capogreco, Senator Scott Brown and Lisa Cappuccio.

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Festa della Befana 2011

A fundraiser for the C.D.L.C.I – Centro Diffusione Lingua e Cultura Italiana (Italian Saturday Morning Children's Program). Sunday, January 9, 2011 from 1:00-5:00PM. Come join the students, families and friends celebrate the legend of La Befana!! Highlights include: Italian music, dancing, dinner, student presentations and a visit from La Befana. E-mail dantesaturdayschool@gmail.com for more information.

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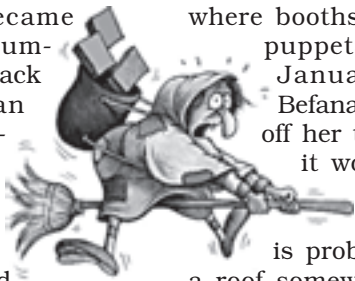
by Nicola Orichuia

Before Santa Claus became everyone's favorite gift-giver, tumbling down chimney shoots to stack gifts under lit-up trees, Italian children would receive gifts exclusively from "la Befana." Every year, on the eve of January 6, the old hunchbacked lady would quietly go from door to door to bring gifts, candy and chocolates to all children who had been good. The other kids, the naughty ones, would receive a lump of coal. All of it, candy or coal, would be stuffed in a stocking and left next to the children's beds. Talk about a sweet awakening.

Nowadays, the Befana tradition is still strong in Italy, where she is celebrated every year on January 6, which in Christian tradition is the day of Epiphany, when the three kings found the barn in which Baby Jesus was born. The old lady has become a little less popular, given Old Saint Nick's rise to fame, but children still adore her for bringing some sweetness to the last day of the Italian holiday season.

The Befana tradition dates back centuries and its origin is still veiled in mystery, just like her whereabouts. But everyone knows what she looks like: old, grumpy-faced, her hair never combed and tucked underneath a scarf tied around her head. She wears a wide black gown, pointy boots and her clothes are covered with patches. She never smiles, but if she did, she'd probably have very few teeth to show off. Her nose is big, long, pointy and rugged. In other words, she most likely wouldn't win a beauty pageant. Despite all this, kids in Italy love her.

All across the country there are festivals celebrating her magical gift-giving powers. Families in Rome head down to Piazza Navona, in the capital's historic center,



where booths selling candy or little Befana puppets are set up. On the night of January 5, just hours before the Befana goes from door to door to drop off her treats, the square is so crowded it would probably take all night to cross. Everyone wants to catch a glimpse of the old lady, who is probably staring at the crowd from a roof somewhere around the square. Little kids jump up and down in excitement, and some even swear they heard her cackling laugh in the chilly winter breeze.

Every region pays its respects to the Befana, who despite the age never misses her appointment with children. Perhaps the best place to catch a glimpse of Italians' love for the Befana is Urbania, a small medieval town in the central Marche region. An annual five-day festival takes place here, with live music, parades and never-ending streams of candy. The Befana puts on a personal show each day of the festival, flying 120 feet down a bell tower (with the aid of a rope), until she lands right in the middle of the town's central square.

There are also a few sayings tied to this tradition. The most famous one comes in the form of a rhyming song: "La Befana vien di notte, con le scarpe tutte rotte, con le toppe alla sottana. Viva, viva la Befana!" (The Befana comes at night, with her shoes all broken, with patches all over her gown. Hurray, hurray for the Befana!) Then there is the saying that officially marks the end of the holidays: "L'Epifania tutte le feste si porta via." (The Epiphany takes with it all the holidays.) This year, like every year, the Befana came and went once again, and Italian children are bustling back to school, happily chomping on the candy she so kindly left at their bedside the day before.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Elizabeth, founder and first superior of the Sisters of Charity in the United States was born in New York City, August 28, 1774. Elizabeth was raised in a wealthy and distinguished Episcopalian family. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley was the first professor of anatomy at Columbia College and distinguished for his work as health officer of the Port of New York. Her mother, Catherine Charlton, was the daughter of a Staten Island, minister, she died when Elizabeth was three years old, leaving two other young daughters. Her father re-married, Elizabeth was very close to her stepmother, and her stepbrothers and sisters. She was chiefly educated by her father, who was a brilliant man. As a young girl, she exhibited a deep interest in religion and history, and took great pleasure in reading the Scriptures, especially the Psalms, particularly Psalm 23, a practice she retained until her death.

In 1794, at the age of nineteen, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton and gave birth to five children.



In 1803, business troubles and the deteriorating health of Mr. Seton required a sea voyage; he travelled with his wife and eldest daughter to Livorno, Italy where William died. While in Italy, Elizabeth became interested in Catholicism and made her Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church on Ash Wednesday, March 14, 1805 upon her return to New York.

By chance, Elizabeth met a visiting priest, the Abbé Louis Dubourg, S.S., who was a member of the

Sulpician Fathers. Dubourg had envisioned a religious school to meet the educational needs of Catholics. In 1809, after some trying and difficult years, Elizabeth accepted the invitation of support the Sulpicians made to her and moved to Emmitsburg, Maryland. Eventually, Elizabeth was able to establish a religious community in Emmitsburg, dedicated to the care of the children of the poor. It was the first religious community of non-cloistered Religious Sisters to be founded in the United States, and its school, Saint Joseph's Academy and Free school was the first free Catholic school in America. The order was called the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph. The remainder of Elizabeth's life was spent in leading and developing the new congregation. Dedicated to following the will of God, Elizabeth Ann had a deep devotion to the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture and the Virgin Mary. She died of tuberculosis at the age of 46 on January 4, 1821 in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Mother Seton saw her small community of teaching sisters grow and expand from Emmitsburg (1809) to New York (1814), Cincinnati, Ohio (1829), Halifax, Nova Scotia (1849), New Jersey (1859), Greensburg, Pennsylvania (1870 and Saint Louis, Missouri, (1909).

Elizabeth Ann Seton was beatified in 1963 and canonized on September 14, 1975. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's feast is celebrated on January 4th.

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St. John School on Moon Street in the North End began its "Window Legacy" Project with a generous donation from Barbara Coppola, local resident and long time supporter of St. John's. All 101 windows were replaced after 60 years with brand new energy efficient windows. The Legacy Project enables donors to contribute in one of three levels, \$1,000, \$500, and \$250, a plaque with designation of choice will be placed on a window in the school. What a great way to commemorate a society, business, family name or loved one. The official kickoff was December 5th and if interested you can contact St. John School at 617-227-3143.

THE T206 COLLECTION: THE PLAYERS & THEIR STORIES

Named Best Book by New England Book Festival



The T206 Collection: The Players & Their Stories has been named one of the best books of the season by the prestigious New England Book Festival. Authors Tom & Ellen Zappala of Massachusetts will receive the award in the General Non-Fiction category on January 15, 2011 at the Omni Parker House Hotel in Boston, MA.

This beautiful coffee table book has been accepted into the archives of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY and was featured in a week-long exhibit at the New England Sports Museum in Boston. It celebrates the lives of the players featured in T206 baseball card collection which includes the famous Honus Wagner card, now valued at \$2.8 million.

The book was released in June 2010 to national acclaim, and is also the recipient of the Independent Publishers Award for Excellence.

The Zappalas, who reside in Merrimac, MA, have recently returned from an East Coast book tour. They are currently partnering with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation to help find a cure for Diabetes.

Finding a cure is close to the Zappala's hearts as two children in the family have Type 1 Diabetes. Because of this, the Zappalas will be donating \$10.00 from each purchase of their personally signed, first edition book that is purchased from the author's website www.t206players.com before baseball's opening day 2011.



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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Two thousand and ten went out with a blizzard, dropping 18 inches of snow in East Boston, and the northeast ... Taste of Eastie is coming on Thursday, January 13th. The event will be held at the Boston Logan Airport Hilton Hotel. This is one of the hottest events of the winter and is always sold out. Be sure to buy your tickets now, if you want to share in the delightful "Taste of Eastie" ... More snow on the way! With the holidays over, people want to relax; instead they'll be shoveling snow. The City

of Boston has announced homeowners and businesses have six hour after a storm to clear their walkways or be fined \$50.00 ... Our best wishes go to Mayor Tom Menino who was hospitalized recently. We wish him a speedy recovery, after working from home, he's probably back at his desk at City Hall. His wife Angela graciously attended tree lightings and holiday festivities during the holidays ... No one speaks English anymore. Americans are the ones who need to be walking around with interpreters, not the foreigners, there are more of them than us!!!

... Illegals are certainly keeping the economy going. They have wads of money in their pockets, no social security numbers, and pay no taxes. Who lives better than that! ... The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center announced recently they will be expanding to Winthrop. Plans for a new 9,000 sq. ft. Health Center sited prominently in the heart of Winthrop Center. The new site will be located on Somerset Avenue, right off the center of town. The Health Center will add to Winthrop's economy by giv-

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PIRANDELLO LYCEUM ITALIAN OPERA ARIA CONCERT

Rosario Cascio, president of the Pirandello Lyceum, has announced that the Pirandello annual gala Italian opera aria concert will be presented on Sunday afternoon, January 23, 2011, 2:30 PM, at the Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire St., Cambridge, Massachusetts (617) 876-5160.

The renowned Boston Bel Canto Opera Company, artistically directed by Bradley Pennington, will present arias and ensembles from 13 Italian operas. Mr. Pennington will also present artistic piano arrangements.

This exciting Boston Bel Canto Opera event is free to all Pirandello members in good standing. The fee for non-members is \$18. (\$15 for seniors and students; check

payable to the Pirandello Lyceum). Patrons who join the Pirandello the afternoon of the concert will be admitted free. Parking is available at the Dante for "early birds". Overflow parking is available nearby at the Kendall Theater Garage at a reduced rate with validation from the Dante. Follow signs to the Kendall Theater.

Members and friends are asked to make plans early to be present and enjoy eternally beautiful Italian music accompanied by the dynamic, lovely and professional Bel Canto voices. This concert is always well attended.

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Health, is teaming up with the BPHC to get the word out as part of a major

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THE EAST BOSTON ADULT ED. CENTER CELEBRATED ITS 38TH WINTER GRADUATIONS



Left to Right: Carolina Linares (Valedictorian), Ms. Jude Goldman and Antonia Alen (teacher).

On December 18 and 24, 2010 the Community Ed. Center (E. Boston Adult Ed. Center) held two graduations. Over 250 youths and adults received diplomas and awards in English, U.S. Citizenship Preparation, GED Preparation in English and in Spanish, Computer I and II and A+, ATB Vocational School Exams and more.

The December 18, 2010 graduation was officiated by Ms. Jude Goldman, Director of the Lenny Fund Foundation and the December 23, 2010 graduation was officiated by Mr. Wilson Pena (*La Semana* Newspaper reporter).

Ms. Jude Goldman reminded the graduates that "... through a good education everyone can become successful by obtaining a good job, a good apartment, a car, a happier family and a better community to live in."

Mr. Wilson Pena informed the students of the importance of being good citizens, good parents, and good providers and to learn English, pass the GED and attend a college.

