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America — Land of Dreamers

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

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

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

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

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Gimme a Break — Voter ID Bill Not Jim Crowesque

Proposed legislation to require a voter ID to vote at the polls has been likened to the time of Jim Crow laws which were used to prevent Blacks from voting, so said the NAACP. However, supporters of the bill like myself don't see anything wrong with asking people to do at the polls what they are already doing when traveling, banking or driving. Governor Patrick said he would veto the bill if it reached his desk and said the bill

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Kicking Off 13th Annual

Italian Heritage Month in Massachusetts

by Nicola Orichula

Forefront, L to R: Maria Lombardo Italian Heritage Month Awardee and Livia Graf Italian Heritage Month scholarship recipient. Second row, L to R: Judge Peter W. Agnes, Jr.; Salvatore Bramante; Stephen Maio; Anna Quadri; Judge Rudolph A. Sacco, Ret., Italian Heritage Month Awardee; Judge Joseph V. Ferrino, Ret., and Tom Materazzo. Third row, L to R: James DiStefano, OSIA State President; Giuseppe Pastorelli, Consul General of Italy in Boston, Lino Rullo and Kevin Caira, Italian Heritage Month President.

For the 13th year in a row, Massachusetts is celebrating Italian Heritage Month with a number of events going on throughout the state. The official kick-off event was held at the State House in Boston on Monday, October 3, 2011, with numerous prestigious guests honoring the special recurrence.

"It's an occasion very close to my heart," said House Speaker Robert DeLeo at the foot of the State House Grand Staircase. "Congratulations to the Italian Heritage Month Committee for the 13th annual celebration of this great month. It's great to see that Massachusetts, as it has been the leader in so many things that happened in this country, is once again a leader in making sure Italian Americans receive their just tribute."

Following a welcome message from Italian Heritage Month President Kevin Caira, a blessing was given by Father Dominic Rodrighero of St. Anthony Church in Everett.

Capt. Frank Mancini, Commanding Officer 7th district, led the Boston Police Department in the Color Guard call to order before a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance by Veteran Commissioner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Tom Materazzo.

Special awards for their contribution to Italian American culture were given to Judge Rudolph A. Sacco, retired, Maria Lombardo (recently appointed by President Barack Obama as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation) and high school senior Livia Graf of Newton South High School for her outstanding scholastic achievements and her hard work last summer as an intern at the Italian Consulate in Boston.

Consul General of Italy Giuseppe Pastorelli personally presented a \$1,000

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

TRAJAN, HIS ACTIVITY AND IMMORTALITY

During the month of March, 101 A.D., Trajan assembled his legions and headed for the Danube where he built roads and fortifications. The region of Transylvania was north of this area and it included the territory of Decebalus, a celebrated king of the Dacians, to whom Domitian had agreed to pay an annual tribute. Under Trajan, this Dacian king was defeated, forced to destroy his fortresses, surrender his weapons and prisoners, and to make a new peace treaty with Rome. The Dacian chief did not honor his treaty for long and Trajan soon found it necessary to prepare for a second Dacian campaign. This time the

Dacians fought harder and gave up their ground only inch by inch, but before long their army literally bled to death, and Decebalus committed suicide. The captured territory became a Roman province, was peopled by settlers that were taken from other Roman provinces, and thus, Trajan's wars extended the Roman Empire to its greatest extent in history, and left a lasting mark on the history of that territory.

In the midst of his campaigns and long absences from Rome, Trajan still found time to direct a great deal of construction. He enlarged the Circus Maximus, repaired highways, built a new aqueduct, drained much of the Pontine Marshes, and

built his Forum complete with basilica and libraries.

Late in the year 113 A.D. Trajan left Italy to make war in the East in order to protect the East-West trade routes. This, however, is where he tasted the bitterness of defeat in the field for the first time. It happened when he attacked the desert city of Hatra. The scarcity of drinking water made it impossible to maintain a large force of foot soldiers in an attack on the city, so cavalry was used. The brave Arabs routed the Roman cavalry; and Trajan himself, who narrowly escaped being killed, was forced to withdraw. Additional Roman campaigns in Cyprus, Cyrene, and Alexandria, were successful, but Trajan died in August 117 A.D. before he had an opportunity to avenge the defeat at Hatra.

Meanwhile, after Trajan left Italy in 113 A.D., the Senate, in their proud affection for him, added the grandest decoration to his Forum . . . the Column of Trajan, which stood between the two libraries in his Forum. This column was dedicated to the emperor in 114 A.D. as a result of his victory over the Dacians. Eighteen hundred years later it is still in an excellent state of preservation. The structure consists of eighteen blocks of marble which were hollowed out so that the internal portion formed a winding staircase to the summit. An ornamental frieze covers the entire exterior face of the column. This frieze is in low relief and in the form of a spiral band three and one-half feet wide and six hundred feet long. A total of twenty-five hundred carved figures give us a treasury of information on the religion, military science, habits, and dress of the early Romans, which is far more valuable than thousands of pages of descriptive writing or end-

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by David Trumbull

Columbus and the Last Hope of Mankind

"We do not read even of the discovery of this continent, without feeling something of a personal interest in the event; without being reminded how much it has affected our own fortunes and our own existence. It would be still more unnatural for us, therefore, than for others, to contemplate with unaffected minds that interesting, I may say that most touching and pathetic scene, when the great discoverer of America stood on the deck of his shattered bark, the shades of night falling on the sea, yet no man sleeping; tossed on the billows of an unknown ocean, yet the stronger billows of alternate hope and despair tossing his own troubled thoughts; extending forward his harassed frame, straining westward his anxious and eager eyes, till Heaven at last granted him a moment of rapture and ecstasy, in blessing his vision with the sight of the unknown world."

—Daniel Webster.

First Bunker Hill Monument Oration, 1825

As this column goes to press I am on business in the **City of Washington** in the **District of Columbia**, our capitol city, named for the first President of the United States, that indispensable man in the early years of our Republic. The city is located within the federal district authorized by the Constitution, formed by Congress in 1790, and named for the Italian discoverer of America who sailed under the flag of Spain.

When I return home to Boston I shall be surrounded by the familiar sights of the Old North Church, the Old State House, Old South Meeting House, and the other stops on the Freedom Trail that remind us of Boston's unique Revolutionary War history. At 236 years distance from 1775, we are nearly two-and-a-half centuries removed from the beginning of the American War of Independence. In like manner, 1775 was a bit more than two-and-a-half-

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Evening of Italian Song

The Pirandello's popular *Evening of Italian Song* will take place at Filippo's Ristorante, 238 Causeway Street, Boston, on Monday, October 10 beginning at 6:00 PM, through the generosity of Anna and Filippo Frattaroli.

The evening consists of a delicious Italian dinner and beautiful Italian music provided by accordionist Giovanni Grimaldi.

The Pirandello is asking individuals and groups to sing their own beloved Italian regional songs. Are Neapolitans better singers than

those from Gaeta or from Sicily, Abruzzo or Calabria? You will be the judge.

