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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Early Christmas Music Should be Hate Crime

Some guy in Southie last week got quite annoying. He showed up outside his ex-girlfriend's place blasting Christmas music at 4 AM. I think that constitutes a real "Hate Crime". The neighborhood must have hated him for Christmas music not only too early in the morning but too early in the season.

I may never go back to what had been one of my favorite oldies type FM station. How dare they run Christmas music 24/7 for almost two months.

How funny? The liberals don't want the word "Christmas" mentioned because it is politically too incorrect for our diverse nation but they're silent on radio stations doing it endlessly. What gives?

Speaking of the Christmas Season. I once lived next door to a family that turned the Christmas lights on the day after Halloween and the lights stayed on until Ground Hog Day in February.

When Christmas comes and goes, it's time to take out the tree and box up the lights and ornaments, isn't it?

I'm not a Scrooge but Christmas is becoming meaningless when drugstores have both Halloween and Christmas candies side by side.

Christmas shouldn't start before either the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade or the Quincy Christmas Parade a few days later.

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## THE TOLL TOLLS FOR ALL OF US, Especially Chelsea and Everett

by Sal Giarratani

Recently, Governor Deval Patrick proposed merging parts of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority into either the Mass Highway Department or the Massport Authority.

Even more recently Mass Pike voted to double tolls at the Callahan, Sumner and Ted Williams Tunnel. Instead of \$3.50, you'll soon be paying \$7.00 just to get from Eastie to either the North End or Southie. A small price to pay for a short ride under the inner harbor, eh?

Right now, the Mystic Tobin Bridge will remain a mere bargain, but you know that after Massport starts operating the tunnels from the Mass Pike, the bridge will also go up at the toll booths, too.

One state rep from the North Shore told me last week when the tunnel tolls go up, both "Everett and Chelsea will become parking lots. Route 99 and the Revere Beach Parkway won't be moving at rush hour."



He's right. Folks will do anything to escape these intolerable tolls. They'll keep sliding south. First, to the Tobin Bridge and eventually all the way over to Route 99. The Sullivan Square rotary will become a nightmare. Charlestown will be right in the middle of the mess too.

Good news is that some people are starting to fight back. One frustrated driver from Everett told me, "This is what we got for voting NO on Question 1 and cheaper gas pump prices."

According to Michael Kelleher, a wine company

representative in East Boston, who recently showed up on the Michele McPhee show on 96.9 FM and in Michael Graham's *Boston Herald* column, it's time for ordinary folk to rise up to this injustice. He's started ([StopThePikehike.org](http://StopThePikehike.org)) to organize an effort against the tollbooth shafting.

Says Kelleher, "I won't be able to sleep at night if I don't do everything I can to try. I just can't take any more."

Sounds like that old 80's movie, "Network". Remember that line? "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore."

Finally, Boston's Mayor Thomas M. Menino has told the State that those discounts for Eastie folks better stay in place.

For whom the toll tolls, it tolls for all of us and there seems little light at the end of the tunnel.

Good luck to Michael Kelleher's efforts!

The Commonwealth should keep on fighting!

## Mayor's Column

by Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston

I recently joined officials from the Boston Public Schools, area colleges and universities, businesses, college access non-profits, and the funding community at Northeastern University to unveil an ambitious commitment to double the college graduation rate among BPS graduates for the BPS class of 2011, and immediately seek a 50% increase in the college graduation rate for the BPS class of 2009. While I am proud that Boston sends more graduates to college than just about any city or suburb in the country, we must do more to ensure success once students are in college.

A new, first-in-the-nation report prepared by the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University and funded by the Boston Foundation, in cooperation with the Boston Public Schools and the Private Industry Council, highlights the current challenges. The report indicates that 35.5% of graduates from the Boston Public Schools Class of 2000 who enrolled in college earned a two-year or four-year post secondary degree or certificate by June of 2007. Many people in my business would shy away from this data,

but we must acknowledge the problem so that we can work to find a collaborative solution. We will not be satisfied just by graduating high school students. We are committed to making sure our students receive a quality post secondary education. Using this baseline report, we will focus on three key areas related to college success: "Getting Ready, Getting In, and Getting Through."

Since the class of 2000 (the class studied in the report) graduated from BPS, we have already implemented a number of key measures to improve our students' likelihood for success in college. For example, we recognized that students perform better in smaller schools that provide more personalized attention. Today, nearly half of our high school students are enrolled in small schools, up from just 6% in 1995. Furthermore, the City of Boston has invested more than \$218 million to ensure that all high schools maintain full accreditation, a mark of rigorous academic programming. Finally, MCAS is now a graduation requirement, and since 2000, passing rates for both English

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# Stirpe Nostra

A weekly column highlighting some of the more interesting aspects of our ancestry... our lineage... our roots.

by Prof. Edmund Turiello



## THE VESTALS

Nothing in Rome is said to be more ancient than the institution of a maiden priesthood. As was mentioned in a previous issue, the worship of Vesta goes back to the time when it was difficult, but necessary to obtain fire. The sacred fire, the source of all Roman life and power, was kept alive in an edifice known as the Temple of Vesta, and it was constantly tended by a group of virgin priestesses that were known as the Vestals.

At Rome their number started at four, but was increased to six about the time of the early Republic. During primitive times the possession of fire was the greatest gain that man had yet made, and to lose it was the greatest misfortune for the community. The chief, or the so-called king, fulfilled a most important duty towards his people by keeping a fire always burning from which they could at any moment

kindle their own. Nothing could be more natural than for the chief's unmarried daughters to be placed in charge of this precious hearth, under the protection of Vesta, the goddess of fire.

The number of Vestals corresponds to the idea that they were originally the daughters of one family, and that they were the king's daughters is traceable to their position of honor in the Roman State. They have been compared with the nuns of the Roman Catholic Church, and the Atrium Vestae has been called their convent. There was a close resemblance in their vow of chastity and the cutting of their hair.

They were dressed entirely in white, with a coronet-shaped headband (infula), ornamented with ribbons (vittae) suspended from it, and also a white veil or hood (suffibulum) made from a piece of white woolen cloth with purple border.

It is here that the resemblance ended for instead of poverty and obedience, the Vestals enjoyed great independence and luxury. They were exempt from the common law, and not even subject to the censor's authority. They enjoyed a most conspicuous freedom, having the right to hold property and make a will. These rights alone exceeded those of the average female of the times. The Vestals also enjoyed great political importance, often interposing to save a life, to restore harmony at critical moments, or even to carry out the provisions of important wills. Death was the penalty for injuring them, and anyone whom they escorted was also protected from assault. Meeting them by chance in the street also saved any criminal who was being led away to punishment.