Mr. Dominic Avellani, the program director and



founder, expressed his deep gratitude to the staff, alumni and the many benefactors for making 2010 a truly successful year. A year that saw over 3,000 individuals receive not only assistance in the above mentioned classes and training but also with public notary service, translations of documents in four different languages, tutoring for youngsters in all five academic subjects, ATB tests, college placement scholarship services, job placement, etc ...

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sought more and more so-called underserved folks to become homeowners. According to many, the financial meltdown was the creation of bad social policies rather than bad financial decisions on Wall Street. Washington created a risk and deserves much of the blame for getting our nation into a big hole.

Wikileaks Founder Upset Over Leak?

Apparently, Julian Assange is upset that somebody leaked a Swedish police report to the media on his alleged sexual offenses. He accused the newspaper which did the leaking gaining “unauthorized access” and “selectively publishing” only bits of the police report. Isn’t there a saying about what goes around, comes around?

It all sounds pretty leaky to me.

Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell Gets Repealed

On December 22, 2010, the 17-year-old “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy for the U.S. military was repealed. As a former member of the U.S. Air Force, I can remember back in the sixties when I was down at Lackland AFB, I didn’t give a hoot about who was or wasn’t straight. Most of us knew who they were but we held to our own policy of “Don’t Know and Don’t Care.” The only thing that mattered was whether someone was a jerk or not.

I know many folks weren’t ready for the repeal but it’s not really going to change anything except the pretend game on both sides of this issue. Gay or straight, I don’t

care. For the past 25 years, I have been a special state police officer and I have worked with close to 80 or so police officers in that time. I knew several gay officers and I suspected several more. But I didn’t care because the only thing that mattered was being backed up when I was in trouble. Like in the military, police depend upon one another and survive together.

I watched President Obama sign the repeal into law and really didn’t think it deserved all the hoopla.

The Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell law wasn’t evil when President Bill Clinton signed it into law back 17 years ago. However, it seems we have now gone back to the future of the 1960s when who knew and who cared.

Anyone who wishes to serve their country has a right to do so. Being gay or straight, man or woman, tall or short, black or white shouldn’t even enter the mix.

We still have a Military Code of Action. It will still be enforced. Most fears seem groundless. Change is often good.

Tea Partiers Worry About Brown

US Sen. Scott Brown’s recent decisions to buck the GOP Party line on “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” “START” and the Obama-GOP “compromise” has angered many of his Tea Party supporters and there’s talk of a GOP primary US Senate fight in 2012.

While no credible primary opponent from the right might take him on, any pri-

mary challenger will force Brown to spend money and take his focus off the Democrats. Also, all that Tea Party money and volunteers out there in the grassroots might dry up on him.

Christen Varley from the Greater Boston Tea Party says, “I think there will be a primary challenge” and Matt Clemente from Freedom-Works said, “We’re going to watch very closely ... and see if he’s going to be the ally that everyone had hoped it was going to be ... He’s definitely turned off some voters.”

Kris Mineau, president of the Massachusetts Family Institute said Brown’s recent votes especially the one on gay military policy, “threatens key support from

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The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



Katherine K. Macdonald is the new executive director of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

(Photo courtesy of MassHort)



Enjoying MassHort's Honorary Medals Dinner at Elm Bank in Wellesley are, left to right, Sonja Johanson of the Massachusetts Master Gardeners Association; Nancy Fiske and Honoree David Fiske; with Honoree Neal Sanders and Betty Sanders.

(Photo by Sue Rorke)



Smiling for the camera at the Honorary Medals Dinner are, left to right, MHS Board of Overseers member John Cronin and Maritta Manning Cronin, Honoree Warren Leach, and past Honoree Kevin Doyle, owner of Cairn Croft Sculpture Garden in Dover.

(Photo by Hilda M. Morrill)



Honoree Stanley Kozak and his daughter Rebecca.

(Photo by Hilda M. Morrill)



Honoree Ellen Wells, left, is congratulated by a very proud Jennifer Piemme.

(Photo by Hilda M. Morrill)

Garden in Lee, N.H.; and Ellen Wells, editor-at-large for Green Profit Magazine. Eliot Wadsworth, owner of White Flower Farm, received the Thomas Roland Medal.

Incidentally, in exciting news and after a very long search, MassHort announced this week that it has named Katherine K. Macdonald as the organization's new executive director.

Ms. Macdonald brings a wealth of experience to her new position, including both public company and not-for-profit management experience. Macdonald was President of KMAC Marketing and, prior to that, was Vice President of Marketing for Thompson Island Outward Bound, a non-profit focused on experiential education.

"We are thrilled. Kathy is a talented strategist with experience in both the non-profit and for-profit sectors. She has a proven track record of being able to transform mission and vision into actions," said Betsy Ridge Madsen, President of the Board of Trustees. "Mass Hort has moved through some challenging times to achieve institutional stability. Because of her combination of business acumen and non-profit spirit, we are confident that Kathy's leadership will successfully drive and expand the organization's educational mission."

Ms. Macdonald spent six years as Vice President of Marketing for Thompson Island Outward Bound, an organization focused on providing experiential education to Boston-area youth. She was responsible for generating \$3 million of annual revenue that supported Thompson Island's core mission.

She also helped develop an environmental program that combined Outward Bound's philosophy with environmental studies, to encourage teambuilding and environmental stewardship.

Her business career spans more than twenty five years, and includes entrepreneurship, technology start ups, the Xerox Corporation, the hospitality industry, and non profits. Most recently, she was president of KMAC Marketing, which provides strategic planning and marketing assistance to profit- and not-for-profit organizations. "I see an extraordinary opportunity to leverage the turnaround that is already underway at Mass Hort as a launching pad for the organization's renaissance," Ms. Macdonald said. "MassHort has been part of the environmental movement since 1829, and now is the time to make its voice heard in the contemporary conversation. My goal for MassHort is straightforward: to use the organization's considerable resources to meet society's changing needs. To that end, I believe MassHort must sharpen its focus on sustainability, protecting natural resources, health, and environmental stewardship."

"Mass Hort is here today because of the hard work, perseverance and tenacity of many people," added

Ms. Macdonald. "The Society's trustees and staff, Master Gardeners, donors, and its many volunteers have seen the organization through a difficult period. I see my job as delivering on the promise of Mass Hort on their behalf."

Ms. Macdonald holds an MBA from Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College and a bachelor's degree from Central Connecticut State University. Long active in civic affairs in Wellesley, Macdonald has been an elected Town Meeting member for 24 years. She has served on multiple committees, including the Advisory/Finance Committee, the Wellesley Housing Development Corporation, and the Community Preservation Committee. She has managed several initiative campaigns including one, in 2002, for the Massachusetts League of Women Voters that focused on campaign television advertising. Macdonald and her husband Kevin have lived in Wellesley for more than 30 years. They have two adult children, Brian and Bridget.

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• **Soddisfazioni e speranze** (Continued from Page 1)

che operano oggi fianco a fianco con i militari americani in Afghanistan. Come in Afghanistan, su tutti i molteplici e più impegnativi aspetti della situazione internazionale (che toccano la vita di ognuno di noi) vi è totale sintonia tra Italia e Stati Uniti, nel quadro di un rapporto atlantico che mantiene un'assoluta centralità.

Le relazioni economiche hanno ripreso, dopo la flessione determinata dalla crisi finanziaria, la loro consueta dinamicità. Vi è sempre più "tricolore" nella presenza imprenditoriale straniera negli Stati Uniti: l'accordo Fiat-Chrysler e lo sbarco della "500" sul mercato americano sono uno dei tanti aspetti più visibili della nostra presenza negli USA, che è capillare in moltissimi settori, della produzione industriali, dei servizi e della ricerca. Finmeccanica impiega 12.500 dipendenti negli USA; Fincantieri è presente con un importante complesso in Wisconsin; Eni ha un'affermata presenza produttiva e di ricerca; Enel è conosciuta dal pubblico americano per la sua leadership nella produzione di energie rinnovabili; Italcementi ha inaugurato un grande cementificio in West Virginia; Nerviano ha sottoscritto un accordo di sviluppo industriale con il colosso farmaceutico Pfizer.

Queste e tantissime altre sono le "eccellenze italiane" di cui possono essere orgogliosi gli Italiani d'America, compresi i 15.000 ricercatori -italiani o di origine italiana -

che secondo la National Science Foundation operano negli USA e i 70 fisici delle università italiane impiegati nel Fermilab, il più grande acceleratore di particelle degli USA.

Dicembre non è solo tempo di bilanci. E' un'occasione per guardare al futuro con fiducia e impegno. Vorrei perciò formulare quest'anno un augurio speciale per la ricorrenza che unisce tutti gli italiani: nel 2011, il 17 marzo, ricorre il 150mo anniversario dell'Unità d'Italia. Gli italiani che vivono negli Stati Uniti onoreranno questa data insieme agli americani che conoscono e apprezzano il nostro Paese, la sua formidabile cultura, il patrimonio ricchissimo di valori, il suo esempio di libertà e la sua storia risorgimentale e repubblicana. Il Presidente Obama ha ricordato questo anniversario nel suo proclama del 12 ottobre scorso per il Columbus Day. Con ITALY @ 150 stiamo attuando un denso programma di celebrazioni in tutte le principali città americane sotto l'Alto Patronato del Presidente della Repubblica: grandi mostre nei più importanti musei americani; rassegne cinematografiche; convegni sul pensiero e l'opera di grandi personalità italiane e americane. Siamo consapevoli che la nostra storia ci permette di guardare al futuro con la forza di un grande popolo e di un Paese apprezzato e influente a livello globale.

Auguri a tutti voi e alle vostre famiglie!

The end-of-year message of the Ambassador of Italy in Washington D.C., Giulio Terzi

Satisfactions and Expectations

Dear Compatriots,

I wish to express to you and your loved ones a happy and prosperous 2011. It is a good-will message to all of Italy that lives, works and studies in the United States. Together with the Italians of America, the President and Board of COMITES and Italian parliamentarians elected in our district, my best wishes also go out to all Americans of Italian descent and to those who know our country, appreciate our culture and share the values that represent and traditionally connect Italy to the United States of America.

A year ago I expressed a hope, and a commitment that the teaching of the Italian language would spread even further in American classrooms. The year 2010 was an exceptional year for our language: increasing in schools and universities, the Italian language will return starting next September between the subject matters of the Advanced Placement Program, which provides for college credit. It was not an easy "task," but it was strongly supported by the Italian government and made possible through the support of the main Italian-American associations and major Italian societies.

The year 2010 has been very satisfying for Italy in the United States for many other reasons. First of all I would like to thank the highest U.S. authorities for the warm welcome displayed for the President of the Republic Giorgio Napolitano and several members of Parliament who visited the United States on an official visit. The strong alliance and great friendship between our two countries was reaffirmed in each of these occasions. A common heritage that President Obama, in the proclamation of Columbus Day, has called "the incalculable contribution of Italian-Americans, whose determination, whose hard work and leadership have done so much to build the strength of our nation." It is a relationship strengthened by a rich history and common valued ideals such as the ones passed on, even before Italy was united, by enlightened figures such as Gaetano Filangieri and Filippo Mazzei, and reflected in the Constitution of the United States of America.