Seating is limited. The cost is \$25 per person.

The co-chairmen are Franco and Mary Vitiello. Call Franco and Mary at (617) 489-1370 for reservations which will be taken in order

until all 100 seats are filled with early preference given to Pirandello members. Send checks payable to the Pirandello Lyceum to the Pirandello Lyceum, PO Box 565, East Boston MA 02128. Proceeds benefit the Pirandello Scholarship Fund.



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NEW COMPETITION FOR IPADS

Amazon took on Apple's popular iPad proving that by unveiling a competing operating system and weighing less than a pound. Amazon's founder and CEO Jeff Bezos says he is making millions of these. They will ship the Kindle Fire on November 15th. He also introduced an e-Reader for \$149 and a pocket-sized Kindle that sells for \$79. It will rival Barnes & Noble's Nook e-Reader rather than the iPad. It's not an iPad killer but has the potential to be a Nook killer said Neil Mawson of Strategy Analysis. The West Texas crude oil dropped 4% and gold dropped 2% with wheat and copper dropping 3% and 7%. The NASDAQ is contained within a volatile 2300-2600 range and the S&P is stock mostly in a 1120-1220 range. Break-outs in recent months have made 1.116 progress rising 6-12% before fading. The lessening of Europe's debt mess suggests that cash is the best option for your capital. Bears showed rising fear and the bearish markets rose to 40.9% of a survey

versus 376% for the bulls. The Nelson's Solar 3-D aims to get more electricity from sunlight by bouncing it inside a 3D solar cell. Sun Power competes with high efficiency solar model. It produces with joint ventures in South Korea, the Philippines and Malaysia. It also uses contract manufacturers in China, Mexico, Poland and California. China makes 60% of the world's solar cells and competes on quality as well as price. Solar modules ran for \$7.50/watt a few years ago but subsidy cuts slashed demand and prices dived to a \$1.30/watt. With the potential defaults of other troubled countries including Portugal, Ireland, Spain and Italy, Germany has been pressing private bondholders including banks to voluntarily re-invest Greek debt into new long-term debt and take a 20% loss. German officials are pushing for a 50% haircut. It has been a slow moving crisis and what get markets frustrated. Faltering growth is making Europe's debt crisis worse, says Norman

Behrve, chief economist at IHS Global Insight. "Europe is heading for a recession and Germany will not be immune," he said. German voters are key as Merkel has lost a series of elections within the German electorate. A growing number of analysts believe European leaders will allow Greece to default once capital buffers for banks are in place. Kicking Greece out of the European community would be a run in the other countries, and an invention to speculate over whose next. To make up for lost revenue banks will likely pressure Visa and MasterCard into cutting network fees they pay to them for primary pin debt transactions. Industry observers say Bank of America plans to charge customers extra fees and produce extra volume to the bank. It makes it harder for a new competitor to come into the market and offer a new product.

It's time to call your financial advisor or call me at 617-337-5712.



by Sal Giarratani

Francona Departure Not Unexpected, Who Can Clean Up the Mess?

Terry Francona's ride off into the sunset was hardly unexpected after the Red Sox fell apart in September. There was apparent disorder in the clubhouse. Francona, a players' manager, did the best he could with the overpaid cast of characters he was given to work with. He quit seemingly just before getting the ax. He probably couldn't wait to get the %&* out of here. He will land safely somewhere. It is rumored either the White Sox or Cubs are eyeing him. I wish him well. However, I do think his style as manager may have worked in previous seasons but the current team showed a total lack of respect for him and really did quit on him if you look at the 7-20 September win-loss record. For a while, it looked like many players couldn't find their way out of a paper bag. They were toast for most of September and should be ashamed of the way they played as a unit.

Bay. From what we hear it wasn't like that in Boston this year and I'm not close enough to know why it wasn't." Apparently, this 2011 team was far removed from both the 2004 and 2007 World Series champion teams. Francona's managerial style which once worked couldn't apparently make a dent into this year's team members. The question now comes down to who do the Boston Red Sox bring in to fix this mess. Names have been thrown around like Dave Martinez, the current Rays bench coach. Others being mentioned are Tony La Russa whose contract with St. Louis is up this season. Another name being thrown around is Mike Pagliarulo who grew up in nearby Medford. Currently, he is a scout for the LA Angels. Back in his playing days he played third base for both the Yankees and Pirates.

Former Red Sox outfielder Johnny Damon said it best recently on both the team and its manager, "He'll always hold a special place in my heart. I know that Tito had the right group of players together at that time (2004) and he didn't need to do a lot of babysitting. We were a little crazy but in that clubhouse and on the field, we went all-out and we had fun together as a team. That's what it's all about. We were together and we really cared about each other. It's like it was on the Yankees and how it is here in Tampa

Finally, there is my choice of Bobby Valentine who is tough as nails when it comes to managing a baseball team. Currently an ESPN analyst, he has 15 years managing both the Rangers and Mets, plus a couple more seasons in Japan. When you think about the perceived country club atmosphere this year and with Beckett, Lester, Buchholz and Lackey making \$43 million in 2012, they need to start earning their bloated

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would make "It harder to vote."

William Robinson Jr., the chair of the NAACP New England Area Conference's Political Action Committee said, "I am old enough to remember Jim Crow. The past barriers to voting have been removed." He added legislation such as asking people to prove who they are is nothing more than an attempt "To get back to the old ways."

I say garbage to all that. I remember when there were Jim Crow Laws too. A Voter ID Law would just help guarantee that voters prove who they are before taking a ballot. If people can't afford to prove who they are, I am sure that the \$25 these cards cost could be provided free of charge to those proving financial hardships. Attorney General Coakley won't allow the measure to be placed on the 2012 ballot due to the cost of these ID cards. Democrats apparently need all the voters they can get to the polls, huh? Maybe they are who they claim, maybe not. They don't care. Do they?

Don't Ask Don't Tell Now History

The "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy for the US Military is now history as of September 20. When it became law back with President Clinton nearly 20 years ago, it was considered a positive policy but over time the 1993 view turned sour. Now, it is gone as gays can now serve openly in the military. Personally, my own position on this issue was always "Don't know, don't care."

Harvard University, by the way, has welcomed back ROTC on campus after a 40 year hiatus. However, stu-

dents harkening back to the '60s protests are still opposed to ROTC on campus carrying signs reading, "Don't Stain Crimson with Blood." Other students were upset because transgendered folks are still barred from the military.

This Year Scott Brown is Bob Turner

When US Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-NY) was forced to resign after a sexting scandal, a special election was scheduled for Tuesday, September 13. New York's 9th District in Queens is 2 to 1 Democrat. It is a blue-collar and working-class district. Mostly Catholic and Jewish, it hadn't elected a Republican since 1922. A sure bet if ever there was one for the Democratic Party. However, when the results came in, Republican Bob Turner, a pro-life, anti-gay marriage guy scored an upset victory over NY Assemblyman David Weprin. Turner finished with 53 percent of the vote to Weprin's 47 percent. Also, in Nevada, Mark Amodeo another Republican won a landslide victory for another US House seat. Republicans have called these elections, especially the one in Queens a sign that President Obama is in trouble in 2012. If Turner can win an election in Queens, then President Obama is in real trouble in his re-election bid next year.

