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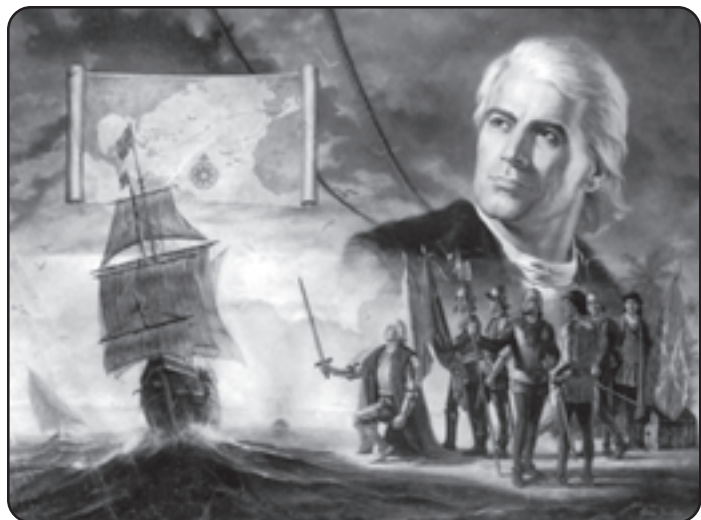
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America — Land of Dreamers

The year was 1492. A young man from Genoa, Italy, Cristoforo Colombo, was convinced a route to the Far East could be found by sailing West and he wanted a chance to prove it. Many thought he was a dreamer. Luckily he was able to persuade others and turned his dream into a reality.

In the years that followed, America became a melting pot for people who, like Columbus, had a dream and were willing to take a chance on what they believed in. The English, the French, the Jews, the Irish, the Italians and countless others, all came seeking the freedom to make their own decisions and to have the opportunity to make their dreams a reality. They wanted the best of both worlds and got it. These people were proud to call themselves Americans and equally proud to hold on to the traditions of their homeland. Where else but in America would this be possible?

Five hundred and twenty years later, we salute the man who took a chance — Christopher Columbus. A man who was a model for future explorers to emulate. We are the product of all the Christopher Columboes that came before us.

We are Americans — the envy of other nations — where opportunities are boundless for every person. Some call America, the “Land of Dreamers.” We’re not offended by this. Instead, we’re proud to be able to dream and, like Columbus, make our dreams come true!

ITALIAN POLITICS: MORE DRAMA ... WITH A TWIST!

by Stefano Salimbeni

Just when you thought Italy's entire political (and economic) system was about to implode ... think again! Berlusconi changes his mind at the last minute and decides to vote in favor of the survival of the Letta government, surprising his party's parliament members who had, against his will and party orders, already decided to do so, and making the remaining ones, who instead publicly supported Berlusconi's original decision to pull the plug until the very last minute, look like total fools.

Of course by doing so he ultimately saved the day, ensuring the survival of the Letta “grand coalition” government, while trying to save the unity of his own party — even though his hail Mary pass is unlikely to be caught by someone in the end zone. In fact his party had already split before last Wednesday's confidence vote, when a majority of its leaders, including many ministers and members of parliament, openly rebelled to the leader's will — an unprecedented event in the 20-year long history of PDL (People of Liberty) the party Berlusconi founded from scratch in 1993, with the original name of “Forza Italia” (a slogan borrowed from a soccer cheer) after a wave of scandals and arrests had created a huge vacuum in the Italian center-right.

During the party's two decades life span, during which it incorporated major right wing forces, such as AN (National Alliance), and formed government alliances with others, such as separatist Lega Nord (Northern League), there have been many defections, even from authoritative names (right wing and centrist leaders Gianfranco Fini and Pierferdinando Casini come to mind). Yet they all (promptly “punished” politically by Berlusconi) came from external allies. This time the revolt came from within: the most vocal opposers of his decision of causing the fall of the Letta government were Fabrizio



Cicchitto (a former socialist who has been one of Berlusconi's right arms since day one) and PDL secretary as well as current Minister of the Interior Angelino Alfano (politically born and bred under Berlusconi's wing to the point of being considered his “dauphine”).

It was not only the quality but also the entity of the “revolt” to induce Senator Berlusconi's last minute change of heart: his attempt of lifting the table and scatter the cards once again, came as a last desperate move to buy time before being expelled from parliament and banned from public Office for the next 3 to 5 years as a consequence of a conviction for tax fraud, declared as definitive by the Cassation Court (Italy's second degree of appeal), two months ago.

No matter how hard he and his army of star lawyers and political colonels tried, the sentence (which also involved a year of house arrest or of social service work) was on its way to being implemented. It was only a matter of time. So the number one protagonist of Italian politics for the past two decades tried the last blackmailing weapon he had against the government which was about to vote on his expulsion: have all the 200 plus members of parliament belonging to his party resign at once so that the government would fall for lack of a supporting parliamentary majority.

For clarity's sake it must be said that the government he tried to hijack was exactly the same govern-

ment he strongly contributed to form when, after the stalemate created by the outcome of last February's elections, the president of the Republic (re-elected for lack of a different shared choice) pushed for — and obtained under the threat of resigning from Office once and for all and leaving Italy in a complete irremediable chaos — a grand coalition made up of the strangest bedfellows ever (PD and PDL, respectively Italy's main center-left and center-right party).

At the time Berlusconi was probably pretty sure he would be acquitted; just like two weeks ago he was probably pretty sure his party — that never really had any internal democracy — would follow his orders without blinking. He was wrong both times. His pretext to pull the plug on the government (a couple of tax hikes he ran against during the electoral campaign) was too weak, even for the majority of his most loyal supporters.

As a result of his miscalculations, Italy is now finally — and hopefully — on the way to a period of relative government stability, during which the strange bedfellows should, without further distractions, proceed to give birth to the desperately needed economic institutional and electoral reforms they were sent there for. The PDL is on its way to a major internal debate/re-shuffling and he, Berlusconi, should be on his way out of politics ... unless, like in every drama worthy of its name, there is (let us hope not) another twist.

News Briefs

by Sal Giaratani

Obamacrats About Government Control

The battle being played out in Washington over funding for Obamacare overlooks the real battle taking place in the Nation's Capital by Obamacrats pushing Obamacare at all costs to the struggling lower middle and middle classes that will be hard hit by this so-called affordable health reform.

The real agenda being pushed by liberal Democrats and their lackeys in the mainstream media is to bring single-payer health insurance to America. After all, we see how well it is working up in Canada and overseas in Britain. Obamacare is not about health care reform, it is about control by government over every aspect of our daily lives.

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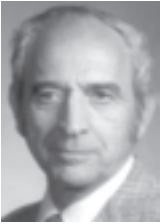
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DATE OF DEATH: April 12, 1945
PLACE OF DEATH: Warm Springs, GA
SPOUSE: Eleanor
PRESIDENT: March 4, 1933 - April 12, 1945

*Franklin D. Roosevelt was known wide and far,
To us older folks he was just F.D.R.;
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It's impossible to list all that he did for you.
As the man of that hour he made quite an impression,
Gave us a New Deal and an end to Depression;
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subjected them all to a minute dissection.
He recalled the Congress from their towns and byways,
Into a special session called "The One Hundred Days."
Once assembled each on his floor,
Passed more legislation than ever before.
Political opponents began tipping their hats,
Because of how he conducted his "Fireside Chats;"
To the country he emerged a confident leader,
To his critics he was known as a confidence breeder.
Just when it seemed things were going so well,
Along came the Japs blew our Pacific Fleet to hell;
In spite of all this he did not falter,
Met with Churchill and Stalin at a place they called Yalta.
After clearing his desk of problems and things,
He took his vacation at dear old Warm Springs;
Where this great American just passed away,
And where yours truly was privileged to kneel and to pray.
Anne Eleanor Roosevelt, just Eleanor to us,
Just a plain New Yorker, never caused any fuss;
The one thing that started some gossipers buzzin'
Was marrying Franklin, he was her fifth cousin.
She mothered six babies, one died a young child,
F.D.R. was a victim when polio ran wild;
That's when Eleanor maintained his political ties,
By subbing as his ears and also his eyes.
In the White House she lived on very broad scales,
Inspecting coal mines, Army camps and even some jails;
Was the cause of conservatives many sleepless nights,
Due to humanitarian support and all human rights.
She met with the press quite regular they say,
Wrote a syndicated news column entitled "My Day;"
One of the reasons she was always so cool,
Was her morning dip in her new swimming pool.
An outstanding woman, won worldwide esteem,
As a U.S. Delegate on a United Nations team.
Then came that day after making her mark,
She and F.D.R. now rest at Hyde Park.*

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Res Publica

by David Trumbull





With the instrument's name taken from the Italian "gravicembalo col piano e forte" (harpsichord with soft and loud), the piano is one of the most familiar and beloved musical instruments. And through October 14th, they are everywhere in the Boston area!

Seventy-five "street pianos," gaily painted or otherwise decorated, may be stumbled upon as you walk through outdoor public spaces in Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, and Somerville, each bearing this epigraph — "Play Me, I'm Yours." Boston boasts the 1,000th piano in a world-wide project that was started in 2008.

"Play Me, I'm Yours" is the creation of British artist Luke Jerram. Street pianos have been installed in 37 cities across the globe.

Just about every Boston area neighborhood has a piano, on a street corner or on a public walkway, where anyone can sit down at and play. The North End has one at Old North Church. East Boston has one, decorated to resemble an airplane, greeting international arrivals at Logan Airport Terminal E.

I've played the pianos in City Hall Plaza, by the Old State House, Downtown at Readers Park (by the Irish Famine Memorial, in front of the old Boston Five Cents Savings Bank Building) and at the top of Boston Common behind the Shaw/54th Regiment Memorial.

Kudos! to whomever in the mayor's office helped bring this about. It is the best "street art" installation I have ever heard of, let alone seen and participated in.

As I struggling with a simple melody at a downtown piano on a warm autumn lunch hour a shirtless young man in running shorts stopped his jog to ask if I decorated the piano, I said no, and that the instrument is for anyone. As I started to head back to my office he sat and played classical music with skill you'd expect at symphony hall, I stayed and listened for about three minutes, until he suddenly


Play it Again, Sam

jumped up and continued his run up Beacon Hill.

