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## Even Before Obama, I Already Knew That I Could

by Paul Ibrahim

Apparently, to almost every member of the media, the election of a thoroughly unaccomplished man to the presidency is a definition of the American dream for the sole reason that he is half black. Even President Bush has said that Barack Obama's election is a "triumph of the American story."

The unfortunate truth, however, is that Obama's election is a tremendous devaluation of the American Dream. It teaches us that the recipe for success is not achievement, but cunning. Yet somehow, everyone has fallen victim to the conventional wisdom that "we now know we can do anything."

Sherri Shepherd, a black co-host of the TV show *The View*, summarized the refrain we have heard hundreds of times since November 4: "We've always been people of color. We've always had these limitations on us . . . And so to look at my son and say no limitations on you . . . to look at my baby and go, you don't have to have limitations . . ."

Were there really limita-

tions on what her son could do? This dramatic statement is, after all, coming from an immensely successful woman who has better name recognition than north of 99.99 percent of the U.S. population, and a woman who has seen blacks become entertainers, CEOs, astronauts, governors, senators, two successive secretaries of state — everything but presidents (which, as seen in at least the last four elections, is now apparently off-limits to old white men with war wounds).

Did Americans, including the poor and minorities, sincerely believe that success was limited by anything other than their own initiative? Did we Americans truly need Obama's election to finally start believing that we could be anything we wanted to be? Did we not hope, did we not think that "we can," before Obama told us that we should?

I was born into the Lebanese civil war, both chronologically and geographically.

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## Congratulations to Dr. Stephen Maio



**Left to Right: Circolo Viva Cultura Calabria Vice President Rocco Fazzolari, President Joe Panetta, Award Recipient Dr. Stephen Maio, his wife Dorothy Maio, Club members Janet Grande and Maria Auciello.**

The Circolo Viva Cultura Calabria recently celebrated their annual award banquet at Spinelli's in Lynnfield, MA. The 2008 award recipi-

ent is Dr. Stephen Maio. Dr. Maio is very involved in the Italian American community. He is very active in the Pirandello Lyceum

and the October Italian Heritage Month Committee among many other organizations. We congratulate Dr. Maio on this award.

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Thank Goodness for Talk Radio

I enjoy talk radio off and on. I even call up once in a blue moon too.

The mainstream media is so liberal and talk radio is a necessity to balance the other side's monopoly of news promotion.

I do like the Fox Network. It is fair and balanced as they tout themselves to be.

Lou Dobbs on CNN is the very best offered by the network formerly known as the Clinton News Network.

MSNBC seems next to useless and I'm glad Radio America died, broadcasting its liberal views.

My favorite radio station is 96.9 WTKK. They even have Jim Braude and Margery Eagan on in the mornings. However, my best hosts are Michele McPhee and Jay Severin.

The liberals have TV and major newspapers but we have talk radio, the real voice of the people.

### What is in Store for Obamerica?

One lady told a reporter Barack Obama means no more worries about her mortgage and no

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## Mayor's Column

by Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston

Last Tuesday was a tremendous day for Americans, not just because of who was elected, but because this election reinvigorated a sense of civic engagement that had not been seen in any election in recent history. Regardless of which candidate you supported, we can all be proud of the fact that so many people participated. As was the case with cities across the country, this excitement over a new direction for our country was obvious on Election Day here in Boston. At polling places around the City, we witnessed not only great turnout but great cooperation from voters as well. Long lines were not a deterrent to most. In fact, people took advantage of the waiting by making some new friends, catching up on reading, or just enjoying the nice weather.

The desire to be a part of this historic election was evident from the thousands of voter registration applications that the Election Department processed in the weeks leading up to Election Day. As of the September 16 primary, there were approximately 358,000 registered voters in Boston. However, by Election Day on November 4, more than 20,000 additional residents registered to vote. These newly registered voters may have voted before, but many had not done so in years.

I knew that this Election Day was special when I arrived at my polling place in Hyde Park shortly before it opened that morning. Instead of being first in line, there were people waiting ahead of me excited to cast their ballot before work. Voters across the City encountered similar crowds from the time polls opened at 7:00 am until they closed at 8:00 pm. Polling places like Holy Name Parish Hall in West Roxbury and Cathedral High School in the South End had lines of anxious voters that stretched around the block for most of the day.

By noon last Tuesday, an impressive 110,347 voters had cast ballots. With eight hours remaining until the polls closed, 29% of those registered had already exercised their right to vote. By the time polls closed that night, 234,514 Bostonians, nearly 62% of those registered, had voted. All told, nearly 26,000 more Bostonians voted in this election compared to the 2004 presidential contest.

The City of Boston's Election Department did a terrific job of ensuring that Election Day happened without any major glitches. Almost 2,000 volunteers and poll workers helped guide the many first-

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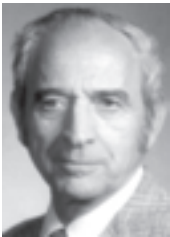
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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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## VESTA

Vesta was the Roman goddess of the hearth, similar to the Greek goddess Hestia. She was worshipped by the Romans during ancient times independently of any connection with Greece. The worship of Vesta goes back to the time when it was difficult but necessary to obtain fire. Then, as well as even now, among some primitive tribes, they developed the custom of always keeping a fire alive for the use of the community, and even to carry it to new settlements. This custom was preserved in the religion of later Greeks and Romans even after more modern technologies had been developed. A part of this history is also reflected in the flame used to start the Olympic Games.

The sacred fire, the source of all Roman life and power, was kept alive in a structure known as the Temple of Vesta. It was constantly tended by a group of virgin priestesses that were known as the Vestals. They resided near the temple in the Forum Romanum. The whole concept goes back into antiquity where the Vestals

represented the daughters of the primitive tribal hut. The public worship of this goddess was maintained in the Temple of Vesta, but her private worship was preserved in every domestic hearth. After she was recognized as a personal deity, it then became necessary to have her attendants live in guarded seclusion in a building that we now call "The House of the Vestal Virgins" or "Atrium Vestae."

The temple was a round structure, probably reminiscent of the tribal chief's hut. This edifice was the most venerated of all temples in Rome.

Tradition tells us that the first temple to Vesta was built by Numa Pompilius, the successor to Romulus, and the first of the Sabine kings of Rome. He introduced the worship of this goddess, and devoted to her a space of ground just in front of his own dwelling house. It is also interesting to note that at this time in history, about 700 B.C., the king was the high priest, and in this office he was known as "Pontifex Maximus" or "Pontiff."

There were at least five successive temples built in Rome to honor this goddess and they all adhered to the same style of architecture. Each was a small circular edifice with a domed roof that was supported on columns. The domed roof typified the round earth and the vaulted sky. The interior contained a low circular altar, upon which burned the perpetual fire. The maintenance of this fire was the chief duty of the six vestals.

Numa's temple stood for about three centuries, until the Gauls burned Rome in 390 B.C. It was soon rebuilt and this second edifice stood for about fifty years. The third temple to Vesta stood until the great fire under Nero, and the fourth lasted for about one hundred years. The remains which now mark the consecrated site belong to the last rebuilding by Septimius Severus. This last work was contemporary with the great arch of Septimius Severus which is located at one end of the Forum Romanum.

NEXT WEEK: *The Vestals*

## Res Publica

by David Trumbull



In October in this space I wrote that whatever the results of the November election, the lasting governing majority will be in the party that gets America back into the business of creating wealth and jobs. Well, we have the election results — the Democrats took control of the executive branch of the government and expanded their majorities in both houses of the legislative — what this means for jobs and wealth creation is yet to be seen.

As a candidate, Senator Obama was very critical of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) that was signed into law by Democratic President Clinton. The AFL-CIO and its member unions, which endorsed Senator Obama in the Democratic primaries, have filed (joined by my employer, the National Textile Association) a workers' rights case alleging labor abuses under the U.S.-Jordan Free Trade Agreement — another such free trade law that was signed by Democrat Clinton. And *The New Republic* reported on June 16, 1997, that the Clinton Administration had, already back in February of 1997, committed the U.S. to a policy that would severely limit the options for any future American administration that would seek to limit damage to the U.S. manufacturing sector from imports from China. In the campaign Senator Obama slammed recent U.S. China policy — one can only logically assume that he included the policies of his Democrat predecessor in the White House.

The conclusion? President-elect Obama has promised a different trade policy from that of President Bush and the Republican leadership in congress. That may be, but if it be, it will also be a different policy from Presi-

dent Clinton and the Democrats in congress who supported his trade agenda. It will also mean that President Obama will go against an orthodoxy that has reigned with little effective opposition in Washington, in the elite media, and in academia for six decades.

The orthodoxy I mean is something called "free trade" but which is in effect a policy of import maximization. Free trade is good. Trade with other nations gives American consumers a wider variety of choices of goods. Free trade means that each nation or region can focus on producing what it can make efficiently locally and import what it cannot make locally — we buy bananas from the tropical regions; they in turn can buy cranberries and maple syrup from New England. Some even argue that free trade, by bringing national economic interests together can even reduce tensions between nations and, thus, make war less likely.

Yes, free trade is good. And we already have it! Except for our embargoes of goods from Cuba and North Korea, the United States trades freely with the entire world. Anything that is legal to buy in the U.S. may be freely imported from any country. It's true you cannot legally buy cocaine from Colombia, elephant ivory from Kenya, or slaves from Sudan. But that's not because we don't believe in free trade with those nations (Colombia and Kenya actually get special trade preferences from the U.S.), but because trade in humans and in the two products mentioned is, rightly, illegal in the U.S.

When the phrase "free trade" is used in Washington, it means "no import duties." The result is not free trade, but an economic

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## America Remains More Divided Than Ever

by Sal Giarratani

America has been a divided country for 40 years now. The division started in 1968 when Richard Nixon took on Hubert Humphrey with George Wallace running as a third voice.

Since then there have been two Americas. The one that believes in traditional values and a culture that respects the individual and the other that believes in sitting back being serviced. One that works hard and the other that hardly works.

During the Bush Years, we were divided red and blue but on Tuesday, November 4 you can forget the colors because the real gap between us isn't where we live but how we live. New Hampshire once a conservative Republican State has turned into another Massachusetts.

People we are told voted for change but they really only

voted to change to a Democrat in the White House. When it came to Congress, they mostly sent everyone back. Barney Frank got re-elected in a landslide and he helped cause the financial meltdown. What are people thinking? Putting Democrats in control of Washington DC is like giving crack to drug addicts. The tax and spenders will continue to tax and spend.

We have a One Party Nation now. We changed little that really mattered. We handed the keys to the chicken coop to the foxes.

Ben Franklin once said, "Democracy was like two wolves and a lamb preparing for dinner. Liberty is a well armed lamb contesting the vote."

The People's Republic of Massachusetts has grown

into the People's Republic of America. The moon bats are dancing in the streets.

Tax cuts for those paying no taxes. Universal health care. What's next free gas at gas stations and homes without mortgages?

America has entered a new stage of the Cultural Revolution. The war Pat Buchanan talked about in Houston back in 1992 has landed. One if by land, two if by water.

No Paul Revere because there ain't any left today. Too much work.

This past summer, I stood inside the Alamo, a place in time where people sacrificed for a cause larger than them. An America where freedom ruled. An America where the people ruled. An America worth living in and dying for. It's not about Obama, it's about America.

## Chatterbox Club News ...

The Chatterbox Club held their meeting on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Senior Jenks Center in Winchester. The meeting included the nomination of officers followed by a luncheon.

On Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> the Chatterbox Club will hold its annual Christmas Party at the Senior Jenks Center in Winchester.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### AMERICANS MUST INSIST ON CURBING VOTER FRAUD

by Edward P. Shallow

The sanctity of fair elections must be affirmed. Did you know that at least 8 of the 19 terrorists who murdered nearly 3,000 Americans on 9/11 were registered to vote?

There are allegations that almost a third of the 1.3 million registrations submitted by community organizer ACORN are fraudulent. This leads to serious questions about how many fraudulent registrations were caught by election officials.

In 2003, the U.S. Department of Justice indicted seven individuals, who were ultimately convicted, for buying votes in Knott County, Kentucky. There are reports in this year's elections that votes were bought in some Alabama counties for cash and crack cocaine and that some voters appeared at the polls only to be told that absentee ballots had already been cast in their names. President Bush leaped into the furor over "voter fraud" asking the Department of Justice to determine whether some 200,000 newly registered Ohio voters should have their identities confirmed. The Supreme Court refused to get involved prompting Ohio congressman John Boehner to claim, "a significant risk, if not a certainty unlawful votes will be cast and counted" in his state where there are now several lawsuits over apparent threats to election laws.

It has just come to my attention there are more registered voters in Mississippi than there are adults.

In 2004 elections columnist Michelle Malkin put forth several disturbing reports: An employee of the left wing group Tennessee Citizen Action was implicated in a scheme to submit 200 fake voter registration forms.

The Liberal Group PIRGIM in Michigan and Project Vote were snared in a four county voter fraud investigation.

In Wisconsin voter registration applications undertaken by Project Vote came into question when it was discovered the applications contained bogus addresses.