Can Obama Become a One-term President?

President Obama's poll numbers are dismal to more dismal. His policies seem to have little effect on improving the economy. Every time he talks, the stock market goes down and the jobless rate up. Most folks think he stinks as a leader. Those poll numbers are looking very

Cartersque. Remember poor Jimmy? He should have stayed on the peanut farm because as president he seemed to rise to his own level of incompetency. Remember, it wasn't his fault that the county was in a malaise. Talking of hitting his own level of incompetency, Yo'Bama must have wrote the book. I think an Obama versus Rick Perry race would be good for the country. It would remind me of when Ronald Reagan cleaned Jimmy Carter's clock in 1980.

R.I. Higher Education Board OK's In-state Tuition for Illegal's

Rhode Island's state of Higher Education Board recently passed a measure allowing illegal immigrant students to pay in-state tuition at Rhode Island's public university and colleges after the state legislature didn't. Board member Eva Mancuso who chairs the board called the board's action for illegals fair and logical. In-state tuition at the University of Rhode Island is \$9,824 compared to \$25,912 for out-of-state students.

Let's see, if you are an illegal immigrant living in Cumberland, RI, you can pay in-state tuition but if you are a legal immigrant one house away across the state line in North Attleboro, Massachusetts, you pay as an out-of-stater. What part of illegal don't board members get? Secondly, am I mistaken or is the State of Rhode Island currently in a financial mess with many cities crumbling in debt and with many state residents suffering in this recession? It is time for lawmakers at the State Capitol to undo this stupidity.

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Saint Leonard Parish Upcoming Events, 2011

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

It is safe to say that summer is virtually everyone's favorite season, yet, all good things must end and as we say goodbye to long sunny days and fun visits to the beach we welcome the quicker tempo of autumn and the return to our busy lives. Making summer's passing less painful is the fact that autumn in New England is also a very special time; nature puts on a magnificent display of color as

leaves turn from green to russet and gold, the air turns chilly inviting us to activities both in and out of doors. Several very special events will be taking place at Saint Leonard Parish this autumn that are worth noting. On Sunday, October 9, Cardinal Sean O'Malley will celebrate 10:30 Italian Mass at Saint Leonard Church bringing to a close a year of celebrations commemorating the hundred and fiftieth



ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



The Pumpkin — Not Just for Halloween/Thanksgiving!



Pleasant Valley, Methuen, Mass.

Ciao Bella,

One of the only saving graces to the end of summer and the start of autumn are the magnificent colors of the season. The grand pumpkin! Bright eye candy! It's an uplifting sight to see them lined up at farm stands and piled up in front of the grocers. Such a sturdy fruit, so yummy and then again another of Mother Nature's beauty treatments and medicinal cures!

This orange squash is native to North America. Approximately 90 percent of pumpkins from the United States are grown in Illinois. Pumpkin color can vary but most popular are orange and yellow.

Inside the core which contains the seeds is high in nutrients with the seeds having a high Zinc content, known to be terrific for the skin. The Zinc helps to heal acne blemishes and soothe irritated skin. The alpha-hydroxyl acids help to exfoliate and revitalize. The pulp is also used to reduce the appearance of scarring. The bright colored fruit are chalk full of multivitamins which nourish the skin.

The vitamin C maintains skin health by preventing the collagen from breaking

down. Vitamin A softens and cleanses and softens the skin.

In days gone by it was staple food of the Native Americans. They used it to make medicine and wove dried strips of it into mats. It was also used as a cure for freckles and as a remedy for snake bites! You can find the benefits of pumpkin in your beauty aisle. There are peels and facial masks and anti-aging creams along with lotions, shampoos and body washes.

Here is a do-it-yourself facial with this extraordinary fruit! Mix 2 teaspoons pureed pumpkin, 1/2 teaspoon honey, and 1/4 teaspoon heavy cream. Smooth on face leaving on for 10 minutes. Rinse off with warm water for glowing, smoother skin!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

—Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

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year of Italian Unification; known as il Risorgimento, or The Resurgence. It was the political and social movement that brought together different and often competing states of the Italian peninsula into the single state of Italy in the 19th century. All are invited to attend this very special event.

The Saint Leonard Parish Annual dinner dance will take place on October 22nd; the event will be held at the All Hands Club, U.S. Coast Guard Base, Commercial Street. This annual event offers an opportunity for parishioners and friends of the parish to come together in a pleasant and convivial setting. Tickets for the event may be purchased by calling the Parish Office at 617-523-2110. A Dinner Dance Ad book is also available.

On December 4th The annual parish Christmas concert and party will take place at Sacred Heart Church. This year, the Boston Children's Chorus will be performing. Founded in 2003 by Boston civic leader Hubie Jones, the Boston Children's Chorus has become an integral part of Boston's cultural and social fabric. All are invited to attend this lovely event and the Christmas party following the concert at Saint John's Hall.

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scholarship award to Livia. "We must stay united and help each other," said Pastorelli. "We must learn that the success of one of us is the success of all of us. What we cannot achieve as individuals, we can achieve as a community. We must stick together and hold together the many Italian and Italian American associations in Massachusetts. That's the best way we can honor what our predecessors did and the Italian Heritage Month."

Greetings were also made by State Senator Sal DiDomenico (D-Everett),

Judge Joseph Ferrino, retired, Stephen Maio, Chairman of October Italian Heritage Month, who read Gov. Deval Patrick's Proclamation, and Order Sons of Italy State President James DiStefano. Recently appointed Appeals Court Associate Justice Peter W. Agnes and Lino Rullo conducted the ceremonies.

Musical performances of Verdi's "Va Pensiero" and Giacomo Leopardi's "L'Infinito," as well as the Italian and U.S. national anthems, were brought by the Coro Dante, directed by Maestro Kevin Galie.



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Robert Sorrentino

It is a special fundraiser that my human companion is going to attend at the Knights of Columbus on 75 West School St., Charlestown, MA on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 7:00-11:00 PM in loving memory of my beloved friend Robert Sorrentino, who at the age of four lost his battle to cancer. The name of the fundraiser is "Sorrentino Stompers" because Robert loved the characters from *Toy Story*. A little boy who had so much to offer in life, his memory has never left our hearts nor my heart or mind since the moment he left us. He will always be remembered as a special gift to us. I can't begin to explain the effect this one child has had on me. To try to understand the concept of a small child has to lose his life to this deadly disease. We continue each year to keep his memory alive and to donate all proceeds 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-Faber Cancer Institute, helping raise the chances of survival for cancer patients around the world. Your support will help fund cancer research and treatment programs. Anyone that is interested to attend is WELCOME. There will be music, appetizers and an opportunity drawing. Costumes are optional, but encouraged. Tickets will be sold at the door.