Another lunch hour a man in a business suit, with the look of a lawyer, stopped his brisk walk, sat and belted out some most excellent "boogie-woogie" eight-to-the-bar. Then he was quickly on his way to what, undoubtedly, was some terribly important business, yet not so important that it couldn't wait a few minutes while he

entertained the crowd. He was followed by a woman tourist who played "How Great Thou Art" while a few of us passers-by joined in singing that beloved Swedish Protestant hymn.

Oh, as for my playing? Remember how Victor Borge would begin his comedic piano performances? "Do you like good music? [audience replies Yes] Too bad, you've come to the wrong place."



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West End Homecoming on the Horizon

by Sal Giarratani

When I was about 10-years-old, the powers-that-be in Boston declared the West End a slum and tried to raze it from everyone's memory. They knocked down the buildings, did away with streets and forced West Enders to scatter across Greater Boston. Government officials and developers did a great job of obliterating a good neighborhood so they could design the "New Boston of Tomorrow" that the West End could not be a part of. It was frightening to see the power of government turn on a neighborhood with such seemingly cold dispassion.

Nearby North Enders watched in horror and feared they were next. They fought the law and the law won thanks in great part to the political leadership of this community starting with Freddy Langone and others. The North End would not be "Westernized" and in a sense the West End died so that other Boston neighborhoods could live.

Folks from the West End scattered and landed on their feet — it seemed everywhere. However, wherever they traveled, they carried the spirit of the West End within them. Most of them still gather together to remember the good old days. Soon it will be happening in a big way at a homecoming of sorts over at the Irish Social Club in Malden.

On Friday, October 18th at 7:00 pm, many will gather not to mourn but to celebrate the West End at the annual West End Dinner Dance. Before they start swinging away on the dance floor to the music of the Hip Pocket Orchestra, they will dine on a catered Italian brunch. If you are a West Enders or the kids of West Enders, you should be there.

For tickets, go to www.WestEndMuseum.org.

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Maria S. (Esposito) Robideaux

May She Rest in Peace

Maria S. (Esposito) Robideaux, well known and loved, lifelong resident of Boston's North End passed away on Sunday, October 6, 2013.

Beloved wife of Ross Von Robideaux. Loving daughter of the late Alfred and Rose (LoPilato) Esposito. Dear sister of Anthony Esposito of Philadelphia, PA. Adored cousin of Andrea Privitera of Woburn and cherished "Auntie" of Anthony, Olivia and Vanessa.

The *Post-Gazette* and all of the residents of the North End have lost a friend in Maria. We send our best wishes to the Esposito/Robideaux families and



to all the people who loved Maria and are mourning her today.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, 12 North Square, Boston on Friday, October 11th at 11:00 am.

The family received visitors in the Boston Harborside Home, 580

Commercial Street, Boston on Thursday, October 10th from 4:00-8:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either the St. John School, 9 Moon Street, Boston, MA 02113 or the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street, Boston, MA 02113.



Bartolomew T. Papa

May He Rest In Peace

Bartolomew T. Papa of Boston's North End passed away on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2013.

Beloved husband of Annette Sutera Papa of Boston's North End. Devoted father of Patricia "Patte" Papa and Vincent Federico, and Joyce Papa-Amoroso and Ralph Amoroso, all of Boston's North End.

Dear brother of Anthony Papa of Wakefield, and the late Thomas Papa, Mary Colella and Lena Adams. Devoted and cherished grandfather of Justin and Jordyn Amoroso. Also survived by his many loving nieces and nephews.

Bartolomew was born in Boston to the late Benjamin and Beatrice Papa on November 1, 1931. He served his country in the U.S. Army with honor during the Korean Conflict and later worked for many years for Boston Edison Company.



Bartholomew passed away peacefully in the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston on Wednesday morning after a brief illness.

A Funeral Mass in celebration of Bartolomew's life was held in the Sacred Heart Church, in Boston's North End on Saturday, October 5th. A period of Visitation was held in the

church prior to the Mass.

Memorial donations honoring Mr. Papa may be made to the Cam Neely Foundation, 30 Winter Street, 2nd Fl, Boston, MA 02108.

To send an online condolence to the Papa family www.ruggieromh.com Arrangement with the personal care of the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home in East Boston, MA.

The *Post-Gazette* wish to express our sincere condolences to the Papa Family.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

by Ally Di Censo

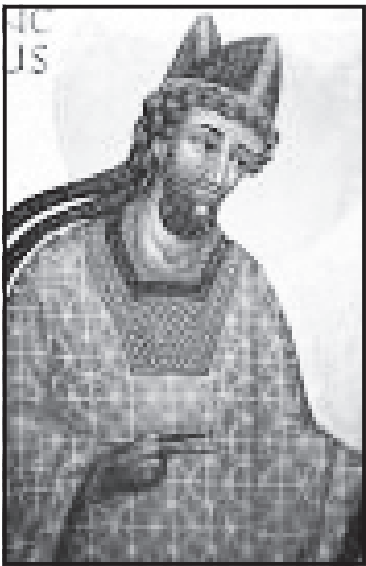
L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore will be back next week.

Saint Wilfrid, Bishop of York

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Wilfrid was born in Northumberland, England in 634, he was the son of an English baron. As a youth, he had an unhappy home life and was subject to the unkindness of his step-mother. At the age of fourteen he was sent away to the Court of King Oswy, King of Northumbria where he attracted the attention of Queen Fanfleda and at her request he was sent to the famed Monastery of Lindisfarne to be educated. Three years after arriving at Lindisfarne, Wilfrid was sent to Rome in the company of Saint Benedict Biscop where he became the pupil of Boniface, the Pope's archdeacon.

On his return home, he passed through Lyons where he received the tonsure from Bishop Annemundas. While in Lyons a persecution of Christians arose, Annemundas was killed and the same fate nearly came to Wilfrid but because of the fact that he was shown to be



of northern England.

Wilfrid became Bishop of York with a See covering the whole of Northumbria, he built magnificent stone churches at Ripon and Hexham. He acquired vast landholdings and established monasteries in Northumbria, Mercia, Sussex and the Isle of Wight and converted Sussex, the last vestige of paganism, to Christianity.

Although he was the confidant of kings and queens he made many powerful enemies and was twice banished from Northumbria. He made three journeys on foot and horseback through Europe to Rome. His life was threatened many times, he was shipwrecked and nearly killed by natives off the coast of Sussex, and imprisoned in Northumbria by the king and twice nearly murdered while travelling abroad.

Wilfrid resigned his post as bishop of York in 703 and retired to his monastery at Ripon where he spent his remaining days in prayer and penitential practices. He passed away in 709.

St. Wilfrid stands out beyond all others of his time as the great defender of the rights of the Holy See in England, for that principle he fought all through his life and spent much of his life in exile. His brief time spent in Friesland (Present, the region of lower Saxony in Germany) was the beginning of the great English mission to the Germanic people of continental Europe. Wilfrid is considered one of the great English saints. His feast day is celebrated on October 12th.

THINKING
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



The Week That Didn't Have to Be

Tuesday, October 1st happened and the Republicans on Capitol Hill did not wink. They held their ground. All the Obamacrats, do they really think the GOP would cower to their list of demands? I am a moderate to conservative Democrat. Going back to my college years in the late '60s and early '70s, I was vice president of the Young Democrats Club on campus. My choice for president as 1968 began was Bobby Kennedy. I fell into disfavor with President Johnson over his handling of the Vietnam War as were many Democrats at that time. When Kennedy was assassinated that June, I was stunned by that violence as I was a month earlier when Dr. King was assassinated too.

That November I did not support the election of the all-new pre-packaged so-called "New Nixon," I supported Vice President Hubert Humphrey. However, four years later as the McGovern wing of the Democratic Party took hold of the party structure, I started voting Republican starting with President Nixon that year. I, however, remain a Democrat as difficult as it is at times.

Last week and the weeks leading up to it, I knew somehow the Democrats would get their wish, a government slowdown. I refuse to call it a shutdown since 80 percent of the federal government is on automatic pilot. I am not real sure that U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz's strategy of holding up the vote until Obamacare was

stricken from it was the best strategy, but someone had to make the first move here and the Democrats were just standing in a corner smirking. Eventually, even Cruz moved to a saner compromise position. He said Republicans would support the continuing resolution as long as the individual mandate was postponed for one year like the employer mandate was by President Obama. Cruz also wanted members of Congress themselves to become a part of Obamacare rather than be exempted from it. Democrats said nyet to everything. The Republicans even offered to fund the federal government department by department by once again the Democrats said nyet.

It seems pretty clear to any objective viewer that there is too much politics going on and both political parties need to start listening and working together. However, I can't believe the Democrats are so ignorant of the constitution. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid calls conditions on the stopgap bill "extortion." U.S. Sen. Steny Hoyer labeled it "hostage-taking." Former Speaker Nancy Pelosi called it "legislative arson." Republicans in the U.S. Senate like Cruz and Rand Paul have been bashed as "terrorists" and "anarchists." Civility is now a lost art in one wing of one party of one house.

What House Republicans, as former NY Lt. Governor

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Veronica Robles Cultural Center-LTV Reception in East Boston

by Sal Giarratani

Veronica Robles is a well-known figure in the East Boston Latino Community. She is the well-known host of *Orale! Con Veronica* on Telemundo (WNEU-TV). Her show is one of the most watched Spanish TV shows in Boston that informs, educates and entertains its regular viewers.

Recently, she moved her studio to 175 McClellan Highway in East Boston right next to the Courtyard Marriott on Route 1A. On September 30th, she welcomed community, business and political leaders to a pre-opening reception at the new state-of-the-art studios she and her husband Willie Lopez opened. LTV Productions Corp./Veronica Robles Cultural Center will become the new site of her TV show and a training ground for future generations interested in learning how to go into TV production both in front of the camera and behind the scenes. Also, her cultural center will become — hopefully in her eyes — a place to teach young people to dance Latino style.

Robles already partners with the Boston Public Schools and her new studio and cultural center will expand her work right into the East Boston and surrounding communities.

At the pre-opening ceremonies, City Councilor Sal LaMattina presented both Veronica Robles and Willie Lopez with a signed proclamation on the opening of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center. Also present to congratulate and representing the best wishes of Sen. Anthony Petrucci and Rep. Carlo Basile, both unable to attend was Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez, D-Mission Hill/Jamaica Plain who has been a longtime supporter of the work Robles does for her community.