**NEXT WEEK:**  
**More about the Vestals**

## Festival Thanksgiving Service



On Sunday, November 23, 2008 at 11:15 am (prelude music begins at 10:45 am) with musical offerings for choir, brass ensemble, timpani, harp and handbells. Join Old South Church in Boston for this Annual Festival Thanksgiving Worship Service in their ancestral home, the Old South Meeting House. Governor Patrick will read his Thanksgiving

Proclamation and Rev. Prof. Peter Gomes of Harvard University's Memorial Church will preach.

Free and open to the public. The Old South Church is located at 310 Washington Street, Boston, (corner of Washington and Milk Streets). For more information, please visit [www.oldsouth.org](http://www.oldsouth.org) or contact Amy Perry at [admin@oldsouth.org](mailto:admin@oldsouth.org) or 617-425-5152.

## Quincy Honors Those Who Served

by Sal Giarratani

When I was a kid growing up in Boston, my parents always took the family into Tremont Street to watch the annual Veteran's Day Parade. Sadly, that large parade is no longer held.

For almost a quarter century, I have taken part in Quincy's Annual Veteran's Day Parade. One of the largest parades on the South Shore. The holiday observation at the birthplace of John Hancock next to the monument dedicated to WWI soldiers who fought and died

in that war was large as usual.

This Quincy tradition honoring all who served in defense of our country has grown in size over the years. It is now one of the largest parades in Massachusetts.

This year I couldn't march in it, but made it in time for the observations.

As a Vietnam era veteran, I remember the heavy costs of war in the sweat and blood of our troops in harm's way. Kudos to Quincy, keep it up.

## An Event Filled Season

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

In Autumn the pace of life seems to quicken, the lazy days of summer surrender to Autumn's busy schedules, aided by our brisk New England weather, we return to school, begin projects, work on our homes in preparation for winter and wade into piles of books acquired in summer that now beckon to be explored. The pace of Parish life is no exception as evidenced by the events, some completed some yet to take place during the pre-Christmas season at Saint Leonard Parish.

On Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Parish Dance took place at Tecce's Restaurant. The annual event is the highlight of the Parish year, a time to reacquaint with parishioners past and present, enjoy a sumptuous dinner and take a turn around the dance floor, a happy time for all in attendance.

The Office of the New Evangelization of Youth combined with the office to promote vocations to the

priestly life in the Archdiocese of Boston have chosen Saint Leonard Church for their monthly day of recollection, a day to help young men and women discern their vocation in life. The first day of recollection, held on October 31<sup>st</sup>, was well attended with a large participation of 300 young people and, his Eminence Cardinal Sean O'Malley as the main celebrant of the Eucharist. The next day of recollection will take place on December 12, with further days scheduled for next year.

The Christmas Fair will take place this coming weekend November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Saint Leonard Hall. This is an opportunity to help your Parish by purchasing household items, new clothing and jewelry sold at the Fair. A food court is also available. It is a fun time for all.

November 26, Feast of Saint Leonard of Port Maurice, Bishop Robert Hennessey will preside at a Solemn Mass concele-

brated by the Friars. The 12:05 Mass celebrated at Saint Leonard Church marks the second year Bishop Hennessey has been with us on the Feast of the Patron Saint of our Parish. Students and the faculty of Saint John School will be in attendance.

On Sunday, December 14, the Saint Leonard Choir will once again perform at the Annual Christmas Concert held at Sacred Heart Church. The concert will begin at 5:00 pm. The choir will perform traditional Christmas music both in English and Italian. Following the concert the Parish Christmas party will take place at Saint John School Hall. Tickets for the concert are available at the Parish office for an offering of a donation of \$10.00. With so many events planned, parishioners of Saint Leonard's Parish will have many opportunities to join with their neighbors to help support and build their Parish community.

## TWO-TIMING THIEF

### Returns for More Loot

by Sal Giarratani

Last week, a thief broke into Sacred Heart Church in East Boston. According to news reports, the culprit made off with \$50,000 worth of silver and gold from religious articles taken.

Father Wayne Belschner discovered the mess when he arrived at 6:00 am last Wednesday. The thief apparently shattered a window to the lower hall using a brick found by the police.

At that time Father Wayne offered his forgiveness to the looter and pleaded for the return of the stolen items.

The following morning at 6:00 am, just like the day before, he found things amiss. The door had been pried open and a window smashed. An electronic keyboard gone and the bingo hall ransacked. The church was entered and the cash boxes were empty.

Last Friday, the pastor ordered an alarm system, but declined further comment. One day praying for the thief's soul but now hopefully praying for his capture.

I guess up to now, Sacred Heart was lucky with its free ecclesiastical alarm system. You know, the one whose motto is, "Pray to God nobody breaks in."



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## Marion (DeSantis) Nappi A Woman of Substance

by Fr. Bede Ferrara, O.F.M.



Marion (DeSantis) Nappi of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed on November 1, three months after her beloved husband, John Nappi, Sr., died. They were married 62 years ... Loving mother of Marie Nappi and Linda Nappi and her husband Kenneth Stadtman, all of Winthrop and John Nappi, Jr. and his wife Janet of Burlington. Dear sister of Diane DeSantis, the late Eleanor Terenzi and William "Di" DeSantis, grandmother of John and Chris.

John Nappi, Sr. and I were classmates and through him I met Marion, a woman of substance, strong in her views of life, faith and family values. She loved to read the "Post-Gazette" and our Italian heritage. She married John in the early Forties and moved to Winthrop where they lived for almost 63 years, my brother Michael worked with Marion and when he died at 24 years old, she was there in 1946 to comfort my family. The essence of her life's attitude was shown, reach out to help other people. She was filled with trust in God and she gave her all to support people. She would tell how great my brother Mike was in working with her. She always made time to listen even though she was a professional seamstress who worked with great designers from Jones New York and Liz Claiborne. She was a union delegate for the International Garment union. In her role she traveled to Washington and Florida and met with influential people. She always remained the same Marion a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

Her husband John was the love of her life. Her children were the apple of her eye. She taught them independents, right from wrong, how to cook, work ethic and how to enjoy a feast with friends and relatives. Her aim was to please and cook. I remember the many wonderful meals I enjoyed at her home and how her children all helped out in the celebration. Life was great for her and John and they continued to expand in greater values when the grandsons were born, John and Christopher. They not only became number one, but their lives were wrapped in Marion and John's arms. On our trips to Friar Tuck, John and Chris were always with Noni. She taught them values, how to cook, play cards and treasure the family traditions. She was truly a woman of substance for she knew what was essential in life. The family strength came from her. She was extremely generous and thoughtful and relished her life with her family and friends. Life was a challenge for her and she passed on this wonderful gift to her children and grandchildren. I will always remember Marion as the backbone of her family and her husband John as the funbone who took life as it came with a smile and humor. They were two grand people that shall live on in my life and in my prayers. I shall miss them, but they are with God. Jesus promised us: "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." (Jn 10:28)

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## SAL LOMBARDO

an East Boston Icon Will be Remembered

by Marie Matarese



East Boston has lost a good friend and supporter. Sal Lombardo passed away on November 15, at the age of 86, quietly at his home in Quincy.

