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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

America Ain't What it Used to be When it Comes to Political Civility

Recently, I listened to a statement made by U.S. Representative Loretta Sanchez (D-California) about the debate over the president's Jobs Bill in which she stated, and I quote, opposition to the Jobs Bill is "fundamentally unpatriotic." Back when President Bush was still in office, Democrats in Congress opposed to his ideas always rattled off how dissent was the "highest form of patriotism." Which is it?

Meanwhile, U.S. Representative Jesse Jackson Jr., (D-Illinois) has his own jobs plan or perhaps jobless plan. He wants to give every unemployed American \$40,000 a year to jumpstart the economy. Then of course there was former U.S. Speaker Nancy "Bella" Pelosi who said if a conscience amendment over abortion was to be added to ObamaCare, there would be "women laying on the floors" of our emergency rooms. These Democrats need to remember that it is okay to disagree with each other without calling the other side vicious or unpatriotic.

Meanwhile, the subject of this harsh language is Obama's push for ObamaCare and his \$447 trillion Jobs Plan stimulus. He says it will stimulate the economy by putting 1.9 million jobless Americans back to work. If the first \$876 trillion didn't work, why pour another \$447 trillion into the mix? The bill failed the U.S. Senate because Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid couldn't get enough Democratic U.S. senators to vote for the Democratic plan.

Sarah Palin and Occupy Wall Street

Republican icon Sarah Palin and the "Occupy" movement have much in common. Palin has always ranted against "Crony Capitalism." Occupy Wall Street rants against big banks, big finances and big credit card companies, so does Palin, except she adds big government to the mix. Obviously, folks downtown at "Occupy Boston" don't see

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Italian Polizia di Stato Visit Boston

(Italian Nationwide Police Force)



Italian Polizia di Stato were welcomed at the State House by many dignitaries.

(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

On October 6, 2011, a delegation of 28 officers from the Italian Polizia di Stato (Italian Nationwide Police Force) arrived in the United States representing numerous cities and areas including: Rome, Milan, Pescara, Florence, Naples, Avellino, Genova and many more.

First they met with the local Italian-American community in the New Jersey area, followed by more official visits with the Ocean County Seaside and Morris County multi-agency police forces, including Morris County Sheriff, ICE and SWAT teams. On Sunday, October 9th they marched with local law enforcements in East Hanover, New Jersey, followed by the Columbus Day parade along with the NYPD on Monday, October 10th on 5th Avenue in New York City. The program brought them to the Boston area on Sunday, October 16th, where they were received by the Paesani d'Italia Association in Somerville, MA and its president Mr. Rocco di Renzo. The Boston leg of the visit was partially organized by LoJack Corporation, a Massachusetts company deeply involved with law enforcement agencies both within the United States and internationally. At the Paesani d'Italia the Italian delegation met with many local Italian-American residents, including Chief Pasquarello

from Somerville and Senator DiDomenico.

Monday, October 17th was a busy day in Boston, MA. Escorted by vehicles from the Middlesex County Sheriff, as well as Boston PD motorcycles, they first went to the State House on Beacon Street, where a meeting was held with representatives of the Massachusetts State Police, Sgt. Maloney and State Police Chaplain Baggetta. Following an exchange of recognition and an event commemorating certificates, the delegation, accompanied by Italian Consul General Giuseppe Pastorelli and Michael Giacoppo, President of the Italian American Police Association of Massachusetts, visited the Senate and House. They were welcomed by Senator Ross, Senator Tarr (Senate Sponsor), Senator Hart, Senator DiDomenico, Representative Donato and Representative Ferrante (House Sponsor). In addition to official introductions and exchanges in the Senate and House Chambers, Dott. Paolo Passamonti, Dirigente Superiore - Questore (Leader of the delegation), received Official Senate and House citations from Senator Tarr and Representative Ferrante, during a ceremony which included the entire delegation at the Grand Staircase. Prior to leaving the State House for Boston Police Headquarters, the entire

delegation visited the State House Law Enforcement Memorial, which includes the name of Patrolman Andrew Cuneo, the first Italian-American police officer killed in the line of duty (North End at the Prado/Paul Revere Mall).

The delegation then moved to the Boston Police Department headquarters where they met with Commissioner Ed Davis, Captain Frank Mancini and other senior officers. Following the meeting and exchange of information, the Italian delegation visited the operations and dispatch center at the new police headquarters.

Subsequently the delegation moved to Strega Waterfront for a reception in cooperation with the Italian-American Police Officers Association of Massachusetts, to thank its President Michael Giacoppo as well as Sheriff Koutoujian for all the support and help he lent in order to make this happen.

In the evening the group met at Tartufo Restaurant in Newton, owned by Dante Bellucci who hosted the dinner with the presence of Chief Cummings from Newton, Italian Consul General Giuseppe Pastorelli, as well as many others who had been involved in the visit.

The group had a few hours the next day to visit the City of Boston before catching a flight back to Italy.

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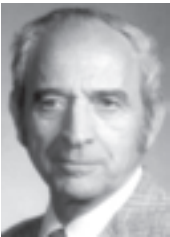
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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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HADRIAN THE CRITIC

Hadrian was always ready to criticize the learned men of his day, but he also bestowed upon them great wealth and honors. Teachers who were not fit for their positions were presented with token honors — and then dismissed from their positions. Some of his friends were refused nothing, while for some unexplained reason, others, that had helped him in obtaining the imperial power, he reduced to poverty. Some persons he drove to suicide while others he attacked through certain publications. A well-known philosopher of the day yielded to Hadrian's criticism of a word that was used, and this brought ridicule from the philosopher's friends, whereupon the philosopher replied to those friends: "You are urging me to take a wrong course when you do not expect me to regard as the most learned of men, the one who has command of thirty legions."

Hadrian possessed a remarkable memory along with great powers of concentration. He personally dictated his speeches and was extremely witty. A story is told of his refusing a request of a gray-haired man. Later the man returned with dyed hair and made the same request, whereupon Hadrian replied "I have already refused this to your father." He was able to call a great many people by name even though he had heard it only one time, and was able to read a considerable amount of written matter very quickly, and then repeat it from memory. Incredible as it might seem, he was able to write, dictate, listen, and converse with friends, all at the same time. He had a complete knowledge of his state budget and all of its details, and kept abreast of all actions taken by his magistrates. He never allowed his freedmen (former slaves) to play a prominent role in public affairs or to have any influence over himself, and he punished any who lied or boasted of such influence. Although he was accomplished in poetry, prose and the arts, he ridiculed those persons who were obviously more learned than he; some were even subjected to scorn and humiliation. Hadrian's passion for literacy fame grew to such proportions that he even wrote his own biography, and then gave it to his educated subordinates with orders to release the material as their own creation. Lastly, he was so proficient in astrology that during the early part of January he made his personal written predictions for the coming year, and it is said that he also recorded with uncanny accuracy all that he was going to accomplish, almost to the very moment of his death.

NEXT WEEK:
Hadrian, His Personal Life

Do Your Research Before Purchasing Gift Cards

With the holiday season right around the corner and the economy putting the squeeze on budgets, many shoppers are going to be looking for the best gift options this holiday season. For those looking to give gift cards to family and friends, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) is recommending that you do your research before purchasing a gift card. So far, in 2011, BBB has already received more than 440 complaints against the gift card industry, a huge increase from the 33 complaints received in 2010. In some cases, consumers are disgruntled when they are given an expired gift card with loaded cash that isn't usable until the expiration date is corrected. After sending the expired card in for replacement, the consumer is left empty handed when the card fails to ever return to them. "Consumers need to be on the lookout for gift cards that appear to be "open" or out of their original package, and cards that state an expiration date that is coming up or that has passed," said Paula Fleming, vice president of the local BBB. "Shoppers should be wary of online auction sites that promise "full value guaranteed" gift cards. It's sites like these that are prone to selling old, valueless cards that leave the gift giver and receiver distraught." BBB recommends the following tips for both givers and receivers of gift cards:

Know the rules. New federal rules that took effect in August of 2010 are designed to protect consumers, and will restrict fees and affect gift card expiration dates. These new rules apply to two types of cards: Retail gift cards, which can only be redeemed at the retailers, and restaurants that sell them; and bank gift cards, which carry the logo of a payment card network like American Express, Visa or MasterCard and can be used wherever the brand is accepted. **Check it out.** Make sure you are buying from a known and trusted source. Always check out a business at bbb.org. Avoid online auction sites, because the cards sold there may be counterfeit or may have been obtained fraudulently. **Read the fine print before buying.** Is there a fee to buy the card? Are there shipping and handling fees for cards bought by phone or online? Will any fees be deducted from the card after it is purchased? **Inspect the card before buying it.** Verify that no protective stickers have been removed, and that the codes on the back of the card haven't been scratched off to reveal a PIN number. Report any damaged cards to the store selling the cards. **Provide the receiver with back up.** Give the recipient the original receipt in case the card is later lost or stolen. Also, before you buy retail gift cards, consider the financial condition of the retailer or restaurant. A card from a business that files for bankruptcy or goes out of business may be worthless. If the business closes a store near the recipient, it

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



What Are You Going as This Halloween?

Still undecided about a Halloween costume? Here are some ideas. For the men: with car keys, a couple of beers, and a "get-out-of-jail-free" card bearing the phone number of the White House you can go as **Onyango Obama**, the president's illegal alien uncle who got picked up in Framingham for drunk driving. Here are a couple that work for either sex. With a fright wig and a bad attitude you can be President Obama's illegal alien **aunt Zeituni** — you know the one who lives in public housing in Boston. Or wrap yourself in your grandmother's living room drapes, don a Jheri curl wig, and douse your head with catsup — go as the dead **Muammar Gaddafi**. The history buff might consider a red coat and 18th century firearms. Go as a British soldier from the April 1775 to March 1776 siege of Boston. They were the first group to "**Occupy Boston**" — today's protestors might do well to remember that it did end well for *those* occupiers. How about going as all of the 2011 **Boston Red Sox**? You can pick up a **Mickey Mouse** outfit at the *Disney Store* — if ever there was a Mickey Mouse outfit, it's the 2011 Red Sox. You could dress up as **Christopher Columbus**. You'll be in good company. That's the costume the mayor of Somerville picked for himself this year. Just be sure your legs look good in tights. Speaking of looks, a young lady who can pull it off can dress as a sexy Barbie-doll, handcuffed and holding a bottle of vodka — in other words, go as **Lindsay Lohan**. Young men who work out at the gym and are not shy about it could go as a young **Scott Brown** — that's an easy one, no costume required, just a strategically placed staple in the center fold. And the easiest Halloween party costume of all — just don't show up at the party at all; later, when people ask about it, tell them you were **Hurricane Irene**, this year's most over-hyped no-show.

[Thanks to All That Zazz for suggesting Gaddafi and Lohan, and to Karen B. for suggesting the Red Sox.]

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by Judean Langone

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 Thomas M. Menino, Mayor



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

GUEST EDITORIAL

Have You Ever Just Said, “I’ve Just Had it with All this C#@*”?

by Sal Giarratani

I have been in love with politics almost since birth. From an early age I have enjoyed retail politics, I used to collect campaign buttons and posters. I liked winning more than losing, but even when losing I would learn from the experience for the next go-around. At age 7, I met with and chatted politics with the legendary James Michael Curley, who told me that when I grow up, I should run for office like he did. In the third grade when Sister Rita Mary asked the class what they wanted to be when they grew up, only two of us said, “a politician”. The first kid named Thomas Kelley said, he wanted to be the first Catholic president of the United States, when he said that the nun smiled and said that was great. When it was my turn, I stood up and said I wanted to be the first Italian mayor of Boston. She looked at me with a puzzled face and asked why. I thought even way back then that all politics are local.

I can remember as a kid growing up in the South End around Boston City Hospital organizing a group of friends to do neighborhood campaigning for Jack Kennedy back in 1960. However, it wasn't until I was a college student in 1970 that I signed up for a campaign helping Frank Bellotti run for governor. He lost but I started learning how things were done. Since then over 40 years ago, I have done all kinds of campaign work from making “drops” of literature to writing campaign press releases to writing campaign speeches.

I actually ran for office myself once back in 1995 when I resided in Quincy. I ran for a seat on the Quincy School Committee. I didn't win but did receive 2,233 votes. Actually, I wasn't the first “Giarratani” to run for public office. My sister-in-law Tanya ran for the District 5 School Committee seat back in 1983. She

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LITTLE ANDREW

by Sal Giarratani



Little Andrew Moses from Roslindale just celebrated his first irthday by diving in to a delicious birthday cake. He turned one year old on October 15. His parents are George Moses and my niece Danikka.

Carlo G. Tramontozzi

May He Rest in Peace

Carlo G. Tramontozzi of Brighton, formerly of San Donato, VC and later Rome, Italy.

Beloved husband of 54 years of Linda Tramontozzi formerly of the North End. Devoted father of Laura Tramontozzi and her husband James Coelho; Marina Ruggiero and her husband Joseph, and Carl Tramontozzi. Loving grandfather of Joseph, Stephen and Christina Ruggiero and Giancarlo Coelho.

A successful businessman, accomplished builder, artist and award winning gardener. Mr. Tramontozzi's life journey truly embodied the American dream. After immigrating to the United States at age 17 he started his education in the construction trades. After an overseas tour in the U.S. Army he not only perfected his trade skills, but became recognized as an expert in ornamental plastering and historical renovation. His work can be seen all around New England in fine hotels, homes and churches.

He was the recipient of Mayor Menino's “Best Garden in Boston/Brighton-Allston neighborhood” for his multi-faceted gardens. He was most dedicated to his fruit trees (each planted to honor the birth of a grandchild) because he believed that “A Grandfather's job is to give a grandchild roots!” He played violin and the accordion, loved Italian lyric opera and all the fine arts, and bringing sentimental subjects to life on



paper through his beautiful pencil drawings. Mr. Tramontozzi was an American success story, yet always proud of his Italian heritage. In an effort to bring to Boston an Italian style soccer league, he founded the Italian Sport Club based in Brighton. At the club's 40th anniversary, Mr. Tramontozzi was acknowledged as founder and first president and given the Honorary President-for-Life title. He supported fine arts organizations and scholarship funds that honored Italian heritage.