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The famous Sophia Loren quote is prominent for all to see at Eataly in New York City.
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Lidia Bastianich is pictured in Boston in 2007 during a book signing following a cooking demonstration and tasting.
(Photo by Hilda M. Morrill)

We are told that October is "National Pasta Month" with the 17th being "National Pasta Day" and the 25th being "World Pasta Day."

We were reminded of a wonderful recent visit to Lidia Bastianich's Eataly in New York City, where we saw a fun sign quoting the great Sophia Loren: "Everything you see I owe to spaghetti."

The great Lidia is returning to the Greater Boston area. She will be at "Lidia's Italy in America LIVE!" on December 4 at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East

Merrimack Street, Lowell at 7 p.m.; and on December 5 at Barnes & Noble, 800 Boylston Street, Boston for a book signing from noon to 2 p.m.

The new "Lidia's Italy in America LIVE!" series gives her fans the opportunity to enjoy an hour-long cooking demonstration followed by a book signing of her latest book.

If you happen to be in New York, from October 31-November 1, Lidia will be hosting "Identita Golose" at Eataly, which is located at 200 Fifth Avenue, with six "All-Star Chef Demos," "Wine Classes," and an "Unprecedented Dinner" at Birreria, located on the top floor of Eataly.

Eataly is a fascinating destination, a wonderful market with several restaurants

and even a school classroom, where courses in all things Italian are taught. While there, we enjoyed a delicious dinner at one of the restaurants, Manzo, where reservations are suggested. We were shown Lidia's favorite table, where she and her family and friends sit when in town for dinner. Alas, the table was empty. Wouldn't you know? We were told she was in Boston! We can't wait to go back.

The Eataly in New York City is owned by a partnership including Mario Batali, Lidia Bastianich and Joe Bastianich. According to "Wikipedia," in January 2007, Italian businessman Oscar Farinetti converted a closed vermouth factory in Turin into the first location of Eataly.

For further information, be sure to visit www.lidiasitaly.com and www.eatalyny.com.

..... Boston Ballet Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen's

The Socia

by Hilda M. Morrill

10TH Anniversary Season launches at The Boston Opera House this fall with the one-night-only "Night of Stars," the greatest love story of all time, "Romeo + Juliet," and the final season of the current "Nutcracker" production.

Boston Ballet's 2011-2012 season begins on Saturday, October 29 with the sixth annual "Night of Stars" featuring the full company on stage in a variety of repertoire and special excerpts curated especially for the evening.

The season continues with John Cranko's "Romeo +

Juliet," November 3-13. Nissinen's beloved "The Nutcracker" takes the stage November 25-December 31. After decades on stage, the 2011 Nutcracker run will mark the final season that the current production by Helen Pond and Herbert Senn, and costumes by David Walker, will be presented. "The Nutcracker" will return to the stage in 2012 with new sets and costumes.

Highlights from Nissinen's ten years with Boston Ballet include the Company's first international touring engagements in 16 years to

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Eataly employee James Shields, an expert in all things pasta, welcomes visitors.
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Boston Ballet Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen.
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John Linehan, Zoo New England President and CEO, speaks to schoolchildren about the red panda hay sculpture, on display at Boston's Franklin Park Zoo through mid-October. Franklin Park Zoo and the Town of Killington, Vermont, partnered together to present this one-of-a-kind hay sculpture modeled after the Zoo's resident twin red panda cubs, born this summer on July 4. For more information, visit www.franklinparkzoo.org.
(Photo courtesy of Hannah Laverty)

Director and Interim Executive Director from 2008-2009; the major redesign of the organization's image, branding and website; and the Company's move to its permanent performance home, The Boston Opera House in 2009.

Nissinen is a member of the Artistic Committee for the New York Choreographic Institute, an advisory board member of The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship and the recipient of the Finlandia Foundation's 2008 Arts and Letters Award, the 2007 United Nations Association of Greater Boston Leadership Award, and Boston's Guide for the Arts 2009 Ambassador for the Arts Award.

In the 2011-2012 season, beyond Boston Ballet's work

on stage, the organization will continue its extensive work in the studios and in the community with Boston Ballet School. Directed by Margaret Tracey, Boston Ballet School is the largest ballet school in North America reaching more than 10,000 students annually through its classes and Boston Ballet's unparalleled community outreach programs, Citydance, Adaptive Dance, and Taking Steps.

Boston Ballet celebrates Citydance's 20th anniversary beginning this fall. Citydance, the leading provider of free dance education to Boston Public Schools, reaches nearly 3,000 students each year and has touched the lives of more than 60,000 children in its 20 year history. Through its education and outreach initiatives, Boston Ballet continues to reach thousands of lives each year and encour-

age access to the art form of dance for students of all backgrounds and experience levels.

The Company returns to the stage in 2012 with "Simply Sublime" featuring Florence Clerc's world premiere staging of "Les Sylphides," Christopher Wheeldon's "Polyphonia," and George Balanchine's "Symphony in Three Movements," February 9-19, 2012.

"Play with Fire" continues the season with three cutting-edge works including Jorma Elo's "Sharp Side of Dark," a revival of Jiří Kylián's "Bella Figura," and a Company premiere of Christopher Bruce's "Rooster," featuring music of The Rolling Stones, March 1-11.

Rudolf Nureyev's "Don Quixote" takes the stage next, April 26-May 6, and

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Spain, Korea and Canada, which received critical acclaim; appointment of Resident Choreographer Jorma Elo, who has since created seven world premiere works for the Company; leading in the dual role as Artistic

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

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So what's new? A 290-pound New York City man is suing White Castle because he can't fit into the burger chain's seats. Martin Kessman, 64, said restaurant staff assured him two years ago that the "booths were going to be enlarged and made comfortable for people with a little more weight," but never followed through on that promise. "I just want to sit down like a normal person," said Kessman.

Too many Americans go in for weightlifting with the wrong equipment — a knife and fork.

Giuseppina, cosce storte, says, "A husband who still calls his wife the "little woman" very likely hasn't looked lately."

The Agriculture Department says the average American eats 1,148 pounds of food a year. Of course, a lot of it goes to "waist."

Officials of the Miss Universe contest warned Miss Colombia, Catalina Robayo, to stop wearing tiny skirts with nothing on underneath, because of what audiences and photographers were seeing.

The brainy Elizabeth Warren, the outspoken Wall Street critic and consumer advocate, announced that she would run for the U.S.

Senate in Massachusetts next year. The Harvard Law professor will oppose Republican incumbent Scott Brown, who won the seat in a special election in 2010 after the death of Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. Warren is best known for her passionate lobbying in favor of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, which is charged with protecting consumers' rights in their dealings with banks and large financial corporations. She was the president's first choice to lead the newly minted agency, but intense Republican opposition denied her the possibility of winning Senate confirmation.