It is these shared values that motivate 4,000 Italian men and women in uniform who today work alongside American troops in Afghanistan. As in Afghanistan, there is total harmony between Italy and the United States on all the many and challenging aspects of the international situation (which touches the lives of each one of us), as part of an Atlantic relationship that maintains its absolute centrality.

Economic relations have regained their usual dynamism after the decline determined by the financial crisis. There is always more "tricolore" in foreign business presence in the United States: the Fiat-Chrysler deal and the landing of the "Cinquecento" on the American market is one of the many aspects of our more visible presence in the United States, which is widespread in many areas of industrial production, services and research. Finmeccanica (Italy's second largest industrial group) employs 12,500 employees in the U.S.; Fincantieri (shipbuilding company) is present with an important unit in Wisconsin; Eni (oil and gas company) has an established manufacturing and research presence; Enel is known to American audiences for its leadership in the production of renewable energy; Italcementi has launched a large cement plant in West Virginia; Nerviano has signed an industrial development agreement with the pharmaceutical giant Pfizer.

These and many others are the "Italian excellencies" that Italians in America can be proud of, including 15,000 researchers—Italian or of Italian origin—who, according to the National Science Foundation, operate in the United States and the 70 physicists from Italian universities employed in [Chicago's] Fermilab, the largest particle accelerator in the country.

December is not only time to take stock. It is an opportunity to look ahead with confidence and commitment. I would therefore like to send out a special greeting for the event that unites all the Italians this year: March 17, 2011, which marks the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy. Italians living in the United States will honor this date with Americans who know and appreciate our country, its amazing culture, rich heritage of values, its example of freedom through the history of Risorgimento and the Republic. President Obama spoke of the anniversary in his October 12 proclamation for Columbus Day. With ITALY @ 150 we are implementing, under the patronage of the President of the Republic, a rich program of celebrations in all major American cities: major exhibitions in the most important American museums; film festivals; conferences on the thought and work of major Italian and American personalities. We understand that our history allows us to look to the future with the force of a great nation and of a country that is popular and influential at a global level.

Happy New Year to you all and your families!



**SHINEDOWN —
THE SOUND OF MADNESS
Atlantic**

Shinedown has released a Deluxe Edition CD/DVD two-disc set of their platinum third album, *The Sound of Madness*. Packaged neatly with a host of bonus tracks, limited edition b-sides, alternative version, including an acoustic version of Shinedown's double-platinum smash single, "Second Chance," in addition to tracks featured on motion picture soundtracks. One of the many highlights is their new single "Diamond Eyes (Boom-Lay Boom-Lay Boom)," already impacting Rock and Alternative radio outlets nationwide. DVD offerings include the videos for the album's #1 hits — including "Devour," "The Crow and The Butterfly," and "If You Only Knew" — alongside live performances filmed last year at Atlanta's Tabernacle. Considered one of hard rock's most dynamic live acts, Shinedown's lineup is Brent Smith (vocals), Barry Kerch (drums), Zach Myers (guitars), and Eric Bass (bass).

**BARRY WHITE — ICON 2
Hip-O**

R&B legend Barry White is the focus of Hip-O Record's ICON series, with the release of his Greatest Hits album containing over two-dozen romantic love songs. Fall in love again by tuning in to Disc 1 "winners" that include, "I'm Gonna Love You, Just a Little More Baby," "Never, Never Gonna Give Ya Up," "Can't Get Enough of Your Love, Babe," and "You're the First, the Last, My Everything." Disc 2 continues the mood via, "Love's Theme (Love Unlimited Orchestra)," "Oh What a Night for Dancing," "Just the Way You Are," "Love Is Good With You," putting the wraps on his super collection with "Come On" and the enduring "Staying Power." Excellent!

**THE GRASCALS &
FRIENDS:
COUNTRY CLASSICS WITH
A BLUEGRASS SPIN
BluGrasscal**

With a portion of the proceeds from the sales of this album going to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, The Grascals join with eight of their country music friends, to put together a "baker's dozen" of songs. Steeped in bluegrass tradition, The Grascals bring both their bluegrass spin and a new freshness to the songs. Brad Paisley is first up, joining The Grascals on "Tiger by the Tail," followed by "Folsom Prison Blues" (Dierks Bentley), "Pain of Lovin' You" and the moving "I Am Strong" (Dolly Parton), Grascals solo "Louisiana Saturday Night," "The Year That Clayton Delaney Died" (Tom T. Hall), "White Lightning" (Darryl Worley), and "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" (Charlie Daniels). The Oak Ridge Boys help with flip side favorites, "Leavin' Louisiana in Broad Daylight," the memorable

"Mr. Bojangles" (Joe Nichols), a Grascals medley of "Born to Boogie/All My Rowdy Friends Are Comin' Over Tonight," an instrumental slice titled "Cracker Barrel Swing," and the moving finale is a bonus track of "I Am Strong," with Parton, Worley, Oak Ridge Boys, Daniels, Terri Clark, Randy Owen, Steven Seagal, Hall, Nichols, and Ansley McLaurin. Outstanding CD!

**TANGLED —
ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK
Walt Disney**

Tangled, has the unique distinction of being Walt Disney Pictures' 50th full-length animated feature, and will be presented in Disney Digital 3D. Boasting a score created by award winning composer/songwriter Alan Menken, and is joined by Glenn Slater, who contributed the lyrics for the songs. The 20-song collection shines with vocal performances by Mandy Moore as "Rapunzel" and Donna Murphy as "Mother Gothel." Moore glows on cuts as, "When Will My Life Begin?" joining with Zachary Levi as "Flynn Rider" on "I See the Light," plus "Healing Incantation," and "The Tear Heals," while Murphy delivers on "Mother Knows Best" and "Prologue." Brad Garrett with several cast members does a fine job on "I've Got a Dream," and the end-credit song "Something That I Want" is written and performed by Hollywood Records recording artist Grace Potter. Menken's original score fills out the remaining tracks on this spirited album!

**WAITING FOR SUPERMAN
— MUSIC BY
CHRISTOPHER BECK
Lakeshore**

Christopher Beck is an award-winning composer whose moody and introspective score to the Paramount Vantage documentary, *Waiting for Superman*, has brought him instant, additional acclaim. The documentary is a deeply personal exploration of the current state of public education in the U.S., and how it has affected our children. Already announced as one of 15 contenders for "Best Documentary Feature" at next year's Academy Awards, the film recently opened to major markets in October. Beck used whimsical instrumentation such as pizzicato strings, bouncy percussion and a slightly-too-optimistic feeling to complement the film's animations, while conveying some fairly disturbing facts. It's not the title of the 21 tracks that make this album compelling, it is how Beck's music controls the mindset of the viewer, as it pertains to each given situation, and tells the story. Beck's prolific film scoring career was launched in 2000 with the cheerleading comedy "Bring It On," with credits that include "Under the Tuscan Sun," "Saved," "We Are Marshall," "Red," "The Hangover," and the recently released musical drama "Burlesque."

NOW PLAYING UPTOWN & DOWNTOWN



The Boston Landmarks Orchestra presents its annual winter concert with guest conductor Ronald Feldman featuring "From the Top" star soloist, thirteen year-old pianist Kadar Qian. An annual tradition for the Boston Landmarks Orchestra to perform in January at Sanders Theatre. Although the orchestra is recognized for its summer performances at the DCR's Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, this beloved mid-winter event brings people together to experience the thrill of live music. The Landmarks Orchestra is grateful for the help of "From the Top" in making this concert possible. Check out Music Section for more details.

THEATER

THE LYRIC STAGE COMPANY OF BOSTON

140 Claredon St., Boston, MA

MY NAME IS ASHER LEV - February 11 - March 12, 2011. My Name is Asher Lev follows the journey of a controversial young Jewish painter torn between his Hasidic upbringing and his desire to paint. His artistic gift threatens to estrange him from his sheltered religious community in postwar Brooklyn and the parents he loves. While his mother is torn between her son and her husband, Asher must choose between his art and his faith. For more information visit www.lyricstage.com or call 617-585-5678.

CITI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER WANG THEATER

270 Tremont St., Boston, MA

SHEN YUN - Friday, February 11, 2011 - 7:30pm, Saturday, February 12, 2011 - 2:00pm, Saturday, February 12, 2011 - 7:30pm, Sunday, February 13, 2011 - 2:00pm. This is an authentic, high end Chinese classic show. Rediscover the beauty of Chinese traditional culture with SHEN YUN Performing Arts' Chinese Spectacular. A culture 5,000 years in the making comes to life on stage through nearly 20 classical Chinese dances, songs, and drama based on ancient legends, heroic stories and courageous tales. A collaboration of more than 80 classically trained dancers, choreographers, musicians, and vocalists. New York-based SHEN YUN Performing Arts presents the best of China's culture like you've never experienced before. This show is a feast for your body and soul. For information call 1-800-954-4606 or log onto www.shenyunperformingarts.org.

AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATER

64 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA

R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER: THE HISTORY (and Mystery) OF THE UNIVERSE - January 2011. Journey through the universe on

Spaceship Earth with the Leonardo da Vinci of the twentieth century as your guide. Futurist, environmentalist, and geodesic dome designer Bucky Fuller takes us on an adventure through his life and times — from his childhood in Massachusetts, to his meeting with Albert Einstein, to his breakthrough moments of invention. A visionary who anticipated many of the challenges the world faces today, Fuller shows us how to save humanity and the planet by doing more with less. Written and directed by D.W. Jacobs from the life, work and writings of R. Buckminster Fuller.

AJAX - February 2011. As the great warrior Ajax recovers from a bout of madness, he struggles to live with the consequences of his crazed violence and with the trauma of war. A poignant examination of how combat affects the mind of a soldier, Sophocles' tragedy speaks directly to our times. A world premiere translation of this classic work, under the direction of Obie Award-winning director and Artistic Director of Soho Rep, Sarah Benson. By Sophocles, in a new translation by Charles Connaghan, directed by Sarah Benson.

PROMETHEUS BOUND - March 2011. An outcry against tyranny, the bold new musical Prometheus Bound illustrates one man's struggle against the brute force of a ruthless dictator. Written by Tony Award and Grammy Award-winning lyricist and playwright Steven Sater (Spring Awakening) with music composed by System of a Down lead singer and Grammy Award-winning composer Serj Tankian, this bold new musical is inspired by Aeschylus's ancient Greek tragedy about the suffering of Western civilization's first prisoner of conscience. A.R.T. Artistic Director Diane Paulus stages this world premiere production in OBERON, immersing the audience in an environment that has the Dionysian energy and rebelliousness of a rock concert. Text and lyrics by Steven Sater (from the play by Aeschylus), music composed by Serj Tankian, directed by Diane Paulus.