A devoted family man, Mr. Tramontozzi quipped that he “had experienced heaven on earth.”

Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Sunday, October 30, at the Lehman-Reen Funeral Home, 63 Chestnut Hill Avenue, Brighton www.lehmanreen.com.

Funeral Mass Monday, October 31st at 10:30 am at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 573 Washington Street, Newton. Committal ceremony immediately following at St. Michael's Cemetery, 500 Canterbury Street, Roslindale.

Since he was a life-long supporter of veterans charities, in lieu of flowers donations may be made in Carlo's name to www.buildinghomesforheroes.org. For the convenience of visitors, donations to this organization will also be accepted at the wake.

PROMINENT BOSTON PARK GROUP MARKS 10 YEARS HOSTS GALA CELEBRATION

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park Celebrate a Decade of Support from Community Members, Businesses and Local Government

Hundreds of people who enjoy the beauty and activity of Christopher Columbus Park will come together on Friday, November 18, 2011, at the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel to support the year-round activities of the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) at the 10th Anniversary Gala Fundraising Celebration.

Anne Devlin Tagliaferro, chair of the FOCCP Fundraising Committee, leads the team that is creating the 10th Anniversary Gala Celebration. “We have planned an evening that will be filled with fun, laughter, great food and wonderful music,” she says. “It will be the perfect neighborhood party.” The Gala will be from 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm and includes a cocktail party, silent auction, buffet dinner and dancing to the Frank Zarba Orchestra. For the second year, Patron Spirits Company is providing a spectacular ice bar with complimentary cocktails. Tickets can be purchased online at www.foccp.org.

This year's event celebrates the many accomplishments of the all-volunteer group since its founding in 2001. Ten years ago, 12 business people and neighbors from the North End and Waterfront areas came together to start the organization in order

to ensure that the park would be protected and cared for by generations to come. Because of the generous support of the local neighbors and businesses, FOCCP has invested more than \$300,000 in the Park, which included planting and maintaining trees and other plants, sponsoring special events, tending the Rose Kennedy Rose Garden, cleaning the Tot Lot and bathing the trellis in blue lights each winter.

“All of the funds we have raised have been supplemented by hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours of work,” says President Joanne Hayes-Rines. “For example, the Rose Garden is totally maintained by the FOCCP Horticulture Committee. We have a dedicated, active membership that works diligently to supplement the City of Boston's maintenance program.”

On Monday, November 21, Mayor Thomas Menino will light the trellis for the holiday season. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided. The trellis lighting ceremony begins at 5:30 p.m.

More information about FOCCP membership and events in the Park can be found at <http://www.foccp.org>, on our Facebook page and on our bulletin board in the Park.

Anthony A. Sarni

Former Drummer of the First Jazz Worship Service Albums
(Prodigal Son) with the Phil Wilson Quartet

Anthony A. “Tucker” Sarni formally of Boston's North End (originally from Hull Street) passed away on October 6, 2011. Anthony was laid to rest on October 15 at the Pine Hill Cemetery in Sherborn, MA.

Mr. Sarni was married to his lovely wife Michelle for 51 years. He also leaves behind four wonderful children. Michael, Paul, Dana and Shanna. Anthony will be greatly missed.



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with Ben Doherty



EBAY FALLS AS IT GIVES CAUTIOUS Q4 OUTLOOK

Last week eBay posted its biggest sales growth in four years, but its outlook for this quarter lagged, analysts said. GSI takeover and PayPal helped eBay to \$2 billion or 32% from the year's earlier quarter. The e-commerce company was down about 4% on the disappointed evidence. Its PayPal and GSI business helped eBay hike sales 32% from last year to \$583 billion. Analysts expect \$2.91 billion. GSI contributed \$202.6 million in revenues during Q3. Per share profits rose 20% to 48.4. Profits at eBay rose 20% to 48¢/share. PayPal revenue surpassed \$9 billion for the second quarter and revenue rose 32% to \$1.1 billion. The company expects to earn 55-58¢/share in Q4, below forecast for \$3.3 billion based on a stronger Euro. PayPal is expecting strong growth. The Euro ended the quarter with a loss against the dollar in the wake of Europe's debt crisis. Mobile is definitely a hot button for eBay as Mark Mahoney wrote in his report on October 10th that U.S. traffic on eBay.com in Q3 rose 5% versus a 6% decline in Q2.

Abbott Labs to split into two companies. It will keep the 123-year-old Abbott Brand. The process that brought in Humira, the blockbuster drug used to treat Rheumatoid Arthritis and Crohn's Disease, Psoriasis and other autoimmune disorders with around \$8 billion in annual sales. Humira provides more than 20% of Abbott's revenue and is a large R&D revenue subdivision within the firm. Abbott is #1 in branded generics in India but does not sell them in the U.S. The drugmaker will be flat until 2015 when its pipeline of new drugs kicks in. *Morningstar* analyst Damien Conoyer says the drugmaker's growth for the two firms is about the same. Abbott beat analysts' estimates for the 3rd quarter. Sales rose 13% over last year to \$9.8 billion vs. analysts' views of \$9.6 billion. Profits grew 12% to beat views by penny. Generic drugs rose 12% to 22.6%. Humira sales gained 25.7%. The spinoff will be realized by a distribution to shareholders.

Housing starts in September increased more than expected. The NASDAQ sank 2%. The NYSE reported strong growth surged 34.86% to 417.62 or 4% above its 402 buy point. Volume jumped 224% above average. After the close the shares of American Express, eBay and Wynn Resorts fell lower. Housing starts soared 15% in September, at the fastest pace in 17 months on demand for multi-family structures. Single family home starts grew 1.7% but permits for future construction fell. Mortgage applications fell last week as demand for loans sank to the lowest level in 15 years despite low interest rates. Higher costs are being passed on to consumers at the retail level. The 10-year U.S. Treasury Bond fell 2% to 2.16%. 50,000 people converged in Athens and disrupted public transportation and shut down shops and schools during a two day strike.

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Who is the Most Electable GOP Conservative Running this Year?

If you listen to talk radio or watch the Fox News and Fox Business channels, the above is a question being asked more and more as we move closer and closer to the primary season, which is getting earlier and earlier. Many think Mitt Romney is that presidential candidate. However, others think he's not as strong or principled to beat Obama in '12. Jay Severin from Talk 1200 Boston thinks Mitt Romney is the most electable conservative running this year. He doesn't see Herman Cain as a viable winning candidate. Fox's Bill O'Reilly thinks from the answers Cain has been giving to defense and foreign policy questions, the idea of his candidacy is troubling.

The Las Vegas debate is now history with all the candidates jumping all over Cain for his 9-9-9 plan. The rest of the GOP pack opposes his idea and Cain responds back by saying they don't understand the plan. When the debate ended everyone was still in the same place as they were when it started. I had high hopes for Rick Perry. I still agree with O'Reilly on Cain. However, Romney sounds good but where is the energy and passion like Reagan had back during his era?

If it comes down to choosing between Cain and Romney, I'm not too sure either could beat Obama, who has to be the best junk salesman ever to live at the White House. We need a Reagan and all we have are junk boxes running for election selling stuff no one seems to understand.

I personally didn't like Romney as governor. I think you never quite know what his core values are since they seem to change with election cycles. Today, he sounds like Reagan but back when he ran for U.S. Senate he was trying to out-

Kennedy Ted Kennedy. Which is he?

Finally, and this is a killer. Up in New Hampshire recently on the campaign stump, Romney started using the "Occupy" terminology talking about being for the 99% crowd. He's borrowing their words and using the Occupados' mantra. He should be talking about the 47% who pay no federal income taxes. He should be talking about the 48.5% who have become tax consumers rather than tax payers. Those pulling the wagon are becoming fewer and fewer. If this keeps up the Republican Party won't have a constituency. We will have 50 blue states and Puerto Rico, too. George W. Bush could even become the last Republican president. I'm not kidding.


Pat Buchanan is looking more right every day when he addressed the Republican convention 19 years ago in Houston and said the nation was heading into a cultural war. The war seems here today both over culture and politics. Like any war, there will be winners and losers. Liberals are talking just like the Occupy protesters about redistribution of wealth. We must make the rich poorer in order to make the poor richer. Is the final chapter in the rise and fall of America upon us?

When those American patriots dressed up as Indians and dumped tea into Boston Harbor, they did it for both personal liberty and economic freedom. They didn't dump tea to get free stuff. They didn't dump tea to party around.

The America I was born in is slowly disappearing into mobocracy of the West. Look around the world, America isn't alone in this free-fall. Take a walk down to Dewey Square, the future could be here already. God, isn't that a horrible sight.

BAKER-O'TOOLE RACE A DOOZEY


by Sal Giarratani



Frank Baker

Dorchester is about Catholic parishes and families. Candidates always run for a united neighborhood but races are usually run neighborhood versus neighborhood. This year's District 3 race is no different. It's Savin Hill-Columbia versus Neponset and Cedar Grove. Do you live in St. Mark's, St. Brendan's, St. Gregory's, St. Ann's or saint-something-else? Politics is still nuts and bolts and get out the vote. Even over at the Boston City Paper, you can see the real Dorchester at work. Paul Feeney is with his old friend Frank Baker and I'm with my friend John O'Toole. When it is all over Paul and I will continue to be the best of friends no matter who wins or loses because we've always been friends.

On Sunday, the 23rd, I did a "drop" for O'Toole over at "the Point", as Port Norfolk



John O'Toole

is commonly referred to as. It is a quaint little urban village and almost island-like on the other side of the Expressway. There's about 250 or so registered voters and 95 percent of them always vote. Politicians all love these folks.

Dorchester is still a great political place. I had an uncle, Neal Harrington, who was very active in his Uphams Corner neighborhood. Back in 1979, he was working the neighborhood for Joe Timilty running against Mayor Kevin White. My uncle didn't just reside in his neighborhood, he lived in his neighborhood. He was involved in his neighborhood. I lived in the Clam Point section of Dorchester for a while and saw this political activism up front and personal. In the end, no matter who wins, sides join up together again for the betterment of the entire community. That's Dorchester!

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North End Reunion

— A Huge Success —



A wonderful time was had by all at this well-attended North End Reunion where old friends enjoyed an evening of reminiscing, dining and dancing at Spinelli's in Lynnfield on September 22, 2011.

North End Halloween Festivities

HAUNTED HOUSE to be held on Friday, October 28 from 2:00-5:00 pm at the Nazzaro Center Playground. Sponsored by ROC Teen Saturday.

KIDS HALLOWEEN CRAFT to be held on Friday, October 28 from 3:30-4:45 pm at the North End Branch Library, 25 Parmenter Street. Drop in to the library to make a spooky craft ... just in time

for Halloween. Ages 2 and up accompanied by a caregiver. Groups please call ahead.

NEMPAC's Halloween-themed fundraiser "**HOOT AND HOWL**" will be at Filippo's, 283 Causeway Street on Friday, October 28.

There will be a costume contest with celebrity judges, live music and dancing. Costumes will be judged in categories for scariest,

funniest, best overall and there will be an audience choice vote.

As with our past fundraisers, we will be featuring an auction with many truly great items sponsored by local businesses and generous donors.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for cocktails, games and a preview of silent auction items.

This promises to be a great event, so we hope to see you and your neighbors there.

MADONNA DELLA CAVA HALLOWEEN PARADE will be held on Saturday, October 29 from 1:00-3:00 pm on the corner of Hanover and Battery Streets. Rain date is Sunday, October 30, 2011. There will be a parade with the Italian American Band through the Streets in the North End, then they will have the Festival with hot dogs, drinks, candies, raffle tickets and DJ fun with The Chicken Dance and much more.

Bake Sale for Breast Cancer Awareness

A Bake Sale for Breast Cancer Awareness will be held on Friday, October 28 from 1:00-6:00 pm at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street, North End, Boston.

"Team Nazzaro" will be participating in the fight against breast cancer. All proceeds will go to Susan G. Komen Passionately Pink for a Cure.

If unable to attend, you may make a monetary donation payable to: Susan G. Komen/Passionately Pink for a Cure. You may drop off donations cash or check to The Nazzaro Center, 30 North Bennet Street, Boston, MA 02113 or online at Susan G. Komen Passionately Pink For A Cure: under the name of Team Nazzaro, Team ID #8215247 www.passionatelypink.org/ **PLEASE SUPPORT US!**

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All proceeds will be donated to the Jimmy Fund. The Jimmy Fund was founded in 1948 and since then has supported the fight against cancer in children and adults at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, helping raise the chances of survival for cancer patients around the world.

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Columbus Bashing Once Again

by Dominic Avellani

Once again, Columbus bashing rears its ugly head around Columbus Day weekend. Last year, it was done by Brown University, and this year by a school principal in Somerville, MA who spoke with some people in the Caribbean that made her change her mind about Columbus. She forgot to mention that Columbus spoke Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, and Latin, unlike most of his present-day critics. History tells us that Cristoforo Colombo was born and lived in Genova, Italy for 21 years, began his sea voyages between Genova and Corsica (an island that belonged to Genova and not to France at that time).

In the 1480's, Columbus was on a ship headed for London, England, when African pirates attacked and sank the ship and he swam to shore off the coast of Portugal. He married a Portuguese lady, and had his first son (Diego). He then immigrated to Spain where his second son was born (Fernando). The Franciscan and Dominican monks assisted him by arranging meetings with King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain.

In early 1492, the Spanish king and queen defeated the last vestiges of the Arabs from Spain (from Granada). The Catholic monarchs loaned two Spanish ships, the Nina and the Pinta, to Columbus, and the Santa Maria was rented by the king for Columbus. These 3 ships had a crew and provisions on board, but were otherwise empty. Why were they empty? All of Europe knew that gold, silver, diamonds, silk, spices, and more were cheap in India, Japan, and China. Columbus promised the king and queen that he would return with the 3 ships full of these riches and make Spain a rich country. The 3 ships and about 100 men left Palos, Spain in the summer of 1492 and headed into the dark sea (the Atlantic), never navigated by anyone who came back alive. The Spanish sailors were worried and they feared they would never return to their families in Spain again. Columbus was the captain of the Santa Maria (the largest of the three ships), while the Pinzones brothers were the captains on the Nina and the Pinta. Columbus had to fight the sea, the weather, the jealousy of the two Pinzones captains, and, when he was about to be thrown overboard by the angry sailors, land

was sighted on October 11, 1492. On October 12, he and his men landed on San Salvador (an island not too far from Puerto Rico). He looked at the inhabitants, and felt that he had landed in an island next to India, so he incorrectly called the Native Americans "Indians."