Wow! A total of 46.2 million Americans now live in poverty, according to the latest Census Bureau data, the highest figure in the half century the bureau has been publishing such numbers. Last year, 1 in 6 Americans lived below the poverty line-defined as an income of \$22,314 for a family of four — and the median household income dropped for the third year in a row. A typical American family brought home \$49,445 in 2010, a 2.3 percent drop from the previous year and a level last seen in 1996. The number of Americans without health insurance climbed to 49.9 million, equal to the populations of Texas, Alabama, and Vermont combined. "We're risking a new underclass," said Timothy



Smeeding, a poverty researcher at the University of Wisconsin.

The astute Tom Analetto, the unofficial mayor of Medford, says, "When you hear a man say that poverty builds character, chances are you're listening to a millionaire."

Be aware, Social Security provides 41 percent of the total income of 55 million retired Americans.

Tony Bennett/Anthony Dominick Benedetto felt a bond with Amy Winehouse, said Neil McCormick in the London Telegraph. Earlier this year, the legendary singer recorded a duet with Winehouse. Four months later, she was dead. "I broke down and sobbed when I heard the news," Bennett says. "Of all the young people I've met over the past 50 years, she sang the right way." He understood Winehouse's demons, too. Now 85, Bennett once had his own issues with drugs and alcohol. In 1979, he nearly died of a cocaine overdose. "I was almost the Amy Winehouse of my day." A chance encounter changed everything. "I was talking to Woody Allen's manager, Jeff Rawlins, and he said he used to handle Lenny Bruce. I said, "Oh, I knew Lenny, what did you think of him?"

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redemption and a better life. (2 hrs. 2 mins.)

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centuries (283 years to be precise) removed from Columbus' discovery of the New World. Independence and the Revolutionary War mark not the *beginning*, but the *halfway* point in the history of European civilization in America.

In his remarks, quoted above, Mr. Webster, on the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, traced the origins of the United States not to the Pilgrims

and Plymouth Rock (although he mentions them in the oration), nor to the earlier English settlement of Virginia (not even mentioned by Webster), but to Columbus' first "sight of the unknown world."

Others came here earlier, possibly the Vikings, maybe other Europeans, and certainly the American Indians who arrived most probably from Asia by land-bridge to Alaska. But Webster and

many of us concur, begins *our* history with *Columbus*. All month we celebrate **Italian-American Heritage**. Monday we celebrate the brave and persevering Italian navigator who opened the way for immigrants from every nation to settle in this New World and create the United States that remains, to quote again from Webster's speech, "The last hope of mankind."

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less book research. There is the general and his staff, the Praetorian Guards with their shoulder belts, standard bearers and centurions, the common soldier carrying enormous stakes, master masons, pioneers with axes and crowbars, lancers, cavalry and royal chargers, armored horsemen, and Moorish cavalry. Constructed bridges and causeways are shown along with military machines attacking forts. The confusion of a defeated army is also shown, and all scenes are very vividly depicted. The column is about twelve feet in diameter and ninety-seven feet high, and the original statue

of Trajan at the summit was replaced by one of St. Peter in the sixteenth century.

Another of the bitter ironies of fate tells us that Trajan never saw his column. It was dedicated while he was away fighting the Parthian war and he died in August of 117 A.D. while returning to Rome. His ashes were brought home in a golden urn and placed under his column. Eighteen hundred years later the column still stands as a monument to the accomplishments of this great Roman emperor.

NEXT WEEK:
Hadrian the Greeklings

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

salaries. We are going to be saddled with lots of players we could send packing. Come to think of it,

wouldn't Johnny Damon make a good manager one day? He's been here, done that too.

As far as DeMario Hall, he was a great bench coach for Francona. However, he's part of the old guard that didn't work this year. He will do fine. Probably end up on his two feet standing next to Francona wherever he lands.

This team needs a manager's manager. The other way stopped working this season.

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• **Ray Barron** (Continued from Page 10)

And he said, 'He sinned against his talent.' That comment made Bennett clean up his act. "I threw away all kinds of corruption, I just went back to being pretty normal. I'd like to have talked to Amy about that. She had a gift. Don't sin against your talent."

The government is on a mission to make British food bland, said Philip Johnston. The "health police" have decreed that Britons should ingest much less salt, and they have bullied food companies into signing pledges to change their recipes.

Christmas is here at Wal-Mart! Wal-Mart is bringing layaway back for the holiday season. The country's largest retailer is encouraging hard-pressed shoppers to buy Christmas toys and electronics starting this month, and pay for them over the following two months.

Do not read if you have a weak stomach! Ten years later, no remains from 1,121 of people who died at the World Trade Center - 41 percent - have ever been identified. More than 21,000 separate human remains

were recovered, and the work of trying to make DNA matches goes on.

Polls! 86% of Americans now approve of marriages between whites and blacks. Only 4% did in 1958, and 29% did in 1973. A majority did not approve of interracial marriages until 1997. To think, many decades ago, many Italians disapproved of their daughters marrying non-Italians. And some Italians disapproved of their sons or daughters marrying a Sicilian. Ha! We married a Sicilian! When we revealed we were marrying a Sicilian, my mother said that is my problem. Ha! You see, when we were not tidy in our bedroom, my mother would say the only one who would be fit to marry me would be a Sicilian.

A North End man complains he was married fifteen years ago by a Justice of the Peace, and since that time he has had neither justice nor peace.

Mona-Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston, says, "A wedding cake is the only cake that can give you indigestion for the rest of your life."

Time for some interesting show biz gossip as gathered by the stately handsome musicologist Albert Natale. Yves Montand shot his mouth off about Brigitte Bardot! "Hollywood's dumbest blond never even made a Hollywood picture." It is Brigitte Bardot. She is — she was — beautiful in an over-ripe way. But she was and remains cheap, petty, jealous, and untalented. She also tries to kill herself every few years, without success. I hope she never succeeds, but one wonders if she is very good at anything?" Peter Lawford, says, "I don't much care what people think, and neither does Frank Sinatra. Except when he does. And according to Danny Kaye, "If Peter Lawford had been nicer to Marilyn Monroe, she might be alive today. He's a creep." According to Anne Baxter, Tallulah Bankhead is a marvelous female impersonator. And Ava Gardner says, "Of course I married Artie Shaw. Everybody married Artie Shaw!" One more time! According to Vittorio Gassman, "Shelley Winters has a fondness for Italian men. She married me and Anthony Franciosa. But she doesn't like Italy enough, and to me it was more important to be at home in Italy than to be in America with her. Mamma Italia comes first."

Ugh, millions of Americans suffer from untreated mental illness, a new federal study has found. Researchers for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress, and other disorders seriously disabled 11 million people in 2009. Southeastern states fared the worst: More than 13 percent of Mississippi residents — the highest percentage in the nation — are clinically depressed. "There is a big problem with under diagnosis and under treatment, says University of Miami psychiatrist John Newcomer. About 8.4 million Americans reported suicidal thoughts in the previous year, while 1 million actually attempted suicide.