Sanchez has been a great state representative for his constituents and has also become a voice for Latino citizens across



City Councilor Sal LaMattina (far right) presented both Veronica Robles and Willie Lopez with a signed proclamation on the opening of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center in East Boston.

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the Boston area. I have personally known Jeff since he was a kid going to Mission Grammar School with my nephew Dominic. He gave a great speech crediting Veronica Robles as a true role model for Boston's Latino community.

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President Spencer Di Scala and Vice President of Cultural Affairs and Luisa Marino are pleased to present Italian pianist and composer Moira Lo Bianco. On October 18th, she and the Moira Lo Bianco Trio, featuring Sweden's Bruno Raberg on double bass and Italy's Giuseppe Paradiso on drums, will perform her newly released album *Lunaria* at the Dante Alighieri Society, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA beginning at 8:00 pm. Light refreshments to follow the performance.

Moira's debut album is a collection of 13 deeply personal and heartfelt pieces, including 11 original compositions, wrapped in the silks of classical jazz and Middle Eastern-inspired styles.

Released on August 13, *Lunaria* is already making waves in Boston and Italy. She has performed *Lunaria* for audiences at the 2013 Newport Jazz Fest Opening Night Gala, Regattabar, Ryles Jazz Club, and the French Cultural Center, and earned coverage in publications throughout her native Calabria. Together, Moira and the Dante Alighieri Society are excited to share *Lunaria* with Boston's Italian community.

Originally from Vibo Valentia, Moira is a graduate of the F. Torrefranca Conservatory and the University of Tor Vergata in Rome. She studied film scoring under Oscar-winning composer Luis Bacalov and relocated to Boston to attend Berklee College of Music, from which she graduated in 2012. Recently, she has enjoyed collaborations with Marco Pignataro, Simon Shaheen, Kinan Azmeh, and M Steinert & Sons, with whom she launched a workshop series entitled *Improvisation for Classical Pianists*.

Lunaria will be available for purchase at the concert and may be downloaded or ordered online at iTunes and CD Baby. moiralobianco.com, facebook.com/moiralobianco.

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City of Boston Partners with State Agencies on Immediate Transportation Improvements in the Innovation District

Collaboration Will Focus on Proactive Steps and Future Planning to Improve Traffic, Public Transit, Biking and Walking Options Throughout Growing Waterfront

Mayor Thomas M. Menino today joined representatives of MassDOT, the MBTA, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, Massport, and A Better City to announce immediate, proactive steps that will allow the Innovation District to continue its rapid growth by managing traffic congestion, improving public transit, and enhancing walking and biking options throughout the Waterfront.

“The Innovation District has become a busy and thriving mix of business, industry, cultural attractions, restaurants, and residences,” Mayor Menino said. “The steps we are taking today — and planning for the future — to connect it with the rest of Boston will make it even more attractive and accessible to companies, their employees, residents, and visitors.”

The City of Boston has taken or will take significant steps to mitigate potential traffic issues and improve transportation options. They include:

- Creating and enforcing “Don’t Block the Box” areas at the junctions of Seaport Boulevard and Sleeper Street, as well as Atlantic Avenue and Summer Street
- Restriping the road surface on the Moakley Bridge, a major route in and out of the district, to guide motorists to travel lanes to I-93 and other destinations, preventing tie-ups caused by confusion
- Installing, by the end of November, “Time to Destination” variable message signs that will provide drivers with accurate information on traffic to allow them to choose alternate routes
- Coordinating with Massport and MassDOT to take steps to mitigate potential traffic issues that may be caused by upcoming construction work in the Callahan Tunnel. This could include construction-related openings to general traffic of both the Bypass Road/Haul Road to motorists driving from the Southeast Expressway (I-93) to Logan Airport,

and the HOV ramp to the Ted Williams Tunnel.

- With the assistance of a \$1.28 million U.S. Department of Transportation grant, procuring two ferries and implementing ferry service between South Boston and East Boston; Service is anticipated for a 2014 launch
- Studying traffic signal timing and lane configurations at Atlantic Avenue and Seaport Boulevard, Sleeper Street and Seaport Boulevard, and 63 other signalized intersections located along the Greenway and in the Innovation District. The results of the study will ensure that the most up-to-date motor vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle counts are used to optimize signal timings and determine the most effective lane configurations.
- Installing “smart parking” sensors, in coordination with Massport, on Seaport Boulevard and Congress Street that will use a phone app to show drivers available parking spaces to prevent them from driving around looking for a metered spot.
- In partnership with Light Boston, Inc. and in an effort to improve the pedestrian experience, working towards illuminating the Northern Avenue bridge with architectural decorative LED lights by the end of this month
- Continuing the design phase of the rehabilitation of the Northern Avenue bridge, including the establishment of stakeholder meetings in the coming months to complete the environmental review process
- Adding additional Hubway bike share stations throughout the Innovation District next spring

Efforts are also underway to improve public transit serving the Innovation District. The MBTA will assess and improve service in the Innovation District on key commuter bus lines such as the #4 and #7 within the next year.

“MassDOT, the MBTA, the City of Boston, and other government agencies are working together to proactively improve transportation in and out of the Innovation

District today while preparing for future growth of people and businesses in the area,” said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Richard Davey. “The solutions being implemented now, and in the near future, will boost our economy and help the Innovation District thrive by maximizing the capacity of key roads and bridges, improving public transit, and providing more biking and walking options.”

The improvements will not only benefit commuters and visitors to the Innovation District, they will facilitate better travel to and from Logan International Airport and Black Falcon Cruise Terminal while ensuring that trucks servicing the port are not contributing to, or having their routes blocked by, congestion.

“The Innovation District and seaport are gateways to Boston for people and goods traveling by air and sea from across the world,” said Massport CEO Thomas P. Glynn. “Massport is contributing resources and working with the City of Boston and other key agencies to implement immediate and long-term improvements to ensure that the Innovation District, Logan Airport, and our port can reach their fullest potential without being restricted by congestion on our roads or public transit.”

With hundreds of thousands of convention attendees coming to the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) each year, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority is working with the other government agencies, providing resources, and including plans in its expansion and hotel development efforts to improve transportation in the Innovation District. This work will benefit those attending conventions,

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I remember back in school reading novels like “1984” and “Brave New World.” George Orwell saw clearly in 1948 when he wrote his novel “1984” the day our government would become control freaks, no different than Hitler’s Nazis or Stalin’s communists. Government stripping people of their individual liberties for the greater good of those in charge of our government.

Too many Americans today simply don’t care about any of this as long as they keep getting their free government stuff. Forty years ago they were buying people off with butter and cheese but now it is about even more stuff.

Tom Clancy Dead at 66

Tom Clancy was such a great writer that back in 1985 a year after his novel, “The Hunt for Red October” was published, the author was invited to the Reagan White House where he was questioned by Navy Secretary John Lehman, who wanted to know who gave him top secret information, to which Clancy said it was all unclassified stuff anyone could have located if they looked hard enough for it. Clancy wrote some great political thrillers besides “Red October” like “Patriot Games” and “Clear and Present Danger.” Most of his novels were turned into blockbuster movies. President Ronald Reagan received a copy of “Red October” as a Christmas present in 1984 and Reagan once stated at a dinner speech, the book was making him loose sleep because he couldn’t put it down at night. Clancy said that

sound-bite moved his book onto the *New York Times* best selling list.

Clancy passed away last week at age 66. He will be missed as a great story teller.

Who is Worse to Figure Out

I like to watch the Fox News Network evenings to find out the stuff the mainstream media won’t tell us. Often, I see Juan Williams an exiled CNN liberal talking head showing up on O’Reilly or Hannity. Then there’s Bob Beckel on Fox’s “The Five” panel show. Sometimes I don’t know which of the two is worse but at least Williams doesn’t come across so high and mighty like portly Bob. By the way, if I ever agreed with anything either of these gents sprouted that would make two of us wrong.

Obamacare Premiums Going Down

The average cost of Obamacare across the nation will be \$328 a month and President Obama says most of the opposition stems from the fears by Republicans that Americans will embrace the plan. Of course, what no one seems to be mentioning is that while premiums drop, co-pays and deductibles for office visits and prescriptions are going in the opposite direction.

Oh, by the way, the rush to sign up people for Obamacare? The White House is counting on signing up 7 million young people who are needed to offset the costs of older and sicker members in the first full year of reforms and state exchanges.

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You can email your questions to postgazette@aol.com to the attention of Freeway. Don't forget folks, Freeway is not a vet, so please keep the questions light-hearted! Thanks.

I can't believe Halloween is here already. Here are a few tips for my pooch friends. No tricks, no treats: that bowl full of candy is for trick-or-treaters not for us pooches. Chocolate in all forms can be dangerous for dogs and cats and tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed. A carved pumpkin certainly is festive, but exercise extreme caution if you choose to add a candle. Pets can easily knock a lit pumpkin over and cause a fire. If you dress up your pet, make sure the costume isn't annoying or unsafe. It should not constrict the animal's movement or hearing or impede his or her ability to breathe or bark. Keep a lookout for small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces on the costume that your pet could choke on. All but the most social dogs and cats

should be kept in a separate room during peak trick-or-treat visiting hours. Too many strangers can be scary and stressful for pets.

ID please! Always make sure your dog or cat has proper identification. If for any reason your pet escapes and becomes lost, a collar and tags and/or microchip increase the chances that he or she will be returned to you.

To all my pooch friends and their companions, stop by the Post-Gazette, 5 Prince Street, North End, Boston on Wednesday, October 30th or Thursday, October 31st from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and pick up a doggie Halloween treat bag. Costumes encouraged!

To ALL my readers and especially my friends at the Post-Gazette, have a Happy Halloween and keep safe.

That's all for now!

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Ruggiero Family Block Party for Casino Big Hit

by Sal Giarratani



The Ruggiero house party was well attended with both supporters and undecideds enjoying the afternoon together.

A house party was hosted by Joe Ruggiero in Orient Heights on Saturday, September 28th and over that summer-like afternoon, dozens showed up for a great get-together and gave them the opportunity to chat with Chip Tuttle from Suffolk Downs who stopped by during the house party.