During his first trip to America, he continued to explore the islands of the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and parts of Cuba. Columbus and the Spanish sailors were the first to establish a European town in America (not Leif Ericson as incorrectly depicted on the Longfellow Bridge in Boston, MA). They called the town Isabella (after the Spanish Queen). In a later voyage, Columbus founded Santo Domingo. Columbus greatly respected the American natives and so noted in his writings to the King of Spain, the nobles, and the clergy, that the American natives were pleasant, had one wife, and greeted each other with a smile and respect. One must remember that it took a lot of money for the King of Spain to put these three ships under the command of Columbus. It is no wonder that Columbus eagerly asked the "Indians" where the gold, silver, perfume, pepper, etc. were. Columbus was able to find little gold, strange fruits, birds, etc.

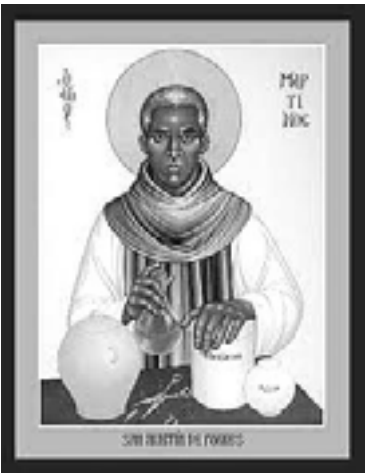
To make matters worse, the ship that King Ferdinand had rented for Columbus, the Santa Maria, sank off the coast of Haiti. At the end of 1492, he boarded the Nina to begin his voyage back to Spain. He had many sleepless nights concerning how he will explain the loss of the rented Santa Maria to King Ferdinand. The jealous Pinzones brothers wanted to be the first to tell the Spanish King of the new way to Asia so they left on the Pinta before Columbus. Columbus finally arrived in Barcelona in 1493 and was well received by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. However, Ferdinand was not pleased about what happened to the Santa Maria. In reality, one could say that the Santa Maria was the first European ship sunk in the new world. Next week, I will dwell on the other three voyages Columbus made to America.

Dominic Avellani, Director of the East Boston Adult Ed. Center and a Massachusetts State-certified Secondary School History Teacher and Guidance Counselor .

Saint Martin de Porres

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Martin was born in Lima, Peru on December 9, 1579; his father was a Spanish gentleman and his mother an Indian woman from Panama, he had a sister named Juana, born three years later in 1581. Even as a young boy, Martin was spending hours of the night in prayer, a practice which increased as he grew older. When his family could not support him and his sister, Martin was sent to a primary school for two years, then placed with a surgeon to learn the medical arts, though he was only ten years old, for he could exercise charity to his neighbor while earning his living, causing him great joy. At fifteen, Martin felt the call and became a Tertiary, of the Dominican Order, years later, when he was 34; he was made a Dominican Brother, residing



at the Dominican Friary in Lima where he spent his entire life as a barber/surgeon and farm laborer.

Saint Martin succeeded with his charity to feed 160 poor persons every day and distributed money every week to the homeless. In Lima he is credited with the establishment of a famous residence founded

for orphans and abandoned children, where they were formed in piety. It is believed that Saint Martin was given the grace of bilocation, he had always wanted to be a missionary, but never left his native city; yet even during his lifetime he was seen elsewhere, in regions as far distant as Africa, China, Algeria and Japan.

Martin was a close friend of Saint Rose of Lima. After he died, the miracles and graces received when he was invoked multiplied in such profusion that his body was exhumed after 25 years and said to be found intact. He was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI in 1837. Nearly 125 years later, Blessed Martin was canonized in Rome by Pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962.

His feast day is November 3rd.

Join The Reminisants at The Village Green

The Reminisants will be appearing on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at The Village Green located on Route 1 North in Danvers, MA. Show time begins at 9:00 pm. If you eat in their restaurant and ask for your slip there is no cover in the lounge.

The Reminisants have been entertaining audiences of all ages throughout New England since 1973. The band's repertoire features dance music that appeals to a variety of musical tastes across several generations.

The Reminisants have performed with Rock N' Roll legends such as: The Beach Boys, Felix Cavaliere with his Rascals, The

Crystals, Danny & the Juniors, BJ Thomas, Johnny Rivers, Chubby Checker, Paul Revere & the Raiders, Bill Haley's Comets, Shirley Reeves Original Singer of the Shirelles, Herb Reed and the Platters, The Belmonets, The Marvellettes, The Tokens, The Contours, Charlie Thomas' Drifters, Norman Wright's Del Vikings, Bobby Lewis, Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels, Grandfunk Railroad, Poco and country music stars, Gretchen Wilson, Josh Turner, and Patty Loveless. The Reminisants have had the privilege of performing several times with Wrentham, MA's own Ayla Brown of American Idol fame.

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The Massachusetts Historical Society staff will give us a tour of some of the portraits and other artwork on display in the building, as well as an introduction to the society and how to use their resources. Lastly, they will place several original documents on display related specifically to the North End. The Massachusetts Historical Society, founded in 1791 by a small group of men including several North Enders, is the oldest of its kind in the country. Its holdings encompass millions of rare and unique documents and artifacts vital to the study of American history, many of them irreplaceable national treasures.


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• Italian Polizia (Continued from Page 1)



State Police Chaplain Baggetta and Consul General Giuseppe Pastorelli with State Troopers and members of the delegation.



State Representative Sal DiDomenico with members of the delegation.



State Representative Paul Donato receiving a gift from the delegation.



Middlesex County Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian with Michael Giacoppo with members of the delegation.
(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)



Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

American traditions are taking a back seat! The ultra liberal loonies need a lesson in American history! God Bless America! ... Happy Halloween to all you witches, ghosts and goblins! As with the tradition of every holiday, Elite Donut in Day Square has their window decorated for Halloween. The Halloween display is enjoyable to look at while having breakfast and sipping your coffee! Good job! ... What's wrong with East Boston neighborhood groups??? They cry Eastie is being shut off from economic growth and development. And in the same breath, the same diehards find reasons to shoot down new developments that come before them for consideration! Which is it? People are confused. Do the groups want vacant lots to remain and leave dilapidated houses as is, or do they want these eyesores rehabbed? When these neighborhood associations knock down projects and businesses they're sending the message don't expect to build or do business in

Eastie! ... If you're a fan of "Dancing with the Stars" you may agree with me! Who keeps voting Nancy Grace and Chaz back? Cher Bono, Chaz's mom was reported to be crying while watching her offspring dance! I wonder why? ... Occupy Boston, continues to occupy Boston! They're a horde of anti-capitalist protesters that believe in "share the wealth." Many of these people haven't taken showers in weeks, never held jobs and look like a bunch of troublemakers who love the media attention the socialist/communist movement is giving them! If the renegades have a message they need to march on 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House, and shout their message, whatever it is to President Obama who is running this country into the ground!! ... The Greenway's, long awaited pedestrian path is slated to begin construction and hopefully be completed by 2013. The project is to start at Jeffries Point and hookup with the E.B. Stadium, and go in back of a small stretch of Massport owned property that used to

be part of Wood Island Park in order to connect the Bremen Street Park with a greenway path that will extend to Constitution Beach. The East Boston Waterfront Greenway design project is in connection with the City of Boston, Massport and the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The Emerald Necklace envisioned by former State Representative Gus Serra is in its final planning ... Casino gambling is around the corner. Many people approve while others believe it will create compulsive gamblers, crime, etc. Compulsive gamblers will gamble on anything, anywhere, any place! Why not have Massachusetts get a piece of the pie? ... Elections are around the corner. It is your right to vote so take advantage of that and make sure you vote for the candidate of your choice ... In Revere a mayoral election has got tongues wagging. The race between Rizzo and Rotundo is heating up as Rizzo is slated as the City Hall choice and Rotundo is considered the voice of the people and not tied to City Hall ... *Till next time!*

Congratulations Michela and Pasquale

Two Hearts United Forever in Love with Joy and Happiness

Michela Carolina Cappuccio and Pasquale Cosmo DiNitto are pleased to announce they were married on the twenty-second of September Two thousand twelve in Mirabella Eclano, Avellino, Italy. The bride is a resident of Revere, Massachusetts and the groom is a resident of Lynn, Massachusetts. Michela is the daughter of Raffaele and Norma Cappuccio. Pasquale is the son of Cosmo and Katherine DiNitto. The destination wedding in Mirabella was chosen by the couple who celebrated among many family members and friends in Italy and abroad. Mirabella holds a special place in their heart as it is the hometown of the bride's father and they were able to celebrate with the bride's grandmother who also celebrated her 101st birthday at the reception. The wedding mass was celebrated at the Parrocchia Santa Maria Maggiore by Don Remigio. Following the Mass, Mayor of Mirabella Eclano, Vincenzo Sirignano surprised the couple with a cocktail reception in the piazza with a champagne toast, music and confetti. He gifted the couple with a plaque of the "Carro." The wedding happened to also coincide with the famous annual Festa Dello Carro where thousands of residents, local visitors and Bostonians celebrate this Feast. This plaque is given to immigrants who left Mirabella but continue to keep ties to their roots; an honor which the couple accepted on behalf of the bride's parents who



Adolorata Vitale Cappuccio (center) celebrated her 101st birthday at her granddaughter Michela's wedding to Pasquale Cosmo DiNitto.

(Photo by Federico Iadarola from Mirabella Eclano)

immigrated to Boston. The reception was held at the elegant Villa Orsini. A multi-course meal was followed by a salume reception in the Villa's cantina where guests were treated to carved prosciutto and other fine salume accompanied by local wines and cheeses. The reception ended with a lavish sweet table which

included delicious pastries, liqueurs and a spectacular fireworks display personally hosted by Mayor Sirignano. The happy couple honeymooned in Thailand.

The couple would like to thank family and friends who traveled to Italy and those in Italy who celebrated this momentous occasion.

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The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



Professor Franco Mormando will lecture on his latest book, "Bernini: His Life and His Rome," at the Dante Alighieri Society on Saturday, December 10 at 5 p.m. The event is open to the public.

(File Photo by Dan Mouhot)

Franco Mormando is Associate Professor of Italian in the Dept. of Romance Languages and Literatures at Boston College. He tells us that after then years of labor, his biography of Gian Lorenzo Bernini, "Bernini: His Life and His Rome," is finally in print, representing the first full-length (ca. 400 pp.), English-language account of the artist's life and historical-social context.

The book's inaugural reception, in conjunction with a lecture by Professor Mormando, will be held at the Dante Alighieri Society (41 Hampshire St., Cambridge) on Saturday, December 10 at 5 p.m. The event is open to the public. For more information, call 617-876-5160.

The first review of the book, by "Publisher's Weekly," is out and Professor Mormando shared it with us:

"In one of the few biographies of Baroque sculptor Gian Lorenzo Bernini since his death in 1680, Boston College Italian professor Mormando constructs a comprehensive, extraordinarily vivid portrait of the sculptor known as 'the Michelangelo of his age.' A child prodigy compulsive about creative achievement, Bernini was, in Mormando's estimation, a superbly technically skilled sculptor who possessed rare psychological insight into the human and mythological subjects he portrayed.

"Mormando traces Bernini's work for his first chief patron, Pope Urban VIII, detailing Bernini's power struggles with rival Borromini; the critical receptions of and controversies surrounding major commissions such as the baldachino at St. Peter's and sexually charged Saint Teresa in Ecstasy; his monumental work for Pope Alexander VII; and the tumultuous period in the court of Louis XIV.

"Swiftly paced and buoyantly written, this richly sourced work places Bernini within the dynamic, criminal, superstitious, and sensual city that was baroque Rome; Mormando examines Bernini's work and artistic place within the baroque in far less depth. Of great interest to general readers seeking a well-researched, highly readable portrait of the sculptor and those interested in the cultural history of baroque Rome." The book contains 43 illustrations.

According to his biography at the B.C. website, born and raised in Manhattan, Mormando did his undergraduate degree (B.A.) at

Columbia University. His two graduate degrees in Italian (M.A. and Ph.D.) are from Harvard University. He holds as well a licentiate (Master's degree) in church history from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, having also completed the Biennio di Filosofia program at the Gregorian University in Rome.

In 1999 he was principal curator and catalogue editor of the Boston Caravaggio exhibition, "Saints and Sinners: Caravaggio and the Baroque Image." He was also originator and co-curator of the 2005 exhibition at the Worcester Art Museum entitled "Hope and Healing: Painting in Italy in a Time of Plague, 1500-1800" and edited a companion volume entitled, "Piety and Plague in Europe: From Byzantium to the Baroque," published in 2007.

His book, "The Preacher's Demons: Bernardino of Siena and the Social Underworld of Early Renaissance Italy," was published in 1999 by the University of Chicago Press and awarded the Howard Marraro Prize for Excellence in Italian historical scholarship by the American Catholic Historical Association.

Author of various interdisciplinary articles on Italian literature and history, popular religion and preaching, he has lectured extensively on the religious art and culture of early modern Italy at various universities and museums including the Metropolitan Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.

In September, 2005, in recognition of his achievements in the promotion of the Italian language and culture, he was inducted by the Republic of Italy into its honorary Ordine della Stella della Solidarietà Italiana with the title of "Cavaliere." The festive event was duly noted in "The Socially Set..."

Congratulations and Best Wishes, Professor Mormando!