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BAKED MANICOTTI
in Tomato Sauce with Meat

4 eggs
2 cups flour
2 cups milk
Pinch of salt

2 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil
1 small six-inch cast iron or a non-stick skillet

Practice is needed to be sure the same amount of mixture is poured into skillet for the same size manicotti.

Break eggs into a bowl and beat eggs. Slowly add remaining ingredients one at a time to the bowl. Use an electric mixer on slow speed until it resembles a prepared pancake mix.

Rub inside of cast iron or non-stick skillet with some oil. Heat skillet over burner until it is hot. Remove from heat and with a small ladle, drop about two tablespoons of mixture at one end of skillet. Quickly tip skillet to allow batter to spread over the entire bottom. When firm but not browned (about five seconds), remove by lifting round edge with a fork or small spatula. Place in a dish to cool. There should be no need to turn the round over for further cooking. If you do, be sure not to brown the round crepe. Layer eight or ten prepared rounds one on top of the other. Continue making these until all mixture is used. Stir mixture occasionally.

FILLING:

2 pounds ricotta cheese
2 beaten eggs
Pinch of salt

Pinch of black ground pepper (optional)
3 tablespoons grated cheese of choice (optional)

In a strainer, remove any excess water from ricotta cheese. Then place in a bowl. Add beaten eggs, salt, pepper and grated cheese of choice if desired. Blend but do not whip with electric mixer.

Taking one Manicotti round at a time, place one to two tablespoons of filling in center. Then fold one end of round over the filling. Take opposite end of round and fold over to seal the filling in the stuffed Manicotti.

Using prepared tomato sauce, cover bottom of a Manicotti baking tray with the sauce. Line bottom of baking tray with rows of stuffed Manicotti (seal side down). Spread tomato sauce over them and then sprinkle grating cheese of choice over sauce. A second layer of Manicotti can be placed over the first layer, or if preferred you can continue the process by using another baking tray.

Bake in preheated 400°F degree oven for twenty minutes. Check to see if ricotta mixture needs to bake longer before removing from oven. Ricotta is cooked when you pierce the Manicotti with a toothpick and it comes out clean.

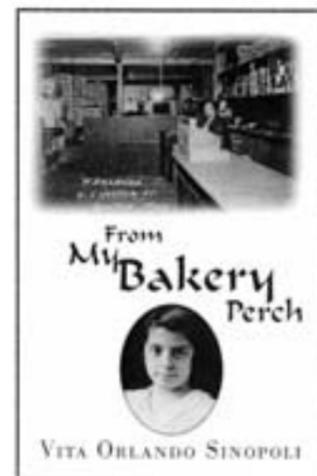
Serves six.

Manicotti rounds can be frozen. Wrap cooled Manicotti in wax paper in groups of eight or ten. Place in seal-locked plastic bags. Wrap each bag in aluminum foil before freezing. To defrost, remove from freezer and then from wrappings. Prepare a large serving tray with a clean towel. Cover with wax paper and allow defrosting on the towel before stuffing.

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Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It was the beginning of October, and one Saturday morning at about 5:00 am, there was a knock at the kitchen door. Dad woke up first and answered it. It was Grandpa Christoforo, and he was standing there holding a sprig of three grapes. They were not grapes to be eaten. They were wine grapes and the gesture indicated that it was time to make the wine. Dad shook the cobwebs from his head, invited Grandpa in and then woke me up. Even though I was just a kid, I knew from experience that we were to help my paternal grandfather carry on an annual Italian tradition, even in America.

Before attempting a new batch of wine, Grandpa emptied his barrels by filling dozens of gallon jugs and an assortment of whiskey bottles he had stored in his cellar for just this purpose. Now that his barrels were empty, cleaned and ready to go, it was time. He had purchased a shipment of imported grapes. I don't remember if they were from France or Italy, but remembering his attitudes, I believe he would only use Italian grapes. They would have come in on a freighter from Europe and he would have gone to whichever Boston pier the ship docked at and bought enough crates of grapes to make about fifty gallons of wine, both red and some white.

Dad made breakfast for me, but Grandpa only had a cup of coffee while periodically looking at his pocket watch (which I still have in a domed glass display container). When we were done, we headed to my grandfather's Chelsea Street home and Grandpa's wine cellar.

Dad and I uncrated

Grandpa's grapes with tools that Grandpa had made just for this type of operation. When enough of the boxes were open, we filled the cylindrical wine press to crush them into juice and pulp. The wheel shaped lid was lowered onto the contents of the vat and the screw mechanism was turned to lower the disc shaped cover downward and the grapes began to be crushed. Neither Dad nor I said anything. We just followed Grandpa's orders. He was the master vintner and that was that.

A siphon was used to remove the juice, letting the dark red liquid flow into one of many barrels that would, over time, allow fermentation. Scooping out some of the crushed grapes, my grandfather then directed us to fill the press with more grapes and the process was repeated. This went on and on until all of the grapes had been crushed and the liquid siphoned into the casks.

Grandpa added something to each cask, possibly sugar to accelerate the fermentation process, I'm not sure. He then adjusted little gadgets that he placed inside the holes atop the barrels. He next pointed to them and told me that they would tell him when the grapes had fermented into wine.

Just then, I heard footsteps coming down the cellar stairs. It was my uncle Jim. Jim Dello Russo was Dad's sister Mary's husband. He and my aunt had married after Jim was discharged from the Navy after World War II. He was there to claim the crushed grapes due to the fact he wanted to make grappa with them. Grappa is an after dinner licquer that, if made right, would grow hair on your tearing eyes,

and he knew how to make it that strong. I think he added in pure grain alcohol to boost the octane, but I'm not sure.

We would repeat the wine making process with the boxes of white grapes that Grandpa had purchased. When I asked him why the white grapes, he responded with, "Durante l'estate, beviamo solamente vino bianco, capisce?," (During the summer, we only drink white wine, understand?) I shrugged my young shoulders and then watched as Dad, Uncle Jim and Grandpa repeated the siphoning process with the white liquid heading for the few empty barrels that my grandfather saved for white wine. Once they had finished, Uncle Jim asked Dad to help him make anisette, one of his specialties. They mixed anise flavoring with food coloring and alcohol and poured the liquid into five gallon containers that were lined up in a corner of Grandpa's cellar. I didn't know what they were doing, but I liked the colors, green, blue, yellow, violet, pink and clear. Years later, traveling around the world, I would discover that many cultures, not just Italian, enjoyed a similar drink. Ouzo for Greeks, Udda for Christian Arabs, Arak for Turks, Raki for Armenians, Aqua vit for northern European and Scandanavians countries, and so forth around the Euro-pean and Middle Eastern world. They must have picked up the recipe from the Romans a couple of thousand years ago, who knows ...

The next day, the East Boston Knights of Columbus had a father and son Mass at the Holy Redeemer Church near Maverick Square. Dad asked me to accompany him as this was a semiannual event that Dad enjoyed. I usually attended Mass at the Sacred Heart Church, which was our parish, but the K of C was a big deal for Dad and I couldn't and wouldn't say no.