His passing is a huge loss, not only for his beloved family but also for the people of East Boston who knew him and remember him with fondness. He always greeted people with a smile and a handshake. Mr. Lombardo who held a special place in his heart for the people of East Boston gave generously to many organizations and charities.

He began his first business venture on Meridian Street in East Boston which later launched into an empire. Mr. Lombardo helped build up the East Boston business district in the early 1950's. He provided the neighborhood with the area's first function facility: Lombardo's Function Hall, as well as the Liberty Market and Liberty Plaza, a shopping center in Central Square.

He never forgot his roots. Always keeping the people of East Boston close to his heart. For over 25 years Mr. Lombardo and his family provided residents of East Boston with a lavish Thanksgiving dinner held at the former Lombardo Function Hall on Porter Street, and later moved the Thanksgiving Day dinner to Randolph, hosting the homeless people and elderly. Did you know, Mr. Lombardo never missed an Eastie-Southie Thanksgiving game, always rooting for Eastie. He also provided scholarships and trophies for East Boston High School students, and attended graduation exercises every year.

Mr. Lombardo, a WWII Veteran U.S. Army, was actively involved in the East Boston Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club along with numerous other organizations, that he gave his time to. He received Man of the Year Awards

from Boys Town, ITAMS, the East Boston Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and the Mass. Food Association Hall of Fame and the NE. Food Foundation. He also supported Italia Unita's Italian Festival, and received an award from the organization. He loved attending the yearly festival which gave him so much pride in his Italian roots, celebrated in a community that he loved so much. Sal also hosted the

annual Vincent's Nightclub Party in Randolph which over the past 22 years has been able to raise funds for East Boston and South Shore organizations.

He was married to Mabel L. (DiTullio) Lombardo for 62 years. The Loving father of Paula A. Lombardo-Colia and her husband Robert of Braintree, Vincent J. Lombardo and his wife Marie of Milton, Dennis R. Lombardo and his wife Cindy of Wayland and Nina L. Barros and her husband David of Westwood. Brother of the late Paul J. Lombardo. Dear grandfather of Alessandra Colia and Nicholas Colia of Braintree, Francesca Lombardo and Salvatore Lombardo of Milton, Jessica Lombardo of Aspen, CO, David Lombardo and Matthew Lombardo of Wayland, Manny Barros and Johanna Barros of Westwood. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

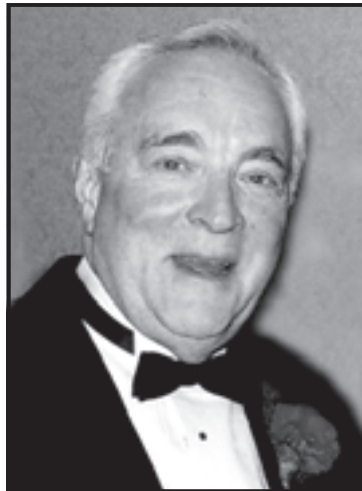
Visiting hours were in East Boston and Randolph. A funeral Mass was at St. John the Baptist Church in Quincy. Burial in Blue Hill Cemetery in Braintree. Dennis and Cindy will be sitting Shiva at their home at 54 Highland Circle, Wayland, Massachusetts on Saturday, November 22nd from 7:00 - 9:00 pm with a Service at 7:30 pm and on Sunday afternoon followed by a Service at 7:00 pm. Contributions may be made in Sal's memory to the East Boston Kiwanis K-Trust, 67 Prospect St., Peabody, MA 01960.

## FRANK A. ARRICALE

May He Rest in Peace

Frank A. Arricale of Watertown peacefully passed away on November 17, 2008. Frank was 68 years of age.

Born in Boston, but grew up in Watertown and attended Watertown schools and was a graduate of Boston College. He was Director of Public Information for the Boston Gas Company from 1970-1997. Frank was a member of numerous professional associations and affiliations such as Watertown Sons of Italy – President 1977-1979; Kiwanis Club of Boston –



Frank was an inspiration to many and he valued the friends that he made. He respected people, he brought joy to his family and friends, and he lived his life to the fullest.

He leaves his former wife, Linda (Mele) Arricale of Waltham; sons, Frank Jr. of Waltham, Anthony of Worcester, and daughter Andrea of South Boston. He was the beloved brother of Louise Santosuosso of Watertown, Clement Arricale and his wife Mary of Billerica. He is survived by niece Sandra

Dow of Watertown, nephew Stephen Santosuosso of Waltham, and nephew Michael Arricale of Billerica.

Funeral from the DeVito Funeral Home, 761 Mount Auburn Street, Watertown on Friday November 21st at 9 am with the Funeral Mass following at 10 am in Sacred Heart Church, Watertown. Internment at St. Patrick's Cemetery. Visitation hours in the DeVito Funeral Home on Thursday, November 20th from 4:00-9:00 pm. Frank will be fondly remembered and cherished by his family and friends.

Expressions of sympathy in Frank's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, Massachusetts 01701.



# Financially Speaking *with Ben Doherty*

## A VOLATILE TRADING WEEK ENDS IN A SOUR NOTE

The major indexes all fell for the second straight week, dragged down by bad news including sagging retail rates and GM's struggle to fend off bankruptcy. Though there was a 550 pt rally on Wall Street on Thursday, it didn't carry over to Friday's trading. Analysts believe the market is still searching for a bottom and the volatility will continue for some time. Retail stocks declined after a Commerce Department report indicated that retail sales declined by 2.8% in October. Nordstrom was not immune as its third quarter income fell to .33¢/share from .68¢/share last year. The Seattle based chain also lowered its 2008 profit outlook. BJ's thrives in tough times as the wholesale club is taking the place of supermarkets for many. Consumers are spending more, but still saving monies of about \$40/week. They get lower prices and it's more convenient. Some of its in bulk, but less bulk than Cosco or some club warehouses. The 177 store chain saw its sales soar 11.6% in October. BJ's has no debt, and is capitalizing on the woes of other chains, and opening new stores, including takeovers with increased emphasis on consumers.

The company shortened its hours to 9:00 am-9:00 pm from 8AM-10PM and put the savings into getting more profitable and better quality meats and produce and baked goods. It also added Boston Market roasted garlic potatoes and Panera Breads soups along with Legal Seafood Chowder. They capitalized on the bankruptcy of Mervyns and

is doing well on its gasoline purchases, as consumers stocked up on merchandise and they filled up on fuel staying ahead of the price drop in recent weeks, as it had double digit increases in gas sales last month. Sale of jewelry and TV's have fell this month, but other sales of irresistible deals will force the consumers to open their wallets more.