..... New England Conservatory will present the Boston appearance of the touring Simón Bolívar Big Band Jazz, November 5 at 9:00 p.m. in NEC's Jordan Hall. Established in 2007, the band is the brainchild of Valdemar Rodríguez, director of the Simón Bolívar Conservatory of Music, and



Rick Doane, left, Executive Director of Interfaith Social Services, receives a donation of \$10,000 from the Arbella Insurance Group Charitable Foundation for the "14th Annual Interfaith Social Services Feed the Hungry Gala," taking place at Vincent's Nightclub at Lombardo's in Randolph on Wednesday, November 30. "This marks the fifth consecutive year that Arbella has come on as a Presenting Sponsor," said Beverly Tangvik, right, Director of Charitable Giving at Arbella. To purchase tickets, donate or for further information, please visit www.interfaithsocialservices.org.

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drummer Andrés Briceño, who had the idea of promoting and disseminating jazz music genres in Venezuela.

Following the concert, listeners are invited to extend the evening in Brown Hall, where NEC musicians will play with their Venezuelan counterparts in a late-night jam session.

Both the concert and jam session are free and open to the public.

The group is made up of 40 students from the Venezuelan Conservatory, an institution that is part of the National System of Youth and Children's Orchestras of Venezuela — known to Americans by the shorthand appellation "El Sistema."

For further information, visit www.necmusic.edu/concerts or call the NEC Concert Line at 617-585-1122. NEC's

Jordan Hall, Brown Hall, Williams Hall and the Keller Room, located at 30 Gainsborough St., corner of Huntington Ave. St. Botolph Hall is located at 241 St. Botolph St. between Gainsborough and Mass Ave.

..... On Thursday, December 8, Travelers Aid Family Services will host its Ninth Annual "Home for the Holidays" Benefit at the historic Parkman House in downtown Boston from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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The Nazzaro Community Center Plays Host to Lord Stanley's Cup



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Lord Stanley posed with all his North End fans recently at the Nazzaro Community Center. The Stanley Cup came to the neighborhood for a few hours for a photo opportunity, courtesy the 2011 Champion Boston Bruins and TD Garden. Special thanks to Joyce Papa Amoroso, Event Operations at TD Garden and Carl Ameno for hosting the event.



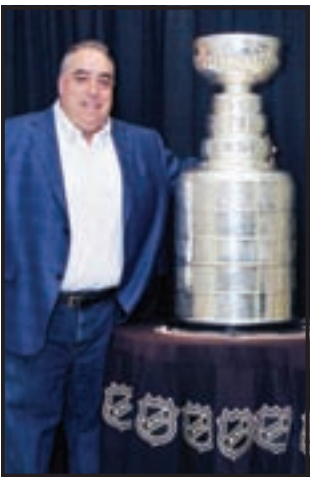
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the LEGAL Interest

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Intoxication Test by the Breathalyzer

COMMONWEALTH vs. ZOANNE ZEININGER

SJC-10758

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS

459 Mass 775; 947 N.E.2d 1060

February 7, 2011 Argued • May 24, 2011 Decided

On the evening of April 13, 2007, Zeininger drove through a flashing red light at the intersection of Main Street and Bank Row in Greenfield without bringing her vehicle to a complete stop. Officer Patrick Buchanan of the Greenfield Police Department pulled Zeininger's vehicle over. He observed that Zeininger's eyes were bloodshot, her speech slurred, and she smelled of alcohol. Zeininger told him that she consumed two pints of ale at a local tavern, and later, another "half pint or so" at a friend's home. Officer Buchanan instructed Zeininger how properly to complete various field sobriety tests. After observing her perform four different tests, he concluded that Zeininger was intoxicated and arrested her for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

At the Greenfield police station, Zeininger telephoned a friend to discuss whether she should provide consent to submit to a chemical analysis test of her breath to determine the alcohol content in her content in her blood (breathalyzer test). Eventually, she consented to administration of the breathalyzer test. During her testimony at trial, she recounted that the stress of her arrest exacerbated her acid reflux condition and that she regurgitated acid into her mouth.

General Laws c. 90, §24, places several conditions on the admissibility of the results of a breathalyzer test, and the prosecution

must prove compliance with those conditions breathalyzer test results "shall be admissible and deemed relevant" only if the subject actually consented to the test and was properly notified of her right to an independent medical examination.

Officer Buchanan proceeded to administer the breathalyzer test. Zeininger gave two breath samples that each registered a blood alcohol content of 0.10 per cent on the breathalyzer device. After a two-day jury trial, Zeininger was convicted of operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 percent or greater, and sentenced to a one-year term of probation and ninety-day loss of license. Zeininger appealed, and we transferred the case to this court on our own motion.

The Supreme Court Said: A police officer may not administer a breathalyzer test unless he is a "certified operator." Zeininger does not contend that Officer Buchanan was an uncertified operator. The Supreme Court upheld the conviction. This case says a breathalyzer test is admissible provided that equipment is up to date and the one who gives the test is qualified. But what a dilemma for the driver, take the test and pray that it fails. Refuse to take the test and lose your license for 6 months. What if you believe you are not under the influence of alcohol but are not sure of the results? WHAT A CHOICE!!! The best choice is don't drink and drive.

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big government as part of the problem.

The demonstrators want more big government, more entitlements and more control over the economy. They also want government to wipe out their humongous personal debt caused by bigger and bigger college loan bills. Of course, others want more free rides for everything. Currently, 50 percent of us are paying for the other 50 percent. If we criticize all the entitlements handed out, we are called racists and haters. These people actually think entitlements are constitutionally supported too. How long can the middle-

class support the entitled-class? How long can we survive as a nation when very soon there will be fewer people pulling the wagon than riding in it? It can't work for long.

You can't resurrect the middle-class by bleeding it dry, can you? No wonder most of us just want to escape to a football field on Sunday afternoons. After all, most of us think fairness has been intercepted. Every day we have to struggle to survive. We keep getting pushed back. The clock seems to continually run against us. Even when we win, it feels like losing.

Obama Keeps Blaming GOP for Jobs Stall

President Obama is back on his Bad News Bus Tour touting his Jobs Bill which was recently defeated in the Senate thanks to two Democratic U.S. senators who joined up with the Republicans. The president calls his plan the "real" Jobs Bill. He's on the road again riding on a Canadian-built bus pushing for more U.S. jobs. He could start himself by riding U.S. built buses but that's another story.

The real new story is a strategy by Obama and Harry Reid to pass the Jobs Bill piecemeal. Remember when the debate over ObamaCare was hot and heavy? When the GOP wanted piecemeal action, the Democrats said it was all or nothing.

Senators Guarding Their Potatoes

"Yes, we have no potatoes, no potatoes today." I remember my mother singing that to me as a little kid as she was frying up some French fries on the kitchen stove. Well, if the USDA had its way, those potatoes would go the way of the dinosaur in schools across America. The USDA calls them nothing but a "starchy vegetable." This federal agency is out to limit potatoes as part of the federal lunch program as of the next school year.

A bi-partisan group of U.S. senators from Maine, Idaho and Colorado call the USDA proposal half-baked and are trying to block this USDA rule. U.S. Senator Susan Collins, (R-Maine) says, "The much maligned potato is actually a very affordable,



MARTINA McBRIDE - ELEVEN/Republic Nashville

Multiple-time winner of CMA and ACM Female Vocalist of the year award and a Grammy winner as well, Martina McBride releases Eleven, her first album on Republic Nashville. With supermodel looks and a talent to match, Martina pours her heart into eleven exciting tracks, highlighted by her monster hit single "I'm Gonna Love You Through It." Martina co-wrote more than half the songs, but it's her emotion that is so incredible. Enjoy "One Night," pacing the way for spirited gems as "Always Be This Way," the magical duet with Train's Pat Monahan on "Marry Me," trying to keep dry with "Broken Umbrella," and mark the midpoint with "You Can Get Your Lovin' Right Here." Martina gets bluesy with "Watcha Gonna Do," followed by the album's first single "Teenage Daughters," plus the love lost tale of "Summer of Love," the honesty of "When You Love a Sinner" and ends with the tender "Long Distance Lullaby." Martina is magical!

WES MONTGOMERY - MOVIN': THE COMPLETE VERVE RECORDINGS (5-CD)/Verve-Hip-O

Legendary jazz guitarist Wes Montgomery died in 1968 of a heart attack, at the much-too-young age of 45. Signing with Verve Records for a brief couple of years, Montgomery pumped out a multitude of music that included pure jazz and music that crossed over genres. His Verve years are contained on this 5 disc collection that includes 82 tracks. Disc 1 features, "Movin' Wes" and "Bumpin'"; Disc 2 has "Smokin' At The Half Note," Disc 3 has the pair "Goin' Out Of My Head" and "Tequila," Disc 4 doubles your pleasure with "California Dreaming" and "Jimmy & Wes: The Dynamic Duo," finishing up with Disc 5's "Further Adventures of Jimmy Smith and Wes Montgomery." Montgomery was at the top of his game in delivering some of the most spectacular jazz guitar work to date!

HAMILTON PARK/Harrell-Atlantic

Andre Harrell's "Superstar Soul Search" discovered Hamilton Park in Atlanta, and signed them to a recording contract. Harrell is legendary for having discovered Diddy, and he felt he had found something special in HP. The talented R&B group comprised of Anthony, Mr. Marcus Lee, Chris Voice and Royce P have the ability to touch female hearts with their amazing love ballads. HP's 6-song collection includes their debut single, "Thing Called Us," the opening love anthem "Hard In the Paint," and a cover of Guy's classic 1988 ballad, Piece of My Love." Added to that trio of tenderness is the appreciative "Salute U," the timely "Clock Stops," and put the finishing touches on with "Nothing To a Boss." Soulful pleasure!

SHIRLEY CRABBE - HOME/MaiSong Music

Vocalist Shirley Crabbe delivers her 9-song debut album "Home," with the style and grace of a polished jazz music veteran. Her rich and plush vocals catch your ear quickly, as her litany of music unwinds. Check out Crabbe's arrangement of Leonard Bernstein's "Lucky To Be Me," likewise, with McCoy Tyner's "You Taught My Heart To Sing," the tasty title cut "Home" from "The Wiz," along with the pretty "Seasons" written by pianist Roland Hanna for the legendary Sarah Vaughan, coming to a full stop for the sassy sound of "Detour Ahead." Crabbe powers through Oscar Brown's "Strong Man," trailed by the tender ballad "Not While I'm Around," Carole King's classic "So Far Away," adding a West African polyrhythmic flavor to her arrangement of "Summertime." Outstanding!

THE MUSIC OF MICHEL LEGRAND/Silva Screen

Michel Legrand, composer, arranger, conductor and performer, took his talents to Moscow in 2010, and revisited some of his greatest work, conducting The Moscow Virtuosi, featuring the cream of musicians from Moscow's symphony and chamber orchestras. The result is twenty tracks on two discs that bring back memories and pleasure. Enjoy cuts as, "Lees Parapluies de Cherbourg," Legrand's Oscar-winner "Summer of '42 — The Summer Knows," the haunting "Brian's Song," the powerful "Wuthering Heights (I Was Born In Love With You)," and the romantic "Gable and Lombard." Disc Two contains the concerto-like "The Thomas Crown Affair — The Windmills of Your Mind," the latter from the film of the same name and starring Steve McQueen — two other Legrand scores starring McQueen follow with "Le Mans" and "The Hunter," and a suite of music from Barbra Streisand's "Yentl — The Way He Makes Me Feel/Papa, Can You Hear Me?/A Piece of Sky." Just a sample of the Michel's "grand" music catalog!

A.N.T. FARM - SOUNDTRACK/Walt Disney Records

Youthful fun abounds on Disney's "A.N.T. Farm" soundtrack with songs from and inspired by the hit Disney Channel series. "Farm" star China Anne McClain solos on the first half dozen songs with explosive tracks as, "Exceptional," a cover of Taio Cruz's hit "Dynamite," the hit-bound single "Calling All the Monsters," the beat-laden "Unstoppable," covering Christina Aguilera's classic "Beautiful," plus the romantic "My Crush." 'Farm' co-stars Stefanie Scott and Carlon Jeffery, are featured on "Pose," and Jeffery delivers a tasty solo rap on the hip cut "Summertime." China Anne joins sisters Sierra and Lauryn to perform the final pair of tunes as The McLain Sisters, singing about an honest attempt to make the relationship happen, titled "Perfect Mistake" and the use of technology to relate with "Electronic Apology." Energetic, entertaining, and excellent!

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LOEB DRAMA CENTER

64 Brattle St., Cambridge, MA

AS YOU LIKE IT – December 7, 2011 – January 8, 2012. “All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players,” in Shakespeare’s beloved pastoral comedy *As You Like It*. This classic tale follows Rosalind and her friend Celia’s escape from a deadly conspiracy into nature’s wild, liberating arms. What follows is an unconventional romance with everything from wrestling matches to cross-dressing shepherds culminating in a joyful finale. For further information call 617-547-8300 or visit www.americanrepertorytheater.org.

BOSTON OPERA HOUSE

539 Washington St., Boston, MA

NIGHT OF STARS – Saturday, October 29, 2011 at 7:00 pm. - Night of Stars, a spectacular showcase of Boston Ballet’s exciting repertoire, features the talents of the entire company, including principal dancers and rising stars. This unique evening provides audiences with a taste of the upcoming season.

Escape to Verona with John Cranko’s **ROMEO AND JULIET** - November 3-13, 2011 - Masterfully told through Cranko’s choreography and Prokofiev’s score, *Romeo and Juliet* is a triumphant must-see.

Don’t miss the final season of the current Boston Ballet’s **THE NUTCRACKER** - November 25-December 31, 2011. Experience the magic of this beloved production one last time. For tickets, please go to the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street. Hours are 10:00 am-6:00 pm Monday-Saturday. On the web, visit www.broadwayacrossamerica.com/Boston or Ticketmaster.com. By phone call Ticketmaster at 800-982-2787.

REAGLE MUSIC THEATRE

617 Lexington St., Waltham, MA

IT’S CHRISTMAS TIME – December 3-11, 2011. The one Boston Christmas spectacle guaranteed to warm any heart! Children of all ages are enchanted by Santa’s Workshop, Teddy Bears’ Nutcracker, Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, Victorian Christmas, precision dancers and The Living Nativity. Our cast of 200 comes gift wrapped in fabulous holiday sets and costumes — all backed by a full live orchestra.