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• **The Socially Set** (Continued from Page 9)

"Fancy Free," featuring Jerome Robbins' "Fancy Free," Peter Martins' "Barber Violin Concerto," and Harald Lander's "Etudes," May 10-20, concludes the season.

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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.)

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The Bilingual Corner

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LO SAPEVATE CHE ...

Lo Stato del Vaticano ha redatto una nuova legge contro il riciclaggio di denaro ed il terrorismo. La nuova legge inoltre riguarda lo IOR (istituto opere di religione) che e' la banca del Vaticano. Padre Federico Lombardo, portavoce della Santa Sede, ha spiegato lo scopo della legge 127, ed ha chiarito che la legge impone trasparenza, onesta' e responsabilita'. E' stato il Papa che ha voluto questa legge che riguarda tutti i soggetti vaticani o legati alla Santa Sede.

La pubblicazione delle nuove leggi per lo Stato del Vaticano, per i Dicasteri della Curia Romana e per gli Organismi ed Enti dipendenti dalla Santa Sede, e' un evento che ha un significato morale e pastorale di enorme portata. Padre Lombardo ha spiegato ai giornalisti che gli organismi vaticani saranno meno vulnerabili di fronte ai continui rischi che si corrono inevitabilmente quando si maneggia del denaro. Insomma la Chiesa sara' "piu' credibile" davanti alla comunita' internazionale ed ai suoi membri. E questo, per il Papa, e' di importanza vitale per la sua missione evangelica nello spirito della trasparenza e della credibilita'. Nel contesto mondiale sempre piu' 'globalizzato', purtroppo le realta' economiche ed anche finanziarie sono sovente campo di attivita' illegali, come il riciclaggio di proventi di attivita' criminose ed il finanziamento del terrorismo, veri pericoli per la giustizia e la pace nel mondo.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

The Vatican State has enacted a new law against recycling of money and terrorism. Furthermore, the new law relates to the IOR (institute for religious works), which is the Vatican's bank. Father Federico Lombardi, the spokesman for the Holy See, explained (to the press) the purpose of the new law '127', detailing that the law demands transparency, honesty and responsibility. It was the Pope himself that wanted this law, which is addressed to all Vatican people connected to the Holy See.

The publication of the new laws for the Vatican State, for the Executive Governing bodies of the Roman Curia, and for all the agencies and departments (of the Holy See) is an event that has a moral and pastoral significance of great importance. Father Lombardi explained to the press people that the Vatican's departments will be less vulnerable to the continuous risks people inevitably go through when they handle money. In other words, the Church will appear more credible vis-à-vis the international community as well as to its members. Which, to the Pope, is of vital importance in his evangelical mission in the spirit of transparency and credibility. In the worldwide context further globalized, regrettably both the economic and financial realities become the battlefield of illegal activities, such as recycling of money from criminal activities and financial support of terrorism, real dangers for justice and world peace.

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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 Giarratani

CELLUCCI IN NORTH END RECENTLY

Former Governor Paul Cellucci and some of his former staff gathered at Filippo's recently to raise bucks for the Cellucci ALS Champion Fund at UMass Medical Center.

DEVELOPER SEES 2012 START FOR WATERFRONT PROPERTY

On September 21, developer John Drew announced his intention to begin construction next spring on Waterside Place, which would bring 236 apartments and retail stores to a section of Congress Street on the South Boston waterfront. Drew said construction of apartments would be along Congress Street across from the South Boston Convention Center would be the first phase of a larger development which would bring in retail opportunities and perhaps a large supermarket.

Said Drew, "The housing component will bring more vitality to the area. I think it would also help give retailers confidence that there is enough business for them to come down here and open new operations."

Drew, whose company developed the Boston World Trade Center and Seaport Hotel, is a well-respected Massachusetts developer whose extended family had Charlestown roots. In fact, he and I are almost first

cousins due to a Drew and Harrington family connection.

CONNOLLY TAKES CAMPAIGN TO EASTIE

City Councilor John Connolly showed up at Kelley Square Pub in Eastie for a well-attended Sunday brunch co-sponsored by City Councilor Sal LaMattina, Senator Anthony Petrucci and Representative Carlo Basile.

ON THE CAMPAIGN WITH ...

The other evening while over at the great fundraiser for the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury, I met Will Dorcena, he is one of the candidates running for City Councilor at Large in November. His sister is Linda Dorcena Forry who is a state representative serving a Dorchester-Mattapan House district. Dorcena is a first time candidate and has been making the rounds of the city's neighborhoods trying to build some name recognition.

NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN AHEAD

The East Boston Columbus Day Parade Committee will be presenting "An Evening of Music & Comedy" on October 29 at the Madonna Queen Shrine Hall. This year's Columbus Day Parade in the North End hasn't even marched yet but it is never too early to start fundraising for any parade. The more you raise, the better the parade. For more details on this upcoming October event, call Joe Ruggiero at 617-590-3035 or e-mail EB Columbus Committee@gmail.com.

NEW MASS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER OPENS IN NOVEMBER

Latest news has the new Mass. Mental Health Center buildings scheduled to open on November 1 with a grand opening to be held on Monday, November 14. The old

building was torn down several months ago. That facility had closed up in November 2003 and re-located to the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in Jamaica Plain. The original structure was opened in 1912. The new D.M.H. facility will now consist of two buildings. One on Binney Street and another on Vining Street.

Next year will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Mass. Mental Health Center and a 100th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for June 24, 2012 The original name-change took place in 1956.

ED COPPINGER

CHIP OFF OLD BLOCK

Bumped into Representative Ed Copping in West Roxbury near Roche Bros., recently and it was the first time I met him since getting elected last year replacing Senator Mike Rush who left his safe House seat for the State Senate that Marian Walsh retired from after many terms in office. I remember his father, another vote and vote for his constituents. I praised him for all his hard work and efforts in saving the Irish Social Club. Both he and City Councilor Matt O'Malley have worked very hard and the successful September 24 fundraiser for the social club couldn't have happened without either of them.

JACK-O-LANTERN SPECTACULAR

Check out the Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular at Roger Williams Park Zoo presented by Citizens Bank from October 6-31. For more information, go to ruzoo.org.

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Pamela Donnaruma

• **Nanna & Babbononno** (Continued from Page 13)

After Mass, there was always a breakfast for the father and son participants, but Dad told me that we had to go to Grandpa's for an early dinner due to the fact that he wanted us to taste last year's wine that we had just bottled the day before. I was obligated to my father and he was obligated to his father. There was no way for either of us to get out of it.