The house party was held between 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm and I asked Ruggiero if it resumed from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm but he just laughed at that bad undertaker joke.

As Ruggiero stated, "It was great to have Chip and others from Suffolk Downs attend the BBQ."

The Second Annual Gaetano Salvemini Colloquium in Italian History and Culture

Italy 1943-1948: From Catastrophe to Reconstruction

The Second Annual Gaetano Salvemini Colloquium in Italian History and Culture will be held on Wednesday, October 16th at 5:30 pm at the lower level conference room at the Center for European Studies,

Harvard University, 27 Kirkland Street, Cambridge, MA.

The introduction will be given by Renato Camurri (University of Verona), Matteo Lunelli (President, Cantine Ferrari), Charles Maier (Harvard University) and Giuseppe Pastorelli (Consul General of Italy in

Boston). The lecture will be conducted by Massimo L. Salvadori (University of Turin) and the discussion will be led by Charles Maier (Harvard University) and Silvana Patriarca (Fordham University).

Public lecture with reception to follow.

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Socially Scene Reviewed

.... This past Sunday Boston Fashion Week came to an end just where it all began in the Langham Hotel with a runway show featuring National Jean Company hosted by COUP Boston.

Socially Scene was just this past week in the City of Boston and I attended quite a few different shows! I was so impressed and excited to know what the City of Boston had to offer in honor of the fashion industry.

I started off last Monday at Bond in the Langham Hotel where the New England Revolution, Modest Clothing Connection and owner Santi teamed up with charity Friends Fighting Breast Cancer to rock the runway. The styles featured had a fun punk look with a casual everyday appeal. Monday was like a road race for Socially Scene as there were two more shows on list for that night. I rushed over to

InterContinental Hotel — Boston for by far one of the top shows of the week, Denise Hajjar's fall/winter collection donating to Dress for Success. As always she puts on a fantastic night and this time there was a whole room filled with her styles on display and the handbags had me in heaven! On the rush again, I made it to the W Hotel for Candice Wu Couture & House of Cach fashion presented by *Uptempo Magazine*. Wu has really expanded in the fashion industry and the name she has made for herself definitely reflected in her high end styles.

Wednesday was at Taj Hotel that featured Luxe Boutiques' new fall collection of fur garments and fine jewelry, with complimentary wine from California's exclusive Ridge Vineyards and it was all I expected it to be.

Fashion and class go hand in hand and on Thursday afternoon back again at the Langham Hotel was after-

noon tea time and cocktail hour hosted by *Coup Magazine* with Gregory Paul Designs. This was by far the most elegant event of the week and the dresses fit the scene. There were pops of bright green paired with a flat black or white that had everyone in the room wanting one piece or another.

Thursday night was a date I had saved months ago since I started covering the Revere Roof Top shows in August. Christina K. Pierce Fashions was hosting yet again another fashion filled event at Gem in the Revere Hotel. The show started off with the Sefani fall collection that had in season tribal prints with classic formal wear that featured traditional turquoise and orange flare. I enjoyed every show I attended and each impressed me in their own way but by far this was the best runway view of the models and attire. The show closed with a Launch by Susan Young that dressed with a

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silky chic line of casual wear. The night also welcomed a braid and bun bar to spice up your up do along with d'andrea handbags that any fashion friendly lady would like to carry.

Just after the show, I popped in downstairs to the Rustic Kitchen for an event being held by Jennifer Chen founder of Fashion Hubber 4 Life. It was a fashion networking event mixer that brought in some of fashions finest: models, bloggers, entrepreneurs and more. By the time I left I was excited to reconnect with all the industry professionals that have so much to offer.

Friday featured Rough House styles on Royal's runway. Rough House styles are an original to the fashion world, taking denim to a new level and rocking it into a style all their own.

Eventually all good things come to an end and it did with Wrap Up Fashion Week back yet again at Bond in the Langham Hotel Sunday. COUP Magazine Boston brought in National Jean Company to feature "real people, real fun and the wardrobe you'll be wearing all fall".

I sure know I was busy and Boston, I didn't even cover half of what was scheduled. The city was host to multiple shows every day and one's that would earn respect for the Hub in the hottest fashion. Not to worry if you missed it, there are still shows going on after the fact. You can find them at www.bostonfashionweek.com, so get out there fashionistas Boston has a lot to offer!

MFA Celebrates Columbus Day The Museum of Fine Arts Boston will be holding their annual Fall Open House on Monday, October 14th Columbus Day from 10 am to 4:45 pm.

Admission to the Museum is free and includes all special exhibitions and programs, from John Singer Sargent Watercolors to the Benin Kingdom Gallery, featuring art from the ancient African kingdom of Benin (in present-day Nigeria). Programming for all ages ranges from watercolor workshops and drawing in the galleries to performance art by Boston's Dell Hamilton, created in response to the debate surrounding immigration in the United States.

Berklee College of Music graduates Mmmaven will demonstrate a cutting-edge music program inspired by the exhibition Hippie Chic. Additionally, a short film program celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month and tours of the Museum's collection will take place throughout the day. The Fall Open House is sponsored by Ameriprise Financial. A full schedule and details are available online.

Beginning October 18th through the 27th, the 7th Annual Boston Palestine Film Festival will begin showing films that include; Inheritance by Hiam Abbass on October 25th. Palestine's leading actress stars and directs in this family drama about a community struggling between tradition and modernity as they try to find their



The Boston Vegetarian Festival takes place on October 26th and 27th and is always a great time with food, learning and fun. (Photo courtesy of examiner.com)

place in the world. As a war wages around them, a Palestinian family living in the north of Galilee gathers to celebrate the wedding of one of their daughters. Internal conflicts explode between the different members of the family, and the tension grows bigger once the patriarch falls into a coma. It will be shown in Arabic, Hebrew, and English with English subtitles.

The Museum of Fine Arts Boston is a family friendly outing or even has so much to offer on a solo visit. Today the MFA is one of the most comprehensive art museums in the world; the collection encompasses nearly 450,000 works of art. More than one million visitors each year to experience art from ancient Egyptian to contemporary, special exhibitions, and innovative educational programs so join the show!

The Museum has undergone significant expansion and change in recent years; 2010 marked the opening of the Art of the Americas Wing, with four levels of American art from ancient to modern. In 2011, the west wing of the Museum was transformed into the Linde

Family Wing for Contemporary Art, with new galleries for contemporary art and social and learning spaces. Improved and new galleries for European, Asian, and African art have opened through 2013, with more to come.

The MFA Boston is located at 465 Huntington Avenue and for more information you can visit www.mfa.org or call 617-267-9300.

A Little Lesson on Healthy Eating It's time for the 18th Annual Boston Vegetarian Food Festival on Saturday, October 26th and Sunday, October 27th at the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center.

The Boston Vegetarian Society presents their annual Boston Vegetarian Food Festival. It is the longest-running event of its kind in the country; the festival offers FREE admission, FREE food sampling, and FREE parking! With over 100 exhibitors, the Boston Vegetarian Food Festival is two full days of fun, good food, and learning.

The Festival aims to illustrate the wide variety of vegetarian foods and products available in the mar-

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Idris Elba returns as John Luther in the role, which earned him a 2012 Golden Globe for ‘Best Actor.’ In the third mini-series of this riveting psychological thriller, a twisted fetishist is targeting young women in London. As Luther is called to another case, will the killer escape his grips? Luther faces an even bigger threat, as members of his own team will stop at nothing to bring him down. And as a vigilante killer takes justice into his own hands, Luther questions his owns sense of morality. Can he continue to walk the thin line between right and wrong or has he finally met his match?
REVOLUTION: THE FIRST SEASON (DVD)
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In this epic adventure thriller, a family struggles to survive in a post-apocalyptic American landscape: a world of overgrown cities, treacherous militias and heroic freedom fighters, fifteen years after every single piece of technology — computers, planes, cars, phones, even lights — had suddenly blacked out ... forever. A swashbuckling journey of hope and rebirth, ‘Revolution’ is seen through the eyes of a strong-willed woman, Charlie Matheson, who has lost members of her family in the blackout’s tragic aftermath. With a rogue band of survivors — including her mother, Rachel and uncle Miles, an ex-marine and militia leader, she sets out to destroy the dangerous Monroe Militia in order to re-establish the United States of America.

LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED (DVD) Sony Pictures Home Ent.
A romantic comedy set in Sorrento, Italy. Philip (Pierce Brosnan) an Englishman living in Denmark, is a middle-aged widower and estranged single father. Ida (Trine Dyrholm) is a Danish hairdresser whose husband has just left her for a younger woman. The fates of these two souls are about to intertwine as they embark for a trip to Italy to attend the wedding of Philip’s son and Ida’s daughter. It’s a story about seeking love and having the courage to change your life — even when you think it’s too late.

PARADE’S END (DVD) HBO Home Ent.
Set over a tumultuous ten-year period in the early 1900s, it centers around honorable English aristocrat Christopher Tietjens (Benedict Cumberbatch), who puts principles first by marrying Sylvia (Rebecca Hall), a pretty, manipulative socialite who gives birth to a child who may not be his. While enduring his new wife’s whims and overt indiscretions, he finds himself captivated by a fearless young suffragette, Valentine Wannop (Adelaide Clemens), but refuses to give in to their mutual passion or end his marriage to Sylvia. War and the far-reaching changes to the English class system, plus being the possibility of a future where honor and passion might co-exist, he lets go of the ties and traditions of his privileged past.

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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

THERE WAS A CAR UNDER ALL THOSE BUMPERSTICKERS

Last Thursday, I was behind a car along Centre Street in West Roxbury. The car, I kid you not, had ten, count ‘em, ten bumper stickers on it. The rear window, the bumper and even on the trunk door. The driver even had an aging oval-shaped “Fitz” bumper sticker which had to be close to 17 years old. I could tell by the ethnicity of the candidates, that the driver was Irish and from the old Kevin Fitzgerald sticker originally from Mission Hill too. My old car once looked like this woman’s car but now I try and tone down the political look. Even I never put 10 bumper stickers on that old car of mine.

ALFA IS ALPHA WITH PUMP PRICES

Two Fridays ago, I stopped by the ALFA gas station just outside Roslindale Square on Washington Street. The prices here are always great. On this particular day, 87 octane was, I kid you not, going for \$3.27. I love this place.

PAULA KNOWS BETTER?