DEATH AND THE POWERS - March 2011. When the eccentric pa-

triarch Simon Powers downloads himself into The System, his entire house comes to life around his family and friends. A groundbreaking new production developed by the MIT Media Lab in partnership with the A.R.T. Death and the Powers explores what we leave behind for the world and our loved ones, using specially designed technology and an expressively animated stage, including a chorus of robots and a musical chandelier. Machover, called "America's most wired composer" by the *L.A. Times*, distinctively blends technological and artistic finesse to create a score that is passionately inventive, yet filled with arching melodic lines. Death and the Powers, which receives its world premiere in Monaco in the fall of 2010, is supported by Futurum Association (Monaco), and will be presented in collaboration with Chicago Opera Theater, in association with Opera Boston. Composed by Tod Machover, libretto by poet-laureate Robert Pinsky from a story by Robert Pinsky and Randy Weiner, directed by Diane Paulus. For further information please call 617-547-8300.

MUSIC

THE WILBUR

246 Tremont St., Boston, MA

LYLE LOVETT and JOHN HIATT - Sunday, January 16, 2011 at 7:00pm John Hiatt with fellow singer-songwriter extrodinare Lyle Lovett. The legendary troubadors will play acoustic, on stage together, displaying their uncompromising versatility alternating songs. "Lovett's grace and controlled demeanor contrasted beautifully with Hiatt's darker hues and louder tone" The Patriot-News said of the two performing on the same bill. "...it was simply two masters at work sharing the spotlight and showing all the craft and skill that have made them stars." To purchase tickets log on to www.thewilburtheatre.com or call Ticketmaster 1-800-745-3000.

HERB ALPERT AND LANI HALL - Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 7:30PM. For more than fifty years, Herb Alpert has come to mean many things to many people. To generations of music fans, Alpert is the dark-haired, trumpet-playing songmaker whose name instantly brings to mind memorable songs like "The Lonely Bull," "A Taste of Honey," and "Rise." These are but a few of the tunes Alpert recorded either as leader of the legendary Tijuana Brass. You may purchase tickets by calling 1-800-745-3000 or log onto www.thewilbur.com.

HOUSE OF BLUES

15 Lansdowne Street, Boston

LOUIS PRIMA, JR. AND THE WITNESSES FEATURING SARAH SPIEGEL - Monday, January 10, 2011 at 8PM. JUMP JIVE AN' WAIL! Commemorating the 100th birthday of LOUIS PRIMA! Carrying on the legacy of his father, who was known as the original "King of Swing", LOUIS PRIMA, JR. brings his famous father's music to life, with an energetic performance and the unique, first hand perspective of being the son of a music legend. It is an exciting stage show, in which you will fall in love all over again with the amazing music, as well as discover some gems that you may not have heard before. Benefiting Boston Police Athletic League, National Italian American Foundation and International House of Blues Foundation. For tickets, log onto www.hob.com/boston or www.livenation.com. You may also purchase tickets at the Orpheum Theater Box Office, One Hamilton Place, Boston 617-482-0106.

GEORGE CLINTON & PARLIAMENT/FUNKADELIC - February 18, 2011. The funkmaster himself is back in action. George Clinton continues to entertain with his soul and funk style with hits like "Flashlight", "One Nation Under a Groove" and "Atomic Dog" Don't miss out on this fantastic performance. For tickets log onto www.ticketmaster.com

KING'S CHAPEL

Corner of Tremont and School Streets, Downtown Boston

KING'S CHAPEL CHOIR & SOLOISTS: "OUR HISTORY, OUR FUTURE," - January 23 in Boston at 5PM. A cappella choral music from the 17th to the 21st century, based on texts related to King's Chapel's history works by William Billings, Heinrich Christense, David Carney, James Woodman and Carson Cooman. For more information call 617-227-2155 or visit www.kings-chapel.org.

LONGWOOD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S SEASON New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

30 Gainsborough St., Boston, MA
IMAGERY & INSPIRATION: KECHLEY & VAUGHAN WILLIAMS - March 19, 2011 at 8:00pm. Join Maestro Jonathan McPhee and Longwood Symphony Orchestra for this Boston premiere by David Kechley and Vaughan Williams' Symphony No. 2 in an evening of Imagery and Inspiration. What inspires the composer's vision? What sparks the listener's imagination? In David Kechley's Wakeful Visions/Moonless Dreams (2009), Kechley found inspiration in four pieces of literature: the Bible, Japanese haiku, Shakespeare and Proust. Ralph Vaughan Williams was intrigued by the sights and sounds of his beloved city, from its Hansom cabs to the chimes of Westminster Cathedral, and depicts these in his London Symphony. For further information please visit longwoodssymphony.org or call 617-667-1527.

BOSTON EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL 161 First Street, Suite 202, Cambridge, MA

SYMPHONIE DES DRAGONS - Friday, January 14, 2011 at 8pm. One of the world's finest Baroque oboists, Gonzalo X. Ruiz brings his new ten-member ensemble Symphonie des Dragons to Boston for their world debut. Join this exceptional assortment of oboes, recorders, and bassoons, plus harpsichord, as they explore beautiful and varied music by Lully, Philidor, Purcell, Handel, and Marais, and trace the development of the oboe band from the Court at Versailles to the stages of London.

IL GIARDINO ARMONICO - Saturday, February 19, 2011 at 8pm. Founded in Milan in 1985, the legendary ensemble Il Giardino Armonico celebrates its 25th anniversary season by making its debut with the Boston Early Music Festival. Acclaimed around the globe for their performances and recordings, these eight extraordinary musicians will bring their talents to an evening of sonatas and concerti by Venetian Baroque masters. For tickets call 617-661-1812 or visit www.bemf.org.

SANDERS THEATRE, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

45 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA

BOSTON LANDMARKS ORCHESTRA ANNOUNCES ANNUAL WINTER CONCERT - January 28, 2011 at 8 p.m. The Boston Landmarks Orchestra presents its annual winter concert with guest conductor Ronald Feldman featuring "From the Top" star soloist, thirteen year-old pianist Kadar Qian. The program consists of Rossini's Overture from The Barber of Seville, Chopin's Piano Concert No. 2 in F minor, Op. 21, Mozart's Symphony No. 36 in C major, K.425 "Linz". Free and open to the general public. Tickets will only be available the day of the concert, first come first serve, beginning at 5 p.m. at Sanders Theatre.

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

ITALIAN RADIO

"The Sicilian Corner" 11:00AM to 1:00PM every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and **"The Italian Show"** w/Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10AM to 1PM www.1110wccmam.com.

"Italia Oggi" Sundays 1PM to 2PM with host Andrea Urdis 1460 AM www.1460WXBR.com.

"Dolce Vita Radio" DJ Rocco Mesiti 11AM-1PM Sundays 90.7 FM or online www.djrocco.com.

"The Nick Franciosa Show" Every Sunday at 12 Noon to 3PM on radio stations WLYN 1360 AM and WAZN 1470 AM.

"Guido Oliva Italian Hour" 8AM - 9AM every Sunday on WSRO 650 AM in Framingham and online at www.wsro.com.

"Don Giovanni Show" Saturday mornings from 6AM-8AM and Sunday evenings 5PM-7PM on 950 AM WROL. www.dongiovannishow.com.

RISTORANTE VENEZIA

20 Ericson Street, Boston

FESTA DEL TRICOLORE - January 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Join the Consul General in celebration for the 150th anniversary of Italy. For more information please call 781-862-1633.

SANDERS THEATER, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Cambridge, MA

VERDI'S MACBETH - January 16, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. Please join the Con-

Special Events

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

Science Park, Boston, MA

FRIDAY EVENING STARGAZING AT THE GILLILAND OBSERVATORY - Every Friday from 8:30 - 10:00 PM - FREE - Enjoy the Museum's rooftop observatory equipped with a computer-controlled 12-inch Meade LX200 telescope - you'll be amazed and astounded by it all. Call: 617-723-2500 for more information, or visit: www.mos.org.

WEATHER-WISE - This new permanent 2,800 square foot interactive exhibit takes you through the scales of weather. It features the CBS4 Weather Team as video guides, helping people to understand the science and technology behind weather predictions. Some of the features are: Storm Watch Living Room, where visitors experience simulated severe weather conditions as if they were looking out a window of their home; Fog Tornado, where a simulated 3-D tornado shows how a real tornado can form; Walk-through Weather Front, where visitors can walk down a corridor in front of a canopy of clouds and experience temperature changes, wind gusts and rain sounds; and much more. The Museum of Science has more than 600 permanent hands-on exhibits, frequent traveling exhibitions and a staff of science interpreters. For more information about other aspects of the MOS, please visit www.mos.org or call 617-723-2500 or (TTY) 617-589-0417.

ARTS

THE PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM

161 Essex Street, Salem, MA

THE EMPEROR'S PRIVATE PARADISE: TREASURES FROM THE FORBIDDEN CITY - Now through January 9, 2011. Never before seen by the public, the contents of an Emperor's private retreat deep within the Forbidden City will be revealed for the first time. An 18th-century compound in a hidden quadrant of the immense imperial complex, the Qianlong Garden (also known as the Tranquility and Longevity Palace Garden), is part of a decade-long, multimillion-dollar conservation initiative undertaken by the World Monuments Fund in partnership with the Palace Museum, Beijing. The Emperor's Private Paradise: Treasures from the Forbidden City. Ninety objects of ceremony and — murals, paintings, wall coverings, furniture, architectural elements, jades and cloisonné — unveil the private realm of the Qianlong Emperor. A connoisseur, scholar and devout Buddhist, he created a luxurious garden compound to serve throughout his retirement as a secluded place of contemplation, repose and entertainment. For more info call visit www.pem.org.

sul General of Italy, Boston for this fantastic performance featuring the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra. Thanks to this exciting collaboration, the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras (BYSO) has set aside 100 priority seating tickets for the Italian Community. Tickets can be purchased through the BYSO Box Office. For any additional questions please contact BYSO Ticket Hotline before December 16th at 617-353-5353.

APPIAN CLUB OF STONEHAM

10 Magnolia Terrace Stoneham, MA

ADULT ITALIAN CLASSES - January begin date for adults will be offered by the Appian Club of Stoneham. This beginners course will teach the basics of the Italian language. Instructor is Tiffany Bistocchi, a graduate of Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA (2003) with a major in Italian and a Master's in Italian from Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont (2006). She has lived in Italy for three years and has traveled the country extensively. Classes will be conducted on Tuesday evenings and run for eight weeks, beginning on January 11th from 6 - 7:30 pm. Class size is small and informal and the experience will be enjoyable. Please join us. For registration and further details, please contact coordinator John Nocella at 781-438-5687, or you may email John at john02180@yahoo.com.

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

How to calm down men! Researchers at McGill University found that images of cooked meat made men calmer and less aggressive. "You would've already used your aggression to acquire meat," explained researcher Fran Kachanoff.

Teaching hazard! A public school teacher is suing New York City, claiming his principal aggravated his heart condition by assigning him unruly students. Monte Kuhr, 46, says the principal ignored a doctor's note requesting that Kuhr teach only older students, and assigned him to freshman classes, where "high-intensity interactions with misbehaving students" led to a six-month medical leave.

Scornato! A letter carrier has been arrested and suspended from his job after he delivered mail in the nude to a woman he said was in need of a good laugh. David Goodman, known as "Mailman Dave," was arrested after police received a complaint from a woman working alone in an office. "He burst into the door with mail, except this time he's completely nude," said the woman, who asked not to be identified. "I yelled at him and told him to leave, with my eyes half-closed." Goodman, 52, told police he was trying to cheer up the woman, who he said seemed "stressed out." The U.S. Postal Service has suspended him pending an investigation.