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270 Tremont Street, Boston, MA

THE ADDAMS FAMILY – February 7, 2012 to February 19, 2012.

They’re creepy and they’re kooky, mysterious and spooky — c’mon, you know that tune! A dream cast takes on the quirky characters in a new and original Addams Family tale. As the musical begins, there are storm clouds gathering over the Addams Family home. Wednesday is falling in love, young Pugsley, jealous of his sister’s attention, begs her to keep torturing him severely, while mother Morticia fears being upstaged and discarded by her daughter’s lurch into womanhood ... like yesterday’s roadkill. But when outsiders come to dinner, the events of one night will change forever this famously macabre family — a family so very different from your own — or maybe not. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Wang Theatre Box Office Tuesday thru Saturday 12 noon to 6:00 PM. The Box Office will also be open at the advertised time for all pre-sales and show on-sales. By Email or phone: Box Office: 866-348-9738 (tty: 888-889-8587). General info (shows and programs): info@citicenter.org 617-482-9393 (tty: 617-482-5757).

MUSIC

DCU CENTER

50 Foster Street, Worcester, MA

GUNS N’ ROSES – November 25, 2011. Since they last played the U.S. in 2006, GN’R has played to rave reviews everywhere including South America, Canada, Europe and Southeast Asia, playing close to one million fans worldwide. Axl Rose started Guns N’ Roses over 25 years ago. Since that time, they have become one of the biggest bands in music history, selling over 100 million albums worldwide. GN’R’s *Appetite For Destruction* has sold over 28 million albums in the U.S. alone. Tickets available at the DCU Center Box Office, Ticketmaster locations, by phone at 800-745-3000 and online at ticketmaster.com.

BOB SEGER & THE SILVER

BULLET BAND – November 29. Bob

Seeger & The Silver Bullet Band are back out on the road this Fall for a second leg to their 2011 North American Tour. Gary Graff of *Billboard Magazine* said “Seeger and company delivered an energetic and exhaustive show ... the 65-year-old Rock and Roll Hall of Famer is one of those rarefied performers who has built a large canon of hits: Ramblin’ Gamblin’ Man, Katmandu, Against the Wind, Hollywood Nights, Night Moves — that absolutely have to be played or he won’t get out of the building alive ... The Silver Bullets appeared honed and well-rehearsed, bolstering the tight arrangements with solos by saxophonist Alto Reed, keyboardist Craig Frost and guitarist Mark Chafffield.” Tickets available at the DCU Center Box Office, Ticketmaster locations, by phone at 800-745-3000 and online at ticketmaster.com.

BOSTON POPS HOLIDAY CON-

CERT – December 11, 2011. The Boston Pops Holiday Concert presented by TD Bank is back by popular demand! Kick off your holiday season on with Keith Lockhart, the Boston Pops

Esplanade Orchestra and vocal powerhouse Rockapella! For the first time ever, “America’s Orchestra” joins America’s leading a cappella group for an unforgettable holiday show. Enjoy unique takes on classic favorites and brand new originals, plus a special visit from Jolly Ole’ St. Nick and a time-honored audience sing along. Treat yourself and your loved ones to a holiday tradition that millions cherish! Tickets available at the DCU Center Box Office, Ticketmaster locations, by phone at 800-745-3000 and online at ticketmaster.com.

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246 Tremont Street, Boston, MA

CANADIAN TENORS – December

5, 2011. The Canadian Tenors’ music is an exciting blend of classical and contemporary pop that is thrilling audiences of all ages around the world. The Tenors are the incredibly powerful voices of four gifted young men with diverse vocal styles, undeniable charm and international solo success. Tickets for all Wilbur Theatre events may be purchased in a variety of ways: In person at the Box Office, online at <http://thewilburtheatre.com>, any area Ticketmaster outlet. Call Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000 or Ticketmaster Express at 866-448-7849.

SOMERVILLE THEATRE

55 Davis Square, Somerville, MA

THE “FRIEND OF MINE: THE

BILL MORRISSEY TRIBUTE CON-

CERT” – November 17, 2011. An

All-Star tribute to the late singer-songwriter. Patty Larkin, David Johansen, Peter Case, Shawn Colvin, Barry Crimmins, Mark Erelli, John Gorka, Peter Keane, Fred Koller, Cormac McCarthy and Pete Nelson have all signed on to pay tribute to their friend, mentor and fellow troubadour. Tickets for the show are now on sale through the venue’s box office and website. A very limited number of preferred “Friend of Mine” tickets, which will provide front orchestra seating and a signed limited edition poster, are available. Profits from the event will be donated to MusiCares. Singer-songwriter Cliff Eberhardt and David Dye, host of the nationally syndicated NPR radio show, World Café, will co-host the concert. Morrissey, who passed away from heart failure on July 23, was regarded as a songwriters’ songwriter. Between 1984 and 2007, the New England native released 12 highly acclaimed albums and published the novel, “Edson”. His live performance schedule took him from small coffee-houses to major concert venues like Carnegie Hall to prestigious festivals including Newport and Kerrville. For tickets and further info, visit www.somervilletheatreonline.com

Special Events

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

1 Science Park, Boston

A DAY IN POMPEII – Now through

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December 14-18 - Young Zoé is bored; her parents, distant and apathetic, ignore her. Her life has lost all meaning. Seeking to fill the void of her existence, she slides into an imaginary world — the world of Quidam — where she meets characters who encourage her to free her soul. Quidam : a nameless passer-by, a solitary figure lingering on a street corner, a person rushing past and swallowed by the crowd. It could be

anyone, anybody. Someone coming or going at the heart of our anonymous society. A member of the crowd, one of the silent majority. The one who cries out, sings and dreams within us all. This is the “quidam” whom this show allows to speak. This is the place that beckons — a place for dreaming and genuine relations where all quidams, by proclaiming their individuality, can finally emerge from anonymity. Tickets are available at the DCU Center Box Office, Ticketmaster locations, by phone at 800-745-3000 and online at ticketmaster.com.

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Finally the Rock comes back to Boston! A special three hour edition of WWE Monday Night Raw Super Show. What will happen when seven time WWE Champion, “the most electrifying man in all of entertainment.” The Rock and 10 time WWE Champion John Cena meet in Cena’s hometown? Also see all of your favorite WWE superstars including: Randy Orton, Mark Henry, Sheamus, Christian, Dolph Ziggler, Kofi Kingston, And More!!! *Card is subject to change*

DAVIS MEGA MAZE

145 Redstone Hill, Sterling, MA

Beginning October 14th, Davis Mega Maze transforms into one wicked **FRIGHT NIGHT ADVENTURE!** Try to maneuver your way through the corn and escape before the monsters and haunts can find you — but watch out — there’s no place to hide! **JOIN US IF YOU DARE** ... this maze event is geared for adults. Bring your flashlight and your courage. Davis Mega Maze **Fright Nights** run on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:30-10 pm, with last admission at 9:00 pm. Families with children under 12 can visit Davis Farmland during the last three weekends in October for **MOO MOO’S HALLOWEEN PARTY!** This fright-free, daytime party is geared for children. Wear your favorite costume! Enjoy costume parades, pumpkin painting, games, candy and much more! Visit www.DavisFarmland.com, www.DavisMegaMaze.com, or call 978-422-MOOO (6666) for more info.

AGGANIS ARENA

925 Commonwealth Ave., Boston

COMICS COME HOME XVII –

Saturday, November 12. The longest running comedy benefit in America, returns to Agganis. The show will be hosted by actor/comedian Denis Leary from the hit television show “Rescue Me.” This year’s lineup will include: Denis Leary, Lenny Clarke, Kenny Rogerson, Tony V, Robert Kelly, Dom Irrera, Joe Derosa, Artie Lang and Nick Di Paolo! Don’t miss the show the *Boston Globe* calls a “laugh riot.” The evening will benefit The Cam Neely Foundation for Cancer Care and The Neely Cancer Fund. The Fund was created to benefit Tufts Medical Center’s Cancer Center and its Floating Children’s Cancer Center. Through the Fund the Foundation supports treatment, research and overall cancer care for patients and their families. Call Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000.

TSONGAS CENTER

AT UMASS LOWELL

300 Martin Luther King Jr. Way

Lowell, MA

JEFF DUNHAM: CONTROLLED

CHAOS – Friday, November 4, 2011.

The man whose standup concerts rule the comedy world, Jeff Dunham,

returns to Lowell to offer fans brand new laughs and hilarious additions to his famed troupe of sidekicks. Jeff Dunham’s sidesplitting performances have made him the top grossing live comedian in North America for three consecutive years as well as the last two worldwide. Now his ever-growing legion of devoted fans that flock to his shows year after year will meet the newest additions to his suitcase posse. Achmed the Dead Terrorist has to now contend with his rebellious offspring, Achmed Junior, a/k/a A.J. Meanwhile, Peanut has decided that he’s tired of being Jeff’s sidekick and has taken up ventriloquism with his own character: Little Jeff. More hilarity than ever ensues as the never-before-seen characters unleash their own havoc on stage. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Tsongas Center Box Office, online at www.tsongascenter.com or by calling 866-722-8780.

DISNEY LIVE! PHINEAS AND

FERB – Saturday, November 26, 2011.

Phineas, Ferb, and the whole tri-state area gang embark on a bold escape jumping out from behind your TV and onto the stage in a live action adventure right in your hometown! And, before you can wonder, “Hey, Where’s Perry?” the beloved pet platypus shifts to his secret double life as Agent P to foil another one of Dr. Doofenshmirtz’s evil plans. Musical madness abounds in an escapade so awesome that even Candace can’t help but join the hilarious hijinks. It’s the ultimate end to summer vacation, so seize the day ‘cause Phineas and Ferb are gonna do it all! All persons two years of age and older must have a ticket. Tickets can be purchased visiting the Tsongas Center Box Office, online at www.tsongascenter.com or by calling 866-722-8780.

ARTS

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

465 Huntington Avenue, Boston

DEGAS AND THE NUDE – Now

through February 5, 2012. The first museum exhibition devoted exclusively to the extraordinary range of nudes by Edgar Degas — tracing their evolution from the artist’s early years, through the private and public images of brothels and bathers in the 1870s and 1880s, to the post-Impressionist nudes of the end of his career will be presented. For more information, visit www.mfa.org or call 617-267-9300.

THE MUSEUM OF BAD ART

Dedham Community Theatre

580 High St., Dedham Sq., Dedham

Somerville Theatre

55 Davis Sq., Somerville MA

Brookline Access Television

46 Tappan St., Brookline

The Museum Of Bad Art (MOBA) is a community-based, private institution dedicated to the collection, preservation, exhibition and celebration of bad art in all its forms and in all its glory. It is only through the efforts of the worldwide Friends of MOBA that we have been able to carry out our mission: to bring the worst of art to the widest of audiences. MOBA maintains a website as well as three bricks-and-mortar galleries, all in the Boston area. Through traveling exhibits, special events and changing exhibits, we share the best bad art ever assembled. Our collection numbers about 600 pieces, but due to limited exhibition space, we show 50 to 70 at a time. Visit museumofbadart.org.

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS

“The Sicilian Corner” 11:00 am

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www.italiaunita.org.

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE

CENTER

136 Massachusetts Avenue,

Boston MA

ZUCCHERO – October 29, 2011.

Zucchero “Sugar” Fornaciari is one of Italy’s most renowned artists, with 11 studio albums dating back to 1983. The Italian musician will be touring the U.S. to present his latest release, Chocabeck. To purchase your tickets, please log onto www.ticketmaster.com for tickets.

Ray Barron's

11 O'CLOCK NEWS

So what's new? Pinellas County, Florida, will stop adding fluoride to its drinking water after complaints by anti-government activists. Dentists protested the decision, arguing that fluoridation has dramatically lowered tooth-decay rates across the U.S., but Tea Party activists said it was part of a plot by "the world government to keep people stupid."

Motherly love? An 18-year-old Connecticut man was arrested when he refused his mom's plea to clean up his room, cursed her out, and then told responding cops to go away because he "has rights."

Might as well confess? Whenever I was untidy my mother used to say the only one who would be fit to marry me will be a dirty rotten Sicilian. For the record, my mother was a native of Mirabella, the Province of Avellino.

Well, my dear readers, we did marry a Sicilian! And she was truly a beautiful, intelligent young lady. When I introduced Marilyn to my mother, I told her she was a Sicilian. When Marilyn went to the bathroom, my mother told me it was my problem. Of course, my mother defended herself by telling Marilyn, "Do not believe everything my son tells you." Enough said.

Marilyn, my beautiful Sicilian wife, was born and raised in Meadville, Pennsylvania, and never heard of the discrimination. Perhaps some of you will remember Marilyn when she was the "Princess" on TV doing a children's show. She was also the hostess of a children's show, *The Young Timer's Club* on WCOP Radio in Boston. Yes, she was well-known. We escaped from the hordes of fans by moving to Nahant. Perhaps in a future column we will reveal more about our life and times. Oh, yes, we did raise a family! Two beautiful daughters! Karen and Robyn.

Scornato! Charles Burnett, 29, allegedly robbed the same Manhattan bank branch three days in a row. On his third try, he was arrested.

Boozers in the news! Federal officials reported that drunken driving incidents have declined to their lowest level in two decades. To save money, said Dr. Thomas Friend of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "people are drinking at home more."

The philosophical Tom Analetto of Medford, says, "If you drink before you drive, you are "putting the quart before the hearse." And he added, one reason why the courts don't handle more drunken driver cases is that the undertaker gets them first.

Immigrant crackdown: Alabama began enforcing what Governor Robert Bentley called "the strongest immigration law in this country" after a federal judge upheld its key provisions. Authorities in the state can now question anyone they suspect of being in the country illegally, and schools are required to verify the immigration status of all newly enrolled children and their parents. Since the law went into effect, hundreds of Hispanic children have been absent from schools, and farm owners say migrant pickers have cleared out, leaving tomato crops rotting on the vine. "There won't be no next growing season," said farmer Wayne Smith. State Senator Arthur Orr disagreed, insisting the law would create "employment for a lot of people who are citizens or who are here legally."