Spam, the glistening canned products from Hormel is putting meat on the table for many consumers. Two shifts of workers have been working day and night to keep up with the demand for this special ham and pork product dismissed as inedible by food critics and comedians as something posing as meat. A 12 ounce can costs \$2.40. Spam does well when hard times hit as it does not have to be refrigerated and lasts a long time on the shelf and they are working two shifts to keep them in stock.

American CEO's lost billions of dollars in stock options. A survey of the paper losses suffered by CEO's of American companies show they lost \$52.3 billion thru October. \$15.9 billion was lost by Warren Buffet, the richest man in America, but he still has \$45.8 billion in Berkshire Hathaway stock. On average, the richest 10% of company funders lost \$2.2 billion each. Options allow CEO's to buy shares at a fixed price and multiply profits on the way up, they also multiply profits on the way down, and they have lost 76% of their value. This year the losses have hit every company not just a handful

as in other downturns. The decline in salaries also hurt those CEO's so they had a very lean year. They can't blame anyone but themselves as the stocks suffer, unlike 2002 when 9-11 was to blame.

The good news lately has been the price of gas which is selling under \$2.00/gallon at most gasoline stations. This is down 40% from its July high and going lower. This gives the consumers additional monies to spend on other things.

The automakers have to wait for Congress to act before they can get money for financing. GM is out of cash and wants \$25 billion in loans to help the company survive. The money should come from the \$700 billion bailout funds, but that money was supposed to be for financial institutions to help bail out the mortgage crisis in the US. If they lend GM this money it will establish a presidency and other companies will look to be bailed out also. This could create a problem and GM and the UAW should be left out of this financing until another idea is created.

Unemployment is the top concern in the markets this week with Citigroup laying off 50,000 workers leading the way. NABE economists predicted that the economy will shrink in the final quarter of the year and the 1st quarter of 2009 as consumer's hunker down because of rising unemployment, shrinking nest eggs and falling home values.

*It's time to call your Financial Advisor or call me at 617-261-7777.*



by Sal Giarratani

## I Felt Like Sgt. Joe Friday Cruising the Streets of Boston

My name's Sgt. Sal Giarratani, I carry a badge. They don't let me carry a gun. No, this isn't the LAPD but rather the Department of Mental Health. I drive a cop looking 1997 Grand Marquis. Whenever, I enter a rotary, everyone gives me the right of way. With such power comes responsibility. I always wait for them to act first. I don't flaunt my power.

The other day while riding on Washington Street up at the West Roxbury-Dedham line, I came upon the King Gas Station. I was shocked at the price. I made a quick U-Turn like Starsky & Hutch in their '72 Gran Torino and jetted into the station. My eyes weren't deceiving me. The price was \$1.97 per gallon. Back in July, I remember paying \$4.07. This price is better. Of course the price caused a major traffic jam, but since I'm no traffic cop, I never saw anything.

One day while driving over to Eastie, on Bennington Street, no one wanted to pass me and everyone ahead kept pulling over to the right. They must be watching too much cop shows on TV.

A bad side effect? Everyone thinks I know everything about directions, I don't. I need a GPS like everyone else.

Last Sunday, no make that two Sundays ago, I diverted

off Bennington Street headed to my cousin's place in Winthrop (still Suffolk County). I haven't been there in years. Besides my cousins, I know Joe Ferrino and Mike O'Donnell from Winthrop.

Well, driving on Route 145 I started driving around 145 until as usual I got myself lost. I stopped and asked for directions which only got me further lost.

Then, I decided to turn on my internal GPS system. Winthrop is small. How lost could I be? I started heading inland off 145 and accidentally bumped into the street I needed.

I found my cousins the same way Columbus found America, totally by accident.

While driving back into Boston, I eventually landed on East Broadway in Southie and my radio was playing Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" which I thought was appropriate for South Boston. Eventually, I made my way back to Roslindale via Clam Point Dorchester, one of the many neighborhoods, I've called home. I'm tired from all my driving. I parked my car out front, took a rest on the couch sharing with my cat "Thomas Aquinas" and wondered what adventures await me and my cop-looking car tomorrow. For now, I'm taking a Code M, which is code lingo for the bathroom.

## There's No Such Thing as a Little Censorship

by Sal Giarratani

There is talk on Capitol Hill of resurrecting the Fairness Doctrine. Jay Severin on 96.9 FM calls it the Fascist Doctrine. He always uses colorful language but he's more right than wrong.

US Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-NY, recently, even commented that just like we control pornography on the airwaves, the government should constrict right wing talk radio. What? He must have been talking in jest,

right? Who knows?

The Fairness Doctrine never applied to TV or newspapers, just radio. Cable stations like MSNBC can't rant and rave like Air America (the failed radio network for liberals) and Chris Matthews can say his job is to make the Obama White House succeed.

I believe in more speech, not less. We need talk radio to balance out news commentary.

Talk radio is true democracy. It's grass roots America. It is a valve to air our difference, to share ideas and debate the issues.

I don't constantly listen to talk radio, but from time to time I need a dose of it.

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## Letter to the Editor ... Thank You to Paul Ibrahim

Dear Mr. Ibrahim,

After the presidential election myself and a lot of my friends were saddened by the outcome. After I read your column in the Post-Gazette this past Friday on Obama you made me feel so much better. How the American people voted for a man who had a background with Bill Ayers, a terrorist, which is a known fact and also stomped on the American flag. Reverend Wright who condemned America, Father Flager who talked against the white people, Tony Rescoe a sleeze slum landlord who is now going to jail and Obama toasting a PLO that the Los Angeles Times has a tape and would

not release it. Obama has been given the highest job in the land with a background as this and let me also say with no experience. With his background he would not even be able to get clearance to be an FBI agent. This is so mind boggling. My mother and father always told us that birds of a feather flock together.

Mr. Ibrahim, thank you for saying it the way it is, in honesty and truthfulness. Honesty and truthfulness always makes someone feel good. Thank you again for your wonderful column.

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## Saints Cosmas and Damian Society Announces 2008 Award Recipients



**Members of the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society "Family of the Year" Luigi and Assunta Reitano.**



**Saints Cosmas and Damian Society "Woman of the Year" Anna Granata**

The Saints Cosmas and Damian Society has announced its 2008 Award Recipients to be presented at their Annual Banquet at Spinelli's on Route One in Lynnfield on Saturday, November 29.

This year's "Man of the Year" is Sal DiDomenico, Sr. He has been the pillar of the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society for over three decades and he continues to be Chairman of the Annual feast held each September. He is the face of the Society and works each day to promote and preserve the cultural traditions of the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society.

This year's "Woman of the Year" is Anna Granata. Anna is a special person who always has Saints Cosmas and Damian close to her heart. She is always willing to help with any endeavor, and she is an inspiration to everyone. Anna continues to be an important member who works to ensure that the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society is always seen in a positive light.