My usual Sunday routine was to go to the children's Mass at the Sacred Heart, then head for Umana's bakery on the corner of Brooks and Saratoga Streets to buy a piece of Sicilian pizza to stop the hunger pangs that accompanied not eating since dinner the night before in preparation for Sunday Communion. We had it rough back in the day. Guy Umana, the baker, and brother to future senator Mario Umana, would sell us slices of just out of the oven Sicilian pizza for five cents a slice. It did the trick. From there, I would head to see Nanna and Babbononno. Nanna would have me sample her gravy with a piece of bread dunked

in it and accompany it with a meatball. Babbononno always had some change for me, seventeen cents. This was my allowance. Even then, it couldn't buy much but I never complained, fearful of it coming to an end if I opened my mouth to say anything except, "Mille grazie, Babbononno." (A thousand thank, Grandpappy.)

On this Day, Dad and I would have early dinner with Grandpa and sample his wine, made last year and now ready to drink. It was strong, very strong, and dark-dark red.

It didn't kill the taste of the food as Grandpa added hot pepper in all his food. He was a great cook, but, in later years when I sampled Mexican food, I wondered if my paternal grandfather learned cooking in Mexico. I still wonder.

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KENNETH FLINT

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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Balela Bashala-Flint, 25 Century Street, Apartment 3, Somerville, MA 02145** your answer, if any, on or before **November 7, 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: September 26, 2011

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani

"Take nothing on its looks; take everything on evidence. There's no better rule."

—Mr. Jagers, Pip's guardian in Great Expectations, by Charles Dickens

So many great expectations have now gone south to Tampa. I remember back in April when this Red Sox team was being called the "Best Team Ever" on paper and I told someone, "Too bad the Red Sox don't play on paper." I'm a true blue Red Sox fan who knows the history of this team to disappoint. I remember when our "ace" Josh Beckett said we would win 100 games. He never said anything about losing 20 of 27 games in September.

This team once had a nine-game lead in the wild card race that hadn't even begun yet in early September. For heaven's sake, back on August 31, we were in first place over the NY Yankees. Then September came and the unexpected happened. We started crashing down to rock bottom. We lost six out of seven to Tampa, three out of four to the Yankees, four out of six to the Blue Jays, two out of three to the Rangers and worse of all, five out of seven to the last place Orioles.

"As Dan Shaughnessy of the *Boston Globe* wrote after the final out of the final game in Baltimore, "The

greatest choke in baseball history ended the only way it could have ended with the Red Sox gagging on the Camden Yards lawn one last time."

Where were you at 9:33 pm on Wednesday, September 28 when the Sox were leading 3-2 when the rain delay came? Where were you when you heard the Rays were losing 7-0 to the Yankees? A few outs away from heading to Texas to take on the Rangers in the Division Series. You could touch victory and then as Shaughnessy wrote, "Then the earth opened up and swallowed the Sox and their fans."

As manager Terry Francona said afterwards, "We needed to take care of business and we didn't." The last moments of the game were agonizing. The Sox had that one run lead. Jonathan Papelbon on the mound. There were two outs in the ninth inning, one more out and on to play another day but it never came. The Orioles scored two runs to win the game. We brought our closer in and he closed out the season. Papelbon said, "We fell short of our

goal this year ... I don't think this is going to define us as a ball club." Whoa, who is he kidding, himself?

The overpaid ballplayers on this team have now taken the Red Sox to a third place finish for a second straight year. Dave Ortiz, you remember him from the game when he tried stretching a single into a double for no good reason, he added, "We're not a playoff team. You can't say we were a good team."

Francona's gone: How about Theo? Then there's J.D. Drew, Big Papi, Varitek and Wakefield. Wake by the way reportedly wants to come back to set the career win mark for the Sox surpassing both Roger Clemens and Cy Young. He says, "I think the fans deserve an opportunity to watch me chase that record." Is it worth \$2 million to watch Tim become the all-time winning Sox pitcher? This season he was 7-8 with a terrific 5.12 ERA.

When all is said and done, more was said and less was done. Here's a great quote from the \$142 million Carl Crawford to close out the dreadful season, "We had high expectations and we didn't live up to them."

Bottom Line

Why it is no one in sports media has noticed the other great collapse of 2011? The Atlanta Braves had a 10½ game lead over the St. Louis Cardinals on August 26. The Cardinals won 23 of their last 31 games while the once mighty Braves went 9-18 in September.

Think about it. The Boston Red Sox pull off a collapse that made fans remember the Yankees in 1978 and the Phillies in 1964 but moving along just as badly were the Braves who once called Boston their hometown. Perhaps we should call these twin collapses, the Boston thing, huh?

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VS.
DAVID FLORES

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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: **Periangilly Beltre Esq., 91 Grant Street, Lynn, MA 01902** your answer, if any, on or before **October 28, 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.

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

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An illustrated draft of the proposed **Tony DeMarco statue** by renowned sculptor **Harry Weber**.

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More information will be provided in coming weeks on the always great **Rocky Marciano Tournament**, to commence on October 22nd.

I call and depend on fighters for some of the information I receive Most times I read and am provided with documented information (computers, newspapers, memory and other reading material). If I do not have the facts needed readily available, I call and speak with Fight Family members. I thank members, and all who I have called and received information from. Thank you and God bless you all. Till the next bell, "**Ding!**"

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by *Richard Preiss*



AND THEY'RE OFF — "It's time to flick the switch," said Bruins goalie Tim Thomas on media day as the team prepared to start the season with three home games over an extended Columbus Day Weekend of activity.

Expectations are high for the defending champions but discussions have already been held concerning what seems to be a reality for past championship teams: it's called Stanley Cup hangover.

"It's unavoidable is what I'm told," said GM Peter Chiarelli during a media day press conference. "I hate harping on it but all the people I've talked to (managers, coaches and players around the league) have said it does show up in some form and that we're just going to have to deal with it."

One thing that seems to favor the B's early on is the high number of home games in the first couple of months (17 of the first 28 contests are on Garden ice). Coach Claude Julien says, "Hopefully we can get off to an early jump and be in a good position come Thanksgiving."

As he's mentioned in prior years, the coach is a firm believer that the league standings on Thanksgiving gives a pretty good indication of which teams will make the playoffs. That's why he feels it's vital to get off to a good start.

In any case here it is: from October 6 to April 7, the regu-

lar season is now with us for the next six months.

EVERYONE'S FOCUSED ON THE FINISH BUT LET'S START AT THE BEGINNING — Yes, everyone has trained their eyes on the historic collapse of the Red Sox in September. But one month does not a season make.

For your consideration, we ask that you recall the first week of the season way back in April when the Sox came out of the starting box and proceeded to lose their first six games in a row. It wasn't until the seventh game — their home opener — that the Sox were able to record a W.

Which brings us back to the current topic of discussion. You see, if the Sox had managed to win just one of those opening six contests, they would have finished tied with the Tampa Bay Rays at the end of the season and a one game playoff would have ensued. If they had won two of the six games, the Sox would have won the Wild Card berth outright and would have automatically gained a berth in the playoffs.

See, all 162 games count — not just the ones in the waning days of the season. So, which games counted more — those in the final days of the regular season or the ones in early April? The answer is they counted the same — with the losses in April helping pave the path to ruin just as surely as the setbacks in September.

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