Joe Young has a new cook down at the Elite in Day Square. I love this place and the great food there. Paula just started at the grill behind the counter and is doing a super job of it. I love my pancake and oatmeal breakfast. I call it my “usual” but apparently, my “usual” seemed boring to her. She asked if I would like to have blueberry oatmeal one morning and I said, “Why not”? The next morning she wanted to serve me strawberry oatmeal and I said “why not” again.

On the third morning she said she had nothing new and I said, “How about my plain oatmeal again.” She laughed and started boiling my plain oatmeal. Her oatmeal experiment was over. Thank God.

PHIL FRATTAROLLI HAD A GREAT RUN

Phil Frattarolli didn’t make it out of the preliminary. His campaign for city council at large grind came to an end. However, he showed some political promise. He ran a good campaign and looked good on the stump. He will be back. In District 1 he did quite well especially in East Boston where I was working the polls at the high school.

SANTARPIO’S EASTIE TRADITION

Boston politics are very traditional. In South Boston, on the morning of the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, they have gathered for a pre-parade breakfast roast. In Charlestown, the Bunker Hill Associates do pretty much the same thing the morning of the Bunker Hill Day Parade. Over in Eastie, politicians and political junkies gather around noon time on Election Days at Santarpio’s for pizza, lamb, sausages and jokes.

This year at Santarpio’s, City Councilor Sal LaMattina ran the show and all went well as the mayor showed up and yucked it too. Next March will be interesting over in Southie as Senator Linda Dorcea Fory takes on emcee duties the morning of the parade. We shall see how that turns out and that’s no blarney. There are some upset about her leading the morning jokefest and view her as a banshee which she is not. But neither is she Irish except by marriage.

KUHNER WOULDN’T EVEN TAKE A LIFEJACKET

Sometimes I don’t get Jeff Kuhner at all. Recently, he got on this kick about the banning of tattoos in the military below the elbows and knees. He said it was an attack on manhood. Whatever.

Even when callers who had served in the military 10, 20, 30 years ago said there was no issue of tattoos to rev up over, he continued on his merry way. Finally, he must have seen the light because after coming back from a break, he was on a new kick. He went from tattoos to football just like that rather than admit he didn’t know what he had been yelling about for about one hour on the air. Kuhner is very entertaining but one can’t be seemingly that ignorant.

Most of the time I learn much from Kuhner’s opines because the mainstream media likes to hid lots from its readers.

CAN CHARLIE BAKER WIN?

Charlie Baker is back on the campaign trail for governor next year and at the moment, the Republicans seem to be clearing the field. Last time around he had his

clock beaten by Governor Deval Patrick which shocked many conservative Democrats like myself. He had a great running mate in Tesei but it didn’t work. Baker never gelled with the electorate. This time around we are told, he will run as the real Charlie Baker. Who was he in 2010? He still looks like a Republican nerd. If Coakley gets the Democrats’ nod, I hate to think how low the voter turnout will be in November 2014. I loved that so phony looking diner tour of the state Coakley took after announcing her candidacy. Does she really look like the diner type? I heard reportedly in Medford, most diners at Dempsey’s never saw her in there before the tour.

Anybody have any ideas on appropriate running mates for both or either of them for Campaign ‘14?

KATZ ANF GRAHAM IN THE BOSTON HERALD

Two of my favorite *Boston Herald* columnists are Jeff Katz and Michael Graham. They are informative and entertaining and make readers think about the issues out there of importance. Recently, Graham wrote about public housing in Cambridge why the city is now banning smoking inside apartments of public housing residents. Graham thought that this is another example of government trying to protect us from ourselves. However, I looked at this issue in a different light. Back over 40 years ago, I lived in Orchard Park over in Roxbury. Had the B.H.A. told project residents to smoke outdoors, there

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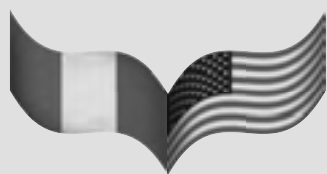
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Simple TIMES...

by Girard A. Plante



Upon my relocation from upstate New York to Newton, Mass., on a chilly Saturday in early November 1993, I had the grand opportunity to witness the election of Boston mayoral candidate Thomas M. Menino.

I harbored only a glimpse of Boston city politics through family summer visits over the years prior to moving to the Boston area to enhance my journalism career. Much of my information resulted from Boston's daily newspapers, the dozens of community papers scattered from Maine to Cape Cod and from periodicals published in Boston.

For me, the ever-interesting realm of politics and governance began in earnest from grammar school in the 1960s on through high school into the 1970s. I participated in carrying candidates leaflets to my neighbors' mail boxes and placing campaign signs on the front yard of my childhood home.

Two decades after moving, I write this column for a venerable Boston-based newspaper and wonder: 'Where has the time gone as we look to the impending absence in three months of a good and decent man who became Boston's longest serving mayor?'

Mayor Menino's daily steadfast leadership the past 20 years will be immensely missed and fraught with enormous adjustments for the next man who shall lead the great city of Boston, its residents, as well as numerous other folks who visit Boston to work, recreate and socialize. Such a seismic shift is unsettling to merely ponder.

Wherever we trek through Boston, we see the imprint of Mayor Menino's incredible foresight in transforming one of the oldest cities in our great nation to its current status as a dynamic, ever-evolving, essential international metropolis.

From the refreshing renovation of the Seaport District to the burgeoning growth of South Boston to the ongoing enthusiastic spruce-up of downtown Boston, we know that business-as-usual has not proven to ring true during Mayor Menino's historic tenure.

Moreover, we grew accustomed to listening to Mayor Menino remind anybody who chose to create mayhem in Boston's neighborhoods that such nefarious activity will not be tolerated. Civility, respect for people and property, along with

pride of community will win the day, he continuously reminded us.

Though his critics will disagree with some of the facts I espouse, we know that nobody can fault Menino's passion to serve and his earnest commitment to better the city he unconditionally loves.

For example, I recall vividly an incident a few years ago that brought Mayor Menino's ire boiling over upon learning of disturbing ads displayed from the windows of Niketown's flagship store on Boston's Newbury Street.

The ads showed young people wearing Nike T-shirts that carried a subliminal message that somehow violence was the 'norm' in our society. Mayor Menino did not buy into such sensationalism in Boston!

As a result, Mayor Menino swung into action and left City Hall with his aides for a ride across town to hold an outdoor press conference in front of Niketown's windows to demand that Nike officials take down the signs from their highly-visible storefront!

Certain members of Boston's media immediately screamed that Menino's tactics were akin to a "bully." And that he used his position as a "Bully Pulpit" to score political points. They added that he conducted a sideshow to trample on free speech rights.

But despite that withering criticism, Menino pressed on with innate courage and his enduring quest to ensure safe streets for Boston's citizens and the thousands of visitors to the city. That was his primary purpose for protesting a popular, iconic, multi-billion dollar company's misguided message to the youths of Boston's urban neighborhoods.

That sort of tough-minded approach to rightly deal with the larger problem of gang violence that culminate in random senseless killings will be missed immensely. Similar redeeming qualities will be required of the next mayor to govern the myriad issues of the day that impact Boston and every municipality across America.

Mayor Menino's legacy, for me, will be that he led by example and lived an exemplary life. His impenetrable integrity, the savvy tactician of Boston's rough-and-tumble politics, and his fairness for all folks shall resonate far into the future.

He may not have articulated impeccably an array of issues. Yet we always knew where Mayor Thomas M. Menino stood in the privilege of serving and protecting the citizens he swore to each of the five terms he won reelection to the historic city whose hallowed ground witnessed the birth of the world's oldest continuous democracy.



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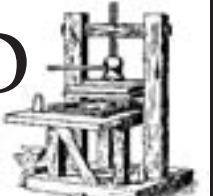
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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Ready for this? A poll of 2,250 Americans were asked to pick an age at which they could live in good health forever. The average person's favorite age was 50.

Speaking of age, we are now so old that we no longer buy green bananas. Seriously, I just can't believe I am truly an old, old, man! Will I live to be 100? I think so. It has been said creative people live long. Irving Berlin made it to 101.

Wow! A husband and wife from Jefferson City, Tenn., have lost a combined 524 pounds in less than two years through dieting and exercise. Justin and Lauren Shelton weighed over 450 pounds and 300 pounds, respectively, at their 2008 wedding. But when Justin, 27, was hospitalized in January 2012, he was too big for treatment, prompting the couple to finally tackle their chronic overeating and sedentary lifestyle. The challenge brought the couple closer, said Lauren, 26. "It really strengthens you when you've got something hard ahead of you and you do it together."

Huh? A Hawaiian woman persuaded authorities to redesign the state's official ID cards, so her 35-letter surname could fit. Authorities had previously suggested Janice Keihanaikukauakihuliheekaunaale use her birth name: Worth.

News from Giglio, Italy. Up from the bottom: Italians celebrated a masterful engineering feat when the *Costa Concordia* was heaved upright. The cruise ship ran aground off the island of Giglio in January 2012 and capsized, killing 32 people and making the captain, who allegedly sailed too close to shore and then fled the ship, into a national villain. Now there's a hero: The South African salvage master, Cap-

tain Nick Sloane, was feted like a rock star after leading a 500-strong team in using cables and caissons to right the 115,000-ton ship. The ship will now be sufficiently repaired so that it can be towed to port and scrapped.

News from Lima, Peru. Peru has overtaken Colombia as the world leader in the counterfeiting of U.S. dollars, thanks partly to the skilled labor of children. After police arrested one 13-year-old with a sack of \$700,000 in fake \$100 bills and euro notes, he showed them how he hand-finished each bill, adding professional touches. "It's a very good note," said a Secret Service officer at the U.S. Embassy. "They use offset, huge machines that are used for regular printing of newspapers." Peru is also catching up to Colombia in cocaine production, but counterfeiting is proving more profitable.

A bag-job! A man who allegedly robbed a Florida church was caught when his baggy pants slipped down around his ankles, foiling his getaway. Police said that Anthony Jason Garcia, 31, grabbed the cash drawer from the church's gift shop and sprinted off, with church worker Joe Larkin in hot pursuit. Garcia's oversize pants slipped down his legs as he ran, and when Larkin dove at the suspect, he pulled the pants down further, tripping up the thief and leading to his arrest. "Had he had a belt, this may have been a different outcome," said a sheriff's spokesperson.