This year's "Family of the Year" is Luigi and Assunta Reitano and family. They are dedicated to the Saints Cosmas and Damian Society. The Reitano family works diligently to continue the success of the Society and they are always there to assist and participate in all their activities. Luigi and Assunta have instilled a strong sense of cultural pride in their children and they continue to be important members of this organization.

Please join us for this wonderful night as we honor these deserving award recipients. There will be full Italian Dinner, wine on the tables, dancing to the music of "The Cosmos" and a festive atmosphere for all to enjoy. Tickets can be purchased by calling (617) 661-1164.

## EAST BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Election of Officers & Directors

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*(Three to be elected, as of today's date)*

Pasquale (Pat) Capogreco, Italia Unita

Franz Israel, The New England Gallery of Latin American Art

Scott Warren, SERVPRO of East Boston, Chelsea & Charlestown

The elections will take place at the Chamber offices at 296 Bennington St., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, on **Thursday, December 18, 2008, from 11:00am - 1:00pm.** (Candidates for Officers and Directors are typically present at this time.) All East Boston Chamber of Commerce members in good standing as of November 15, 2008, are

eligible to vote. Each member business of the Chamber is allowed one vote; voting by multiple representatives of the same business is not allowed. Proxy voting and absentee voting are not allowed. In an effort to accommodate all Chamber members' schedules, the Chamber office will also be open Wednesday, December 17, 2008, from 8:30am - 3:00pm for voting. During this time, the same voting rules will be in effect. All voting results will be counted and reported after 1:30pm on Thursday, December 18, 2008, at the Chamber offices; results will then be made available on the Chamber website and by phone call request as well.

A nominations committee is selected each year and is responsible for identifying candidates for the board of directors. This year, several members of the Chamber were recognized by the committee and invited as candidates, including: Logan Glass Company; Holiday Inn/Marriott Courtyard; Omar & Oscar Jewelers; Law Office of Attorney Manuel Macias; Little Asia; and Eastern Bank. As of the response deadline, November 17, the three individuals above - Pat Capogreco, Franz Israel, and Scott War-

ren - replied that they were able to accept candidacy for board service at this time. All other candidates remain eligible and are invited to run for available positions, through the process for independent nomination outlined below.

According to the by-laws of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce, any member of the Corporation that has been in good standing for a minimum of one year as of January 2009 may run for office by Independent Nomination. To be placed on the ballot for Director, independent nominees must obtain the signatures of at least ten (10) members of the corporation and forward them to the Secretary, Kim Altschul, East Boston Savings Bank, 856 Bennington Street, East Boston, no less than 10 days prior to the first day of elections on December 17, 2008. Independent nominees for any of the Officer positions must meet the above requirements as well as have been a member of the Board of Directors for at least two of the previous five years. If you have questions regarding nominations, elections, or responsibilities of board directors, please contact John Dudley, Executive Director of the East Boston Chamber, at (617) 569-5000.

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Turkey day is coming and I can't wait. I hope my human companion will be kind to me and give me a break from my dog food for this special holiday and fill my dish with turkey please! Don't forget the mashed potatoes, no butter I want to stay trim for all my female pooch friends.

Also, let me remind you to consider donating canned goods to your local parish and to shelters for the needy. Most importantly remember the elderly who have no one to bring them over a nice hot plate of turkey

goodies. This is the time to be "Thankful" and also a time to remember those in need. Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday to share this time with friends and family and to be thankful for those that are sitting around the dinner table on this special holiday. I would like to wish all my pooch friends and of course my pals at the *Post-Gazette* a "Happy Thanksgiving" and remember to please drive safely.

*That's all for now ... Life is good!*

## Augusta Boston Club Honors Honorable SANTO J. RUMA



Pictured left to right are Giuseppe Lanzerotta, Salvatore Bramante, Joseph Morello, Andrea Costa, Judge Santo Ruma, Francis Privitera, Phillip Privitera with his son Payton and Giovanni Noe.

On October 11, 2008 the Augusta Boston Club honored one of its distinguished members, Santo J. Ruma, with the Augusta Boston Club High Achievement Award. The Honorable Santo J. Ruma was born and brought up in the tight nit neighborhood of the West End of Boston. The West End was home to many immigrants from Europe and especially from Italy. Of the Italians who settled there, a large percentage came from the wonderful city of Augusta,

Sicily. So it came to pass that in the early 1900's Judge Ruma's father, Joseph Ruma, left Augusta, Sicily and arrived in the West End of Boston with his parents. Here he met and married Mary Pustizzi, Boston-born daughter of Augustanese parents. The family grew with the addition of four children, and Joseph Ruma established a fruit and produce business. In 1949, the Ruma family left the West End for the suburb of Medford, Massachusetts.

Santo Ruma transferred from the Boston school system to the Medford school system, from which he graduated and entered Boston University in 1958. During this period, he continued to travel to the West End to work at his father's business. Upon receiving his Bachelor's degree, he continued on at Boston University Law School and graduated in 1965. His legal career found him practicing business, real estate, and commercial litigation. In 1977, Santo Ruma opened a private practice in Boston. He served as counsel to several state agencies and drafted the first state-wide regulations governing wetlands protection. Santo J. Ruma was appointed as an Associate Justice in 1983 and retired as the Presiding Justice of the Peabody District Court in 2006. Judge Ruma has always been and continues to be involved in educational and charitable endeavors. He resides in Winchester, Massachusetts with his wife Joan. Judge Ruma followed in the footsteps of his Father and Grandfather in becoming a member of the Augusta Boston Club and its predecessor Augusta Fraternal Association which was founded in Boston's West End in 1936 by immigrants from Augusta, Sicily. Judge Santo J. Ruma was honored for his commitment to preserving the ideals and traditions of his heritage, and for the fine example he has set for the Italian community.

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## ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



### HAIRSPRAY — Not The Play!

Ciao bella,

Hairspray — a product which is most often negatively associated with the super teased bubble 'do's of the Sixties, and the angel wings of the Eighties still has not lost its popularity. Also from the mid Nineties into the 2000s, hair sprays received bad press and it was all about using serums to make your hair lie flat on your head.

Hairspray is still the most commonly used beauty product in American households, selling \$1 billion in annual sales.

It helps people with their hair to acquire volume and movement, personality and shape. It is no coincidence that we are suddenly blessed with a wide circle of new and improved formulations. Yesterday when it was called "lacquer" or shellac a natural resin and hair styles looked like immobile helmet heads lends to suggest that the improvements for hairspray has come a long way. Giant steps need giants such as the input from experts from Redken, to John Frieda (Serge Normandt).

The successful journey to improve sprays was essen-

tial to the beauty industry. As an example for quality in a spray and yet weightless "magic" is Elnett Satin, a legendary aerosol for L'Oreal Paris.