Which reminds me, the only clothing permitted in a nudist camp is a coat — of tan. And one thing about nudists — you can't pin anything on them.

News from Bedford, New Hampshire. Parents of a local high school student have pulled their child out of school because of their objections to a book assigned in a personal-finance course. Aimee and Dennis Taylor removed their son Jordan, from Bedford High School after Barbara Ehrenreich's *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America* was included in the course's reading list. The book, an account of living on the minimum wage, refers to Jesus as "a wine-guzzling vagrant and precocious socialist." School superintendent Tim Mayes says the book will stay on the reading list but offered an alternative assignment. That didn't mollify Dennis Taylor, who called Ehrenreich's book "un-American" and said, "I don't think we need it in Bedford." Jordan Taylor is currently being home-schooled.

Berlusconi again survives. Rome erupted in the most violent street protests in years after Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi narrowly survived a parliamentary vote of confidence. More than 100,000 — many of them students angry at Berlusconi's overhaul of the university system — protested, and hundreds torched cars and threw paint and smoke bombs at the parliament building, as riot police responded with tear gas. The confidence vote had been initiated by Berlusconi opponents who said his numerous sex scandals, alleged attempts to quash fraud investigation into his media empire, and the sputtering economy all compelled him to step down. Berlusconi's slim margin of victory — just three votes — means he will likely have problems passing legislation.

Ah, Italian wine! It all began some 4,000 years to when prehistoric people pressed wild grapes into juice that, as if by magic, fermented into wine. Despite the reduction through this century, Italy still has more types of vines planted than any other country. This heritage of vines permits Italy to produce a greater range of distinctive wines than any other nation.

Without staking claims to supremacy, it seems fair to submit that many Italian wines stand with the international elite. But what is perhaps most encouraging in an era of crisis for wine the world over is that Italy's premium production continues to improve. Producers and consumers alike have come to realize that these days in wine it is character that counts and quality that pays, and Italians have become increasingly committed to delivering both.

Britons were in an uproar as Buckingham Palace banned souvenir tea towels com-

memorating Prince William's marriage to Kate Middleton, said the *London Sun*. The towels are part of an informal tradition celebrating royal events, but the palace said they are "not in good taste." Biscuit tins, jars, and china bearing the couple's image are allowed to be sold. "We want items that are permanent and significant," said a palace representative.

The astute and charming Mona-Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston thinks there's nothing like a little exercise to change a man's life — especially if it's a walk down a church aisle.

Giuseppina, cosce storte, claims a wedding cake is the only cake that can give you indigestion for the rest of your life.

An Italian hospital director has sent out a memo requesting that doctors and nurses stop snorting cocaine while on duty. Director Giuseppe DiMaria said he'd received tips that his staff was using cocaine while at the hospital, but government officials said he made "an error" in sending out a memo. "The alleged consumption of cocaine in a hospital environment should certainly not be dealt with in this way," said an official.

In a discovery that seems straight out of *The Da Vinci Code*, Italian art experts have found mysterious letters and numbers inscribed in the Mona Lisa's eyes, apparently placed there by Leonardo da Vinci himself. New high-magnification techniques revealed the tiny symbols, which apparently include the number "72" and the letters "CE" and "B" as well as "LV"—the artist's initials. "We also know that da Vinci was very esoteric and used symbols in his work to give out messages," says Silvano Vincenti, president of Italy's national Committee for National Heritage.

"We are confident they were a message from him."

Some interesting useless information for dummies! The Academy Award statue is named after a librarian's uncle. One day Margaret Herrick, librarian for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, made the remark that the statue looked like her uncle Oscar, and the name stuck. Alfred Hitchcock never won an Academy Award for directing. *Tom Sawyer* was the first novel written on a typewriter. The oldest known vegetable is the pea. Onions are low in calories and good source of vitamin C, calcium, potassium, and fiber. They also help circulation. Ketchup is excellent for cleaning brass, especially tarnished or corroded brass. Kleenex tissues were originally used as filters in gas masks. Celebrating Christmas was once illegal in England. Impotence is legal grounds for divorce in twenty-four American states. *Nova Scotia* is Latin for "New Scotland." And worldwide, there are more statues of Joan of Arc than of anyone else. France alone has about forty thousand of them.

Time to do some show business reminiscing with the noted musicologist Albert Natale. Cole Porter was so charmed by Jimmy Stewart's croaking of the song "Easy To Love" that he asked MGM to use Stewart's voice on the movie sound track, rather than dub in a professional singer in the 1936 film "Born To Dance." Both Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley flunked auditions for Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts during TV's early days. By the time Frank Sinatra left the Tommy Dorsey band in late 1942 to launch his own career, he had won the Downbeat Magazine poll as the number one male vocalist two years in a row. Glenn Miller's "Chattanooga Choo Choo" was the first Gold Record. It sold a million, 250-thousand copies, a lot of records in those days. The original title of Irving Berlin's "Easter Parade" was "Smile and Show Your Dimple.": The songs "Smile" and "Limelight" were written by comedian/actor/director Charlie Chaplin.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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PASTA CON BROCCOLI

10 ounces cut-up broccoli — frozen or fresh
6 cups water
2 tablespoons olive, canola, or vegetable oil
2 tablespoons butter or margarine (optional)
1 cup cut up spaghetti
*or short pasta of choice
2 small minced garlic cloves (optional)
Salt to taste

*Break up spaghetti or thin spaghetti into two-inch portions.

Bring six cups of water to a boil in a saucepan. Add cut-up broccoli to saucepan, cover and cook at a slow boil for about five minutes. Add cut up spaghetti or pasta of choice to Broccoli. Stir and cook until pasta is to your liking. *Add oil, butter or margarine, and salt to taste. Stir and continue to cook for a few seconds before removing from burner.

*Variation: Place oil in a small bowl. Add two small minced garlic cloves to oil. Stir and add to broccoli/pasta mixture. Place saucepan on burner, Bring to a boil and then remove from burner. Salt to taste

Serves two.

NOTE: When Mama was needed in the bakery, she prepared this simple meal on a two-burner gas unit that Papa had installed in a back room of the bakery. Those evenings, we ate on a makeshift table created by turning over one of the 3' x 6' wooden bread boxes that my brother Peter or Papa rested on a few milk crates or wooden horses. We had family discussions during the meal just as we did in our apartment. Papa insisted on the family having our meals together.

Meat did not have to be served for supper when Mama prepared pasta with broccoli because our family preferred having a second helping of pasta in place of meat.

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• K-9 Unit (Continued from Page 2)

think they just bite the bad guy. But, they are also locating tools — whether it be locating narcotics, explosives, missing children or suspects. The bite of the canine only comes into play when the suspect refuses to surrender and poses a threat to the public."

"I am thrilled that Boz, my K-9 partner, will soon have a properly fitted vest," Sgt. Stack continued.

As the President of Vested Interest In K-9s, Sandy Marcal is a lifelong proponent of animal rescue and protection with more than nine years of commitment to the cause of providing bullet protective vests for K-9s within the Massachusetts law enforcement community.

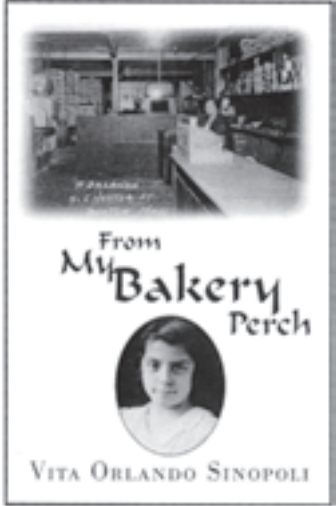
"These dogs are in the line of fire," said Marcal. "They're the front line for our officers and they're the first ones into a potentially dangerous situation. They deserve the same protection as the officers get because they're protecting the officers and they are protecting us."

Expressing her thanks to the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department for their continued support, Marcal was optimistic about achieving her goal of outfitting all of the remaining law enforcement K-9s on her current list.

"It was a pleasure to recently present K-9 Kam with his new bullet protective vest during our Holiday event and we have also ordered a vest for K-9 Boz as well," said Marcal. "It's been a great holiday season for our organization and folks have been so generous about donating. I am hopeful that we'll meet our goal of outfitting all Massachusetts police dogs with new vests and replacing their expired vests."

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Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



The holidays are finally over, thank God. I hope everyone enjoyed them as much as my family did. As part of their Christmas present, Loretta and I took John, Michael, and John's girlfriend, Beth, to a ski resort in New Hampshire. The resort was once part of the Bigelow Estate, of Bigelow carpets from years past. It resembles an old New England Victorian home with modern conveniences. Living in Switzerland for three years, John has become quite capable at winter sports especially snowboarding. Beth brought her skis, John and Michael their snow boards my wife and I warm winter clothing, and off we went.

I was still recovering from the snow storm of December 26th. Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn usually hold the annual Renaissance Lodge Christmas party on the night after Christmas, and in spite of the weather, we had dinner at the First Corps of Cadets museum and then headed to listen to Keith Lockhart conduct the Boston Pops at Symphony Hall. When it was time to go home, there was a lot of snow on the ground. From downtown Boston to where we live it usually takes 20 minutes without traffic, but I had to take it easy on the snow covered roads. Storrow Drive wasn't bad. It had been plowed and there was almost no traffic. After we passed Fresh Pond Circle, I headed up big Belmont Hill (Rte 2) and the going was slow but uneventful due to the road having been treated chemically and the constant movement of the snow plows. The hardest part was trying to get up my own driveway. That took a half hour. By the next day, the roads were clear and we were on our way to New Hampshire.

We came home in time for New Year's Eve. John, Michael and Beth headed back to New York, where Beth is from and where John and Michael now live. They had plans and were biting at the bit to get back there. Since Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn were married on New Year's Day, 2000, we have been celebrating New Year's Eve and Day with them ever since. From 1958 through 2000, I played every December 31 with either my own band or whatever band I was working with. From the point in time Loretta and I were married, we had never spent a New Year's Eve together, and after 2000, I figured it was time. Since then we have joined in with Dean, Margie, and the rest of our close friends to celebrate.

Last Friday night, we all met at the First Corps of Cadets Museum on Commonwealth Ave in Boston's Back Bay. Everyone pitched

in and brought something, appetizers, main courses, side dishes, salads. Put it this way, "It was a feast." The crowd was smaller this year than in the past. The distance, weather and bouts with the flu prevented some of our regulars from attending. The crowd consisted of Dean and Margie, Colonel John Silva, his lady friend, Stephanie DeRosa, General Bill Hurley and his wife Sandy, Colonel Richard Matlak, General Bob Davenport, Loretta and I. Sandy Hurley brought her electric piano and I brought my bass guitar to entertain the rest of the folks. Sandy plays music from the American songbook (the oldies) and we played and sang before and after dinner. With a large screen TV logged into the festivities that were happening in Times Square, we anticipated the New Year and all wished each other a happy new year once the clock displayed midnight. Within a minute or two, Loretta had our sons on the phone. As I mentioned, they were in New York for the holiday events. They were having a good time and we wished them a happy new year with lots of love. All in all, it was a fairly quiet night, but a memorable and comfortable one. On the way home I said to Loretta, "I've either played publicly or privately each New Year's Eve since 1958. This makes it 53 years in a row, ouch!"