To combat voter fraud and ensure fair elections voters must be required to show valid identification, including photo when registering to vote and when actually voting to show the photo identification.

It is the only safeguard that would be fool proof — insist on it America.

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## September Productions Concert Series

September Productions is presenting a series of concerts beginning Wednesday, November 26, at Vincent's Nite Club in Randolph, Massachusetts. The show will feature Rock n' Roll Hall of Famer, **Charlie Thomas and his Drifters**. The history of The Drifters goes as far back as the early 1950's with the late Clyde McPhatter and Bill Pinkney, whose version of "White Christmas" is still one of the most popular Christmas songs ever recorded. By the late 1950's, the legendary Ben E. King took over as lead singer joining Johnny Moore and Charlie Thomas. With such hits as, "There Goes My Baby," "This Magic Moment," "Up On The Roof," "Under The Boardwalk" and over 20 top 40 hits, The Drifters success continued even through the British Invasion years.

Also on the show is **Pat Benti**, with his critically acclaimed tribute to Roy Orbison, "In Dreams," celebrating Roy's 20 anniversary of his last performance in Boston. In the 1980's, Pat and his band opened for Roy several times at Hampton Beach Casino, putting him in the elite company of The Beatles and Bruce



Pat Benti

Springsteen to do so. You will hear such hits as, "You Got It," "Pretty Woman," "In Dreams," and a duet version of "Crying" with independent recording artist **DD Martin**, who will pay tribute to Tina Turner, The Shirelles, the late Dinah Washington and many more.

The show will be backed up by the dynamic **Code 51 Band** which has performed successfully throughout the Boston area and recently returned from Aruba. The legendary **Rex Trailer** will host and perform as well. Rex is celebrating his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary on TV and became a Boston fixture during the 1950's with his TV show, "Boomtown." The concerts will kickoff the Holiday Season with other performances at the Melrose Memorial Hall, in Melrose, on Saturday, November 29 and the Collins Center, in Andover, on Sunday, November 30. Tickets for all the shows are available at 1-866-468-7619 or go to: [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com)

During tough economic times like those faced by us all today, it is our sense of community and the strength of our families that holds us together. One such family that has been supporting and serving our local communities for more than four decades is the Lombardo family, owners of Lombardo's — New England's finest function facility. November marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lombardo's — and of the Lombardo family's commitment to Bay State communities.

## Bay State Landmark Celebrates 45 Years of Bringing Communities and Families Together

For generations, the Lombardo family has helped bring communities and families together in what is truly a "family business." Started in East Boston in 1963 by Paul and Sal Lombardo, the business has grown and is now based in Randolph where it serves a larger community from Boston to Providence. Today, the next generation of Lombardo's — Dennis, Vincent, Paula and Nina — runs the business with the same "personal touch" that its founders were known for.

Over the last 45 years, the Lombardos have helped hundreds of families and area communities celebrate their most cherished traditions — including weddings, Bar Mitzvahs, proms, class reunions, sweet sixteen birthdays, holiday parties, and anniversary celebrations. Lombardo's serves all of southern Massachusetts and the Providence area.

This month, as they have done every year, the Lombardo family will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day by hosting a "Giving Thanks Celebration" — providing a free Thanksgiving Day dinner to seniors and those in need. More than 150 people from area communities volunteer to help with this special day, while up to 800 people are served a Thanksgiving meal on this day.

"We are especially pleased this year to be able to host this special 'Giving Thanks Celebration' as we celebrate 45 years of serving our local communities," said Paula Lombardo-Colia. "We hope this dinner brings some relief to families struggling with economic hardship. It is our way of saying 'thank you' to the communities that we have been privileged to serve for the last four and half decades."

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## GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL ITALIA Brunch & Networking Event

On Wednesday, November 19, between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm take a break from the Greenbuild International Conference and join us at the Exchange Conference Center, 1 Fish Pier, 212 Northern Avenue, Boston on Boston's historic waterfront for a savory brunch Italian-style. Meet members of Green Building Council Italia and Habitech, Italy's first "clean" technology cluster. Learn about Green Italy innovation and the Autonomous Province of Trento, Europe's rising star in the fields of green building, renewable energy and environmental technologies.

Presentations by: Rick Fedrizzi, USBGC President; Mario Zoccatelli, GBC Italia President; Tim Mrozowski, Michigan State University Professor; Gianni Lazzari, Distretto Tecnologico Trentino (DTTN), Habitech, CEO; Bruce Elenbaas, Principal, Senior Vice President, Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.

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# Financially Speaking

with Ben Doherty

## A WEEK OF GRIM REPORTS TAKES ITS TOLL

A week that featured a 300 point election day market rally and report of the country's jobless vote hitting a 14 year high of 6.5% ending with each of the three automakers indexes down about 4%. Meanwhile Ford said it will cut 2000 jobs and GM warned that it may run out of cash in 2009. Though the news was bad, investors were drawn by low prices. The euphoria over the election didn't last long or people expected miracles after the election. The new president should learn from history by emulating Ronald Reagan and Dwight Eisenhower. Ronald Reagan inherited a weak economy and Dwight Eisenhower, a master motivator, leading troops on D-Day. "He got 400,000 guys to storm a beach in Normandy while they were being shot at". George Bush had the famous quote that he was the decider". If you are the decider you don't need to listen but there is no future for that model. Businesses need to turn their organizations into a decision making engine when all decisions are not made at the top. Executive compensation will not equal last year as most Americans (81%) according to a 2007 survey believe the

pay gap between the middle class and the wealthy, is too wide. Most CEO's of the 2000 largest publicly traded corporations tripled their pay between (1999-2007) to \$3.2 million. That's 88 times the medium pay of full time US professionals. The bigger the company the more the CEO earns and the larger their pay hikes. State Street Bank's CEO, Logue, received \$27 million in 2007 and is likely to fall this year and in future years. State Street remains profitable; its stock price has plunged from a high of \$85/share to \$42.97/share on Friday. State Street Bank faces losses of at least \$1.5 billion from investments tied to sub-prime loans and student loans. Logue's compensation are now worth less because the shares are worth less and his bonus is worth less. His pension was worth 3 years worth of salary and three years worth of service credit or \$25 million. Logue's compensation was the third highest among the nine financial companies receiving federal capitol. Mr. Blankfield CEO of Goldman Sachs group received the most, \$54 million and John Stumpf of Wells Fargo had the smallest package at \$15 million

according to AFL-CIO's database. Legislation passed as part of the \$700 big bailouts included proposals for pay cut backs requiring CEO's to return monies if their pay exceeds the maximum allowed under this legislation. Congress for example reduced the deduction for executives salary's to \$500,000 from \$1 million. The salaries at State Street will be substantially reduced this year.

NRG Energy rejected an offer from Exelon for \$6.1 billion because the offer was too low. Exelon would exchange 4.85 Exelon shares for each NRG share. NRG has fallen in price from \$43.95 in July to \$23.86 on Friday. Exelon closed @ \$53.82 down from \$92.13 in July. With the offer Exelon was the second utility to capitalize on the credit crisis and global slow down that have hurt the shares of utilities. A unit of Berkshire Hathaway, Warren Buffet's company, offered to buy Constellation Energy Group of Baltimore for \$4.7 billion, after analysts worried that the company could become insolvent. NRG has ownership in 414 power generating facilities in the US that generate 24,000 megawatts of power.

NRG has rejected the offer as too low. Exelon's has nearly 19 billion in revenues, and 480,000 natural gas customers in Philadelphia and 10 nuclear stations with 17 reactors representing 20% of the nuclear power capacity in the US, so combined with NRG, it would become the nation's largest power company and power 45 million homes with 47,000 megawatts and a market cap of \$40 billion. NRG said it would end up owning 17% of the combined company while contributing 30% of the cash flow and that NRG's growth would be dragged down by Exelon's debt. Buy-outs of utilities have accelerated just three years after the repeal of the public utility Holding Co Act of 1935.

It's time to call your financial advisor or call me at 617-261-7777.



by Sal Giarratani

## Roxbury Rox Again at Annual Reunion Time

They were rocking again as they do every first Saturday in November at the Roxbury Reunion.

The music was playing those old tunes from the '50s and '60's. Rock and Roll aided by that great Motown sound.

Over two hundred-fifty showed up at the IBEW Hall in Dorchester to fall back into time and younger days. Roxbury to them is a state of mind, a place in their hearts. If you hailed from either St. Patrick's Parish or St. Philips, you had to be there.

Hey, back in the '60s I was the drummer in the SilenSirs, Rock, Motown,

Beatles, and Elvis. That was our music.

Folks from Roxbury could dance, it was in our DNA. Most of the crowd was Italian or Irish. I'm in both groups as were many others.

When the disco started, I couldn't help myself. Out to the dance floor I went. I was Disco Sal or Sal Travolta once again. My old disco three piece is history, but I still dress "Roxbury". Looking cool as ever.

Next year the reunion is moving to a new venue over in Quincy at the Sons of Italy on Quarry Street.

God willing and the beat goes on, I'll be there like the old song says.

## Is Talk Radio a Liberal Target?

by Sal Giarratani

I am both scared and nervous about where the Liberal crew would take America.

U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, D-NY, is talking about controlling the radio right wing of the right wing the way government controls pornography.

The Fairness Doctrine may be returning which is nothing more than a form of fascism and censorship. Fascism and fascists like being in charge or thinking whether out loud or in private.

The print and broadcast media already have enough power and talk radio needs to remain a counterpoint.

Our culture is changing and for most of us, it isn't our moment.

We need to keep talk radio independent without it, how could we really know what's really happening?

Talk Radio is as American as the American Revolution, it is as American as Valley Forge, the Monroe Doctrine, the Liberty Bell and folks like Thomas Jefferson, Sam Adams, Patrick Henry and Thomas Paine.

Remember the advice handed down to us from Ben Franklin who said, "Democracy is two wolves and a lamb voting what to have for lunch. Liberty is a well armed lamb contesting the vote."

## ELECTION CAMPAIGNING Runs Far too Long

by Sal Giarratani

American presidential campaigns go on far too long. Even 40 years ago, presidential candidates had smaller windows to operate in.

Today, the next campaign seems to literally start within days of the just ended campaign. John McCain announced for president on February 28, 2007 and Barack Obama did likewise on February 10, 2007.

It used to be said the presidential campaign began with the New Hampshire primary but obviously that no longer is the case. By the time of either New Hampshire or the Iowa caucuses, the campaign season is already turning stale for

most of us.

It's like Macy's decorating for Christmas in July. As Lauren Beckham Falcone in a recent *Boston Herald* column penned, "... this election. Like Viagra gone wrong. It seems like its lasted forever."

By the time Election Day rolled around, I thought the candidates were running for re-election. The 2008 Campaign started much too early. No wonder when one lady interviewed by a newspaper reporter concerning her choice, said, "Barack Obama was more experienced to be president because he ran for the office for almost two years."

# FALL

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Thomas M. Menino, Mayor

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This photo shoot event will take place on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-5:00 PM at the Nazzaro Center, 20 North Bennet Street in the North End of Boston.

On Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4:00 PM Prudential Properties will host a party featuring all the children in the photo shoot event. At this time, parents can view and select the size/style of the images that meet their holiday needs. This holiday photo party will be held at the Prudential Properties building on 77 North Washington Street, Boston.

To schedule a photo shoot appointment for this event call Artmosphere Gallery at: 617-720-4278. If you cannot make the photo shoot event, contact Artmosphere to arrange an alternative appointment.

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★ Please, you must confirm no later than **December 7<sup>th</sup>**. All children **10 and under** will receive a picture with Santa and a gift. Children must be present & *accompanied by an adult*. Also: *Face Painting, Balloons, Characters, Gift Bags. Please bring a Camera!*

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## Dominic Palermo

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He answered to many names, his friends and co-workers at the shipyards and Northeast Airlines called him "Big Dom," his sisters and brother called him "Mico," his nieces and nephews called him Uncle Mimi. Who ever called he was always ready to help. He was a brilliant man, having had no formal education he was well read and spoke perfect English for his time.

When the family needed help they looked to him for guidance, which was always straight forward, honest and fair. When he was with us the family felt strong, he was an inspiration to all who knew him for he was warm hearted, funny, genuine, bright,



kind, considerate, witty and generous. His word was his bond, everything was sealed with a hand shake, he would cup your hand. I could go on forever. He never forgot his Italian roots. It's been 30 years since your passing; to this day your nieces and nephews still visit your grave, place a flower and say a prayer. I'm sure that

all those have propelled you into that Heavenly Realm.

You are missed and shall never be forgotten for you left a legacy of love.

Fondly missed by daughter Maria, nieces and nephews of the Palermo, Fazzolari, Capogreco and Schirripa families.

## Boston Common Tree Lighting

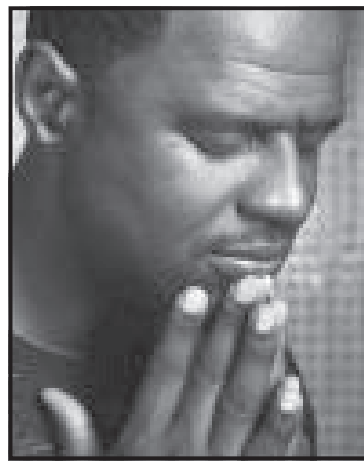
Soul singer legend Brian McKnight will be the featured entertainer as the City of Boston's Official Tree Lighting returns to Boston Common on Thursday, December 4, from 6- 8 p.m.