It was smuggled across the ocean by stylists who used it for its virtual weightlessness and invisible set.

Banned in this country since its inception in 1960 because it contained chemicals proven harmful to air quality, it has now been reformulated to meet government guidelines. Newly introduced in October (only at Target) for the American masses to create natural looking tresses.

You can never overdo it with this spray — layer after layer — try it and see ...

*Buona giornata* and God bless the United States of America!

— Mary N. DiZazzo

Read prior weeks "All That Zazz" columns at [www.mary4nails.com](http://www.mary4nails.com). Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist and a Massachusetts distributor of Kosmea brand rose hip oil products. She may be contacted at (978) 470-8183 or [mary@mary4nails.com](mailto:mary@mary4nails.com)



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### Wheelock College's ALANA Organization Raises Money for Italia Unita



Left to right: Samantha Suarez, Nicole Barnett and Judy Garcia serve cupcakes, peanut butter brownies, and goody bags (that consisted of Snickers, chocolate chip cookies, and a variation of M&M's) were sold in the hallway of the Wheelock Student Center.

The ALANA Club is a cultural organization at Wheelock College. In honor of October Italian Heritage Month, the Club chose Italia Unita based in East Boston as it's benefactor for their monthly bake sale. Nicole Barnett, a representative from the organization reached out to Italia Unita. She said, "Italia Unita is great organization! We really wanted to give back to an organization that has a good mission. In observance of October Italian Heritage Month we wanted to give back to the Italian American community." The main purpose of ALANA is to provide support to African, Latino, Asian and Native American students on campus as well as acting as a channel between students to enrich their cultural understanding. ALANA has put on events such as Cultural Fest and an annual Liquidation Sale.



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Nonna's Market will be selling groceries, newspapers, cigarettes and toiletries. Lottery will also be available.

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### BAY STATE CHAPTER FREEDOMS FOUNDATION 28<sup>th</sup> Award Luncheon



**East Boston High Jr. ROTC Group.**



**Edward Coletta with Timothy Clancy.**



**Past President of the Bay State Chapter of the Freedoms Foundation Tom Matarazzo and LTC. Gerald T. Wellman (Ret) US Army.**

The Bay State Chapter of the Freedoms Foundation recently held an enjoyable luncheon on Saturday, November 8, 2008 at Spinelli's in East Boston to honor many outstanding individuals. The Honorable Joseph V. Ferrino Ret., founder opened the ceremony and introduced toastmistress, Francine D'Andrea. Pat Rosa, President of the Bay State Freedoms Foundation, welcomed guest speaker, Capt. Russell Schultz, Ret. Executive VP, Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge, PA.



**Barbara A. Survilas with Captain Russell Schultz, Ret.**



**Fran Rowan, Award Recipient Madeleine Steczynski and Francine D'Andrea**



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# Homestyle Thanksgiving Favorites

## NONNA LUCY'S TURKEY STUFFING

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

2 large onions chopped	2 eggs slightly beaten
3 celery stalks chopped	1 small French bread cubed
2 cans chicken broth	3/4 cup pignoli (pine nuts)
2 chicken bouillon cubes	2 tablespoons grated Romano Cheese
1 pound of white or brown instant rice	1/4 cup white wine
2 tablespoons chopped parsley	4 tablespoons butter or margarine
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning	Salt and pepper

One day earlier, cube bread and place in a paper bag to dry, or *slightly* toast cubed bread and cool on day of stuffing preparation.

Use one can of chicken broth as the liquid for cooking the instant rice and follow direction on package for cooking time. When cooked, cover and set aside.

Meanwhile melt butter or margarine in a large skillet. Add chopped onion and celery. Stir and cook until onion is opaque. Remove from burner. Carefully add remaining can of chicken broth to the skillet. Return to burner and heat broth slowly. Add cubed bread to the broth and mix until all bread is softened. If needed, add one chicken bouillon cube to one cup of boiling water. Dissolve bouillon cube and add gradually to bread as needed.

Combine rice and softened bread in a large bowl. Add parsley, poultry seasoning, grated cheese, wine, and pine nuts. Mix thoroughly. Salt to taste and store in refrigerator. When you are ready to bake the turkey, mix slightly beaten eggs thoroughly into the stuffing before you fill the turkey cavity. Place stuffed turkey into a proper-size baking pan and bake in preheated oven at 325°F until fork tender.

Since my family enjoys having some stuffing baked separately, I spray a 9" x 9" baking dish, or size needed to bake any remaining stuffing. Baste both turkey and the separate pan of stuffing with turkey pan drippings.

This recipe is for a fifteen-pound turkey.

*Note: I remember the days, as a child, when I grated the cheese and chopped the onion and celery for my mother for her turkey stuffing. My children, who called their maternal grandmother "Nonna," learned to prepare this same recipe by helping as I had done. Now we have another generation - my grandchildren - eager to follow in this tradition.*



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 columnists Vita Sinopoli for sharing special recipes and stories about her Thanksgiving Day Traditions and Prof. Philip DiNovo.

## AN ITALIAN THANKSGIVING

By Prof. Philip J. DiNovo

The most memorable Thanksgiving celebrations of my life were at my paternal grandparents. It was an Italian Thanksgiving and in many ways parallels the Pilgrim's celebration: food, family, being together and lots of communication. What made those Thanksgiving celebrations was the pasta, Italian vegetables, stuffing and the desserts; these additions made it an Italian Thanksgiving. As I reflect about it, the tables extending from the kitchen into several rooms, the whole family and the continuous noise added an additional Italian touch.

Of course, we had the turkey with many of the traditional American-type foods. My grandmother would bow to tradition and prepare the corn, and sweet potatoes, etc. My aunt Mary made delicious pumpkin and apple pies so we had them, too. My paternal grandfather was a truck farmer and we had those memorable Italian Thanksgivings on the farm. My grandfather raised turkeys and a few weeks before Thanksgiving it was very exciting on the farm. Many people came to the farm to purchase their turkeys. The farm, turkeys and the house was a setting the Pilgrims would feel at home with. Inside that house was something else. Our Thanksgiving dinner was not sparse as the first Thanksgiving, ours was a lavish repast. In the middle of the afternoon, after dinner, on a cool November day, we walked down the old farm road and enjoyed the beauty around us. That was my grandparent's place.

I am sure the Pilgrims would not have approved of our noisy, big, splashy, extravaganza. The Pilgrims would have thought our dinner sinful. They would approve of gratitude to God for our many blessings which was an important part of our celebration. Our dinner would end with Italian coffee and liqueur. It enhanced digestion, it was a staple, our way of saying it's done, and the feast is finished. What a celebration! Being together was important to my grandparents and their nine children. Thanksgiving gave us another reason to be together and we made the most of it.