Years ago, my father, uncles and I would play New Year's Day dinner parties at various country clubs in the area. By late afternoon, everything would have ended and we would head to Nanna and Babbonnonno's for another holiday dinner. The menu would be the same or similar to what we had experienced on Christmas. Appetizers spread out on the kitchen table with a bottle or two of Zi'Antonio's homemade red wine. Once we sat down at the dinner table, out came the escarole soup with tiny meatballs, then the homemade ravioli, meatballs, sausages, chunks of gravy meat, stuffed artichokes, vegetables sautéed in oil and garlic, stuffed mushrooms, and then the salad at the end. Dessert would consist of fruit, unshelled nuts and hot chestnuts accompanied by dessert wines. Later, after it was dark, the "real" desserts would be served. This course consisted of Italian pastry accompanied by both American coffee and espresso. Of course, homemade anisette, brandy and after dinner liqueurs were available to "sweeten-up" the coffee.

New Year's night was often when extended family and paesani would drop by for dessert. Babbonnonno's long retired band members would ring the bell, come in, and after a couple of drinks,

reminisce about playing Italian music in the old days. Several of my mother's cousins often dropped by, usually the children of Zi'Antonio and Zia Mariuccia. They were the closest relatives in the family. By ten o'clock, everyone would begin to leave, but not without Nanna having put together doggie bags of leftovers for everyone to enjoy the next day. Just the goodbyes alone would take a half hour or more ... handshakes, kisses on both cheeks and an assortment of hugs were natural for my family (a couple of generations later, they still are).

I don't know if it's still like this for many families with both relatives and friends living in distant towns or states, many having intermarried with other ethnic groups that don't celebrate the way we do. Back then, most of the family lived in either East Boston or the North End. The ones that moved out lived in cities and towns like Revere, Medford or Everett. The rich ones went home to Saugus and maybe Lynnfield. We've come a long way since then, but I miss those days.

For my family, it was back to business as usual the day after January 1. Dad and my uncles would get together at the musicians' union and book in whatever was available for the next couple of months until Lent would begin. Lent season would slow music down as there would not be any Catholic weddings, and other than Valentine's Day dances, the only musicians working would be the ones who played the theaters, supper clubs, night clubs, bars and restaurants that used live music. Today, the supper clubs are gone, most night clubs and bars use DJs and restaurants seldom have anything except sporting events on multiple TV sets strategically located on the walls.

Back then, a musician could make a living just playing music. Today, the money a musician makes is often from weekend jobs and might only supplement a salary from a day job. In spite of these changes, and the changes in life styles, the one thing I am happy about is that my kids like to come home and hang around with their parents whenever they can. This alone keeps the old ways alive. What do you think? GOD BLESS AMERICA

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

• The Socially Set (Continued from Page 9)

and understanding of plants and the environment.

Be sure to visit www.MassHort.org to learn more about its mission and educational programs.

..... On Monday, January 17 the "11th Annual World of Wellesley Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast," hosted by Sun Life Financial, will feature a keynote address by Carole Simpson, renowned news anchor, three-time Emmy Award winner, workplace activist in broadcast journalism, and author of the just-released autobiography, "Newslady."

Simpson will recount her inspiring relationship with Dr. King and reflect on his legacy. The breakfast will also showcase cultural performances that celebrate

diversity, and honor the Wellesley METCO Family Friends Program with the World of Wellesley Advancing Race Relations Award.

The breakfast takes place from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at One Sun Life Executive Park, Building 3, 1st Floor, Wellesley Hills.

For tickets and more information, call 781-235-2739 or 781-237-5202; or visit www.world-of-wellesley.org.

Enjoy!

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

• Editorial (Continued from Page 3)

That's not a threat on behalf of the voters. It's obvious. All one has to do is look at what happened last November at the polls. The sleeping giant that changed the political landscape is not going back to sleep.

But it's not expected that the Democrat-controlled Senate would pass the "repeal and replace" health care legislation, or that the president would sign it. So be it! The awakened giant will deal with them in 2012.

The House will pass a 2011 FY budget no bigger than the 2010 FY budget. Now this prediction is very risky and could severely damage my batting average when we look back next year, because of the inertia of social programs and the

increasing number of eligible baby boomers. But I am hopeful that deficit hawk Paul Ryan (R-WI), the incoming Budget Committee chairman, will be able to fight off the spending vultures.

If the House is able to pass reduced federal budgets for FY 2011 and FY 2012 as Speaker Boehner has suggested, then the electorate would greatly reward the Republicans with more seats in 2012. That's not a prediction, that's just optimism.

If Congress and the administration exceed my predictions, then it would be good for the country. In that case, I would be happy to be wrong this time next year.

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• Mrs. Murphy (Continued from Page 7)

ing a big boost to Winthrop Center businesses. ... Congrats to "Man of the Year" Tony DiCenso, chef at Rino's Place on Saratoga Street. His recipes and no skimping on ingredients have put Rino's on the map. Joey Cuzzi also deserves a round

of applause for being selected "Woman of the Year" as Executive Director of the YMCA she kept the YMCA on its toes with a tight budget and raised money contributing to the YMCA's continuing success! ... *Till next time!*

• Quit Smoking (Continued from Page 7)

drive to help smokers quit.

Boston residents who are 18 and older can call 1-800-QUIT-NOW to receive a two-week supply of patches valued at \$50.00. The patches work by gradually releasing nicotine into the bloodstream without the cancer-causing substances found in cigarettes. Studies have shown that nicotine replacement therapies, like the patch, increase a person's ability to quit by 50% to 70%.

Finding reasons to quit are easy. Not only does quitting smoking add years to your life but it will also save you a significant amount of money. The average smoker spends \$3,000 a year on cigarettes. While quitting smoking is never

easy, using nicotine replacement therapy such as the patch can significantly increase one's chances of success and January is the most popular time of year to try and quit.

"Tobacco is one of the leading causes of death in the United States and cancer among Boston residents", said EBNASA's Andrew Kenneally. "This resource will allow smokers to begin their journey to a healthier lifestyle for themselves and their family. If you, a family member or a friend smoke and you live in Boston, please call 1-800-QUIT-NOW to learn how you can quit smoking for good."

For more information, call Andrew Kenneally or Pat Milano at 617-635-5114.

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The Bilingual Corner

by Orazio Buttafuoco

LO SAPEVATE CHE ... Poteva essere tragico, ma sembra quasi comico! Un conducente di autobus, positivo al narcotest, precisamente la cannabis, ed un automobilista ubriaco, positivo all'alcol test, si sono scontrati in una via di Roma, in pieno giorno. E' stato un incidente spettacolare che ha prodotto solo due feriti, i due autisti di cui sopra, ma poteva avere conseguenze gravi se l'autobus, della ATAC di Roma, non fosse stato fuori servizio, quindi vuoto (senza passeggeri). Alla ATAC hanno detto che altri incidenti stradali hanno coinvolto autisti dell'agenzia, come lo scorso 20 dicembre 2009 quando lo stesso autista dell'incidente (odierno) travolse un anziano autista, a Roma, ed era anch'egli ubriaco, anche allora. Quest'autista, di 33 anni, era stato sospeso dal servizio dopo due simili incidenti nel mese di dicembre del 2009.

La dinamica dell'incidente investigato dalla polizia di Roma, ha evidenziato che l'autobus, senza passeggeri, stava percorrendo la corsia preferenziale al centro della carreggiata, quando un'auto, sembra sorpassando col semaforo rosso, ha impattato contro il mezzo pubblico, cioè l'autobus. I due autisti erano rimasti feriti in modo non grave, ma portati in un vicino ospedale da due (diverse) ambulanze. Per evitare l'impatto, il conducente dell'autobus ha cercato di evitare lo scontro ma ha finito la corsa urtando contro un albero, che è finito contro una vettura in sosta, ed abbattendo un semaforo. Dopo avere scoperto che l'autista dell'autobus era sotto l'influsso della droga, l'ATAC ha deciso di sospenderlo dal servizio per un periodo incerto, da determinare presto. Non ci resta che esortare i nostri lettori a rispettare la vecchia regola: se bevi, non guidare!

DID YOU KNOW THAT ... A bus driver, who tested positive to narcotics, marijuana, and a driver who was drunk, as later ascertained with a test, crashed against each other on a Rome street, in day time! The crash, which left two individuals wounded individuals — the two drivers — could have resulted in a more serious outcome, were it not for the fact that the bus, of the city transportation authority (ATAC) had been out of service, hence without passengers.

An ATAC spokesperson stated that other car-bus accidents, involving drunk bus drivers working for the authority, had occurred in the past, especially last December, 2009 when the very same driver of this last accident killed an elderly driver. This driver, 33, was suspended by the authority. The dynamics of the accident, investigated by the City of Rome Police, showed that the bus, without passengers, was moving along the specially assigned lane, when a car, that crossed a red light, hit the bus. The two drivers were hurt, albeit not seriously, but were sent to the hospital on two ambulances. While trying to avoid the collision, the bus driver tried to move away but it hit a tree which crushed on top of a parked car, but ended up on top of a traffic light! After ascertaining that the bus driver was under the influence of a drug, the ATAC decided to suspend him from duty for an indefinite period, to be finalized soon. We can only urge our readers by reminding them the old axiom: if you drink, don't drive!

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giaratani

BEST CHRISTMAS TREE IN EASTIE?

Where is the best Christmas tree this year in public view in the East Boston neighborhood? If you asked me, I would say the best Christmas tree in public view was over in the parking lot of the Sacred Heart Church. Am I right? If you saw better trees elsewhere, let me know ... By the way, the congregation at the 4pm Christmas vigil Mass was the sharing of cultures. Members of East Boston's Vietnamese Catholic community helped celebrate the birth of Christ with Vietnamese song and dance and Father Wayne even delivered a prayer in Vietnamese. He didn't sound bad at all but then again, I don't understand Vietnamese.

MENINO TO HARVARD: GO AHEAD BUILD?

Harvard University on December 14 found itself with an important ally in its plans for a \$120 million expansion of the Harvard Business School. Mayor Thomas M. Menino says he now supports Harvard's proposal for a new facility on Northeastern Avenue. Said Menino, We would be irresponsible not to allow construction of the building on Harvard's property in Allston.

However, critics want to know about the giant hole in the ground on the site of another Harvard project (a stalled \$1 billion science project) also on Western Avenue. Critics are opposed to

any new permits until the school does something with the 5-acre, 50-foot hole in Allston that is not completed. The Beacon Hill delegation and district councilor recently sent a joint letter to the B.R.A. opposing any new construction until Harvard makes good on its promises to fill vacant properties it owns in the neighborhood.

EASTIE'S WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY

Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston will be holding a Winter Wonderland Party on Saturday, January 22. Cocktail hour at 6pm. Dinner at 7pm. Entertainment provided by East Coast Acappella. Food by Meridian Market. For tickets, call Lucy Ryan at 617-567-5776 or Maria Pizzicannella at 617-567-1785. All proceeds to benefit the Sacred Heart Youth Group.