The 67<sup>th</sup> annual Tree Lighting on Boston Common is hosted by Mayor Thomas M. Menino and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, title sponsor Nova Scotia Come to Life, WCVB-TV Channel 5, and Magic 106.7 FM.

The holiday decorations throughout Boston Common and the Public Garden, including the city's official Christmas tree, a 46-foot white spruce donated by Craig and Marina Cook of Nova Scotia, will light up in sequence when Mayor Menino throws the switch with Santa. The annual display includes over 80 trees throughout Boston Common with additional enhancements including LED lighting illuminating Parkman Bandstand and projections on the ice at the Frog Pond. The celebration will feature performers from Nova Scotia and New England with WCVB TV-5 providing live coverage of the festivities.

There will be refreshments provided by in-kind sponsors including H.P. Hood, Dunkin' Donuts, Cabot Creamery, and Nantucket Nectars. In addition to Brian McKnight, the entertainment will include Canadian bluesman and Juno Award winner Garrett Mason, 2008 Boston POPSEARCH high school winner Katie Mayhew of West Tisbury, the Boston Arts Academy, the Masquerade cabaret troupe, and Magic 106.7's Nancy Quill and Mike Addams. Immediately following the Common tree lighting, Mayor Menino will join Back Bay residents at Arlington Street for the lighting of Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

This marks the seventh year that Nova Scotia joins with the City of Boston to present the Christmas tree on Boston Common. It is



Brian McKnight

also the 37<sup>th</sup> year that Nova Scotia has given a tree to the people of Boston as thanks for relief efforts following the December 6, 1917, explosion of a munitions ship in Hali-fax Harbor. Within 24 hours a train loaded with supplies and emergency personnel was

making its way from Boston to Nova Scotia.

Currently appearing on Broadway in the smash hit "Chicago," Brian McKnight is a Grammy-nominated singer, *songwriter*, arranger, *producer*, and multi-instrumentalist. His smooth R&B vocals have helped him sell over 16 million albums.

Garrett Mason is a Nova Scotia native who grew up on the blues of Albert Collins, B.B. King, and Stevie Ray Vaughan. His aptitude for strong original compositions and masterful guitar skills have been rewarded with the Juno Award for Best Blues Album, Maple Blues Award for New Artist of the Year, and Canadian Independent Award for Favorite Blues Artist.

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## Recent Happenings at the NORTH END BRANCH LIBRARY



The Friends of the North End Branch's Fall Book Sale held Saturday, October 4, 2008.

On Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the Friends of the North End Branch Library held their Fall Book Sale at Boston Public Library's North End Branch, 25 Parmenter Street, Boston. The weather was picture perfect and lots of folks came out to browse and buy books, videotapes, CD's and DVDs. The volunteers were wonderful. They worked very hard and when the sale was over, everything was packed up and neat in no time at all. If you are interested in joining "The Friends of the North End Branch Library" or want further information, please call: 617-227-8135.

On Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Boston Public Library's North End Branch hosted an author appearance and book signing program entitled, "Born Before Plastic": Stories from Boston's Most Enduring Neighborhoods" at the Branch, 25 Parmenter Street, Boston.



A "Memoir Project" participant, Anthony Frissora reads one of his stories from the book, "Born Before Plastic: Stories From Boston's Most Enduring Neighborhoods" at the North End Branch Library.

This noontime program came out of "The Memoir Project" which is co-sponsored by the City of Boston's Elderly Affairs Commission and Grub Street Incorporated, a Boston non-profit writing center.

Participants of the project who are from the North End read from their compelling true stories about growing up in Boston, their experiences during the Depression and World War II, etc. The room was overflowing with a fascinated audience. Copies of the book, "Born Before Plastic" were available for sale and the participants were very happy to autograph people's copies of the book. A lively reception accompanied the program. The Library wants to give a special thanks to Alexis Rizzuto and Louise Taglieri for making this program such a success!

## Winners of the 2008 North End Against Drugs Community Awards

John Dexter UnSung Hero — Jack Ferullo  
Barbara Anne DeCristoforo Senior Award — Luigi and Anna Arianello  
Andy Puopolo Youth Award — Justin Amoroso  
Emily Pugliano Public Servant Award — Traci Walker Griffith

Alumnus Award — Steven Virgilio  
NSTAR Business Award — Mike's Pastry  
Anthony Morella Good Guy Award — Tom Paladino  
President's Award — Boston Harbor Cruises  
Fred Carangelo Organization Award — NEWMA-Rebecca Griffin

## Farewell to the Saint Damian Society 11-12-08

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

"Our work is a labor of love," a simple motto that has been the guiding spirit of the Saint Damian Society for the past twenty years.

Saint Damian Society came into existence quietly and with little notice on October 4, 1988. The Society under the guidance of its founder Barbara Maldero would spend the next 20 years in works of charity that brought help and joy and the immediacy of caring from the members of the Society to thousands of people in need. Barbara was able to find space in the old Franciscan convent of Saint Leonard's Parish in the North End where she and six dedicated North End



Barbara Maldero

women came together to offer their time and talent in the service of the sick and needy.

The original mission of the Society was to work through

Catholic Medical Mission to help supply their need for roll bandages used to wrap the open sores of the lepers they served. The Society was named for the Catholic priest who spent his life on the island of Molokai tending to lepers; he eventually became a leper himself, serving his people till the disease took his life.

Members of the Society gathered once a week at the old convent on North Bennet Place where they cut and stitched together bandage strips 3" x 36" long, made from donated sheets, they rolled and packed them by the hundreds to be sent to the Medical Mission. Hospital gowns were fashioned out of old shirts; all were distributed to the various leper colonies they served.

Desiring to do more and with an expanded membership of twenty, the Society responded to the needs of local hospitals and charitable institutions made possible through contributions of members and organizing activities.

A casual visit to their new location in the Nazzaro Center just before Christmas was both an uplifting and inspiring experience. Piles of cartons filled with the year's output of the Society

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY Window Contest



Vilma's Boutique was the 2006 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner

East Boston Main Streets and the East Boston Chamber of Commerce are requesting all East Boston businesses to help light up the commercial districts for the holidays. The third annual Holiday window contest will be judged by local artists Laura Rollins and Melissa Tyler during the week of December 8<sup>th</sup>. The top three winners will receive local restaurant gift certificates and the next five winners will receive consolation prizes.

To enter contact East Boston Main Streets by calling 617-561-1044 or The East Boston Chamber of Commerce at 617-569-5000. Please help us make our business districts safer and more attractive by lighting up your storefront window.

## Upcoming Orient Heights Branch Library Events

### MEL SIMONS PRESENTS ONE MAN SHOW

Mel Simons will present his show, The Life & Songs of Al Jolson, Jimmy Durante, Eddie Cantor, & George M. Cohan at the Orient Heights Branch Library on Thursday, Nov. 20th at 7 p.m." Come on and hear Mel Simons as he astounds you with the great songs and amazing anecdotes of four show-biz legends. This "Yankee Doodle Dandy" program brings you back to a time before TV, CD's, and DVD's.

### ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP AT OH LIBRARY

The Orient Heights Branch Library holds an English conversation group on Wednes-

days at 4 p.m. Join the group and practice speaking English in an informal and friendly setting. This program is free and all levels are welcome.

### MYSTERY MONDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

On Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m., the Orient Heights Library will be holding a mystery discussion group. This month's selection is "What is Mine" by Anne Holt. Copies are available at the Orient Heights Branch Library. For more information, call (617) 567-2516. All events are held at the Orient Heights Branch Library, 18 Barnes Avenue, East Boston, MA.

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**Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It**

He was elected by the Press, (New York Times, Boston Globe, television's MSNBC, CNN, etc) and the ultra liberal network that included some Hollywood stars, the unions, and the Harvard University faculty and students. Can Barack Obama deliver all his campaign promises? Or is he just a fast talker??? Barack Obama's landslide victory was no surprise to anyone. As optimistic as I want to be, I have doubts. Moderate conservatives and many moderate liberals now need to be concerned that Obama is not the socialist he projected to be during his campaign with promises of "Sharing the Wealth". As for the social grabbers in this country, their mail boxes may just have gotten fuller in 2009. I expect that Obama will reward all the deadbeats that voted for him with our hard earned tax dollars. Remember, Obama supporters, if and when it happens, you voted to share your paycheck. One woman interviewed on television the night of the election was rejoicing because she believes Obama as President, will enable her to heat her home, and have her mortgage paid. Does anyone know what she was babbling about??? Again, it's called "sharing the wealth" an Obama campaign message! Having said that, for the good of the country we must as Patriots, unite and support the President-elect! As Americans we share a common goal and that is to keep America safe, to prosper, and continue to be a world leader! ... No surprise to anyone, "Lurch" came in again as Junior Senator from Massachusetts. But, with the Obama victory Massachusetts can expect John Kerry to vacate the seat A.S.A.P. and go off to Washington after Obama enters the White House! ... A bright side to the Obama win, expect Deval Patrick, our Massachusetts spend-thrift governor to be leaving for Washington soon with a new post. He flew to Chicago the night of the election, compliments of guess who (taxpayers)??? Other politicians that could be leaving their seats to move uptown include Tom Ambrosino, Mayor of Revere. Rumors are he's also eyeing to get aboard Obama's bandwagon. Ambrosino is a good friend and golf partner of

Deval Patrick who is "In like Flynn" with the Obamas! How many more deadbeats will Massachusetts be getting rid of is anyone's guess! Heard Barney Frank may be trying to get Kerry's seat! FAT CHANCE! Could the voters of Massachusetts be that dumb???? ... Wonder how Speaker of the House Nancy "Big Mouth" Pelosi, and Senator Harry Reid both with mouths as big as tunnels get along with Obama once he's in office? ... On the home front, street cleaning is coming to an end. Some considerate businesses on Bennington Street keep trash barrels outside their stores. They are meant for pedestrians to use. Please keep the town you live in clean by using the barrels. There is no need for anyone to throw trash on the streets unless you're a pig! ... Christmas is creeping up on us. Soon the city will come alive with Christmas lights, and Christmas festivities. Shoppers will be gearing up for the holiday! Keep East Boston healthy economically by doing business in East Boston. Everyone benefits. When there are donations for town events, it's the merchants that are the first to kick in. They are there for you. So, I'm asking shoppers be there for them during this Christmas season. Remember, charity begins at home, and it's a known fact that there are better deals in your own back yard ... having said that, the Chamber of Commerce in East Boston is collecting donations to light up East Boston during the Christmas season. You can donate a dollar or two in jars that are conveniently located in many shops in Eastie ... The Kowloon Restaurant is holding its 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on November 19<sup>th</sup>. All entertainment was produced by a local East Boston businessman David Oriola Management. This year featured entertainment is Grammy Award winners and Motown Legends The Dennis Edwards Temptations Review along with Grammy Award winner Tiny Tavares. For ticket information call 781-233-0077 ... Keep in mind the Post-Gazette is now open in East Boston on Mondays and Tuesdays taking in ads, memorials, legals, rentals, etc. Share your thoughts on East Boston by dropping by the office, and leaving a message for this column! ... Till next time!



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On Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup> the East Boston Chamber of Commerce hosted its first "Eastie Women Connect." It was a Speed Networking Night, held at Spinelli's in East Boston. The event was facilitated by Nancy McCabe. For more information about Eastie Women Connect Committee, contact Diane Modica 617-292-3329 or Grace Magoon 617-569-0175.



**Facilitator Nancy McCabe and East Boston Chamber of Commerce President Angelo Vigliotta, Jr.**

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**Atlantic Works Building**, 80 Border Street, Noon to 9:00pm — Artist Studios open Noon to 6:00pm

**80 Border Street Cultural Exchange Center**, Noon to 9:00pm "Two Sisters and a Friend from India" exhibit by Ejay Khan, Judy Wilburn and DT Lohith

3:00 to 5:00pm Open Mike with guest poets, Jane Ormerod and ICE

5:00 to 7:00pm wine and cheese reception for "Two Sisters" exhibit

7:30 to 9:00pm Sgt. Maxwell's Peace Chorus concert

**Atlantic Works Gallery** 2:00 to 6:00pm "The Biennial Project" Exhibit

**NEGLAA** (New England Gallery of Latin American Art), 184 Cottage Street Noon to 6:00 "Limbo" a midway state of being exhibit by Leo Espinosa

**YMCA** holiday fair 10:00 to 3:00 and Salvadoran artists group exhibit

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# Homestyle Thanksgiving Favorites

## THANKSGIVING DAY GATHERING - 1950

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

There wasn't a holiday that didn't excite me as a child. I enjoyed the "coming together" of relatives. It was then I heard stories of the family. I saw the excitement of various relatives sharing desserts and foods and stories of their past. I learned from those special moments.

A special Thanksgiving Holiday remains in my mind. It was a day of surprises. It was to be our first Thanksgiving Holiday in Wilmington, MA. My parents had recently moved into their newly renovated home in Wilmington. For many years we had spent time in the little cottage in that town but only in the summer.