My grandparents and parents have gone to their eternal reward. My immediate family celebrates Thanksgiving together. We don't have an Italian Thanksgiving anymore; we have the typical Norman Rockwell Thanksgiving. Since I am the oldest member of my immediate family, I seem to be the only one who can recall Thanksgiving Italian style. It's a shame, but thank God we do celebrate Christmas with Italian traditions. If I had my way we would have an Italian Thanksgiving this year. La festa di tacchino, the feast of the turkey isn't the memorable celebration it once was for me. Each Thanksgiving I thank God for all the memories of past Thanksgivings and the fact that all my brothers, sisters, and their families are together to celebrate this beautiful and meaningful holiday. My parents and grandparents I am sure are very happy to see us together, as **Famiglia**.



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# The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



**Dr. Lisa Wong, center, president of the Longwood Symphony Orchestra, is pictured at the VIP reception prior to the concert to benefit Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy with, left to right, Gary Ardell, Dr. Laurie Glader, Conductor Jonathan McPhee, (Dr. Wong), Stacey Farrell and Jim Gaudreau. (Photo courtesy of Melissa Hurley)**

The Longwood Symphony Orchestra (LSO) recently opened its 26th regular season at the New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, with a concert benefiting the local chapter of Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Dr. Lisa Wong of Newton is president of the prestigious

and unique orchestra comprised of 120 musicians, the majority of whom are medical professionals representing every major medical center in the Greater Boston Area. Since its inception in 1991, and under the direction of the noted Jonathan

McPhee, Longwood's "Healing Art of Music Program" has partnered with 31 local medical organizations, helping them raise thousands of dollars. The program was recognized last year by the League of American Orchestras as a model of community engagement for orchestras nationwide.

The LSO's next concert will be Saturday, December 6 at NEC's Jordan Hall, when they will partner with ARTZ, Artists for Alzheimer's, a Boston-based organization helping to enrich the cultural life of people living with Alzheimer's disease.

For more information, visit [www.longwoodsymphony.org](http://www.longwoodsymphony.org).

..... Dick's Last Resort in Quincy Market was filled with American flags as the popular Faneuil Hall Marketplace restaurant hosted its third annual "Boston Salutes!" — a special evening benefiting The Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation. "Boston Salutes!" is part of a national charitable initiative by Dick's Last Resort to benefit local military families.

The evening included a complimentary buffet, live entertainment by vocalist Helena Ruffen, a charity raffle and the live auction of a flag that had flown over a military base in Afghanistan on September 16.

Guests were greeted by Dick's Last Resort President



**Left to right: Dick's Last Resort President Steve Schiff, WRKO talk show host Tom Finneran, and Tom Lyons, representing the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation, at "Boston Salutes!" (Photo by R. J. Donovan)**

Steve Schiff, who flew in from the company's corporate offices in Dallas; WRKO talk show host Tom Finneran, who served as Master of Ceremonies for the event; and Tom Lyons, representing the Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation.

..... Back to taunt Boston for a third time is Monty Python's "Spamalot," which runs through this coming Sunday, November 23 at The Colonial Theatre in Boston.

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ics Circle awards for Best Musical.

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**Among the guests enjoying "Boston Salutes!" at Dick's Last Resort are, left to right: Coleen Sloane and Gail Branchinni from American Airlines, Bob Dixon from Brooks Automation and Kristen Dixon from MetLife. (Photo by R. J. Donovan)**

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# Bob D's Beat

by Bob DeCristoforo



## North End Veterans

### SAD

When Churches get vandalized it is a very sad situation. Such was the case in Springfield a couple of weeks ago where a Church was burnt down, and even closer to home the recent robberies and vandalism at Sacred Heart Church in East Boston were very upsetting. The person(s) responsible for such acts should take a strong look at themselves and realize what real sadness they have caused, and to those who they have really hurt are praying for them right now. I attended the 4pm Mass at Sacred Heart on Saturday.

### NORTH END VETERANS HONORED

A beautiful Mass was said by Father Pat and Concelebrated with Monsignor Finbar on Veteran's Day at St. Stephen's Church, where Father Milton, former Chaplain of the VFW North End Post 144, was remembered in a special prayer. After their Remembrance Ceremony at the Prado the Vets marched down Hanover Street to the Greenway across from Salem Street, where they viewed a recently erected sign honoring the Post, and its members. Word is John Romano and Nancy Caruso had a lot to do with the signage. The Veterans then proceeded to the garden walkway at Old North Church to remember their comrades of our most recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

### HAIL AND FAREWELL

Special 'Thank You' to all the members of the St. Damien Society for all the love and work you have given to so many over the past twenty years. You will always be thought of, but very much missed. I, for one, am very sad to see you go. Hopefully someone will find a way to continue your 'work of love' in this time when it is needed even more.

### CLOSING BICENTENNIAL MASS

Cardinal O'Malley invites everyone to join him at Holy Cross Cathedral, Sunday, November 23rd for the Closing Liturgy of the Archdiocese of Boston Bicentennial Year at 2pm. A reception will follow in the Cathedral High School gym.

### HIGH SCHOOL PREP NOTE BOOK

East Boston was defeated by Madison Park 20-12. Southie smashed Charlestown 34-0. Boston English nipped West

Roxbury 8-6. Brighton dominated Dorchester 36-12, and in a nonleaguer O'Bryant stopped Marian 24-13.

Somerville tipped Cambridge 28-26, and Lincoln Sudbury rolled over Boston Latin 41-14. Xaverian knocked CM from the unbeaten 24-7 and BC High topped St John's Prep 21-7 setting up a BC High-CM Catholic Conference Championship game on Thanksgiving Day. Malden Catholic defeated Medford 36-8. Arlington Catholic won its third straight Catholic Central crown defeating Austin Prep 20-14 to advance to the Division 3 Superbowl. Matignon topped St. Clement 27-20. Tom Tracey had three touchdowns for the Warriors. Pope John shutout Trinity Catholic 41-0. BBN took home the ISL Championship defeating Lawrence Academy 20-13. Jimmy McCaffrey was the 'whole show, for BBN ... scoring the game winner, coming up with a big hit, and a big interception. Suffield Academy tipped Belmont Hill 29-27 in the NEPSAC's Clark-Francis Bowl.

In the Boys Cross Country State Championship Charlestown's Ahmed Ali (16.5.1) and Omar Aden (16.05.4) finished one-two in the Division 1 race.

### TOMMY DEROSA

Tommy DeRosa makes his hockey debut of the 2008-2009 season when the Tufts 'Jumbos' travel to Williams this Friday (Nov 21) evening. Tommy transferred from Merrimack over the summer, and was a High School star at Boston Latin, where he led them to a State Championship.