Wow! Danes, traditionally big fans of pork and pastries, now have to pay a tax on those and many other favorite foods. The government launched a \$1.29 per pound levy on saturated fat, which will apply to all foods with a fat content of more than 2.3 percent. The measure is expected to raise the price of a bag of chips by about 12 cents and that of a hamburger by about 40 cents. The government projects that the new tax will reduce fat consumption and increase the average lifespan of Danes by three years over the next decade. But Danes may not be easily swayed. Asked if he'd forgo butter, Copenhagen resident Mathias Buch Jensen said, "I would fry cabbage in butter, and add a little more butter at the end. That way at least I'm getting my vegetables."

Juicy reading! A new tell-all memoir by

Martha Stewart's daughter paints the domestic maven as less than a lady, said *Us Magazine.com*. Alexis Stewart slams her mother in the book for making her wrap her own Christmas presents and forcing her to learn crafts as a girl. "If I didn't do something perfectly, I had to do it again. I grew up with a glue gun pointed at my head." Stewart claims her mother's domestic habits belie her public image as the queen of neat: Martha allows her pets to soil her rugs, and she herself would "pee with the door open" while Alexis entertained guests.

The marvelous Rosalie Cunio of Waltham, says, "There are still a few old-fashioned mothers who would like to tuck their children in bed, but they can't stay awake that late."

Carlo Scostumato claims many a man met his wife through a dating service — her mother.

Giuseppina, la coscia storta, says a modern mother is one who can hold a safety pin and a cigarette in her mouth at the same time.

The lovely, brilliant, Lucille Monuteaux, Office Manager of the popular East Boston Social Centers, thinks the joys of motherhood are never fully experienced until all the children are in bed. And handsome John Roch, Business Manager of the Centers, says, another reason for unhappy marriages is that men can't fool their wives like they could their mothers.

Are you ready for this? A federal worker was injured on her trip to the bathroom when two toilets exploded in a shower of water and porcelain shrapnel. A water-pressure problem at the General Services Administration building in Washington, D.C., caused the explosion, which sent the woman to the hospital with a leg wound. Plumbing expert Chuck White said that water-pressure problems can turn toilets into deadly weapons. "If you're not careful about how you release pressure," White said, "the contents of that bowl will come up like Old Faithful."

Indigestion! A Chinese man who hid a gold necklace inside a muffin for his girlfriend's birthday was horrified to watch her swallow the whole thing in one gulp. Xaio Li, 22, said he hid the necklace in the muffin to show Wang Xue, also 22, "how much I love her. And it would be a good joke, too." Doctors retrieved the jewelry by endoscopic surgery, but now Li doubts Xue "will ever feel comfortable wearing it, even though I spent hours cleaning it for her."

To think, in 1950, the average U.S. household spent 3 percent of its income on health care, and 22 percent on food. By 2010, food costs dropped to 7 percent of income, while health care costs rose to 16 percent.

A recent poll disclosed 83% of Republicans expect to defeat President Obama in 2012. 58% of Democrats say Obama will be elected to another term.

Time for some reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. During his early days as a band singer, Tony Martin used the name Al Morris and doubled playing saxophone. Frank Sinatra on Tommy Dorsey: "I learned about dynamics and phrasing and style from the way he played his horn, and I enjoyed my work because he sees to it that a singer is always given a perfect setting." The "Road" pictures, starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, and Dorothy Lamour, was first offered to George Burns and Gracie Allen. Because Woody Herman made several films with skating star Sonja Henie a friend suggested he adopt the Skater's Waltz as a theme and book the band as "Woody Herman and his Gay Blades." Nancy Sinatra recorded for five years before coming up with a hit in 1966, "These Boots Are Made For Walking." Several years after his death in 1951, "The Eddie Duchin Story" was produced in Hollywood (1956). Tyrone Power played the part of Duchin and our paesano Carmen Cavallaro dubbed in the piano playing.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the

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SPLIT GREEN PEA SOUP

1 cup split green peas

2 tablespoons of canola or olive oil

1 medium onion chopped (optional)

Salt

1 quart of water

Ham pieces, ham hock or ham bone are excellent additions to this recipe.

1 cup small elbow or shell macaroni

Wash split peas and place in water in a two-quart pan. Bring water to boil and add chopped onion, ham pieces, ham hock or ham bone. Cook slowly, *partially covered*, to prevent overflow of liquids. Check frequently to prevent mixture from sticking or burning. When all split peas have dissolved, add oil and stir. Cover pot, shut burner, and move from burner.

Following directions on the pasta package, cook small elbow or small shell macaroni to tenderness desired. Mix pasta with pea soup and serve together with ham pieces or separately.

Pea soup can be frozen. Defrost first, before heating for use.

Serves two.

NOTE: During the Depression, many of my relatives served Pea Soup often, as did my mother. This economical, nutritious, and easy-to-prepare meal was especially welcomed on our supper table during the cold winter months.

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Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I recently had to buy a new laptop computer. My old one is about ten years old and quite obsolete. I have been nursing it along, but it was time. I'm the type that forms attachments with things I buy. As an example, I will keep a car until it starts nickel and diming me to death. And then, I will look for excuses to hold on to it anyway. One of my neighbors is a techie and found a laptop online that was on sale. It was a high-end computer that had a small three-day price attached to it. He called, I okayed the purchase, and when it arrived, he downloaded a travelogue into it. It is a 55 minute overview of Sicily, narrated by an expert on all things Sicilian.

The new laptop is high definition and the video was recorded in high definition. As a result, watching this travelogue makes you feel like you are in it, not watching it. That night, I had the living room TV tuned to something, but I'm not sure what it was. I was reliving the video about Sicily and reminiscing. You see, 40 years ago this coming summer, I spent the time between the 4th of July and Labor Day traveling throughout Italy and that trip started in Sicily.

Sal Meli and I were old pals from our late teens on. We were both from East Boston and both liked to travel. As young men, we tried to coordinate our vacation time in order to travel to distant places. He worked at Polaroid and would put in for time that corresponded to the Boston school vacations as that was the only time I could travel, being a teacher. I would also coordinate my music activities so that I wouldn't be playing during vacation time. As a result, we traveled all over the world.

Forty years ago, his parents, both retired from their jobs in Boston, decided to move back to their point of origin, a small town near Agrigento, Sicily. The following spring, Sal went over for a visit and decided to extend it for the entire summer. He called me to see what I had planned for my summer vacation. During that spring, I was teaching in Boston during the day, playing with a Dixieland band several nights a week, and commuting to the west coast to do some bit parts and character parts for things being filmed and taped at Paramount. After listening to Sal, I decided to cancel out

the few things I had booked for the summer months and join him and his family in Italy.

I made all of the arrangements way ahead of time. First, I made sure my passport was up to date. Second, I booked a flight from Boston to Rome and third, a shuttle from Rome to Palermo. Babbonnonno, then in his late 90s, made a list of places for me to visit. He described them the way they were when he left in 1896. I didn't want to shatter his dreams of Italy in the old days, so I just kept quiet and let him reminisce and write out an itinerary for me to follow.

My mother asked me if I was bringing a camera. I said no, assuring her that I didn't want to look like the typical American tourist. The next day, she handed me a box with a new Kodak 120 pocket sized camera. Her comment was, "I've never been to Italy and I don't think I will ever get there. You take pictures for me to see, or don't come home!" I took her hint and bought a dozen cartridges of film for the camera and packed them and the camera in one of my suitcases. Just before I left, I called Sal and gave him my time of arrival in Palermo. He then told me that he, his father, and his uncle would take the train northward from Agrigento and meet me at the Palermo airport. I arrived late and had to take a later shuttle from Rome to Palermo which, initially, was almost impossible. A young man about my age, who sat next to me on the plane, made sure I wouldn't have trouble getting to my destination, and when the reschedule was confirmed and I had a new ticket, I called the Palermo airport and had Sal paged. I explained the dilemma telling him I wouldn't be there for another two hours. Sal, his father and uncle were there waiting for me when I arrived and the vacation started.

The first thing I did was rent a car. There were two agencies at the Palermo airport, Hertz and Maggiore. I decided to try Maggiore and rented a FIAT 127, a small car, but big enough to hold four adults. Driving to the hotel, I noticed the license plates of the cars. Seeing we were in Palermo, the plates all started with PA and then the numbers. The car I rented had a plate that started with NA, and I was

told that it stood for Naples, or Napoli. This didn't mean anything then, but it would cause me a bit of trouble later.

Well, when we finally got to the hotel and I checked in, it was time for the afternoon siesta. In Italy, everything closes in the afternoon from anywhere from two to four hours, and there was an hour or so left to relax, and I knew if I didn't, jet lag would set in. Later, after a shower and a change of clothes, the four of us headed out to see downtown Palermo. I had not met Sal's uncle before this point in time. His name was Gus and he was the brother of Sal's mother. He was living with Sal's folks in his retirement. He was a bachelor and occupied one of the several bedrooms in the giant sized condo that Sal's parents owned.

Gus and I hit it off. He spoke fluent English without an accent, which is hard to do when Italian is your first language. As we walked through the streets of Palermo, he described the sights as if he were a tour guide. He seemed quite well informed. Sal's father then told me that "Uncle Gus," was a retired army general and diplomat. The truth of the matter was that Gus was a general in Mussolini's inner circle who helped plot the overthrow of the Fascist government. When Italy surrendered to the Americans in 1943, he became part of the interim government that eliminated the monarchy and helped make Italy a republic. After the war, he was part of the Italian delegation that headed to the U.S. to participate in the new world organization, the United Nations. Sal's father had been a police captain before the war and went into the army with equal rank when the war started. After the war was over he went back to his job, retired from it a couple of years later and decided to bring his wife and young family to America. When he and Sal's mother, Maria, retired from their jobs in Boston, the family was grown and on their own and the decision was made to return to their roots in Sicily.

I told Sal that I didn't have to be back until Labor Day and, along with his father and Uncle Gus, we began to plan out a tour of Sicily and then the mainland of Italy. After a few days in Palermo, we decided to head south toward Agrigento and Sal's family home. En route, we were stopped by the Italian equivalent to the state police (Polizia Stradale). It seems that a yellow FIAT with a Naples license plate was reported stolen from a Maggiore rental agency and I was driving a yellow FIAT with a Naples license plate. TO BE CONTINUED...

GOD BLESS AMERICA

• The Socially Set (Continued from Page 8)



After her recent presentation on her latest best-seller, "Wicked Bugs," at the Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica Plain, noted author Amy Stewart, center, receives congratulations from Pamela Thompson, left, Manager of Adult Education, and William "Ned" Friedman, Director of the Arboretum. The very "social" event was well received by attendees as they enjoyed fresh cider and delectable goodies while learning about horticultural horrors, some of which have changed the course of history.

(Photo by Hilda M. Morrill)

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Enjoy!
(Be sure to visit Hilda Morrill's gardening Web site,

www.bostongardens.com. In addition to events covered and reported by the columnist, "The Socially Set" is compiled from various other sources such as news and press releases, PRNewswire services, etc.)

• Do Your Research (Continued from Page 2)

may be hard to find another location where the card can be used. A business that files for bankruptcy may honor its gift cards, or a competitor may accept the card. Call the business or its competitor to find out if they are redeeming the cards, or if they will do so at a later date.

Treat the gift card like cash. For receivers, it's im-

portant to report lost or stolen cards to the issuer immediately. Some issuers will not replace cards that are lost or stolen, while other issuers will, for a fee. Make sure to use gift cards as soon as possible, because it's not unusual to lose or forget about them.

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• Editorial (Continued from Page 3)

lost too, but also learned much by entering the political process. Over the years I have met a lot of wonderful civic-minded people. However, the flip side, I have met a lot of egotists who think the world revolves around them. This political-class actually believes all the wonderful campaign stuff written about them and most of it is self-published. Legends in their own minds.

I have never had an ego problem. I know my strengths and weaknesses. Everyone can't be the brightest bulb around, no matter what their campaign literature says. I was always taught to do my best and leave something better than when you found it. Some pols actually believe they can change the face of the earth with some foolish plan. Herman Cain comes to mind quickly with his 9-9-9 plan. So simple, right? If you disagree with him, he just calls you stupid. He's apparently got his ego on backwards.

This year in the crowded city councilor race, I had been working for one candidate and also assisting another but lately egos have crowded this race so badly that you can't even find the real candidate anymore. I have had enough and just want to holler but that would be an incredible waste of

energy, so I've decided to pull back from it all and let them all duke it out without my help. Whoever wins, wins and whoever doesn't. The sun will still shine tomorrow no matter the November 8 results.

If you've ever wondered why so few voters vote, blame it all on meaningless ego clashes. Meanwhile, I am glad for the few friends I've met along these 41 years of campaign trails. And they are few. Most of the time you know you're getting used just as much as you are using them for your experiences. However, you can actually make real friendship bonds with some genuine politicians out there. For me they include: Frank Bellotti, Mickey Roache, Bruce Ayers, Marie Howe, Rob Consalvo, Diane Modica, the late Freddy Langone and Jimmy Kelly and my best friend of all Ray Flynn. This year I've gotten a little burnt out between what I am seeking and what I am seeing. I also might add on a positive note that while never my close personal friends, I have come to respect others like Tom Menino, Joe Timilty, Jim Hennigan, Larry DiCara and Stephen Lynch. After that there is more said than done. Sometimes you just need a break from politics to regroup and find your priorities again.

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Studi recenti e loro pubblicazioni indicano che le Mafie internazionali realizzano miliardi di dollari l'anno. Non sorprende leggere che le maggiori organizzazioni criminali italiane, Mafia, Camorra e Ndrancheta, messe insieme, sono al primo posto nel mondo del crimine organizzato. Esse sono tre tipi di Mafia, l'una piu' potente dell'altra, che collaborano l'una con l'altra nella importazione e spaccio della droga, dal Sud America e dall'Afghanistan.