Dad invited his niece, husband and three young children to spend the Thanksgiving Holiday with us in Wilmington. It had been a mild Fall that year. Dad's niece and family had lived in our apartment when they arrived in Boston from Sicily just a few years earlier. He wanted to celebrate the coming Thanksgiving Holiday in Wilmington "in the country" with them.

When they arrived Wednesday evening, Mama had already started her Tomato Meat Sauce for the Holiday and was about to prepare the stuffing for our large Turkey. I learned that our relatives seldom prepared Turkey for a meal.

Mama surprised all of us with artichokes. The children were delighted because they were familiar with them because they growing in Sicily.

After we settled in for the night, the youngsters slept on a mattress on the floor or on the large opened sofa bed in the living room. Some slept in the second bedroom.

When we awakened Thanksgiving morning, it was snowing. It snowed all day. None of us were prepared for that. We waited all day for it to stop snowing. As our meal was prepared and served, we hoped for the snow to stop. My Italian cousins were extremely excited. They had never seen snow and wanted to be out in the snow.

I often think about the day we first had a Thanksgiving Day Dinner in Wilmington with relatives, while our relatives experienced their first snowstorm in America.

Thanksgiving is coming and preparations are underway for the most fantastic holiday which reminds us of how important it is to be thankful for all that we have. Family, friends and health are the most important gifts. In this section we will explore and reminisce about the element that brings these gifts together "FOOD". Special thanks to Post-Gazette columnist Vita Sinopoli for sharing special recipes and stories about her Thanksgiving Day Traditions.

## MAMA'S STUFFED ARTICHOKE

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

15/16 oz Plain Breadcrumbs of choice

Prepare with:

5 tbs. grated Romano cheese

3 tbs. parsley flakes

1/2 tsp. garlic (powered or ground)

1/4 tsp. salt

A sprinkle of black ground pepper (optional)



### STUFFING ARTICHOKE

Wash each artichoke under running water.

Cut stem top of each artichoke and set aside.

Try spreading the artichoke leaves by hand; or press strongly on a tabletop or counter several times to make room for spreading breadcrumbs between the artichoke leaves.

Size of pan depends on size of artichokes.

Add 1 cup of water to bottom of a 6 or 8-quart pan. Sprinkle a little salt in water as needed. Place each "stuffed" artichoke, stem-side down, side by side. If desired, place cut-off-stems at bottom of pan to cook along with the stuffed artichokes. Spread a little Olive oil over the stuffed artichokes as they rest in the pan.

Cover pan after water boils. Allow slow boiling, but check frequently. Avoid burning bottoms.

## BASIC TURKEY ROASTING RECIPE

1. **Heat** oven to 325 degrees F.

2. **Remove** neck and giblets from the neck and body cavity. Rinse whole bird with cold water and pat dry with paper towels. Rub inside cavity and outside of turkey lightly with salt.

3. **Place** turkey, breast side up, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Brush skin with cooking oil and season. Insert a meat thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh, not touching bone, or use a quick-read meat thermometer toward the end of the cooking time to check doneness. Cover top of turkey with foil, leaving an air space between turkey and foil.

4. **Roast** about 20 minutes per pound if 8 to 10 pounds or 14 to 16 minutes per pound for larger turkeys (see the chart). Remove foil from turkey during last 1 hour of roasting time.

5. **Remove** from oven when meat thermometer reads 170 degrees F in the thigh, or when turkey drumsticks move easily in their sockets and juices from the thigh run clear. (If turkey is stuffed, make sure stuffing reaches 165 degrees F.)

6. **Let stand** 20 minutes before carving.



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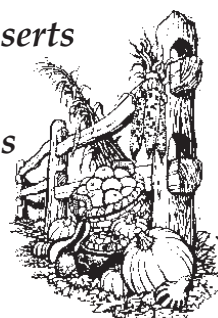
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# The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



**Pictured at the "49th Annual Ellis Antiques Show" Preview Gala at The Castle at the Park Plaza Hotel and Towers are Show Chairman Cecily Colburn, left, and Show Manager Chris Jussel. (Photo by Roger Farrington)**

A Gala Preview on October 30th opened the "49th Annual Ellis Antiques Show" at The Castle at the Park Plaza Hotel and Towers. A benefit for the Ellis Memorial and Eldredge House and the Whittier Street Health Center, the show is considered one of the "Top Five" and most prestigious annual antiques shows in the country.

Chairman Cecily Colburn remarked, "Chris Jussel and I developed a vision for making the show more broad based, one where visitors could walk in the door and be intrigued by both the variety and the exceptional level of antiques in over 35 booths ... and now we are thrilled that Lee Gallery is joining us. Boston is the first of the more 'traditional' Antiques Shows to present a Photography Dealer. We are all pleased to continue to present an innovative and varied selection of dealers, each of whom is among the best in their field."

New exhibitors were joined by more than 30 of the most noted antiques dealers in the country. "With such amazing dealers providing the backdrop for our fundraising

events, we hope to build on our success of last year and meet our goal of \$1 million by our 50th anniversary in 2009," added Colburn.

For further information about the 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2009, please call 617-248-8571 or e-mail [ellis20@verizon.net](mailto:ellis20@verizon.net).

..... We hear that some of



our local young talented musicians will get to celebrate Thanksgiving in Rome!

In addition to touring the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, instrumentalists from the New England Conservatory (NEC) and the Youth Orchestra of the Americas (YOA) will join forces in a performance of Haydn's "Harmoniemesse" during the seventh annual "Festival Internazionale di Musica e Arte Sacra," on November 26 in Saint Peter's Basilica.

The 50-piece "festival orchestra," which will include 22 NEC players, will be conducted by the internationally renowned German Bach specialist Helmuth Rilling. Cardinal Angelo Comastri, Archpriest of Saint Peter's Basilica, will celebrate the High Mass.

Created by the Fondation Pro Musica e Arte Sacra, the music festival takes place every autumn for two months and presents concerts in the Papal Basilicas of Rome. The Orchestra-in-Residence is the Vienna Philharmonic and featured conductors in the past have included Riccardo Muti and Seiji Ozawa.

The purpose of the festival is to increase public awareness of the foundation's work in raising funds for the



**Beverly Morgan-Welch, Jermaine Myrie and Monica Cost, left to right, enjoy the "49th Annual Ellis Antiques Show" Preview Gala at The Castle at the Park Plaza Hotel and Towers. (Photo by Roger Farrington)**

restoration of religious artifacts and buildings — some of the projects being the basilicas themselves. One of the culminating highlights of each festival is the annual Eucharistic Celebration in which music, performed by a youth orchestra or chorus, is played within the context of the liturgy.

Besides the St. Peter's concert, the NEC/YOA musicians will spend five days in Rome taking part in rehearsals, a private tour of Vatican museums and Sistine Chapel, gala parties and receptions, and a festive Thanksgiving dinner hosted by YOA co-founder Hilda Ochoa Brillembourg and her husband Arturo.

The NEC/YOA performance in the festival is

made possible in part by the generous support of The Lynch Foundation.

YOA is led by Artistic Advisor, Plácido Domingo and Principal Conductors Carlos Miguel Prieto and Gustavo Dudamel.

For further information about the two organizations, visit [www.yoa.org](http://www.yoa.org) and [www.newenglandconservatory.edu](http://www.newenglandconservatory.edu).

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all!

..... "Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical" makes its Boston debut, playing at the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre for 66 performances, Wednesday, November 26 through Sunday, December 28.

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# Bob D's Beat

by Bob DeCristoforo

## AMERICA WON, AMERICA ONE

After it was made official that Barack Obama was elected the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States one of the many, who were interviewed, said if he had to write a headline it would be: America Won! America One! Something to think about ... God Bless our President-Elect. God Bless America.

## ST. MARY'S CHAPEL REOPENS

St. Mary's Chapel on Thatcher Steet in the North End has reopened, and the 4:00 pm Saturday afternoon Mass has resumed.

## MARIE J. CONLEY

When I heard about the Boston School Crossing Guard being hit by a car while on her job in Dorchester, the name rang a bell, and when I heard that she had died, the bell rang louder. I was getting ready to make a call to a friend in Dorchester to inquire, but that night her two sons came through my gate at the Garden, one of them had been a student of mine at Christopher Columbus High School. Marie's Prayer Card read "A beautiful life that came to an end, she died as she lived everyone's friend. In our hearts a memory will always be kept of one we loved, and will never forget."

## NEAD FAMILY DINNER, FAMILY TALK

North End Against Drugs hosted their Family Dinner, Family Talk event at the Nazzaro Center on Monday. The well attended event was made possible through the Massachusetts Convention Authority (MCCA) grant and a generous donation from the NEAA. Special "Thank You" to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Romano, a Police Area A Youth Officer was the guest speaker, who shared some thoughts and experiences with us, Carl Ameno and his Nazzaro Center staff, NEAD Board members and volunteers.

## PRADO CLEANUP

The Friends of the Prado will have their Annual Fall Cleanup Saturday (November 15) from 9am to 12 noon. All are invited to get involved with this great community event. The Prado is one of our North End treasures.

## POLICE STATION TO BE DEDICATED

Saturday (November 15) the new and long awaited Charlestown Police Station will be dedicated in a 10:30am ceremony. A lot of people over a lot of years did a lot of work to make this a reality, and this day is a tribute to their hard work and dedication.

## WE'RE INVITED

Father Mahoney invites us to the St. Francis de Sales Crafts Fair which takes place this Sunday (November 16) at 12 noon to 4pm up at the Bishop Lawton Church Hall in Charlestown. The Fair is hosted by the St. Francis de Sales Social Club. It's a good place to start some early Christmas shopping!

## POLICE CADET EXAM

The Boston Police Cadet exam for those between the ages of 18-24 will be given on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. You must register by December 5<sup>th</sup>! For more information and qualifications call 617-343-4677 or check [www.jointhebpd.com](http://www.jointhebpd.com)

## HIGH SCHOOL PREP NOTEBOOK

Travis White's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter TD wasn't enough as Madison Park nipped Charlestown 14-12. DeV Vaughn Goss had both MP touchdowns. East Boston 'Jets' stopped Boston English 22-14. Mike Wyatt had a pair of TDs for Eastie. South Boston 'dissed' on West Roxbury 22-0. Could be a Southie-Eastie championship showdown come Thanksgiving! Brighton held off Latin Academy 44-28. O'Bryant shutout Hyde Park 31-0, and Dorchester belted Burke 22-12. In the GBL 7-1 Everett defeated Somerville 38-8.

St. John's Prep upped Malden Catholic 34-6 and CM rocked Plymouth South 27-7. Tyler Horan had a couple of TDs to lead the BC High Eagles past the Xaverian Hawks 28-21. Pope John shutout Matignon 33-0. Arlington Catholic upended Spellman 22-15 and St. Clement tipped Mystic Valley 30-24. Undefeated BBN behind the arm of Mike DiChiara, who tossed five touchdown passes, beat up Roxbury Latin 34-14. Undefeated Lawrence Academy downed St. Paul 46-3. BBN and Lawrence Academy will play in the ISL championship game this Saturday. Boston Latin is the Division 1 Central/East Volleyball Champions. The Wolfpack defeated Newton South to take the Title.

## COLLEGE BOARD: BC FOOTBALL, NOTRE DAME HOCKEY REACH NEW HEIGHTS!



Doug Flutie statue

It was a big weekend up at the Heights. Friday afternoon they unveiled a very impressive statue of Doug Flutie commemorating the former BC quarterback's historic 'Miracle in Miami' pass that sank the Hurricanes 47-45 on the final play of the November 24<sup>th</sup> 1984 game ... 25 years ago! Friday night the Notre Dame Icemen were in town to play the Eagles and Saturday night Notre Dame and BC battled on the football field. It was all BC. The Eagles shutout Notre Dame 17-0. On the ice the 12<sup>th</sup> ranked 'Fighting Irish' stung 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked BC 4-1 in a rematch of last year's NCAA Championship game. A packed house watched two very fine goaltenders battle it out. John Muse had 19 quality saves for the Eagles and Jordan Pearce had 27 quality saves for ND. Jordan was the difference. It was a real good hockey game, and brought back some good memories of a weekend in Denver. In Providence 'the Irish' rolled on topping the Friars 4-1 (Earlier in the week the Friars came from behind to tie up Vermont 2-2). BC Football has improved to 6-3, and the Notre Dame Hockey team goes to 6-3-0. Maine won its first Hockey East game shocking BC 2-1 on Brian Flynn's goal with less than two minutes to go. Two goals by Colin Wilson, the second being the game winner with just 15 seconds to go in regulation, gave BU a 6-4 win Lowell and Vermont added to Lowell woes drowning the River Hawks 3-1. Andy Braithwaite had 34 saves as Merrimack picked off its first Hockey East win of the season stunning 19<sup>th</sup> ranked UMass 3-1. Northeastern rolled over Bentley 4-1 in a nonleaguer. UNH picked up only one point in its series at Minnesota. The 4<sup>th</sup> ranked Golden Gophers came from behind to tie up UNH 2-2, and then paced by a 4 goal third period whipped the Wildcats 6-2. Over in the ECAC 18<sup>th</sup> ranked Harvard was defeated by RPI 3-2 and Union 3-1. In Women's Hockey St. Anselm's, under first year coach Kirstin Matthews, is already 2-0 with a 5-3 win over Norwich, and a 3-0 win over Castleton. Townie Alexa Hingston has begun her sophomore season at St. Anselm's.