THEY WERE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AND IT WASN'T JUST A DREAM

Members of the Massachusetts National Guard's 164th Transportation Battalion returned home on December 24 to the Dorchester Armory and were greeted by the families and friends who long awaited end of their one-year mission in Iraq. A few miles to the south at the Hingham Armory the same scene took place as members of the 1058th Transportation Unit were also greeted by loved ones. It was the best present to receive for all of these men and women and their families

who were united just in time for the Christmas holiday.

RIDING ON UNCLE NEALY'S TROLLEY

The Charlestown Trivia Question this past week in the *Patriot-Bridge* about when streetcar service to Charlestown terminated brought back memories of my uncle Neal Harrington, whose first real job in life was as a conductor for the old Boston Elevated Railway Company. He drove one of those old orange colored streetcars out of North Station across the High Bridge and into Charlestown, where he had been born and raised.

I always knew when those streetcars turned into buses because it happened just around the time I was being born. Even up to the 1960s you could still see those trolley tracks heading out from North Station onto Causeway Street. I could imagine my uncle taking his streetcar out for a Charlestown journey.

This year I couldn't journey myself over to Charlestown to help with the Townie Santa deliveries as I usually try to do. I'm one of those public employees who had to work Christmas Day. I am one of those folks that Howie Carr never seems to remember in his columns.

Charlestown is about yesterday, today and tomorrow. I remain proud of my Charlestown family roots and still see Charlestown as just this side of heaven.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 8)

the energized voters who worked to get him" elected.

Meanwhile, conservative US Senator Lindsay Graham, R-S.C. says, "Scott Brown needs to be Scott Brown. Be independent and let the chips fall where they may."

What Would Judge Roy Bean Say About Sharia Law?

Muneer Awad is challenging an Oklahoma constitutional amendment that bars courts from considering international law in state cases saying he's trying to defend the First Amendment. His opponents call him a "foreigner" trying to change Oklahoma law.

Awad is a recent graduate of a Georgia law school who was born in Michigan and now heads the Oklahoma chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. He contends an amendment to the state constitution that was overwhelmingly passed on Election Day that bars judges from considering Islamic or international law in the state courts. He sued and in early December a federal judge temporarily blocked the new law from taking effect while the judge determines if the new law violated the U.S. Constitution which prohibits the establishment of a state religion.

Former US House Speaker Newt Gingrich is, himself,

pushing for a federal law that "clearly and unequivocally states that we're not going to tolerate any imported law."

For those not aware, Islamic law or Sharia is a code of conduct governing all aspects of Muslim life, including family issues, business dealings and religious obligations. It is based on the Quran and the teachings of Mohammed. Awad says the new state law would bar judges from probating wills written in compliance with Islamic principles or adjudicating domestic matters such as divorce and child custody disputes between Muslims.

Earlier this year in New Jersey, a state judge used Islamic law in his refusal to issue a restraining order against a Muslim man. When the case went before the New Jersey Court of Appeals, that judge's decision was overturned and the court said that in using Islamic law, "the judge was mistaken."

Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, says there's no reason for Americans to fear sharia law in America. He says, "It's just fear-mongering tinged with anti-Islamic sentiment." Some constitutional experts say the Oklahoma law discriminates against one religion and violates the

federal constitution.

However, other constitutional experts think the Oklahoma law will stand any constitution challenge.

There is nothing unconstitutional about upholding American law in U.S. Courts.

GOP to Fight Immigrant Law Overhaul

In January, the Republicans take control of the U.S. House and pronounced the president's immigration overhaul proposal as D.O.A. In his year-end news conference, President Obama said he regretted the defeat of the Dream Act which would have offered amnesty to illegal immigrants brought into this country as children. Said the president, "It is heartbreaking ... They didn't break the law — they were kids."

Republicans in both the House and Senate have vowed to fight any attempt to legalize any of the upwards of 11 million illegals in this country before our borders are secure. The incoming House Judiciary chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas stated, "It is pointless to talk about any new immigration bills that grant amnesty until we secure the border, since such bills will only encourage more illegal immigration." Adding in on the debate was US Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa who accused the White House of playing politics and toying with Latino voters.

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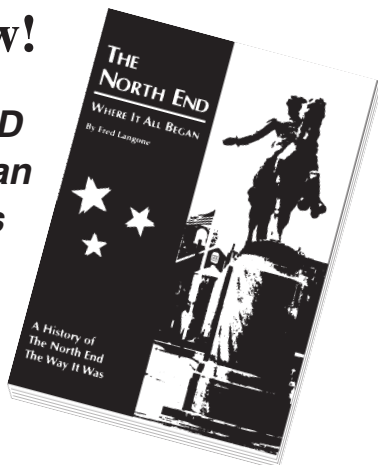
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To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

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.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Alicia Rinaldi, Esq., Rinaldi & Sparks, LLP, Ten Post Office Square, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02109**, your answer, if any, on or before **February 22, 2011**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 31, 2010

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/7/11

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Docket No. MI11P0004EA

In the Estate of
RICHARD OWEN BUNN
Late of WOBURN, MA 01801
Date of Death October 28, 2010

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **MICHELLE E MEARLS** of Hudson, NH be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **FEBRUARY 1, 2011**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 4, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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In the Estate of
PAUL SONNABEND
Late of WESTON, MA 02493
Date of Death October 29, 2010

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

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

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WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 29, 2010

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI10P6142EA

In the Estate of
JANE MONTGOMERY
Late of WALTHAM, MA 02451
Date of Death November 29, 2010

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

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

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WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 3, 2011

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In the Estate of
DORIS B BLOOM
Late of WESTON, MA 02493
Date of Death October 15, 2010

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

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

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WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 29, 2010

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI10P6011EA

In the Estate of
ROBERT E SMITH
a/k/a ROBERT SMITH
Late of WAYLAND, MA 01778
Date of Death November 13, 2010

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
PROBATE OF WILL

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

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 26, 2011**.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DiGANGI**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 29, 2010

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/7/11



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Shaughnessy's
Spin on Target

Sports writer Dan Shaughnessy is one of Boston's best scribes when it comes to baseball. His latest piece in the *Boston Globe* was super. The Hall of Fame ballots went into the mail on December 23 and Shaughnessy said he was checkmarking the names of Jack Morris, Roberto Alomar and Bert Blyeven. The winners won't be known until January. Last year Andre Dawson made it into Cooperstown. I questioned that vote. Dawson was good, but not Hall of Fame good. However, when the likes of Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro are also on the ballot, Dawson looked a tad better, but just a tad.

Last year Red Sox slugger Jimmy Rice finally got himself elected to the Hall. It shouldn't have taken 15 tries. Bert Blyleven is another hard-luck guy. Like Shaughnessy, I'm a Blyleven guy too. This guy is fifth on the all-time strikeout list. He pitched for the Minnesota Twins for years and a number of other bad teams too. He won 287 games and had a lifetime 3.31 ERA. He threw 60 shutouts and pitched at least 200 innings in 16 of his seasons. Hopefully, after 13 failed attempts, he will enter the Hall on his 14th try. The other two guys, Alomar and Jack Morris, probably won't make it this time around too.

The Tigers' Jack Morris was a really good pitcher but his 3.90 ERA doesn't look Cooperstownish to me. He reminds me of another great Tigers starter from 40 years ago named Mickey Lolich. Sometimes you can be real good but still fall short of Cooperstown. Luis Tiant had a great career with the Indians, Red Sox and Yankees but he ran through his 15 votes without a win. Tiant should be in the Hall but he didn't pitch long enough or win enough games. Another 40 wins, he might have made it. Here's hoping Bert makes it this time around.

G & A

Who was the first major league baseball player to enlist following the attack on Pearl Harbor? The answer. It was Cleveland Indians great Bob Feller who enlisted into the U.S. Navy on Monday morning December 8, 1941.

When Baseball
was Baseball

Back in the sixties and seventies, the Baltimore Orioles were at the top of their game. They shutdown the powerful LA Dodgers of Sandy Koufax-Don Drysdale fame in the 1966 World Series by beating the Dodgers in a four-game sweep with four straight shutouts. First, the O's had Hank Bauer as their manager, a very good skipper who was also once part of the NY Yankees dynasty. Then, in 1968, the Orioles hired Earl Weaver who became one of the all-time greatest managers in professional baseball. His style was pitching and de-

fense. He was a new kind of manager. He wasn't about bunting, hit and run or stealing bases. Pitching kept you in the game along with defense. He truly believed that. He also had those big guns like Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Boog Powell and Paul Blair who hit to win.

Weaver won four pennants and one World Series in 17 seasons at Baltimore. He posted a .583 winning percentage and entered the Hall of Fame in 1996. In 1971, he managed four 20 game winners and only Jim Palmer had a real fastball. The other three pitchers just put balls into play leaving the infield defense to a scoop up the grounders.

Weaver put the right players in the right positions, taught baseball fundamentals. The minor league teams did likewise. Whenever a new guy came up, he was already Orioles trained. Guys like Eddie Murray, Carl Ripken Jr. and Doug DeCinces could step right in and pick up where the other guy left off.

Over the years back in the sixties and seventies, the team's shortstop was Mark Belanger who batted .228 lifetime but won eight Golden Gloves at short. The best defensive shortstop in baseball next to the likes of Luis Aparico of the White Sox, Dick Groat from the Pirates or Tony Kubek from the NY Yankees. He might have been the best of this group of four. The only better shortstop in baseball was slugger Eddie Banks of the Chicago Cubs. Weaver thought highly of Belanger's role at short. He wasn't out there to hit, he was out there preventing hits from happening. Weaver was the real magician out there at the old Memorial Stadium. He had plenty of rabbits in his cap who could hit, pitch and win games, lots of them.

Rhodes on the Road
to Texas

Left-handed reliever Arthur Rhodes who was a first-time All-Star this past season for the Cincinnati Reds at age 41 has agreed to a contract with the Texas Rangers.

Rockies Pick Up Lindstrom

The Colorado Rockies have added right-hander Matt Lindstrom to its bullpen from Houston. Last year with the Astros, he had a team high 23 saves, going 2-5 with a 4.39 ERA.

Don Meredith

Quarterbacked Life Well

According to obituary writer Jaime Aron, "Don Meredith was the happiest, most fun-loving guy wher-

ever he went, whether crooning country tunes in the huddle as quarterback of the Dallas Cowboys as or jawing with Howard Cosell in the broadcast booth as analyst on the groundbreaking "Monday Night Football."

His irreverent personality made him a beloved sports and TV figure in the 70s and 80s. "Dandy Dan" as he was called passed away on Sunday, December 5. He was only 72 years old.

Meredith played for the Cowboys from 1960-68. He was only 31 when he retired in 1969 and one year later found himself sitting next to Howard Cosell on Monday nights. From 1970 through 1984, he was on ABC's "Monday Night Football." For three TV seasons he played a cop on NBC's "Police Story." Meredith also showed up in many made for TV movies and became famous as the pitchman for Lipton Tea.

His wife and daughter were at his side when he died as was all America. He was a dandy of a guy. Not a phony. He laughed. He cried. He lived. He died. He made us happy along the way too.