Trusting, you will understand what this is all about. The anal secretions of beavers smell similar to vanilla and may be used to flavor baked goods and ice cream, says Sweden's National Food Agency. The animal's anal



glands secrete a substance called castoreum, which is sometimes used in perfume and processed foods. But the agency said that widespread use was unlikely, since "the beaver is not an animal which is bred, so supply is not that great."

The U.S. teen birthrate dropped 6 percent between 2011 and 2012, and is now the lowest it's been in the 73 years the government has been tracking it. Health experts attribute the decline to sex education and the increased availability of contraception.

Shame! Shame! A United Nations study of sexual abuse found that nearly one in four men in six Asian nations — Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Papua New Guinea — admits to having raped a woman or girl. Half admit having used violence against a female partner.

Big charge of power! On game day, Cowboys Stadium consumes more electricity with its air conditioning, massive scoreboard, and other power-sucking amenities than Liberia, a nation of 3.7 million people. The astute Peter Beatrice of Swampscott, says, "It's a confused world. We're running out of electricity — and nobody even knows what it is."

Ah, Peter Beatrice! The man has had many, many interesting experiences in the world of politics and as a lawyer. Perhaps he will author a book and be assured it would be great reading especially about his involvements with Governor Chub Peabody and other notables.

For men only! The smaller a man's testicles, the more attentive a father he's likely to be. That's the conclusion of a study that surveyed 70 men who had a child — between the ages of one and two. Researchers found that the smaller the man's family jewels, the more likely their wives were to report that they were involved parents — spending a lot of time feeding, diapering, and playing with their toddlers. Brain scans also found that these men found it highly rewarding just to look at their kids' pictures.

Healthy news. All fruit isn't created equal when it comes to preventing diabetes. A Harvard University study that tracked the diets of more than 185,000 people over 12 years shows that eating strawberries, oranges, peaches, plums and apricots has no impact on a person's likelihood of developing type 2 diabetes. But grapes, apples, grapefruit and blueberries do help ward off the disease.

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Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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ROLLED GREY SOLE FILLET with Rice and Shrimp Stuffing

6 grey sole fillet*	1 tablespoon mayonnaise
1/4 pound medium shrimp	3 tablespoons white wine
20-25 Ritz or Hi Ho crackers	1/2 cup water or clam juice
2 tablespoons butter or margarine	3/4 cup rice of choice

*Fillet of flounder can be used in place of grey sole fillet.

Cook rice according to directions on the package. Set aside.

Peel shrimp and place in a bowl with water and set aside. Crush crackers thoroughly. Add softened butter or margarine and work it into crushed crackers. Set aside.

Drain shrimp. On a cutting board, cut up each shrimp into half-inch portions and set aside.

Line bottom of a baking casserole dish lightly with mayonnaise. Spread cooked rice over bottom of casserole.

Wash out the grey sole fillet and drain. Using one fillet at a time spread some cracker stuffing mixture in center portion of fillet. Add shrimp portions over the stuffing. Starting at narrow edge of fillet, roll the fillet carefully toward the wider end to create the stuffed roll. Continue stuffing remaining fillet. Place each rolled fillet, side by side, over rice in baking dish. With butter knife, spread some mayonnaise lightly over each fillet roll. Sprinkle some cracker mixture over them and top each roll with 1/8 teaspoon of butter or margarine.

In a cup, mix three tablespoons of white wine in one-half cup of water or clam juice. Spread mixture over rice and rolled fillet.

Place casserole dish in a preheated 375°F oven to bake for fifteen or twenty minutes. Then remove baking dish from oven. Additional water or clam juice can be added to casserole if needed. Return to oven to bake until tops of fillet brown lightly and rolled fillet is fork tender (approx. five to eight minutes).

NOTE: Watching my elders become creative with foods through the years encouraged me to do the same in my home. This recipe resulted from my curiosity to prepare something different for my family with rice and grey sole fillet. During the summer months, I prepare and bake this recipe in a throwaway aluminum baking dish over low heat on my gas grill.

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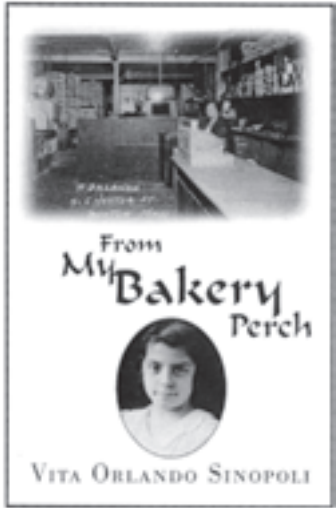
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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Babbononno was a member of the Sons of Italy in the North End, later East Boston. Back then, America could be a hostile environment for the newcomers from Europe, especially those from the Mediterranean countries. Members of local lodges would meet at designated homes, restaurants or banquet halls to hold their meetings until they could afford to buy or build facilities that would give the members a permanent location.

It was during World War II and it was Babbononno's turn to host the bi-weekly or monthly meeting (I'm not sure) at 70 Eutaw Street. I was probably four or five years old and was playing with my toys in Nanna's kitchen when Babbononno called the meeting to order. His generation conducted everything in Italian as all of the members were born in Italy and a few didn't speak English. Babbononno did study English once he settled in Boston, but unfortunately, he was among the group that had difficulty overcoming the pronunciation of English words. I've often heard the term broken English when people refer to some of those old folks. I, lovingly, accused my grandfather of speaking "fractured" English. It was beyond broken. At times, during my young life, Babbononno would try to speak English to me, but it would get to the point where I would ask him to switch to Italian due to the fact that I had no idea what he was trying to say.

Anyway, back to his home-based Sons of Italy meeting ... I remember the conversation turning to the war after the formalities were completed. It seems that just about everyone had sons fighting in either Europe or Asia. Unlike Babbononno who had been in American over forty years, many of his lodge members were relative new comers to America. You might think that their allegiances would be with Italy. They were proud to be Americans and even prouder that their sons were fighting for this country, even if it meant against the land of their birth. When it became Babbononno's turn, he would talk about Uncles Nick and Gino who were in uniform. I even remember him expressing the feeling that it

seemed like Italian American servicemen were looked at under a microscope to see if their allegiances were really with America. Today, I know that that first generation of Italian Americans didn't look to Italy with the same love that was expressed by their parents. They were Americans and were patriots when it came to American causes.

After the war, my father and uncles became successful in their chosen professions. Uncle Paul was in the printing business during the day and played music at night. Uncle Nick ran for office in the musicians' union and wound up as the vice president for over 25 years. Dad left the big bands when the war started and became a teacher in the Boston Schools. At night he worked locally either in night clubs or with society bands that entertained in Boston. They never really had time for organizations like the Sons of Italy. I once asked Dad why he didn't belong to the local lodge, seeing their location was just around the corner from where we lived. He philosophized that Babbononno's generation needed the support and strength of the organization to survive, but things had changed for people with Italian names. I know that they networked with the OSIA as most of their functions featured music played by musicians whose last names ended in vowels. Even though they didn't join in, they didn't stray far from their roots.

As a young man, I could have cared less. I had so many things going on in my life that a fraternal organization was the last thing on my mind. By the time I was in my late teens, I was attending college, working part-time at the Seville Theater and had become a professional musician. A few local musicians and I did play for the monthly dances at the long-gone East Boston OSIA lodge that was on Trenton Street. We were all third generation, but I guess the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

Fast forwarding to the recent past, when I met Loretta, she was living in the North End, and once we were married brought me from the Anglo or American world back to my Italian roots. In

spite of being away from the neighborhoods of my youth, most of my closest friends were of Italian origin. Early on, I traveled the world with Sal Meli. I met Dean Saluti in the early 1970s and we became close friends. We both were working on our doctorates at Boston University and became inseparable. We "hung out" together, double dated and when we both married, were in each other's wedding parties. In the last 1980s, Dean joined the brand new Greater Boston Renaissance Lodge of the Sons of Italy. Climbing the ladder of positions, he soon became the president. With him at the helm, this lodge has become a "one of a kind" throughout the country. Of course, he made sure I became involved and I did. It later led me to state office positions.

Today, the Renaissance Lodge has one of the largest memberships in the U.S. Most of our members are professionals, business owners and every day folks who just want to enjoy themselves, Italian style. Many of the people are not Italian. The lodge has a large number of people who have no Italian blood. Let's see, our social members are Irish, Spanish, Chinese, African American, Jewish and an assortment of Heinz 57 who just like hanging out with us.

Seeing that both Dean and I are old car enthusiasts, many of our newer members are old car owners and we have developed a brotherhood within the Renaissance Lodge. In fact Dean, who loves European antique cars, has brought in several members from the car clubs that fancy British, Italian and German cars.

Some of our events reflect these new members and the showing of their cars. Just recently, we had a day at the Myopia Polo Club. Dozens of cars were lined up for viewing and we were treated to a buffet dinner, aged wines and good cigars.

During the year, we tie in with other Sons of Italy lodges and help them celebrate their special events. We've even gone beyond Italian organizations and join in with other clubs that wish to include us. We've come a long way over the years ... MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA

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The Power of Duff takes to the Huntington Stage October 11th. (Photo courtesy of worldofstage.com)

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Boston Winter Film Festival On Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 18th, Theatre 1 at Revere Hotel will host Boston's second annual winter film festival.

This two-night festival showcases 16 of the world's best ski and snowboard films, including award-winning and award-nominated films from Level 1 Productions, Stept Productions, Nike Snow-boarding, Video-grass Productions, 4bi9 Media, Legs of Steel, Think Thank Films, Transworld Snowboarding, and Jake Blauvelt's "Naturally."

Each attendee will receive a two-for-one lift ticket to both Jay Peak and Mount Snow resorts, two drink tickets courtesy of Deep Eddy Vodka and Sapporo, and a raffle ticket for a chance to win ski and snowboard gear and other prizes. VIP pass holders will receive exclusive gifts and priority seating.

A silent auction will benefit "Ellen's Heart & Soul," a nonprofit organization for breast cancer awareness. There will be nightly after

parties will be hosted on site featuring live music and DJs.