Le Mafie italiane detengono il monopolio dell'importazione e distribuzione in tutta l'Europa, e nel Mediterraneo, di ogni tipo di droga. Chi ha tentato di fare affari in Europa e' stato cacciato via, o eliminato.

Quali sono le altre Mafie? Una e' la Mafia cinese, un'altra e' la Mafia russa, e la "Yakuza" giapponese, come pure i narcotrafficienti del Sud America ... I prodotti piu' smerciati sono la marijuana, la cocaina, l'oppio, eroina e la tratta di esseri umani, video-pirateria, pirateria informatica, contrabando di sigarette, contraffazione tecnologica e farmaceutica. Il volume di questo commercio illecito e' immenso. La sola marijuana frutta in tutto 140 miliardi di dollari l'anno. Le varie contraffazioni fruttano piu' di 175 miliardi di dollari l'anno. Lo spaccio globale della cocaina oppio, ed eroina frutta 135 miliardi di dollari. Il volume, per nazione, e' di 310 miliardi di dollari (US); 112 miliardi di dollari (Mafia italiana); 84 miliardi (Mafia giapponese); 83.5 miliardi di dollari (Mafia Cinese); 77.8 miliardi di dollari (Mafia canadese); 60.6 miliardi di dollari (Mafia Britannica); 34 miliardi di dollari (Mafia tedesca); 28 miliardi di dollari (Mafia spagnola); 26 miliardi di dollari (Mafia sud-coreana).

I crimini finanziari sono i piu' remunerati: 1.6 bilioni di dollari.

Per chiudere diciamo che certe contraffazioni sono addirittura "perfette," perche' i produttori originali non riescono a distinguere tra le due!

Quanto sopra e' un semplice esempio di quello che avviene nel mondo d'oggi. Lo spaccio della droga produce un reddito alle varie Mafie di oltre 400 miliardi di dollari l'anno. Di piu' in futuro!

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

Recently published studies indicate that the international organized crime syndicates make billions of dollars yearly. It surprises no one to learn that the major Italian criminal groups, such as Mafia, Camorra and Ndrancheta are collectively in first place in the world of organized crime. They are three powerful crime syndicates, one as powerful as the others, but they cooperate among themselves in the importation and distribution of drugs from South America and Afghanistan.

The three major Italian criminal groups have the monopoly of the importation and distribution, in Europe and in the Mediterranean area, of all kinds of drugs. Whoever has tried to infiltrate Europe's activities has been booted out, or just eliminated.

What about the other forms of Mafia? One is the Chinese Mafia; another is the Russian Mafia and the Japanese "Yakuza," as well as the drug smugglers of South America. The best traded products are: marijuana, cocaine, heroin, a virtual slave trade, contraband of cigarettes, forgery of medicines and technology. Also, video-piracy and computer piracy. The volume in the trade of what above mentioned is enormous. The marijuana produces \$141 billion a year; forged goods more than \$175 billion a year. The global drug trade, \$135 billion a year.

The total volume, per nation, is: \$310 billion (US); \$112 billion (Italy); \$84 billion (Japan); \$83.5 billion (China); \$77.8 billion (Canada); \$60.6 billion (Great Britain); \$34 billion (Germany); \$28 billion (Spain); \$26 billion (South Korea).

In the field of Finance, crime produces the most: \$1.6 trillion.

In closing, let's say that certain counterfeit goods are found to be "perfect" by the original producers; they cannot tell the difference between them!

What we have outlined above is but a simple example of what takes place in today's world. The drug trade produces revenues of over \$400 billion to all the various Mafia's!

Stay tuned, for more!

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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

NICK'S IN WINTHROP
GOT ITS OWN 9-9-9 PLAN

Everyone seems to be talking about Herman Cain's 9-9-9 plan, but closer to home right in Winthrop, you should check out Nick's Place where you can get a great meal at a great price. On a recent Monday evening I stopped by for dinner and got Nick's 9-9-9 special. Stuffed chicken with rice and baked potato for only, that's right, \$9.99. This is a far better 9-9-9 plan than the one those politicians are all debating.

This one is guaranteed not to cause any heartburn.

DOVE MARKS
33 YEARS OF SERVICE

After living in Quincy for over 20 years, I came to know the great services provided by DOVE, Domestic Violence Ended. This agency is dedicated to identifying, aiding and protecting victims of domestic abuse. Sue Chandler, the executive director, says the number of victims unfortunately keeps growing. DOVE's annual fundraiser, "Harvesting Hope," will be held on November 4 at the Granite Hills Golf Club in Quincy.

MBTA SEEKS COURTESY,
GOOD LUCK WITH THAT

The MBTA is launching a new courtesy campaign that features fake newspaper headlines and stories to drive home the message: "Courtesy shouldn't be big news." One headline shouts "Woman covers mouth while sneezing." The T has spent \$2,500 to print 1,500 poster-sized ads for buses and trains. One T rider told a news reporter, "I'm not sure it will help that much but it can't hurt." That about says it all, huh?

EVEN THE SAFEST PLACE
IN DORCHESTER ISN'T
ALWAYS THAT SAFE

An Irish immigrant was murdered a few weeks ago in the Adams Village portion of Dorchester which is usually quite safe. The neighborhood folks were quite concerned at a community meeting with the Boston Police. Captain Richard Sexton assured nervous residents that the police were doing everything they could but said more community help would be appreciated. Said Sexton, "If someone is causing the hair on the back of your neck to stand up, call us. Don't email your neighbor, don't call your neighbor. A lot of times, by the time we get out there, it's too late." Many at the meeting said they wanted the same kind of police protection that the city deploys in high crime troubled areas, but Sexton said that wasn't possible and until the recent murder, this neighborhood had been the safest in Dorchester. One resident asked, "how do we keep their neighborhood from becoming another Bowdoin Street?" State Representative Marty Walsh said, "This neighborhood here is the safest place in Dorchester. This is the neighborhood everyone

wants to move to. We want to keep that." He then asked neighborhood folks to get involved, talk to neighbors, go outside. When you see something, make the call to the police. Walsh is right. Neighborhoods stay safe when neighbors stay empowered and watchful. As Walsh said, "That's how we're going to keep our neighborhood strong."

Community policing is a partnership between the police and the community. One without the other won't work.

TWO MANY
DRUG CLINICS IN SOUTHIE

Recovering drug addicts from two South Boston methadone clinics seem to be impacting on a spike in criminal activity according to local politicians. A bill is being pushed up on Beacon Hill to block a proposed third clinic for hundreds more seeking recovery from drugs. Senator Jackie Hart said he's been down by Andrew Square and it looked disgraceful and that people are getting disgusted. Hart is looking "to hold these facilities more accountable." According to reports, crime has soared in the Andrew Square area and it is being blamed on addicts being drawn to the area at clinics run by Habit/OPCO on Topeka Street and the Boston Public Health Commission located on Frontage Road.

Community Substance Abuse Center wants to open a clinic on Bradston, which would create a third facility in a one-square radius of Andrew Square. Hart's bill if passed would require cities and towns to approve clinics before they can open. The bill is supported by City Councilors Billy Linehan, Tito Jackson and State Representative Nick Collins. According to Pattie McCormack of the Andrew Square Civic Association, "The number of people walking around high is unbelievable."

Linehan added that this issue continues to grow and "hits a tipping point where even the most tolerant residents can't take it anymore. We're at that point right now."

CITIES FORCED TO
SCRAMBLE ON
BILINGUAL BALLOTS FOR
NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Bay state cities received an October surprise when state officials told them to print ballots in Spanish and Chinese or risk violating the Federal Voting Rights Act. This is now a new mandated requirement. My old friend Joe Shea, the Quincy City Clerk said, "To implement this for November is really cutting it close. It'll be costly but it'll be done."

Federal law says when 5% or more of its "voting age citizens" speak a foreign language, communities must print ballots in that language. Quincy is required to print ballots in Chinese while communities such as Revere, Lynn or

Lowell must offer Spanish ballots.

Ted Kasperowicz of the Quincy Tea Party says all legal immigrants in Quincy are proficient in English, because federal law already requires naturalized citizens to be proficient in English. While Quincy's Chinese population has grown 58 percent in the last 10 years, the number of Chinese citizens eligible to vote is still quite small.

Kasperowicz has a good point there.

SODA POP IS POPPED BUT
NOT THE BAD FOOD TOO?

Mayor Menino's ban on Coca Cola, Pepsi, 7-Up and all those other bad sugary soft drinks inside all city-owned buildings started October 7. However, according to media reports, you can still buy sugary treats like powdered donuts, pancakes, bacon strips and a variety of fried greasy foods at the two cafes located inside Boston City Hall. Reportedly, many municipal employees are upset that they can't drink one of those so-called "empty calories" soft drinks with their bacon.

A spokesperson for the Boston Public Health Commission says there are no plans to ban bacon inside City Hall. God Bless America.

UNOFFICIAL "MAYOR OF
ROXBURY" BACKING
SEAN RYAN FOR
COUNCIL SEAT

Everyone seems to know Ron McIntyre over in West Roxbury, he is a staple of the community. He's best-known for assisting candidates for public office, he ushers at the 4:00 pm Saturday afternoon Mass at Holy Name and hangs out at the Roche Bros. supermarket's cafe where he chats with friends and reads all the papers in the store.

His latest quest is helping elect young Sean Ryan as a Boston City Councilor At-Large. I saw a great half-page advertisement in the *Boston City Paper* with Sean Ryan and Ron McIntyre standing in front of a large Ryan banner. I met up with Ron twice recently. First, at the Roslindale Day Parade up by Holy Name Church standing between two of Boston's Finest and then I saw him reading the *NY Times* over a cup of coffee at Roche Bros. of course.

EAST BOSTON
GREENWAY TO BE
COMPLETED

There was good news recently for East Boston residents on the pages of the *Sunday Herald*.

The East Boston Greenway is now set to be completed from Belle Island to the old Narrow Gauge rail bed via Bremen Street Park. One of those community activists who has worked tirelessly for this approaching day is none other than Elaine Miller from Orient Heights. Back in the day she was a member of the *East Boston Community News*. Elaine is also a proud member of the Knights 'Of Dunkin' Donuts on Bennington Street.

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nutritious vegetable.” The National Potato Council has launched a website, *potatoes inschool.com* to rally Americans to save the potato in school lunches.

“Suicide of a Superpower”

Pat Buchanan has just written a new book, “SUI-CIDE OF A SUPERPOWER: Will America Survive Until 2025.” He remains very concerned about where America is headed and he’s not even sure politics can fix things. He believes the glue that has held America together is drying up, which can only spell doom for the America we were born into. This sounds like a good read; Buchanan says the “balkanization” of America will destroy us. We can already see the nation’s future in California, which is drowning in a sea of red with competing segments of society eating away at every aspect of society.

What’s Wrong with “Occupy Space”?

The Occupy America movement is being touted by liberals as something quite positive when in fact it is nothing of the sort. The occupodos, as I call them, look like they’re in for the winter dreaming apparently of George Washington and Valley Forge. They have no

intent of leaving anytime soon. They are the 21st century winter soldiers. Liberals like Mayor Menino only strengthen their resolve when he says out loud he agrees with most of their causes. Police overtime mounts up and now those in tent city are being served a free breakfast, lunch and dinner and it is the rest of the 99% who are left to pick up the crumbs as the city’s costs for this Dewey Square tent city keeps growing more expensive by the day.

The goal of this movement is unclear to say the least. It depends on who you talk to about the specifics. However, there are no real specifics beyond overthrowing the capitalist system of economics. A lofty goal to be sure but obviously lots of people are living in Fred Rogers’ Neighborhood of Make-Believe.

I’m sure as soon as it stops snowing; City Hall will call out the snow plows to clear the camp site. It is just another day and another entitlement gone awry. Meanwhile, if they’re serving meals while you’re in the area, you might as well grab a plate and silverware because in the end you and I will be paying all the bills for all this foolishness.

LEGAL NOTICE
MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY is soliciting professional services for **MPA CONTRACT NO. A263-S3 INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE CONSULTING SERVICES**. The Authority is seeking a qualified Consultant to provide asbestos, lead and mold abatement and other Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) type services on an on-call, as-needed basis.

Services may include but shall not be limited to: identification of the presence of asbestos and lead containing materials and mold; providing recommendations for the most appropriate course of action; preparation of plans and specifications for abatement work; and inspectional services including any necessary air monitoring during abatement work by other contractors to ensure strict compliance with all applicable state and federal regulatory requirements. The work may be performed at any of the facilities owned or operated by the Authority including but not limited to Logan International Airport, Hanscom Field, Worcester Airport and Port and Marine facilities.

The Consultant’s fee shall be negotiated on a work order basis; however, the total fee shall not exceed \$500,000.

Each submission shall include Architect/Engineer & Related Services questionnaire SF330 with the appropriate number of Part IIs. M/W/DBE Certification of the prime or any sub-consultants shall be current at the time of submittal and the Consultant shall include a copy of the M/W/DBE certification letter from the State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA) within its submittal. If M/W/DBE firms are proposed, provide a description of the scope of work proposed in Section H of the SF330. The Consultant shall also provide litigation and legal proceedings information, signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, in a separate sealed envelope entitled “Litigation and Legal Proceedings”. See www.massport.com/business/capit_resou.html for more details on litigation and legal proceedings history submittal requirements.

The submission shall be evaluated on basis of: (1) current relevant experience on projects of similar complexity, (2) experience and geographic location of the proposed CIH and Project Manager, (3) experience and expertise of sub consultants, if any, (4) familiarity with MGL, (5) cost management capabilities, (6) M/W/DBE and affirmative action efforts, (7) current level of work with the Authority (8) familiarity with Massport facilities and (9) past performance for the Authority, if any.