Nolasco Signs with Marlins

The Florida Marlins just signed right hander Ricky Nolasco to a 3-year, \$26.5 million contract extension. Last year, he went 14-9 with a 4.51 ERA. Lifetime, he is 54-39 with a 4.45 ERA in 5 seasons with the Marlins.

Bill Wilhelm

Clemson College Coach Dies

Down in South Carolina, Bill Wilhelm was a college baseball legend. He built Clemson into a national college baseball power. He died on Christmas Eve at 81 years of age. He coached the Clemson Tigers from 1958 to 1993 and never had a losing season. Lifetime, he was 1,161-536-10. Winner of 11 Atlantic Coast Conference titles and appeared in the College World Series six times.

Wilhelm's 1991 team set the school record with 60 victories. His last team in 1993 won the ACC title.

However, Wilhelm always said his first team in 1958 was his favorite. That team won the ACC title and also made a great run in the College World Series. They beat Florida twice in one day. First, the Tigers scored a 15-14 comeback victory which was followed by a 3-2 win.

As Clemson's current baseball coach Jack Leggett said, "He was what Clemson is all about. He was tough, he was honest, he was competitive and he took pride in everything he did."



CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

Boston's North End Remembers **Dom DiMarzo**

and Celebrates the Birthday of World Champion **Tony DeMarco** on January 14.

South Boston Remembers **Richard Torsney** and Celebrates the Birthday of **Danny Long** on January 7.

"Happy '2011!' It's a "Happy New Year!" Have Some "Punch!" with the **Fight Family**.

Another Year for "Fighting!"

Please Remember "No Man is an Island!" You Can't Do it Alone?

Success in Boxing "Comes by Working Together" as it Does in Everything.

"Happy Boxer Family New Year's!" It's **"2011"** As we celebrate with **"Punch!"** I'll drink to that.

Dom DiMarzo, of East Boston was a very good fighter. We fought on the same fight card several times. We trained together, at the New Garden Gym, North End Boston, late 1970's, when I trained in Boston. His first professional fight was May 21, 1977. Winning, via a first round Kayo over Rodney Black in Boston. Al Sacramone trained Dominic, a very good fighter. It shows here, that in his first 11 fights he was undefeated with an 11-0, 7 KO record. I do not have at this time the record he retired from Boxing with. It was an outstanding record. Also. Happy Birthday to World Champion **Tony DeMarco** on January 14th.

Richard Torsney of South Boston was an outstanding fighter himself. Richard won the New England Boxing Title in 1974. He fought World Champion Marvelous Marvin Hagler twice. This good friend and confidant of World Champion **Paul Pender**, is a good man. He's a devoted family man and a successful businessman. Happy birthday Danny Long, on January 7th, his son Ryan Long celebrates his birthday on January 11th.

Balancing Power, in **Boxing**. Experience is one of the best training mechanisms in life. **Stroking** is a chief factor in acquiring the results of this theoretical conclusion. It's a term Psychologist Eric Berne uses in his theory of Transactional Analysis. Stroking is a word I believe relates to conditioning for a reward one wishes to receive. After the completion of a desired expression. Using behavior that has worked before. Do you respond to **negative** and or **positive** behavior for **positive** or **negative** results? Last week in this article, reference was made to "big mouth" individuals that talk loud and rely on talking loud and **"acting tough"** as making them **"appear tough."** That's why I love **"real fighters."** We don't act tough. Real fighters can be tough. You can't **act tough** in a **ring** or **cage**. Exposure occurs very quickly, acting tough, in life. Appearing to be the illusion one wants another to believe they are. Real fighters understand that acting tough does not make you tough and win a fight. Be who you **"ARE"** a real fighter. Fighters in a ring or cage. Fighters in life. That's the **"real deal!"** We have a great crew of individuals in the fight world.

Another reason why, **fighters succeed?** **"Back-ing!"** You cover one



Part of the team **Dennis Marrese** and **Tommy Martini**.

another's "back!" No one can do it on their own. No one can or does. Individual talent is a major ingredient to success. Realize this, it's not the only ingredient to success. Other key factors are **working together**. It is an important ingredient to success. Everything working together to its highest degree of efficiency. Similar to having a well-tuned racing vehicle. Think! You race in a major motor vehicle event? All factors of your engine should be at its highest peak of performance level. **If not** it's difficult to win. If not at its highest performance level you'll probably lose. Which one of these auto parts can you race without, or having this vehicle part, performing at an inferior level? The engine? No tires? No spark plugs? Carburetor? Fuel, steering wheel and no transmission? I am not a mechanic. I just believe that all of these parts are necessary to compete and win with, all performing at their highest of efficiency. All are just as important as the other. Similar to **fighters**. I've never seen or heard of a fighter training themselves, sparring with themselves (shadow boxing), managing themselves, working their own corner and all other factors of boxing, winning a World Title. That is why all listed are needed to do their function, to the best of their ability. **Managers, sponsors, trainers, promoters, officials, home life, fans, sparring partners**, and other key factors of the fight world, all working together in the **fight business**. Do it right. No one can do it alone. **"The fighter"** as a body, needs a **head, appendages, a heart, a backbone** and a **brain** to achieve success. A **head** to guide the body. **Appendages** to perform tasks. A **heart** to feed nutrition to the body. A **back** like Atlas "to carry the weight of the world when needed. **Consciousness** to guide the human soul to inner tranquility and **communication** amongst one another to help guide those working "together to **succeed!**" Fighting for what is **right!** I say to the



World Champion **Vito Antuofermo**.

"fight family!" Let's all work and do it together. Thank you. "It can't be done without **"YOU!"** **P.S.** I've never saw a manager themselves, win a world title without first having a world-class fighter to win it. **"Ding!"**

At **Joe Angelo's** in Brockton, we got together. **Joe Angelo**, Ring Announcer **Bill Carpenter** and **John "Skip" Sergio**. We talked and had a great time. Again at Joe Angelo's. Joe Angelo, Tommy Martini, **Tony Petronelli**. Spoke with **Dennis Marrese** by phone. We talked again. Tonight we're together at Vels. Talking are: Iron **Mike Pusateri**, **Tommy Martini**, **Tony Petronelli**. Again at Vels is **Iron Mike Pusateri**, **Tom Martini**, **Tony Petronelli**. Again we spoke. We also spoke by telephone, with Austin Killeen. What are we talking about?

Ring 8 New York recently held its 24th Annual Holiday Event and Awards Ceremony. More than 400 boxing family members were in attendance. World champion guest: **Emile Griffith**, **Vito Antuofermo**, **Leon Spinks**, **Iran Barkley** and **Junior Jones**. **"Smokin"** **Joe Frazier** and his son **Marvis Frazier** received the Father/Son Award. The Uncrowned Champion Award went to "Sonny" Lou **Volpe** and Lenny Mangiapane. Trainer of the Year is Tommy Gallagher.

UPCOMING FIGHTS:

Battling in 2011 on January:

7th on ESPN2 **Demetrius Andrade**, dukes it out with Alberto Herrera.

14th ESPN2 Florida. **Peter Manfredo Jr.** battles Daniel Edouard, & **Edwin "La Bomba" Rodriguez** 17-0, 13 KO's fights top fighter Aaron Pryor Jr.

22nd from Virginia, **Evander Holyfield**, and Sherman Williams, mix it up. Heavyweights.

May 7th **Manny Pacquiao** and **Shane Mosley** duke it out, in a WBO Title fight.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



It's just a week into the New Year and already you can hear the wailing and gnashing of teeth as the injury depleted Celtics face yet another opponent they would easily defeat with a full-squad team.

Sure, the injuries have mounted for the C's of late. And depending on any given evening The Green may lose to a team far down in the standings or survive in another close call — as was the case on January 3 when the C's came on in the last couple of minutes to defeat the lowly Minnesota Timberwolves 96-93 at the Garden.

But you know what? None of this really matters. The Celtics banked enough victories before the injuries got way bad that it would take a near total collapse for them to sink down into the depths of the NBA standings where Minnesota, New Jersey, Washington, Cleveland, Memphis and Sacramento swim in the everlasting darkness.

Remember, it was our very own Celtics that lost to the Nets — the worst team in the NBA last year and vying for that unofficial title once again — back last February.

Fast forward to June and it was the Celtics that were playing in Game 7 of the NBA Finals, leading with just over six minutes remaining in the contest, before things went south and the Lakers emerged with the championship.

The point is that these winter setbacks (or near setbacks) won't even be remembered by the vast majority of Celtics Nation come the spring. What really matters is that every member of the roster is standing and ready to go when the playoffs open in mid-April.

Last year the Celtics had a couple of goals for the regular season. One was to win enough games so that they could rest as many of the star players as possible in the closing weeks in order to have them in tip-top shape for the playoffs. The other was to finish in the top four of the Eastern Conference so they could start the playoffs with the home court advantage.

The C's accomplished both those goals. They didn't win the regular season conference title — that went to LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers. But the Celtics were victorious when it mattered most — defeating Cleveland 4-2 in the second round of the playoffs and sending the favored Cavaliers home to an early summer on the shores of Lake Erie.

Make no mistake about it. January is a very active month for the Celtics with a total of 16 games in a 29-day span — there wasn't a game on New Year's Day and there isn't one scheduled on the 31st. The good news is that 11 of them — more than two

thirds — are at home on the parquet, the most for any month in this season's schedule.

"We've got a good stretch of games at home so we are going to take advantage of it," said Captain Paul Pierce, who preferred to look at the bright side of the schedule. "Especially with the injuries," he continued. "When you have injuries you need to be playing in a place where you are comfortable. What better way to do it than at home? We've got to face some tough teams which means these wins are not guaranteed. We're at home and we need to take care of business."

Added Shaquille O'Neal: "We've just got to take care of our home court. We've got to keep playing hard, playing together and we should be fine."

That said, the entire month appears to be a question mark, heavily depending on who is able to take the floor on any given evening. Should recuperating players — especially someone like Kevin Garnett — return early, the chances for more victories increase. Should they remain on the sidelines, and perhaps unthinkably be joined by additional teammates, the more additional questions come to the fore.

"Injuries are going to happen," offered head coach Doc Rivers. "Regardless of the injuries we've still got to show up and play. There are no moral victories. The guys that we put out there have got to be ready. We're on the home court with guys who know how to play the game. We can't look back and say "if such and such was out there maybe the game would have been different." The responsibility is on the guys out there on the floor. Right now with all the guys out, we've got so many different combinations on the floor. Our starters have to be solid every night throughout the stretch."

That, of course, a silver lining in all of this. With so many members of the second unit getting the opportunity to play significant minutes, it only enhances the depth on the roster that the Celtics will bring to the playoffs.

If the Celtics exit January with a .500 or better record for the month, then you can write that the Celtics Express to the playoffs is right on track. By early March resting time will begin as the Celtics get ready for the second season — the Playoff Season — the only season that really matters.

The last game of the regular season is at home against the rejuvenated New York Knicks on Wednesday, April 13. The playoffs begin the weekend of April 16-17. If the Celtics are healthy and well-rested then fans can look forward to a long run in the playoffs and the strong possibility that Banner 18 will be waving over Causeway Street in the middle of June.