The winter film festival is a great way to anticipate the soon to be snowy fun. Thursday, October 17th beginning at 7:30 pm and Friday, October 18th at 7:00 pm are the films show times in Theatre 1. The Boston at Revere Hotel Boston Common is located at 200 Stuart St. For more information or tickets visit www.bostonwinterfilmfestival.com.

The Power of Duff October 11th through November 16th at the Huntington Theater.

In *The Power of Duff*, Rochester news anchor Charlie Duff shocks his co-anchor, boss and colleague as he concludes the newscast with a spontaneous prayer rather than his usual send-off the night after his father dies. Yearning for connection, Charlie continues his nightly prayers despite management's initial protestations, rapidly becoming a popular and controversial figure to an ever expanding audience. Yet, in spite of the strengthening bond Charlie feels with the subjects of his prayers and his viewers, he struggles to connect with his ex-wife and estranged teenage son.

David Wilson Barnes plays Charlie Duff, a burnt-out local newscaster who transforms first his community and then himself when he begins praying on-air in the Huntington Theatre Company's new production of Stephen Belber's moving new drama *The Power of Duff*. Amy Pietz ("The Office," "Caroline in the City") plays Duff's ex-wife Lisa, and Jennifer Westfeldt plays Sue, Charlie's co-anchor, in the production helmed by Huntington Artistic Director Peter DuBois. Performances begin on October 11th at the Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA, 527 Tremont Street, Boston. The Power of Duff is produced in association with New York Stage and Film and Vassar's Powerhouse Theater.

This hilarious and tragic comedy takes to the stage on Friday, October 11th with scheduled show times until November 16th. The Huntington Theatre Calderwood Pavilion is located at the BCA, 527 Tremont Street, Boston. For more information on tickets and times you can visit www.huntingtontheatre.org or call 617-266-0800.

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News Briefs

(FROM ITALIAN
NEWSPAPERS AND
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Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

IN DEFENSE OF THE PRODUCTS' ORIGINS! For quite some time there has been an increase of strong complaints by many of the member nations that have seen a massive assault on the integrity of products by established industries vis-à-vis outrageous 'copies' that look similar to the original one and sell at a low price. For instance, product like cheeses, wines, canned tomatoes, etc., looking like the original ones, have showed up on many supermarkets worldwide, and at lower prices than the real ones. Italy has established a vast international market where original products are sold. Several months ago, a delegation of Italian businessmen toured a few markets, and supermarkets, in China. To their chagrin they also found sections where products looking like the original Italian ones were on sale, at a low price! Products like prosciutto, other salami and cheeses were being offered as Italian, even with the tri-color showing up on the labels. The European Community has in the works legislation that will appear in 2014. The original products will be identified by a particular "trade mark", to forestall any tampering with the 'originality' of the products. The massive international fraud has reached alarming proportions. Massive fraud in the food product has been uncovered in Italy lately. In the 2012 year, the Police have confiscated 20 million kg. of food and soft drinks worth 468 million euro (\$ 545 million). The 'Carabinieri' contributed by uncovering packages of 'lasagne alla bolognese', which contained traces of horse meat. The fraud was "Made in Italy", precisely in the province of Bologna. Other fraudulent food activities consisted of flour, bread and pasta, alcoholic products, milk, etc. It is encouraging to learn that the system of controls in Italy has become quite efficient, of late. We also hope that the forthcoming European legislation, ready in 2014, will have strong teeth!

THE ITALIAN GUNMAKER: "BERETTA" FACES A SUDDEN CRISIS IN MARYLAND. The well-known weapon manufacturer may soon face serious problems. As recently reported by the 'Washington Post', the only Beretta manufacturing plant in the United States where it produces 100,000 weapons a year and has recently invested more than a million dollars to produce, mostly for collectors, a new version of a semiautomatic special rifle- the ARX 160- used by special Army units- has become famous because used in the violent video game "Call of Duty". Now the proposed legislation by the Obama administration may affect the future of the 'Beretta'. The Bill proposed by the Democratic Governor of Maryland may seal the future sale of the automatic rifle, included the AR-15, which was used by the killer Adam Lanza in the killing of school children at Newtown, Conn. If the proposed law is approved by the State of Maryland's legislature, the future of the 300 workers will be in jeopardy. Unless the 'Beretta' moves to a State where a legislation may be much less disruptive than in Maryland.

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• **Ray Barron** (Continued from Page 12)

How to choose good olive oil. Look for 'extra virgin.' Olive oil is good for about two years, and fresh olive oil tastes better than older oil. Also, note where the oil is from. If it was "produced" in Italy but the olives were grown elsewhere, the travel time likely caused some degradation. California olive oils "consistently score higher in quality than imports" — probably because they're fresher. Sample it at home. Taste the oil when you get it home. If it tastes or smells of wax, salami, or peanuts, it's rancid, so return it.

Well, poverty in the U.S. isn't worse than it was 40 years ago, said Sheldon H. Danziger, even if government statistics might lead you to think so. The Census Bureau released new data indicating that poverty today is no worse than in 1973, when the official rate reached a record low of 11.1 percent.

Carlo Scostumato, says, "A man isn't really poor if he can still laugh." And

Giuseppina, cosce storte, says, "Money may not be everything, but it's a pretty good cure for poverty."

Reminders! The movie *Cleopatra*, starring Elizabeth Taylor, was banned from Egypt in 1963 because Taylor is a Jewish convert. During the Middle Ages, it was widely believed that men had one less rib than women. This is because of the story in the Bible that Eve had been created out of Adam's rib. And there is a place in Norway called Hell.

Wee bit of Italian American History. Giuseppe Garibaldi, who led Italy to unification in 1861, was offered a command as Major General in the Union Army by President Lincoln. But he declined, but to honor him, the 39th New York Infantry was known as *the Garibaldi Guard*. About 150 of its 850 men were Italian.

Show business reminiscing with the ageless, handsome musicologist and philanthropist Albert Natale. Louis Armstrong was not kid-

ding when he referred to the Guy Lombardo band as "my inspiration. Glenn Miller's success was predicated principally on his own arrangements, though after commercial interests began taking so much of his time, he turned over most of his writing chores to Bill Finnegan, Billy May, and East Boston's native Jerry Gray. Oops! Geraldo Graziano! Singer Russ Columbo (a Bing Crosby sound-alike) also played violin and accordion. Some "final curtain" facts. Gypsy Rose Lee is at Inglewood Park Cemetery in California. Bud Abbott who left us in 1974 was cremated and his ashes scattered in the Pacific Ocean. Lou Costello is at Calvary Cemetery, Los Angeles. Bing Crosby who passed away in 1977 is at Holy Cross Cemetery, Culver City, California. Also at Holy Cross is, Johnny Desmond, and Jimmy Durante. For you baseball fans, the great young slugger Tony Conigliaro is at the Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

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• **Innovation District** (Continued from Page 6)

working in the area, and residents of South Boston.

"To keep Boston competitive as a top convention and tourism destination, it is important that attendees, business leaders, and tourists alike have a positive experience traveling to and from the BCEC, Logan Airport, hotels, restaurants, and cultural attractions located in the South Boston Waterfront and throughout the city," said James E. Rooney, executive director of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority. "The MCCA is providing resources and incorporating improvements to streets, parking, and public transit into our expansion plans that will benefit those attending conventions, working in the area, and residents of South Boston."


The planning efforts and administration of an Innovation District transportation plan are led by **A Better City**, a business organization with experience in transportation planning for Boston and the region. A Better City will soon release a RFP to solicit consultant services for a comprehensive, forward-looking transportation planning effort for the future of the Innovation District.

"A Better City is committed to economic growth by improving our transportation infrastructure throughout the Boston area," said Richard A. Dimino, president and CEO of A Better City. "The Innovation District serves as a job shed not only for Boston and the region, but throughout the Commonwealth. We look forward to

working with the City of Boston and other transportation agencies to improve access and mobility in this important economic center."

"As one of the first major companies to establish themselves here in the Innovation District, we've seen the incredible growth of this area as well as the challenges that come with more commuters and visitors," said Jim Gallagher, executive vice president at **John Hancock Financial**. "We are very happy to see the City of Boston partner with MassDOT and other state agencies to improve transportation in the Innovation District. John Hancock remains committed to helping improve traffic in the city as well as the commute of our employees who come here every day."

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• **Talk of Many Things** (Continued from Page 10)

would have been a revolt. People back then weren't sheep or as I like to call them Canadian geese. Today, too many Americans who are on the government gimme list will do whatever they are told because they like their free stuff and their cheap rents. If folks were told what color shirts to wear, most would run out and buy that color.

A democratic republic cannot survive for long when people start thinking of themselves as working for the government when in fact they are supposed to be the government themselves.

We need Americans to stand up for themselves and apply the brakes when government moves too fast against them. However, when over 47 percent of Americans are getting from the government, you can't expect change for the better. A nation that consists of one out of every seven Americans on food stamps, the future doesn't look good.

CAPUANO SAYS NO TO GOVERNOR'S RACE
U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano, D-Somerville has decided not to enter next year's governor's race and will instead run for re-election to a 9th term in Congress. I was not surprised by the announcement. I saw him speak a few months back at a breakfast in East Boston and he didn't sound like he wanted to be a governor. I think he loves the legislative role and the challenges this role brings in the public arena. With him out of

the race, the Democrats now have State Treasurer Steve Grossman and the all re-packaged A.G. Martha Coakley set to go the distance in 2014. Both are strong candidates but my money is on the treasurer. His candidacy is looking good to many Democrats who are still skittish about Coakley after the 2010 race she blew against Scott Brown for U.S. Senate. As a Democrat, I like Grossman.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN STREET PARTY
Once again with Halloween quickly approaching, plans are being made for the annual Halloween Street Party on Battery Street in the North End, put on as an annual tradition by members of the Madonna Della Cava Society. It's always a fun time for children and their parents. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 26th starting at 1:00 pm. Rain date will be Sunday. Let us hope and pray that weather stays good so that everybody can get all dressed up in their costumes and have lots of fun. Della Cava members are the best.

TOYS FOR TOTS PARTY
The ITAM Post 6 over in East Boston will be having a "Toys for Tots Party" at the Post on October 23rd starting at 7:00 pm. Admission price will be one new unwrapped toy.
30TH ANNIVERSARY AT BEIRUT
A ceremony honoring the 241 Marines, sailors and soldiers who perished in the Beirut barracks bombing, including 9 from Massachusetts will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd at 3:00 pm at the Saugus Town Hall.