## PROLINE

On the move! Danny McGoff is now a member of the ECHL Trenton Devils. He started the year with the Charlotte Checkers. Trenton is the NHL affiliate of the New Jersey Devils and the AHL Lowell Devils ... Charlotte, we hardly knew you!

## EDUCATION PLUS

Entrance Test dates for the Newman School are Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm, Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am, and Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am. There is NO FEE for this test. Call 617-267-4530 or check out [www.newmanboston.org](http://www.newmanboston.org) for more details.

## TIDBITS

- Congratulations to Mrs. Frasca.
- St. Stephen's Annual Food Drive continues now through November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Leonard's Annual Christmas Fair and Food Court.
- November 21<sup>st</sup> 'A Park For All Seasons' Gala at Inter-Continental Hotel-Boston.
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> NEAD Community Award Night at Tecce's.

## SMILE!

# VIDEO VIEWS

by Bob Morello

... more than meets the eye

## THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY: THE COMPLETE THIRD SEASON (3-DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Laurie's in love. Danny's in trouble. Shirley's in debt. And Keith is flunking sex education! These are just a few of the hijinks that take place in the 25 episodes of the third season of the '70s TV favorite *The Partridge Family*. Shirley Jones heads up the fatherless family of six — Keith (David Cassidy), Laurie (Susan Dey), Danny (Danny Bonaduce) plus the two youngest, Chris (Brian Forster) and Tracy (Suzanne Crough). Together they meet a princess, a convict, a biker, and a millionaire, all while taking on rogue computers, racehorses, crooks, crushes and even a flash flood. Lots of laughs with the musical *Partridge Family*. (10 hrs. 43 mins./Available now).

## THE STRANGERS (DVD)

Univ. Studios Home Ent.

'Fear' is a 4-letter word that can stay with you forever. *The Strangers* was inspired by true events that took place in the Hoyt family's vacation home on February 11, 2005. It was a night of celebration for Kristen McKay (Liv Tyler) and James Hoyt (Scott Speedman), suddenly everything collapsed for the happy couple. A 4 a.m. knock at the door of their remote getaway, and a haunting voice, "Is Tamara here?" — it becomes a psychological night of terror. Three masked strangers invade the home, forcing Kristen and James to go far beyond what they thought themselves capable of if they hope to survive. (1 hr. 28 mins./Available now).

## ANACONDA 3:

## OFFSPRING (DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

Coil up on the couch and prepare yourself for more action, more danger and more snakes! The giant anacondas are back in the next chapter in the thrilling series, starring David Hasselhoff as Hammett, the ruthless mercenary and snake slayer. In a secret research facility, two mega snakes are undergoing testing by a brilliant scientist, Amanda (Crystal Allen). But when financier, Murdoch (John Rhys-Davies), pushes the experiment too far, the snakes escape, hungry and heading for civilization. What Hammett doesn't know is one of the snakes is expecting a litter of slithering offspring. Now the race is on to head off the snakes' constant onslaught before reaching the city. (1 hr. 31 mins./Available now).

## THE INCREDIBLE HULK (3-DVD)

Universal Studios

Home Ent.

Ed Norton stars as scientist Bruce Banner, a man who has been living in shad-

ows, scouring the planet for an antidote to the unruly force of rage within him: *The Hulk*. But when the military masterminds who dream of exploiting his powers force him back to civilization, he finds himself coming face to face with his most formidable foe — The Abomination — a nightmarish beast of pure aggression whose powers match the Hulk's own! Also starring Liv Tyler, Tim Roth and William Hurt. (3 hrs. 48 mins./Available now).

## THE LITTLE RASCALS: THE COMPLETE COLLECTION (8-DVD) Genius Ent.

For the first time, all 80 original theatrical shorts of the groundbreaking comedy classic *The Little Rascals* are now available in one collection, with Spanky, Alfalfa, Buckwheat, Darla, Pete the Pup, and all the favorites from "Our Gang." The digitally restored, uncut collection contains fascinating commentaries, insightful behind-the-scenes features, and fond memories shared by the cast members. The unique collection also contains an Exclusive Booklet with movie stills and fascinating fun facts about the history of *The Little Rascals*. Not just for longtime fans, this is must-have pleasure for a whole new generation. (22 hrs. 55 mins./Available now).

## BLOOD+:

## VOLUME THREE (DVD)

Sony Pictures Home Ent.

The battle continues in *Blood+: Volume Three*, the next five episodes in Red Shield assassin Saya Otomashi's epic attempt to destroy the Chiropteran race. While tracking the contents of a mysterious container, Saya and her friends stumble upon the ultimate horror: a secret Chiropteran-breeding farm hidden deep within the jungle of Vietnam. Mark Mancina's phenomenal music score envelops an intricately plotted story line packed with astonishing twists and turns. (2 hrs. 3 mins./Available now).

## LOVE FOR SALE (DVD)

One Village Ent.

A sexy comedy proving that sometimes too much of a good thing can be the worst thing for you. Trey (Jackie Long) is a young deliveryman who can't seem to catch a break. His whole life is a shambles ... no money for college and no game to attract the ladies. After a failed attempt to get together with the girl of his dreams (Mya), Trey gets caught up with a seductive older woman (Melyssa Ford), who pays for his "personal delivery services." Having the time of his life ... the deceptively 'ideal' situation soon sends his life spinning out of control. (1 hr. 46 mins./Available now).

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ber 20<sup>th</sup> through November 23, 2008. This is a scathing political satire on the bottom line of capitalism. Come and be really entertained! A fantastic show! For tickets, performance times and more information about these shows, please call 617-912-9222 or visit [www.bostonconservatory.edu](http://www.bostonconservatory.edu).

**SOMERVILLE THEATER**  
**55 Davis Square, Somerville, MA**  
**AIMEE MANN'S 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW** - December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. Aimee's guests at her previous Christmas shows included talented musicians as Ben Lee, Nellie McKay and Grant Lee Phillips. Who knows who Mann will bring along with her to help celebrate the holidays this year. For more information call: 617-625-5700.

**LOEB DRAMA CENTER**  
**64 Brattle Street, Harvard Square Cambridge, MA**  
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**Cutler Majestic Theatre**  
**219 Tremont Street, Boston, MA**  
**THE NOSE** - February 27, 2009; March 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009. This is an absurdist satirical opera about a petty bureaucrat who faces an identity crisis when his nose leaves his face and takes on a life of its own. It is sung in Russian with English supertitles. For more info, please call: 617-451-3388.

**THE SHUBERT THEATRE**  
**265 Tremont Street, Boston, MA**  
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**136 Mass Ave, Boston, MA**  
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**1 Hamilton Place, Boston, MA**  
**ROBIN WILLIAMS LIVE!** - Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 7:30 PM. Check out one of his Boston performances that is guaranteed to make you laugh. Special VIP tickers are available. Please call 617-931-2000 or log onto [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) for tickets.

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**CRACKIN' IT UP** - Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> - A Red Sox "Family Feud" Style Game show event to benefit the *Hits for Kids* Charitable Organization. There will be a cocktail reception with dinner, a VIP party with an auction. For tickets and more information, please call: 617-964-9685 or visit [www.Youksskids.org](http://www.Youksskids.org).

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**BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA**  
**PALLADIO IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA 1615-1815** - Monday, November 17, 2008 at 6:30 PM. The October Italian American Heritage Month Committee of Massachusetts presents R. Malcolm Smuts, Professor of History of the University of Massachusetts, Boston who will lead this discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

**NIAF ALL-EXPENSES-PAID VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY PROGRAM - ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

The NIAF will sponsor its Ambassador Peter F. Secchia Voyage of Discovery program, an educational and cultural initiative that sends more than 40 Italian-American students to Italy each year. This all-expenses-paid trip will take place between May and June 2009. The goal of NIAF's Voyage

of Discovery program is to strengthen Italian- American students' understanding of their heritage and the contributions Italy has made to the world. The 10-day trip will include educational lectures, meetings with government officials and business leaders, and visits to government offices, international businesses, museums, and other cultural attractions. You must be between the ages of 18 and 23 at the time of travel May 2009; students must be enrolled in a college/university for the semester preceding the trip Spring 2009; and students must be of Italian heritage. The application deadline is Tuesday, January 6, 2009 5 p.m. Apply online [www.niaf.org/voyageofdiscovery](http://www.niaf.org/voyageofdiscovery). Applicants are also required to mail a transcript and two written recommendations from a teacher, school official, or political/community leader in ONE envelope. Visit [www.niaf.org](http://www.niaf.org).

**CALENDARIO EVENTI ITALIANI A BOSTON NOVEMBRE 2008**

**Domenica 16 - CONFERENZA SULLA DIETA MEDITERRANEA**

Alle 16.00, all'Hyatt Regency Hotel di Cambridge, MA, prende il via la tre giorni promossa da Oldways Preservation Trust (l'organizzazione no-profit definita il "food issues think tank") per celebrare il 15mo anniversario della "Mediterranean Diet Pyramid" negli USA. Era infatti il gennaio 1993, quando un gruppo di studiosi e scienziati introdusse in questo Paese il concetto di "Dieta Mediterranea", quale modello di alimentazione salutare. Nel programma sono previste conferenze sui benefici della dieta mediterranea, incontri scientifici, dimostrazioni culinarie sulla preparazione di un pasto mediterraneo, spuntini e colazioni a base di prodotti tipici. L'Istituto Italiano per il Commercio Estero (ICE) e' uno degli sponsor della manifestazione ed il Console Generale Stellino prendera' parte alla cerimonia inaugurale. Una piccola esposizione di prodotti tipici italiani sara' allestita all'ingresso dell'area dedicata ai seminari. Per maggiori informazioni sull'evento, visitare il sito: [www.oldwayspt.org](http://www.oldwayspt.org)

**Lunedì 17 - PALLADIO IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA 1615-1815**

Nell'ambito delle manifestazioni dell'Italian American Heritage Month, a cura dell'omonimo Comitato organizzativo, alla Boston Public Library (ore 18.30), il Prof. Malcolm Smuts della University of Massachusetts terra' una conferenza sull'opera del grande artista italiano Andrea Palladio.

**Martedì 18 - SEMINARIO SU MAX ASCOLI E INAUGURAZIONE DELLA MOSTRA DOCUMENTARIA "THE INDELIBLE ITALIAN SPIRIT"**

Alle 17.30, a Boston University, serata in onore di alcune grandi personalita' italiane, i cui archivi sono custoditi presso l'Howard Gotlieb Archival Center di BU. Il Prof. Renato Camurssi parlera' sul tema: MAX ASCOLI: ANTIFASCISTA, INTELLETTUALE, GIORNALISTA. Verranno poi mostrati manoscritti, lettere e fotografie di Ascoli, come anche di Oriana Fallaci, Danilo Dolci e Niccolo' Tucci.

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## Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Men and women agree that women are more honest, intelligent, compassionate, and creative. But men still get a significant edge as leaders — and from both genders. 69% of all respondents said men and women made equally strong leaders. But only 6% said women made better leaders while 21% said men did. Men and women held those views almost equally.

Remember, if it wasn't for our mothers none of us would be here today! Yes, a woman brought us into this world, a woman nursed us, guided us, a woman watched over us, a woman was there when we were sick, and a woman inspired us. When people are dying they always call for their mother, "Ma! Help me! Pray for me!"

Tap water linked to diabetes. Arsenic in the U.S. water supply may be linked to an upswing in cases of Type 2 diabetes, a new study finds. The toxin is commonly found in drinking water, though usually at levels so minuscule that experts did not think it posed a threat. But a new study by researchers at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore found that even tiny amounts of arsenic can have a harmful effect. An analysis of arsenic levels in the urine of 788 people found a nearly fourfold increase in the risk of diabetes in people with minute arsenic concentrations in their systems, compared with people with even more negligible amounts. Arsenic can enter the water supply when minerals break down naturally or as an industrial pollutant. Some advocates are now pushing for tougher drinking-water standards and better filtration methods. "The good news is, this is preventable," study author Dr. Ana Navas-Acien tells the *Associated Press*.

"I never drink water — that's the stuff that rusts pipes." So says W.C. Fields.

Frank Arricale says when a man tries to drown his troubles, he never uses water.

The frugal Tom Analetto of Medford, says, "If you want to liquidate your debts, don't spend your money like water."

Joey Antonelli of Somerville thinks the best way to prevent the water from coming into your house is not to pay the water bill.

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill, says, "If you want to make something tender, keep it in hot water, unless it's your husband."