The selection shall involve a two-step process including the shortlisting of a minimum of three firms based on an evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications submitted in response to this solicitation, followed immediately by a final selection. The Authority reserves the right to require proposals or to interview the firms prior to final selection if deemed appropriate.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport’s standard work order agreement, a copy of the Authority’s standard agreement can be found on the Authority’s web page at www.massport.com. The exception to this standard agreement is the insurance requirements as follows: (1) \$1,000,000 of commercial general liability and (2) \$1,000,000 of automobile liability insurance. The Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

Submissions shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 ½” x 11”), no acetate covers. Ten (10) copies of a bound document each consisting of: 1) a cover letter; 2) an SF 330 including the appropriate number of Part IIs and an organizational chart identifying specific project responsibilities for key staff including subconsultants, and 3) no more than 5 sheets (10 pages) of other relevant material not including, cover letter, covers and dividers, shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submission which exceeds the page limit set here or which is not received in a timely manner shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

All questions relative to the submission shall only be directed to Catherine Wetherell, Deputy Director, Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs at 617.568.3501.

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Extra Innings Fan Says ...

I received another note from a fan of this column, Bill Frazzini, a former North Ender up on Beacon Hill now, had some criticism for the ex-GM Theo Epstein. Epstein writes, “*The Globe* reported last year that Theo visited Francona’s office daily for eight years. Who was the real manager? Theo! Wait till the Cubbies have to play for this guy.” Oh, he also added, “You’re a great writer.” I couldn’t have said it better myself. Thanks Bill.

Beltre Looking So Good in Texas

Thank you, Theo Epstein. Adrian Beltre, we all remember him. He played for us in the 2010 season. Good third baseman, great fielder and did I forget, good offensive slugging too? Did I also forget his role as a team leader too? We let him go rather than resign him. He signed with Texas as a free agent for a six-year, \$96 million deal. In 2010, he hit 28 home runs with 102 RBIs.

This year with the Rangers, he hit 32 home runs and 105 RBIs. He played in 30 fewer games this year with injuries. He made it into the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals. According to Rangers

Manager Ron Washington, “Beltre was a great addition, not only his leadership but his offensive prowess and his defense. You can’t ask for more. The relaxed atmosphere he creates on the bench is good.”

Hey, we got Adrian Gonzales to replace his bat. He hit for a high average but as a real slugger who wins games, he went AWOL. Also against both the Tampa Bay Rays and NY Yankees, he seemed to go down and out too much. Those are the teams he needed to beat up on but it didn’t happen. We should have kept the other Adrian. Thank you once again Theo. Who loves ya?

Was Beckett 7-20

Collapse Ringleader?

Boston Herald sports writer John Tomase had a great Red Sox Beat column recently in which he tore into Josh Beckett as perhaps being the ringleader of all that went wrong with Red Sox pitching during the Great September Collapse. He reports that even former Seattle Mariners Manager Jack McKeon recently told the *Palm Beach Post* he had to lock the clubhouse doors during their 2003 championship season because Beckett and pitcher Brad Penny were spending

too much time there during games. McKeon wanted them on the bench cheering teammates and scouting the hitters.

Ex-manager Terry Francona apparently never decided to do that this season, a very bad leadership decision if you ask me. How could Beckett respect poor Tito if Tito seemingly didn’t respect his OWN position as skipper of the team?

The team may be stuck with John Lackey with his big paycheck. After going 12-12 with a 6.41 ERA, who wants him? Meanwhile, Beckett did win 13 games with a 2.90 ERA, somebody still might want him at his high price tag but they’ve got to keep the clubhouse door locked up during games. Say good bye to Tim Wakefield. Nice to know you. It’s been good. However, you are not worth a million or two just to break the Roger Clemens-Cy Young win mark.

Without Beckett, we can seemingly save Jon Lester and Clay Buchholtz and build a new starting rotation around those two. As Tomase writes, “Their first order of business should be removing the stink from the clubhouse ... It’s why he’s (Beckett) the guy who’s got to go.”

LEGAL NOTICE
MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for **MPA Contract No. AP1209-C1, FY 12-14 TERM CAULKING/SEAL-ANT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, ALL MASSPORT PROPERTIES, BOSTON, BEDFORD AND WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS** will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2011** immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2010.

The work includes **PROVISION OF LABOR, INCIDENTAL MATERIALS, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO MAKE CAULKING/SEALANT REPAIRS INCLUDING ASSOCIATED MASONRY AND CONCRETE REPAIRS AT ALL PROPERTIES UNDER CONTROL OF THE AUTHORITY AS REQUIRED FROM TIME TO TIME ON AN “AS NEEDED/ON CALL” BASIS, FOR A TIME PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2010.**

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **WATERPROOFING**.

The estimated contract cost is **TWO HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$240,000.00).**

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

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

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

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

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

No filed sub-bids will be required for this contract.

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

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

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

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Relying on Thy goodness, O God, we humbly ask Thee, by the intercession of Thy servant, Saint Lucy that Thou wouldst give perfect vision to our eyes, that they may serve for Thy greater honor and glory, and for the salvation of our souls in this world, that we may come to the enjoyment of the unfailing light of the Lamb of God in paradise.

Saint Lucy, Virgin and martyr, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11D4196DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
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ANA MORALES

vs.

MARCO T. MARENCO

To the Defendant:

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Ana Morales, 362 Rindge Ave. Apt 5-C, Cambridge, MA 02140** your answer, if any, on or before **November 25, 2011**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: October 14, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

"We are Family!" We're the Fight Family
"Local Warriors!" They're all About Being Real Fighters
 New Guys on the Block "Ding!" • "The Pugs!" at the Florian Hall
 Fight Family Condolences to the **Petronelli Family**



Tom Dargin, Rich Torsney and Joe Dias.

We are the **"Fight Family!"** What happens to one, happens to **US** all. Fighters are real people. They face obstacles and fight through them. No one ever won a fight by talk alone. Fighters face reality and adversity "eye to eye." Fighters face other skilled fighters. In the ring, the cage and in the octagon face to face. Fighters risk defeat in order to obtain victory. They fight other tough fighters facing the ultimate challenge. You know? **Real tough opposition**, as do all athletes competing. Same thing can be said of a parent who raises a family and their children to be good, honest, productive citizens. Standing **alongside their spouse**. I am proud to be associated with **real** fighters. Fighters who have the courage to enter a **ring, cage or octagon**: Paul Cardoza, Ryan Kielczewski, Irish Beau Jaynes, Ryan Long, Eddie McAloney, Danny O'Connor, Bobby Bower, Chris Traietti, Todd Peters, Leo Gerstel

and the thousands of others with real courage. You touch gloves and commence fighting. **"Ding!"** Stick and move or brawl for it all. You're the best.

What are real fighters all about? Here's what I see real fighters being all about; I see real fighters being able to say "I'm sorry" when accidentally bumping into someone. Real fighters don't act tough in areas where they know fights are not tolerated. Real fighters stand eye to eye and face to face against opposition. Real tough guys face competition and have no fear. Real fighters get up and work to support their family. Educating themselves. Standing up to adversity. **Hey!** Facing real opposition is difficult. **Fighters** do it! They fight where they will be allowed to fight. Real fighters have courage. I applaud all **real fighters**.

Jimmy **Connors** — A top fighter had 38 pro fights from 1957-1963. Upon retiring Jimmy went into business. Owning seven different successful bars and restaurants in the New Bedford area at different times.

Joe **DeNucci** — World rated. One of the best in the world, in one of the greatest eras of pugilism. He fought the elite amongst a tough lineup of 73 fights. Upon retiring from

boxing, Joe continued fighting for the people as a State Representative and as the longest serving State Auditor in Massachusetts history.

Tom **McNeeley** — 51 professional fights including the Heavyweight World title amongst the elite of his era. Tom is from a fighting family of top fighters.

Iron Mike **Pusateri** — world rated title contender Iron Mike Pusateri fought the elite of his day: Denny Goslow, Ted Williams, Joe **DeNucci**, Doyle **Baird**, Terry **Downes**, Leroy **Holmes**, Juan Carlos Duran, Willie **Ludick**, Charlie Shipes, Denny **Moyer**, Skip Yeaton, Tony **Licata** and Kid Bassey II amongst many other fierce fighters. He fought the elite of his great era. The great 49-0, 43 KO undefeated World Heavyweight Champion Rocky **Marciano**, worked the corner of Iron Mike on three occasions. Iron Mike Pusateri is a very highly respected pugilist by all fight family members.

Richard **Torsney**, 1974 New England Champion is a successful business man who fought World Middleweight Champion **Marvelous Marvin Hagler** twice in his boxing career. Rich Torsney and World Champion Paul Pender are very good friends.

NEW GUYS, FIGHTING THEIR WAY TO THE TOP

Chris **Traietti's** a good tough fighter, with talent. A saying in boxing is, "You can never tell a great fighter till they've got knocked down." In your young fight career you've represented boxing well. You've got talent and ability. You've fought some very good fighters. Some of the best in the world. In the words of the great Charlie Ross, "Keep Punching."

Kevin **McBride** represented Boston boxing well. Born in Clones, Ireland, he came to the U.S. and continued his successful fight career. He fought the best of his era. The Clones Colossus represented Ireland at the 1992 Olympic Games in Spain. Our compliments to you on all you've achieved.

Danny **O'Connor**, 16 fights in his early fight career. He's accomplished many great achievements. "Keep Punching," as Charlie Ross always said.

The **next** Pugs Luncheon will be on November 8, 2011, at the Florian Hall in Dorchester. Come on down.

Fight Family prayers to the beloved wife of Fight Family Trainer Great **Goody Petronelli**. R.I.P. **Marian J. Pat** (Gorman) Petronelli of Bridgewater. Married for 67 years, is survived by three children. **Paul** Petronelli, **David** Petronelli, daughter **Carrie** Petronelli and seven grandchildren. **Side by side** with every great man is a great woman and vice versa. God bless you, and rest in peace.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



THE START OF A NEW MILLENNIUM — That's what it was for Joe Thornton, who played in his 1,001st NHL game when the San Jose Sharks came to the Garden on October 22. The night before the former Bruins player had scored a goal and added an assist during a 4-3 shootout road victory over New Jersey.

Thornton was the first overall pick in the 1997 NHL draft and was taken by the Bruins whereupon he was unfortunately preordained by the media as a savior of the franchise at age 18. Because of that he never really had a chance to grow into his potential in Boston. He was expected to perform right away, rather than to gradually mature. Thornton played for the Bruins from the start of the 1997-1998 season until November 30, 2005 when he was traded to San Jose by then GM Mike O'Connell.

It should be noted that Thornton played more than half of those thousand and one contests while skating for Boston. The 6' 4" center played in 532 regular season games for the B's, scoring 169 goals and added 285 assists for 454 total points. He also picked up 617 penalty minutes. In addition, he saw action in 35 playoff games, posting 6-12-18 totals.

As he left the Garden following a 4-2 win over the B's, Thornton had career totals of 307 goals and 698 assists for 1,005 points to go with 936 penalty minutes. Coming into the game with the B's he led the NHL in faceoff percentage (65.6 percent).

His time on Causeway Street ended in the late fall six years ago, even though he was leading the B's in scoring at the time. After spending seven plus seasons with the B's he supposedly took news of the trade hard but blossomed on the West Coast virtually upon his arrival, going on to win both the NHL's regular season scoring title (Art Ross Trophy) and MVP award (Hart Memorial Trophy) that year.

The swap for Jumbo Joe brought Marco Sturm, Brad Stuart and Wayne Primeau to the B's. It would be Sturm who would stick around the longest — and etch his name into Bruin's lore by scoring the winning goal in overtime to defeat the Philadelphia Flyers in the NHL's Winter Classic game at Fenway Park on January 1, 2010.

Traded to Los Angeles for future considerations on December 11, 2010, Sturm became a free agent over the summer and now plays for Vancouver.

Although Vancouver will come to the Garden on January 7 for a matchup between the 2011 Stanley Cup finalists, we'll have to wait until next year to see Jumbo Joe grace the Garden ice once again.

WATER ON ICE — It turns out that when the TD Garden ice was melted down back on

June 20, it wasn't all just washed down the drains.

Instead, some of it was saved and put into bottles. Now the Bruins are distributing some 300 of those water bottles to hockey rinks throughout New England where it's hoped that the liquid will be poured upon the local ice surface to create what the Bruins are calling a "Home Ice Advantage."

Nathan Horton, who did some water bottle pouring during the Stanley Cup Finals in Vancouver, got the current campaign under way when he visited the Simoni Skating Arena in Cambridge on October 25, splashing Garden ice water on the rink's surface which is used by several youth hockey teams.

Over the next few weeks each New England rink will get a bottle to anoint its own ice surface.

90 AND COUNTING — The game with San Jose marked the 90th consecutive sell-out for the B's, a streak that encompasses both regular season games and playoff contests. The sting started back on December 5, 2009 when the B's hosted those same San Jose Sharks.

The last non-sellout game at the Garden came on December 2, 2009 (a Wednesday) when the Bruins drew 16,533 for a game against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

A BIG UPSET — While the Bruins were playing San Jose, a major upset in college hockey was taking place at Agganis Arena where Holy Cross was in the process of upsetting nationally ranked Boston University in the Terriers' own building.

By the time the ice chips had settled the Crusaders had pulled off the biggest upset of the young collegiate season, a thrilling 5-4 victory over the No. 7 Terriers. It was the first win by the Crusaders over BU and their biggest victory since upending No. 3 Minnesota 4-3 in the NCAA Tournament back on March 24, 2006. That Minnesota team featured Phil Kessel who went on to play for the Bruins and is now with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

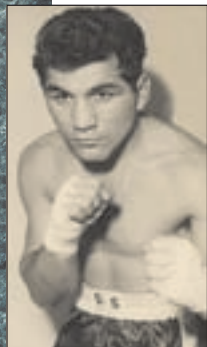
In the game against BU, each team took 31 shots with the Crusaders going 3-6 on the power play while the Terriers were 0-3 when they had the extra man. At one point Holy Cross held a 5-2 lead via four straight goals but BU came back to cut the deficit to 5-4 with 12:45 left in the contest. The win in the non-conference game upped the Crusaders record to 2-1-0 overall while BU fell to 2-2-0.

ALONE AT THE TOP — Merrimack improved to 4-0 with wins over Northeastern and UConn, enabling the Warriors to remain the only undefeated team in Hockey East. It is the first time they have started 4-0 since the 1993-1994 season. They have never been 5-0 since joining Hockey East. The last time they were 5-0 was back in 1987-1988.

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