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

lette, a man who led the Carolina Hurricanes to the Stanley Cup in 2006, rescued the Philadelphia franchise from oblivion during the 2009-2010 season and was also a prime candidate for the head job in Boston earlier in his career. Lavolette was let go after just three games into the current season, one of the quickest dismissals in the NHL in recent times. True, he had lost all three games but one has to wonder if that is enough to gauge a trend for a lengthy season that will last until mid-April. Hockey fans in New England will remember Lavolette for a couple of reasons. During the 2009-2010 campaign, in his first season with the Flyers, he took over a team that was going nowhere in December, got that squad into the playoffs by defeating the Rangers in a shootout in the last game of the regular season and then took down the Bruins in dramatic fashion. Yes, that was Lavolette behind the bench during the historic meltdown series

with Philadelphia back in the spring of 2010 when the Bruins jumped out to a 3-0 lead in games, only to see Philadelphia fight back to tie the series at 3-3 and force game 7. That contest turned out to be an example in miniature of the overall series as Boston built up a 3-0 lead, only to see the Flyers come back and take the game, eliminating the B's. Some two decades earlier Lavolette, a native of Franklin, appeared to be on the fast track with Boston, coaching the Providence Bruins to the 1990 AHL Calder Cup Championship and earning Coach of the Year honors in the process. He did become an assistant with the B's but was disappointed when he was passed over for the head job. He left to become the head coach of the New York Islanders for a couple of seasons, moved on to Carolina for several more (including the Cup winning year) and then came aboard in Philadelphia midway through the 2009-2010 season.

That ended October 7 as Philadelphia let Lavolette go, naming assistant coach Craig Berube to take over the ship. The three-game stint this season was even shorter than Lavolette's NHL playing career — 12 games with the Rangers in the late 1980s. But the long remainder of the 2013-2014 season will not be a period of complete inactivity for Lavolette. He will be an assistant coach with the U.S. Men's Olympic Team this coming February. He served as the head coach of the team for the 2006 Olympics in Torino, Italy. The feeling here is that Lavolette will not be unemployed for a long period of time. As losses mount for some teams, he could even be hired at some point later this season — just as he was by Philadelphia in December, 2009. But even if that doesn't occur, he'll almost certainly be back somewhere by next season—ready to pull a surprise or two in a career that already has had its share of successes.

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

Betsy McCaughey said, "What they are doing is not blackmail. It's checks and balances in action. Congress has always had the power to attach almost any condition including repealing or changing a law to appropriations. The framers wrote the Constitution that way for good reason." When the president says, as he did days before the October 1st deadline hit, that

"he will not negotiate. Later that day, he made a campaign-like stop at a Ford assembly plant telling workers that Republicans were "trying to mess with me." On Wednesday, October 2nd, President Obama invited congressional leaders from both parties to a 5:30 pm meeting at the White House where reportedly both the president and Harry Reid basically told the Republican leaders to vote on the bill to

end the shutdown without any changes at all to Obamacare. At the end of the meeting which was useless, the president stated he made it clear "he is not going to negotiate" to end the shutdown or raise the debt ceiling. What's happening reminds me of a line from a character in "Caddy Shack." Remember the ice cream man. When someone tells him what toppings he wants, the ice cream guy tells him, "You'll get nothing and like it." As newspaper columnist and radio guy Michael Graham so aptly put it, "There is no subtlety here. Team Obama wants what it wants. It refuses to compromise and the American people are going to suffer until it gets it." Which brings up another good story about a bunch of elderly WWII veterans who were forced to break through barricades last week to see the World War II monument in the Nation's Capitol. If these guys could storm Normandy, getting by a few barricades was mere child's work. These members of the Greatest Generation weren't going to let political games prevent them from honoring the real heroes of America who died to keep America both free and OPEN.

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

In the matter of **JESSICA B.M. SELBY of Waltham, MA.** Protected Person/Disabled Person/Respondent.

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the **Temporary First and Final Account and the First account(s) of Elizabeth Baum of Waban, MA** as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before **10:00 AM** on the return date of **November 11, 2013.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DIGANGI,** First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 4, 2013
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The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of Marriage 1B
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Elizabeth Garcia, 16 West Gate Drive, #201, Woburn, MA 01801** your answer, if any, on or before **October 31, 2013.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, **HON. PETER C. DIGANGI,** First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 19, 2013
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

In the matter of **ROBERT DEWEY MacKENZIE Of Cambridge, MA RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Cynthia MacKenzie of Randolph, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Robert D MacKenzie** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Cynthia B MacKenzie of Randolph, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before **10:00 AM** on the return date of **October 31, 2013.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, **HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG,** First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 30, 2013
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Estate of CHESTER O. FREDERICKSON
Date of Death March 12, 2013

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Theresa F. Lucas of Windham, NH** a will has been admitted to informal probate.

Theresa F. Lucas of Windham, NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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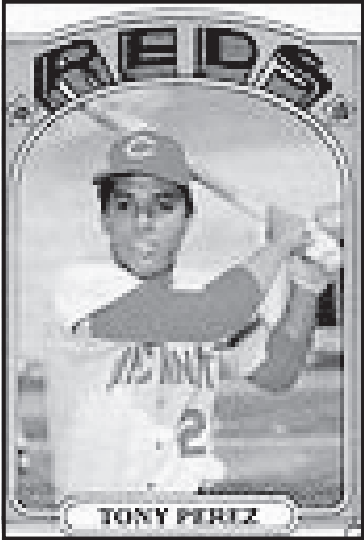


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Gates Brown was a prolific pinch-hitter and one of the best in baseball history. He helped the Tigers win the pennant that year and go on to beat the Cardinals in the World Series. He recently passed away at 74 years of age. His first Major League hit was a pinch-hit home run. That was on June 19, 1963 when he was a 24-year-old rookie. He went on to play 13 seasons for the Tigers. He was never really an everyday player. His greatness came for what he did when called upon, cold, from the dugout late in the game. His best year was 1968 when he hit .450 as a pinch-hitter. Over that season, he had 92 at-bats in 67 games, hitting .370 overall.

Brown still holds the record for most pinch-hits with 212 in 804 at bats. Over the course of his career, he had a .257 career batting average with 84 homers and 322 RBIs. He was known for liking hot dogs with everything on them. Once while eating a dog, he was called to pinch hit, he put the second hot dog into the pocket of his uniform. He hits a double, slides into second head first and smashes the hot dog in his pocket. As he gets up, the ketchup is all over his leg.



Tony Perez

The umpire tells him, he's bleeding and he says no it is just ketchup.

Who could make that up?

So Yesterday

Recently I saw a kid in Downtown Crossing walking around wearing a Johnny Damon #18 t-shirt. I had almost all but forgotten Damon. He was a pretty good outfielder and hitter. Never great but good. Decent numbers but not Hall of Fame material. Didn't like it when he cut his hair and joined up with the Yankees in the Evil Empire. Good luck to him. I think he also landed with the Indians and then like General Douglas MacArthur once said of old generals, Damon just faded away.

Look at Bartolo Colon's Numbers this Year

This past season the Oakland Athletics gave Bartolo Colon a second chance. His career numbers were jaded



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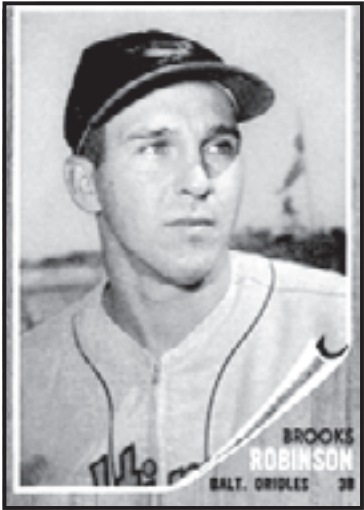


Hank Aaron

after we found out he was a juice user according to numerous press reports before the 2013 season began. This year he showed up at camp fit and ready for duty. He began a consistent quality starter going 18-6 with a 2.65 ERA. The guy is either close to 40 years old or pretty close to those many birthday candles and he is pitching so great. We had him with the Red Sox a few years back and for us he pitched like some elderly patient at some nursing home. I find it hard to comprehend the fountain of youth he must have discovered. Maybe his 2013 numbers are legit. Who really knows nowadays, huh?





Jackie Robinson



Brooks Robinson

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



NO GOALTENDING ALLOWED — It happens fairly often in basketball. Someone takes a shot and as the ball is in its downward flight near the rim, a defender flicks it away.

But those points will count because the defender was called for goaltending.

The man responsible for that rule being installed in college basketball way back in 1944 died a couple of weeks ago in Florida at age 88, with few in the hoop game connecting his name to the call that referees will make a few times in the course of a typical week.

He was Bob Kurland, perhaps better known as one of basketball's first dunk shot artists. He also was a worthy opponent of George Mikan, another big man in the days when college basketball was taking the first steps toward emerging into the game it is today.

It was the middle of the 1940's, a time when America's attention was diverted to events overseas. Playing for legendary coach Frank Iba, Kurland led Oklahoma A & M (now Oklahoma State) to the national NCAA championship in both 1945 and 1946, earning tournament MVP honors in both years.

Standing at an imposing 6-10½, Kurland towered over his contemporaries on the court, earning All-America honors three years in a row. He was an excellent defender, especially around

the basket. Hence the implementation of the goaltending rule.

It was also a time when pro basketball was in its infancy. There weren't the big checks of today. A number of teams were here one year and gone the next.

Thus it was that Bob Kurland never turned pro, choosing instead to become an oil company executive. But that choice did have a silver lining. It preserved his amateur status.

And in an era when the Olympics were open only to amateurs, it kept him eligible for the U.S. Olympic Team. Bob Kurland took full advantage, leading the USA to gold medals in both 1948 and 1952. He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1961.


And so, as you watch basketball this winter and you witness the occasional goaltending call, you might think of Bob Kurland, George Mikan and others from the earlier days of basketball — reminding yourself of a long ago era that started hoops on the path toward the great modern game that it is today.

A CHANGE IN PHILADELPHIA — It's early in the full 82-game season for franchises around the National Hockey League. But already, a coach who started the season is gone. He didn't last a week.


He would be Peter Laviolette.

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