Some tips on how to stay healthy while flying. Eat and drink properly. "Hydration is key," as is figuring out the "right preflight meal." Before flying, eat a protein-packed meal, such as a burger, to avoid nausea. Drink 64 to 80 ounces of water per day. Limit alcohol, caffeine, and other diuretics, avoid in-flight coffee and tea, which are usually made with a jet's tank water. Begin drinking 20 ounces of black tea daily a week before your trip. According to the National Academy of Sciences, it causes the body to secrete two to four times more interferon, strengthening the immune system. And an airplane's reduced air pressure and lower oxygen levels can result in headaches, nausea, and dizziness. Before departing, consider asking your physician for acetazolamide, a drug that helps your body metabolize more oxygen. Taking 250 milligrams twice a day after traveling can relieve those symptoms Source: Men's Health.

The mentioning of flying inspired Carlo Scostumato to think of flies. Carlo claims nothing makes a bald-headed man so mad as a fly that doesn't know when it has had enough.

Flying high! If airfares continue climbing, air travel may become a luxury only the rich can afford, said Gary Stroller in *USA Today*. "Airfares have risen this summer more than in any year in the past quarter century. That estimate doesn't even take into account the laundry list of fees that fliers now pay for everything from changing tickets to checking bags.

Cash-strapped airlines have found a new source of revenue: surfboards. Several carriers have started charging up to \$300 to check each board, generating protests from surfing aficionados who point out that airlines charge far less for golf clubs.

Sickening news! Uninsured Americans will spend about \$30 billion out of pocket this

year on health care, says a new Urban Institute study. An additional \$56 billion in costs will be covered by other sources, primarily the federal government and state agencies.

Punsters! Christina DelGraio What does Dracula take when he has a cold? Coffin syrup. Where do sheep get their haircuts? At the baa baa shop. And, the acrobat really liked his Christmas presents. In fact, he flipped over them.

A pun from Al Russo of Albert A. Russo Imports "Life is like a shower. One wrong turn and you're in hot water."

Ugh. Romance, after the wedding of the world's heaviest man. Mexican Manuel Uribe, who has slimmed down to 683 pounds from 1,244, attended the ceremony in a custom-made bed and passed up the cake. "He didn't break his diet," said his mother.

Flushing news! A passenger on a French high-speed railroad line got his arm stuck in a high-tech suction toilet. The man, who was reaching for his dropped cell phone, had to be removed from the train with the toilet still attached to his arm.

Achtung! Hitler's favorite meal: A Belgian public television station cancelled its planned airing of a show about Adolph Hitler's favorite meal. The Flemish broadcaster VRT was going to feature Hitler on an episode of its popular show *Favorite Dish*, which profiles the food choices of such notables as singer Freddie Mercury and artist Salvador Dali. But after Jewish groups protested, VRT pulled the Hitler episode. "There is a wrong perception that the show would humanize or, worse, glorify Hitler," the station said. The episode would have showed a chef traveling to southern Germany to prepare in butter sauce, a meal Hitler often requested.

When World War II ended in Europe, we visited Hitler's home in Berchtesgaden. Along with Captain Borom, we toured the area and Captain Borom took a picture of me standing in front of a large window, where Hitler once stood. Wow! To think, we walked the same ground Hitler once walked. Yes, still in my possession are the photos of our visit to Berchtesgaden.

Still in my possession, a booklet distributed to us entitled, If you are CAPTURED these are your rights. The small booklet listed the rights guaranteed to us under the Geneva Convention: 1. You may receive letters and packages from home. 2. You may write a stipulated number of letters monthly. 3. You may advise your family of your capture. 4. You may receive books. 5. You may worship in your own way. And remember this: The United States is treating enemy prisoners of war in accordance with the rules. You have a right to demand that your captor do the same. And that's the way it was.

Our distinguished musicologist Albert Natale provided us with the names of some popular songs during World War II. "Green Eyes," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Rosie, the Riveter," "I Left My Heart at the Stage Door Canteen," "That Old Black Magic," "G.I. Jive," "I Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night," "Don't Fence Me In," "Long Ago and Far Away," "Dream," "Put the Blame on Mame," "Autumn Serenade," "Let It Snow," "Deep in the Heart of Texas," "Jersey Bounce," "Racing with The Moon," "You Made Me Love You," "I'll Remember April," "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition," "White Christmas," "Happiness is a Thing Called Joe," "This Is the Army, Mr. Jones," "You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To," "As Time Goes By," "It's a Grand Night for Singing," and "I'll Never Smile Again."

Natale reminds us that some of the top stars during World War II were Betty Grable, Bob Hope, Abbott and Costello, Mickey Rooney, Clark Gable, James Cagney, Cary Grant, Bette Davis, Humphrey Bogart, Greer Garson, Roy Rogers, Judy Garland, Van Johnson, and Margaret O'Brien.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



## Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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### LOBSTER MARINARA SAUCE

1 28 oz. can crushed tomatoes  
1 large onion chopped  
2 chopped garlic cloves (Optional)  
4 tbs. olive oil  
2 oz. wine of choice (Optional)  
2 one pound Lobsters (whole) or equal amount of  
Lobster meat of choice

Place olive oil and chopped onion in a saucepan or large skillet. Simmer onion until opaque. Add chopped garlic if desired but **do not** brown garlic. Add crushed tomatoes, stir and cover to cook slowly. In a few minutes, stir one cup of water into sauce Simmer and stir frequently over medium/low heat to avoid burning or sticking.

Add Lobster, whole or in portions, into saucepan or skillet and cover. Be prepared for splashing when placing lobster into sauce. If needed, add 1/2 cup of water to sauce and stir before covering. **Simmer slowly.** Whole Lobsters should cook in sauce for at least **thirty minutes**, depending on size. Whole Lobsters larger than 1 pound each may need to cook longer.

**Optional** Ten minutes before serving, add wine of choice into the Lobster Sauce and stir. Cover and simmer **slowly** for two minutes. Remove covered pan from heat. Set aside.

Note: This is an easy recipe to prepare on your gas grill in the summer or in your home at any time. It is best to have **all ingredients ready** for the saucepan or skillet before beginning the sauce.

After I add the whole Lobster or Lobster meat in the sauce to cook I make sure that a pan with water is heating on my stove to boil the macaroni for my family. My family enjoys pasta with the Lobster sauce as part of this meal.

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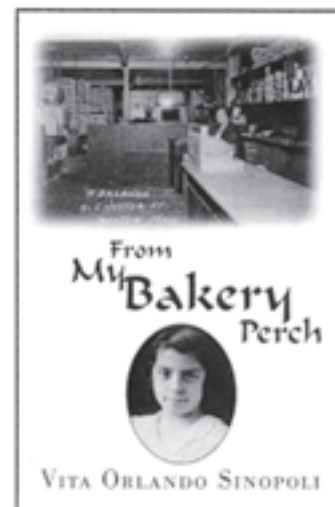
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time and returning voters through the voting process, and they deserve much of the credit for the day's success. By preparing very well ahead of time, the Election Department made sure that all polling locations had sufficient amounts of ballots and staff. At City Hall, volunteers staffing the department's phone bank helped voters by translating for non-English speakers at the polls and answering last minute questions about voting status and polling locations. All of this cooperation and preparation made for an exciting and successful voting experience.

I also want to thank those who not only did their civic duty by voting but made the extra effort to help out a

neighbor in need by donating a canned good that day as well. In total, Election Day donations to the Boston Can Share program resulted in 5,000 pounds of food that will help restock the shelves of the Greater Boston Food Bank during the high demand holiday season. As part of the ongoing Mayor's Food and Fuel Campaign, these donations represent nearly 4,000 meals for those most in need. The United Way was a great partner in this effort.

Last Tuesday was a great example of what we can achieve by working together and participating in the democratic process. It's my hope that this level of energy and enthusiasm will carry over for many elections to come.



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# Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



"The difference between men and boys is the size of their toys." I've heard this statement many times over the years but never paid attention to it. After teaching a class on the art and architecture of ancient Rome the other night, I headed for a Dunkin Donut shop where friends of mine gather a couple of times a week. These friends are part of a loose confederation of old car enthusiasts and get together to talk about antique cars, hotrods, classic cars, muscle cars and the parts that are necessary to keep these vehicles from the past running without problems.

Many of these old car owners volunteered to bring their cars into the Columbus Day Parade in East Boston last month. They do this as a favor each year but many complained about our location in the parade on more than one occasion since October the 12<sup>th</sup>. Being located in Division 3 with the Sons of Italy, we were preceded by the first two divisions with people marching, large floats and who knows what else. As a result, many of our cars overheated due to the stop and go type of driving we experienced. We would drive 50 yards; wait five minutes and then drive another 50 yards, not good for old cars that weren't designed for that kind of driving.

Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn were the first to pull out of the parade with their 1965 Jaguar. Next I lost a 56 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser convertible, a 1966 Cadillac convertible, and then a 1959 Cadillac 4 door hardtop. I saw all of them swerve out of the parade line and head for side streets where they could speed up a little and cool their overheated radiators. A friend, Bob Frissore, was driving my 66 Thunderbird and called to tell me he was over heating. I stopped, jumped out of my 62 Lincoln, ran back to the T-bird, hit a switch below the dash that triggers an auxiliary fan and the temperature gauge began to head back to normal. When I got back to the Lincoln, it began to shake and blow jet black smoke from the tail pipes. From the stop and go driving, my oil was overheating. I had to pull out of the parade or destroy the engine. I had signs taped on each side of the car, both saying "Post-Gazette Staff Car." As a result, waving to

the crowd from the back seat was our publisher/editor, Pam Donnaruma. I also lost two or three hotrods due to the same problem, overheating.

Dean Saluti, I and the rest of the Renaissance Lodge usually sponsor a luncheon for the old car crowd after each Columbus Day parade. All of the cars that were in trouble arrived at the VFW in Beachmont without further mishap. After a buffet of pasta, eggplant parm, meatballs, chicken and salad, put together by Spinelli's, the worries began to subside. Dean and I conversed about the problems we encountered due to the stop and go progress we experienced and agreed it was standard procedure especially when we are located in East Boston. As you may know, the Columbus Day parade in Boston alternates between Eastie and the North End, an annual process that has been on-going for about a century. The movement isn't as bad when we travel through the North End, but we both agreed that we needed to be in the front of the parade if we were going to continue to have the old car enthusiasts join us each year. I guess we're going to have to work on this between now and next October.

Why was I so upset with this problem? Well as my first sentence indicates, these are our toys. We are big kids and we have big kid's toys. Most of the vehicles owned by our friends are cars we remembered from the points in time when we were young and couldn't afford them. Today, even though we have a short summer season, these cars are treated with kid gloves and driven only to get-togethers. As a matter of fact, most owners won't even take them out of their garages if a hint of rain is in the air. That's how pampered these vehicles are.

Later that night, I began thinking about my Dad and Babbonnonno. They really didn't have hobbies. Babbonnonno came from a point in time when survival was of the most importance. He didn't have time for luxuries beyond overindulging his family at the dinner table. Dad was a child of the Great Depression of the 1930s, and although he did well financially, didn't squander money on things as frivolous as

rare stamps or coins, exotic butterflies or old cars, for that matter. His ideas weren't that far removed from those of Babbonnonno which included: a roof over your head, good food on the table and clothes on your back. That was it. A picnic now and then during the summer months might be the only expenditure of extra money, but this was mainly food (again) and shared with family and friends.

My generation is the one that began spending money for things that are not necessities. I and many of my friends have owned boats, old cars, summer cottages, or have taken multiple vacations during the various seasons of the year. I guess we haven't been as fearful as the generations that preceded us when it comes to money.

I have always indulged in hobbies. When I was a kid, I made model airplanes, especially the American fighters and bombers of WW II. Later, I had a collection of baseball cards and several years after that, a collection of Playboy magazines. Dad never interfered with any of these hobbies, but Babbonnonno thought each was a waste of time and money. I did catch him looking at a centerfold of a Playboy magazine on more than one occasion, Dad, too. I can imagine what my grandfather would have said if I was into old cars when he was alive.

Well, the Columbus parade is just a memory and the old cars have been put to bed for the winter. What is left is meeting up with the old car enthusiasts at places like Dunkin Donuts and conversing about faulty carburetors, radiators that overheat or which manufacturer produces old style white wall tires that are actually radials. We will continue this through the rest of the fall, the winter and early spring. When the weather becomes more palatable in March or April, we will resume with pampering and driving our old cars.

Sorry, Babbonnonno, I guess we think a bit differently on several things. You spent your extra money on making good wine and I spend mine on keeping up a good antique car, but those options are what this country is all about. GOD BLESS AMERICA

• The Socially Set (Continued from Page 9)



Robin Sears, left, and her sister, Committee member Sasa Panarese, smile for the camera at The Castle at the Park Plaza Hotel and Towers.

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..... For the first time since April 2002 when he stepped down as BSO music director after a 27-year tenure, Boston Symphony Orchestra Music Director Lau-

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Enjoy!  
(Be sure to visit Hilda Morrill's gardening Web site, [www.bostongardens.com](http://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.)



"49<sup>th</sup> Annual Ellis Antiques Show" Committee member Deb Hanley, left, and Suki de Braganca enjoy the Preview Gala.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

(FROM ITALIAN  
NEWSPAPERS AND  
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**THE NEW FIAT 500: A GOLDEN NUGGET?** A new, special model of the resuscitated 500 FIAT, painted with real gold, is worth 70,000 euro (@ \$100,000). Of course, it is the most expensive 500 model ever made. By the way, the FIAT 500 is a two-cylinder 'tiny' box! This new product is the brain child of "Studio M" which designs and manufactures exclusive cars only, and for the very rich! This special 'nugget', painted in gold, has the interiors with special decorations, e.g. even the skin of a piton is visible! The controls 'handles and the pedals too are golden. A Maserati 'four-door', also painted with gold and with rubies, is being readied for an Arabian Prince who placed a special order for it. Several super rich individuals, whose identity is being kept secret by the FIAT Corporation, have placed orders for a few golden cars also produced by "Studio M". At this point, May I urge our readers to place ... their orders as quick as possible!

I'm sure most prospective customers are not going ... to rush!

**THE CELLOPHANE IS A CENTURY OLD.** The cellophane has been in virtually every house since its discovery (1908). It is used to wrap food, packages, flowers and a myriad of other products. Now it is set to conquer new space, new frontiers. The cellophane was invented in 1908 by a Swiss engineer, Jacques Edwin Brandeberger. The idea came to him while he was eating at a restaurant, looking for a solution to avoid that wine spots the table top. He began to think of a material, that placed on top of a fabric would make it impermeable. Following a few experiments he found the solution in the cellulose. He got the patent in 1912, and almost instantly a new industrial product hit the market. During WWI, the production was limited; it provided sheets for the gas masks to protect the eyes. But soon, with the end of the hostilities, production of many types of cellophane exploded. In a short time, cellophane was used for packages and many other articles. Today we find that over 50,000 tons of cellophane is produced annually.

Many have seen the musical "Chicago" on the stage, and have heard the song "Mister Cellophane"; it shared the Oscar ("Chicago"). In the world of fashion, the cellophane is widely used to protect all kinds of dresses, suits, and the like; it has been used to make wedding gowns!

### PROLONGED VACATIONS CAUSE SERIOUS STRESS.

Prolonged vacations, either in the summer or at Christmas time, cause serious stress to four out of five people. Instead of relaxing and enjoying the work-free time, many adults think about returning to the job, or as at Christmas time, they worry about presents, dinners, relatives, and whatever relates to the festivities. Research done on 1000 individuals has found that there is less tension in a family with young children, unlike the couples without children who seem to have other problems, talking the relationship and the idea of a split. Tension doesn't occur indiscriminately everywhere, often in certain communities. The general advice is surprise (!), to take a long walk, to take a swim in a pool, or go to a gymnasium, or to eat a healthy meal a day. How true!

### • Saint Damian Society (Continued from Page 6)

were packed, sealed and made ready for shipment in time for Christmas. After a prayer, mothers, grandmothers, and anyone wishing to lend a hand, lovingly folded and packed piles of handmade sweaters, caps, gloves, blankets, sheets, Huggie Bears, toys, Christmas stockings, just to mention part of their incredible output. Gifts that were a labor of love sent to brighten the lives of patients and the needy at places as diversified as Children's Hospital, Saint Francis House, New England Home for Little Wanderers, Dana Farber Children with Cancer, Shriners' Burns Institute, Rosie's Place, Children's Aids Program, the list goes on. Special effort has often been made to meet the need of some unexpected disaster, most notable was the Oklahoma bombing, when

the group produced piles of huggie bears that were prayed over and sent to the victims.

In recognition of their service to the community, the Society was presented the Fred Carangelo Award for outstanding service to the community, a commendation richly deserved.

The saying goes, "Time and tide wait for no man" and although the need remains, the hands that sewed and crocheted, the voices that prayed over the fruits of their labor have grown fewer and with regret, Barbara, announces that 2008 will be the final season of giving by Saint Damian Society.

It is said that a pebble dropped into the ocean transforms the ocean, and so it is that the world will remain ever enriched by the efforts of the women of Saint Damian Society.

*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

### MEDIA NEEDS TO DO SOME SOUL SEARCHING

While the liberal print and broadcast media has been upheld as doing its job well by the Liberal Establishment, it actually has been the so-called right wing talk radio broadcast media that has ensured some counterbalance to liberal ideologies on network and cable news that have had a free reign on delivering nonsense instead of news.

According to objective media watchers, the presidential candidates did not receive fair and balanced treatment. Over 70 percent of the coverage given to Barack Obama was positive while about 31 percent of the coverage given John McCain was positive.

This wasn't an accident, it seemed intentional.

Opinion belongs on opinion pages. News should be news. Mixing up fact with ideology is murky media.

The news that the *LA Times* sat on a video in its possession since April showing Obama back in 2003 in strange company with Arafat, his buddies and old friend Billy Ayers shows just how low the media has sunk.

The *LA Times* by the way endorsed Obama. Surprise Surprise! As Spiro Agnew once said of them. They're "nattering nabors of negativity." They're also giving the legacy of the free press a bad name.

### THE GOVERNOR BLAMES US?

There is a rash of ethical and legal issues swirling about on Beacon Hill. Bad headlines and Governor Deval Patrick rather than speaking out against misdeeds, up on Beacon Hill is blaming us, the voters and taxpayers for what's ailing up on the Hill.

He's also creating a task force to investigate recent bad news concerning a slew of state legislators but in the end says, "we the people are to blame for it all."

No wonder we don't vote. Doesn't the governor know why we vote so seldom? We're

sick and disgusted by the actions of those we elect who turn on us.

Don't lecture us governor, and don't go into denial. Who's to blame for all that is wrong up on Beacon Hill? Certainly not us! Don't blame the victims, blame the culprits.

### SENATOR DIANNE

### "BENJAMIN BRA" WILKERSON LOSES TO SONIA CHANG-DIAZ

Thank God the voters of the Senate's Second Suffolk District woke up and booted Dianne Wilkerson back into the dreaded private sector.

Good luck to Sonia Chang-Diaz as she becomes the voice of this Senate district.

### CSI: KENYA?

Anyone who is a fan of CSI on television knows "Who are you? Sung by the Who. As I read *"BHA: Aunt legal by federal rules"* (*Boston Herald*, November 2) I wonder why a 1977 consent decree in federal court bans Massachusetts from denying public housing to undocumented immigrants has not been revisited in over 30 years. With over 100,000 people on the BHA waiting list, it is illogical for illegals to be living in taxpayer subsidized public housing while American citizens and legal immigrants stay on the waiting list which must seem endless to these folks and their families.

The case of Zeituni Onyango has become the face of this massive loophole in the law.

Senator Bob Hedlund, R-Weymouth says, "It is a massive, absurd loophole" in need of fixing. What is wrong for Beacon Hill to keep supporting a needless loophole?

Nothing against Obama's aunt, she may be legally in her D Street project apartment, but she is still in America illegally. How many other Zetuni Onyongos are there across Massachusetts living in state public housing units?

The West Broadway housing development shouldn't be open to illegals. What part of the word "illegal" don't our state legislators up on Beacon Hill not understand?

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more trouble filling up at the gas station.

What kind of Kool-Aid are these kinds of Americans consuming in their Dixie cups?

Jay Severin on 96.9 FM is talking about leaving America. The end is near, is hyperbole. It takes much more than one election result.

America today is not the America I lived in back when I was in the US Air Force down in Texas in 1966.

Many feel really depressed at the rise of extreme liberalism that is inching toward 21<sup>st</sup> century socialism where we will be told how to act and what to say. Government will work on our behalf but will it be my half?

Many liberals think our federal constitution is "flawed". I think it's just fine and needs no fitting.

Now is the time for a new conservative strategy. The Republicans will have to redefine its voice. What is it? Where does it stand on the issues? Who speaks for them? Who's listening?

For 40 years, conservatives have enjoyed a strong national base. It all started with the Nixon Southern Strategy. It was strengthened by the Reagan Revolution. Sadly, it imploded under George W. Bush.

Meanwhile, Obamerica takes hold but don't think for a moment that the Spirit

of America has been foreclosed. It hasn't and we still stand tall.

### State GOP an Illusion

Since my college days when I was a young Republican before switching over to the young Democrats, the State Republican apparatus has been talking about a rebirth. Talking is all that happens. If anything the GOP is in worse shape now than ever before.

Massachusetts has become a One Party State, a bad idea for democracy.

The present leaders of

the Bay State Republican Party are young idealists. They see beyond while most of us see this growing forest out there. When Bill Weld won in 1990, the GOP talked of a new Massachusetts and a new Republican Party. However, it turned out badly for them as nothing really changed for the party.

Democrats control Beacon Hill and the Republicans are a long running — joke.

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• **Even Before Obama** (Continued from Page 1)

My earliest memories are those of hiding in a makeshift bunker, huddling to pray with my family and neighbors, while a barrage of fire rained down outside. My other memories are those of constantly hearing gunfire while in school, and of speeding on more than one occasion toward a ship that would take refugees to the nearby island of Cyprus when the burden became just too much to bear.

I lived in a country ruled by neighboring Syria, with an unstable society and an economy in tatters, until my parents made the best decision of their lives — bringing my sisters and me to America. I began learning my third language, English, in eighth grade, and I had far from mastered it through much of high school. I was mocked by some in high school for not being American enough, and by many in college for not being anti-American enough. Two days after the 9/11 attacks, and only a few miles from the Pentagon, one of my teachers told me that I bore an uncanny resemblance to Mohammed Atta.

Let's just say that I didn't start life with a big advantage. Far from it.

Yet not for one second did I believe that I faced limitations other than my own initiative. Had I stayed in Lebanon, or gone to Africa, South America or even Europe, I probably would have had overwhelming obstacles beyond my control. But not in America. Not in the one country that provides you

with equality of opportunity. And I didn't need some politician to give me self-esteem or hope. I already knew I could.

Though all of my high school courses were in a language that I had just begun to learn, I didn't complain. I worked hard and reached straight A's. I jumped into student council and other extracurriculars. I got into Cornell University — no one had proofread my application, because no one in my family could improve on my English. While Ivy League liberals spent four years trying to convince me that racist conservatives will always discriminate against Arabs like me, these "racist conservatives" made me Chairman of the College Republicans, president of the campus pro-life organization and president of Cornell's conservative publication — a trifecta no one else had ever achieved.

I then got myself into a top-tier law school. I became one of the country's — and world's — youngest syndicated and published columnists, in a language that I was still learning the basics of through my teens.

So far I've made it from Middle-Eastern bunker to American attorney and nationally syndicated columnist, and my ambitions are far greater still. Not bad — and it was all possible even before The One came along to tell me that "I can"!

The fact is, I didn't need Obama to tell me that I could do anything — I was doing just fine without him. Sherri Shepherd was doing just fine without him. So were Oprah, Michelle Malkin, Condoleezza Rice, Michael Steele, Elaine Chao, Clarence Thomas and every other minority who has taken initiative and succeeded in life. The only limitation I have is an arbitrary constitutional obstacle preventing foreign-born citizens from becoming president — and not even The One's election

has changed that.

Obama's election hasn't told us anything we didn't already know. It hasn't strengthened the American dream. In fact, it trashed it.

All Obama's election has taught me is that I could develop political support through ties with felons, terrorists and radicals who will raise funds for my campaigns, that I could win those campaigns by eliminating my opponents' names from the ballot or by relying on their sex scandals, avoid any criticism by voting "present" on important legislation, base my policy positions on polls, make good speeches, tell people what they want to hear and be thoroughly unaccomplished — and that I then could become president.

What a slap in the face to the American Dream, and to those minorities with a record of meaningful successes that have earned them their current positions. What an insult to the American Dream, a beautiful, powerful idea that tells us we can attain a goal as long as we work hard, achieve real successes and make tangible accomplishments that earn us that goal.

Obama may be above average all-around, but how has he done what is necessary to make him presidential material? How has Obama deserved the most powerful position in the world? What has Obama accomplished other than get repeatedly elected? And I'm sorry, Obama soldiers, but "beating the Clinton Machine" will never count as a qualification for the presidency.

This fluke of an election has taught us the wrong lessons about how to achieve our aspirations. Don't cheapen the American Dream by assigning it to Obama's unfortunate election.

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**Baseball Crawls into November?**

Here's something very interesting. Next year, Game 1 of the World Series begins on October 26.

Welcome to November baseball. For the first time, baseball knows in advance that it is scheduling playing into turkey month.

Seven years ago after 9/11 baseball was forced to play into month 11 but this time, it is being planned.

Reggie Jackson was Mr. October. Who will be Mr. November? If we don't watch out Santa will be pitching in a game.

**Posada Takes on Pedro**

Last month, Jorge Posada was interviewed during a taping for a show on the YES Network.

Posada showed he remains somewhat angered with Pedro Martinez for that fight between the Yanks and Sox back in Game 3 of the ALCS in 2003. Says Posada, "I thought he was going to hit me in the head with a bat, after we had the fight and he pushed Don Zimmer. It was ridiculous. I mean ... there's no class."

**Getting Pedro or D-Lo Back?**

I say forghetaboutit. We don't need no stinkin' Pedro Martinez or Derek Lowe. We're better with both of 'em past history.

**What about Rocco Baldelli on the Sox?**

While the Sox could use another solid right handed hitter off the bench, would Rocco Baldelli, be a valuable weapon at Fenway?

He's fighting mitochondrial disorder making his muscles tired. The Rays probably want to bring him back, but they didn't exercise the \$6 million option on his contract for 2009. He's a free agent.

He grew up in Cumberland, R.I. It's risky. He's out a lot. There however is no guarantee how much he can play. He missed the first four months of the 2008 season and missed 124 games in 2007.

When he plays, he plays very well. The Sox should consider him.

• **Res Publica** (Continued from Page 2)

incentive to maximize imports and drive out domestic production and jobs. Say you are an American manufacturer of widgets. Your plant is on land subject to state property tax. Your pay payroll taxes and unemployment and workers' compensation insurance premiums so that your workers can be financial taken care of in old age, illness, or during periods of unemployment. You pay federal and state corporate income tax. Federal and state labor and environmental regulations — many of them praise-worthy mea-

asures that benefit the entire community — are, effectively yet more government imposed costs, in other words, taxes. To sell your widgets to an America retailer you have to set a price that covers you cost of production, plus all those taxes, and still add something for profit. But foreign manufacturers of widgets have contributed nothing to the America tax base. Of course they were taxed in their home country, but when the product enters the U.S. the taxes paid on the production don't benefit U.S. communities. Furthermore, all of our major trading partners have a system whereby all, or at least much, of the tax their manufacturers pay get rebated if they export the product. Under this system, where imports are subject to no import taxes, domestic producers, subject to many forms of taxation, cannot compete. And the jobs keep on going away.

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

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 May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. St. Anthony, most loving protector and wonder worker, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day and by the 8th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. My prayers have been answered. Favor received.  
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In the Estate of  
**BARBARA E. NEWTON**  
 A/K/A BARBARA NEWTON  
 Late of BELMONT  
 In the County of MIDDLESEX  
 Date of Death October 7, 2008

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that WILLIAM T. SIMONDS of CONCORD in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **December 5, 2008.**

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

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, October 31, 2008.

Marie A. Gardin  
 Acting Register of Probate

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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 MIDDLESEX Division  
 Docket No. 08P4756EP1

In the Estate of  
**VANDLA JEAN ESTES**  
 A/K/A JEAN ESTES  
 Late of NATICK  
 In the County of MIDDLESEX  
 Date of Death September 16, 2008

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that DAVID T. ESTES of DERRY in the State of NEW HAMPSHIRE be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **December 8, 2008.**

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WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, November 4, 2008.

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 Acting Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 The Trial Court  
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 MIDDLESEX Division  
 Docket No. 08P4752EP1

In the Estate of  
**RICHARD J. DONOVAN**  
 Late of WINCHESTER  
 In the County of MIDDLESEX  
 Date of Death July 11, 2008

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that SALLY M. DONOVAN of WINCHESTER in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **DECEMBER 10, 2008.**

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

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, November 6, 2008.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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 MIDDLESEX Division  
 Docket No. 08P4588EP1

In the Estate of  
**JAMES R. DEMETRI**  
 Late of N READING  
 In the County of MIDDLESEX  
 Date of Death August 11, 2008

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that HELEN DEMETRI of N READING in the County of MIDDLESEX or some other suitable person be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **NOVEMBER 28, 2008.**

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## CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

Paul Poirier gave me some help with my computer and E-mail address. Thank you Paul. What a bunch of knowledgeable guys you **Boxers** are. The age old stereotype of what we hear about Boxers and the affects of the punches that they have sustained, does not amuse me. As I look at, and pay attention to those in our Brotherhood of Boxing, who took a punch or two on the old noggin! **Ouch!!!!** Myself, having taken punches from guys in sparring and actual fights. **Ouch!** Again. Punches from, **Vito Antuofermo, Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Donnell Wigfall, Danny Long, Manny Freitas, Frank "Tiger" Moore, Dan O'Malley, Ben Sanchez, Jim McNally, Rocky Fratto, Jerry Tramantano, Eddie Parks, Mike Baker, Paul Christie, Paul Osborne, Dominic DiMarzo.** I've got to sit down now. My head is spinning just thinking about the whacks, to my poor head. As **Jimmy Connors** says, "**That last fight!**" Hey he fought the **Great Willie Pep** for ten rounds. **Willie Pep** had 66 KO's. **Willie Pep** when he wanted to unload. "**Pow!**" He unloaded. You are, all the Best. There's **Massachusetts State Auditor Joe DeNucci, Charles "Babe" Wood, Paul Pender, Tony DeMarco, Jimmy Connors, Joe Devlin, Wilbert "Skeeter" McClure, Richard Torsney, Paul Cardoza, Mike Cappiello, Frank Calabro, Tom Conlon, Paul Doyle, Joe Dias, Mickey Dwyer, Vinnie Marino, Danny Long, Jackie Brady, Bob Benoit, Calvin Brown, Bobby Bolster, Mark DeLuca, Francesco Fratalia, Mickey Finn, Dick Flaherty, Jerry Forte, Peter Fuller, Leo Gerstal, Don Green, Austin Killeen, Al Sacramone, Gabe LaMarca, Pat Leonard, Dana Rosenblatt, Mike Ryan, George Maddox, Tom McNeeley, Jim McNally, Tommy Martini, Mike Mullen, Pat Long, Dan O'Malley, John O'Brien, Paul Poirier, Jason Pires, Nick Previti, Tinker Picot, Iron Mike Pusateri, Goody Petronelli, Pat Petronelli, Val Rocha, Art Rahmalo, Freddie Roach, Chic Rose, Theodore Roosevelt, Chris Sarno, Jackie Smith, Micky Ward, George Colton.** I've just mentioned a few of the very intelligent members from this brotherhood of boxing that we have. You are all the greatest. As I say, "If this world were full of boxers, it would be a better world! In this list of Boxers named there are: **Politicians, Businessmen, Doctors, Teachers, Directors of Society, Protectors of Society, Entrepreneurs, Police Chiefs, Judges, Great Parents, Attorneys, The College Educated, The Street Smart brothers of our Society with high I.Q.'s** That's a great list of intelligent individuals that respectfully make important differences in the life of America," **Keep Punching!**"

**2008 Olympian Demetrius "Boo Boo" Andrade** Providence, punched his way into

the Professional ranks, with a convincing KO of **Patrick Cape** (4-3-0, 2 KO's) at 24 seconds of the second round, in his "**Welcome to the Professionals, Debut Fight!**" victory here, at the Northern Quest Casino. You did it! Expectations are high, on the 1-0-0, 1 KO **Olympian, Boo Boo Andrade.** Keep up the great work and continued success to this 2008 Summer Olympian. As **Charlie "Punchlines" Ross** would say, "**Keep Punching!**" **Rest in Peace, Comrade Charlie "Punchlines" Ross.**

**The Babe!** That's Mr. Boxing, **Mr. Charles "Babe" Wood,** recently celebrated his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on October 24<sup>th</sup> and a few days later, hospitalized at the Jordan Hospital, Plymouth. He's now at, **Life Care, 309 Drift Way, Scituate, MA. 02066.** Let's all say our prayers for **Babe,** send him a card, or visit him. A great friend of **Babe,** and friend to **World Champion Paul Pender, Richard Torsney** visited **Babe** at Life Care. As did **Jimmy Connors** and I, at the Jordan Hospital. He has a terrific wife in **Shirley Wood,** who was there with Babe along with his grandson **Dana Biagini.** **Babe** has a terrific family, daughter **Karen "Wood" Biagini,** and her husband **Paul** and many great friends too. Our prayers are with you, **Babe.** I'm talking to **World Champ Great Tony DeMarco** and Tony's lady friend **Janet.** They will both be heading to Chicago this coming weekend to attend the **National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame** honoring **Jerry Colangelo** President and CEO, with the baseball team **Diamondbacks** who were the 2001 World Champions, and General Manager of the Basketball team **Phoenix Suns.** This multi talented individual was spoken very highly of by friend, **World Champion Tony DeMarco.** **Jerry Colangelo** assembled the coaches and players of the **2008 USA Olympic Basketball Gold Medal winning Team** in Beijing. He was himself inducted into the **Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame.** This, **National Leadership Committee Chairman,** is a native of Chicago Heights. ... **December 5<sup>th</sup> Rochester Boxing Hall of Fame,** New York, proudly presents to you their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet and Awards. **The Main Event** is honoring **Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini,** World champ battler who beat many of the best. Many other greats in attendance. **Carmen Basilio, Virgil Hill, Charles Maury, Baby Joe Mesi, Tom Lotta** and many other greats ... A great addition to the corner of The Goldenboy **Oscar De La Hoya,** for his fight December 6<sup>th</sup> when he engages in combat with **Manny Pacquiao,** is none other than the **Savant of Boxing, Angelo Dundee.** Yeah the same **Angelo Dundee** who was in the corner of the greats, such as **Muhammad Ali, Carmen Basilio, George Foreman, Sugar Ray Leonard, Jose Napoles, Willie Pastrano,** and many others. *Till Next week!*

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



**MOVING MOMENT** — One of the finest tributes to U.S. military personnel we've seen in recent years took place between the second and third periods of the Boston Bruins-Buffalo Sabres game at the Garden on November 8. The jumbotron displayed a series of still photographs, one after the other, for about four minutes while music played and inscriptions were placed along the bottom portion of the screen.

Extremely well choreographed, it was a fitting tribute to all our military personnel — both active duty and retired — and their families. It was so good we hope it is shown again.

**TWO AT THE TOP** — "Nice to see you," said the man in green as the other with the spoked B across his chest ascended to the top of the hill. "It's good to be here," said the new arrival as he admired the view from high above it all.

Yes, it was true. As the two winter sports teams — the Bruins and Celtics — entered the second week of November both were in first place in their respective divisions.

Of course, the Celtics won it all last year so seeing them in first place in the Atlantic Division of the NBA had become commonplace as the 2007-2008 season progressed.

But now the Bruins had arrived at the top. OK, as of November 11, it was a share of the top spot in the Northeast Division with the Sabres, the team the B's had defeated three days earlier by a 3-1 count. But a two-car garage at the top is better than no garage at all. B's coach Claude Julien said that having company was just fine, thank you, because it's always better to be in residency at the top looking down than at the bottom looking up.

Obviously there's still a long way to go and no one feels that the Bruins will turn out to be as dominating as the Celtics. But still there was a mighty good feeling in the hallways of the Garden as the second weekend in November passed. Two first place teams in the same building. It had been quite a while since that could be said up and down the sidewalks of Causeway Street.

A big part of the move to the top has to be credited to the play of the B's goaltenders — Tim Thomas and Manny Fernandez. Through November 11 Thomas had won four of his last five games with a 1.19 goals against average and a fine .964 save percentage in those games. Overall, he was fifth in the league in goals against with a 1.85 average over nine contests.

Fernandez, who won the Buffalo game, made 32 saves in his first start since October 25. The win was his third of the season and it served notice that whoever is in the net, the B's final line of defense will be in good hands. Having two reliable goalies is a problem that many teams

would like to have. The Bruins are fortunate to be so deep in such a crucial position. If the play of Thomas and Fernandez continues at this level throughout the season, a fine Spring run in the Stanley Cup Playoffs may be the reward.

Concerning Thomas, there was an interesting picture of the 34-year-old netminder on the second page of the November 9 Sunday *Globe* sports section. It showed Double T all stretched out in the locker room of the B's practice facility in Wilmington, still able to touch his goalie skates while doing the splits. It was an impressive sight, and a feat Thomas said "was a lot easier when I was 20."

**FAST WHEELS** — Yes, that was Blake Wheeler scoring the first hat trick of his NHL career back on November 6 against Toronto at the Garden. The fact that the third score came on an empty netter near the end of the game didn't dampen the atmosphere in the locker room after the contest.

Wheeler's three scores came in his 13<sup>th</sup> game — he'll never consider that number unlucky again — and gave rise to a research expedition by members of the Bruins media relations staff. It turns out Blake was fast on the blades for his hat trick. You have to go back 20 years to find a Bruins rookie who found the range for three scores earlier in his career. Remember Craig Janney? He hit for a hat trick on March 12, 1988. Although farther along in the season, it was only his fifth NHL game.

Wheeler's HT was the second of the season for the Bruins — Milan Lucic had one back on October 25 against Atlanta — and if two hat tricks by the B's seem like an occurrence not seen too often in these parts you are correct. Wheeler's feat meant it was the first time since the 2002-2003 season that the B's have recorded more than one triple-score over the course of an 82-game campaign. It's a rarity that's nice to have accomplished so early in the season. Could a three hat trick season be far behind?

**COMMAND PERFORMANCE** — It wasn't a playoff game against LA but it was the most exciting regular season finish by the Celtics at the Garden in quite some time. It was seeing team captain Paul Pierce take over the November 10 game against Toronto in the crucial fourth quarter by scoring 22 points in the final 12 minutes — the same number of tallies as the entire Toronto team — as the Celtics shot their way to a 94-87 win over the visiting Canadian squad after being down by as many as 16 points earlier in the contest.

It was teammate Kevin Garnett who said: "I love it when Superman goes into the booth and transforms. I love it. I got the best seat in the house." Pierce finished with a game-high 36 points.



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