### COLLEGE BOARD: FRIDAY NIGHT FRIGHTS!

In Hockey East UMass stunned #1 Boston University 5-1. Alex Berry had two goals for the Minutemen. ULowell stunned UNH 8-3. Corey Falite had a 'Hat Trick' for the RiverHawks. Merrimack stung 5<sup>th</sup> ranked BC with a 5-5 tie. Chris Barton tying it up with just 3:35 to go. Brock Bradford did have a Hat Trick for BC. Northeastern defeated Vermont 5-3. Ryan Ginard led the way for the Huskies with a pair of goals. Maine tipped Providence 3-2. On Saturday night I attended the UNH at BC game where some normalcy returned to the League. Normalcy? UNH jumped out to a 3-0 second period lead, and

BC scored five straight goals second period goals on their way to an 8-6 win before 5,417 wild fans at Kelly Rink. Freshman Jimmy Hayes started and ended the comeback scoring his first college 'Hat Trick'. He also had an assist. Brian Kessel, brother of Boston Bruin Phil Kessel, had a goal for UNH. Maine kept Providence out of the Hockey East win column shutting out the Friars 3-0. ULowell shutout UMASS 2-0 Sunday night in a heated crosstown rivalry Northeastern visited BU and went home empty handed. BU Freshman goaltender Kiernan Millan posted his first shutout, and BU freshman Andrew Glass scored his first goal in the 3-0 win. Nick Bonono had the game winner at 4:25 of the second period. Vermont tipped Merrimack 2-1. ECAC hockey action saw Harvard defeat Clarkson 5-1, and St Lawrence 1-0, and Union fell to Quinnipiac 6-3 and Princeton 4-1, and in Women hockey St. Anselm's defeated MIT 5-3 and St. Michael's 4-1 to remain undefeated at 4-0. On the Football Field Harvard defeated Penn 24-21. Harvard plays 'THE GAME' this Saturday (Nov. 22) when they host Yale with a chance to win the Ivy Crown. Boston College defeated Florida State 27-17 keeping their hopes alive for the ACC Championship game. BC is at Wake Forest this Saturday.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR IN EASTIE

Father Wayne, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in East Boston, invites everyone to 'come on down' and take part in this Saturday's (Nov. 22) Annual Christmas Bazaar at the Church Hall from 12 noon to 6pm.

### HOT STOVE

Baseball said goodbye to Herb Score, longtime Cleveland Indians pitcher and broadcaster. He was the Rookie of the Year in 1955, and a two time All Star. In 1997 he finished his 34th year in the broadcast booth. He was 75 years old, and to Edwin Charles 'Preacher' Roe, who was named to four consecutive All Star Teams and played in three World Series for the Brooklyn Dodgers. In 1951 he was named Sporting News 'Pitcher of the Year'. He was 92 years old.

### TIDBITS

- Congratulations to all those, who will be honored Saturday at the NEAD Community Awards Dinner.

- Be sure to drop in the St. Leonard's Fair and Food Court Nov. 21-22 at the Parish Hall.

- Celeb Sightings: Sunny Davidson doing her 'homework' at the North End Library and at the St. Francis de Sales.

- Crafts Fair, and Phil Orlandella taking a 'day off' in the North End.

- NEAD Annual Christmas (day) Trip to New York City, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>.

- NEAA North End Christmas Parade, December 14<sup>th</sup>

- Good to see North End legend Ralph DeGaudio back to work.

### SMILE

## Facts ON wax

by bob morello

reviewing the best... forgetting the rest

### TAYLOR SWIFT — FEARLESS (CD)

#### Big Machine

Still a bit shy of her 19th birthday, Taylor Swift delivers her sophomore CD *Fearless*. Packed with a 'baker's dozen' of tunes penned by Taylor, in some cases utilizing co-writers that Liz Rose, John Rich and Colbie Caillat. Taylor's #1 single "Love Story," has already made a major impact on the charts, soon to be followed by the many 'potential' hits on this album. Check out the tasty title track "Fearless," the persuasive teen laments as, "Fifteen," "Hey Stephen," "White Horse," "You Belong With Me," the tender "Breathe," the aggressive "Tell Me Why," and the painful "You're Not Sorry." Taylor continues to make her mark on country music with the self-confession "The Way I Loved You," discovering the hurt of lies via "Forever & Always," celebrating "The Best Day," and from the soundtrack of daily video highlights of this Summer's Olympic broadcast, the emotionally charged "Change". Taylor shows no fear with her platinum CD collection, adding two bonus videos of "Love Story" and "Change"!

### SEAL — SOUL (CD)

#### Warner Bros.

Multi-platinum singer/songwriter Seal teams up with legendary producer David Foster to create his sixth studio album - *Soul*. Seal takes the dozen classic soul songs and makes them his own, as his husky baritone vocals breathe new life into each song. Pick your favorites from cuts as the first single, Sam Cooke's "A Change Is Gonna Come," James Brown's "It's A Man's Man's World," Al Green's "Here I Am," the Otis Redding/Jerry Butler gem "I've Been Loving You Too Long," taking a page from Curtis Mayfield's book for the rhythmic "It's Alright." Seal polishes up Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes' hit "If You Don't Know Me By Now," plus Sam & Dave's soulful "Knock On Wood," revisiting Al Green's songbook for "I'm Still In Love With You." Ben E. King's monster hit, "Stand By Me" is given the royal treatment by Seal, winding down this outstanding album with another of Curtis Mayfield's lyrical gems - the classic "People Get Ready." A stunning compilation of classic soul!

### TRACE ADKINS — X (CD)

#### Capitol Nashville

Trace Adkins has been on the country music scene for a dozen years and has made quite an impact, recently scoring #1 hits with "Ladies Love Country Boys" (2006) and "You're Gonna Miss This" in 2007. Adkins' tenth release, aptly titled "X" is a new collection of songs that will please his fans. Opening with the tasty "Sweet," followed by "Happy To Be Here," the tender "All I Ask For Anymore," the romantic "Let's Do That Again," and marks the midpoint with the self-denial "Better Than I Thought It'd

Be." Adkins rolls out the honky-tonk gem "Marry For Money," the military history of '44 is re-told via "Til The Last Shot's Fired," trying to wipe out a memory with "I Can't Outrun You," and the baritone power of "Hillbilly Rich." Trace winds down with the sobering "Sometimes A Man Takes A Drink, and ends with the single from "X" titled "Muddy Water." Super CD!

### TWILIGHT — SOUNDTRACK (CD)

#### Chop Shop-Atlantic

*Twilight: Original Motion Picture Soundtrack*, is the music from the film of the same name, opening in theaters nationwide, Friday, November 21st, with music performed by artists in varying genres. Muse opens with "Supermassive Black Hole," trailed by Paramore's charted, new single "Decode", along with "Full Moon (The Black Ghosts), as Linkin Park steps up with "Leave Out All The Rest," plus Mutemath making lots of noise with the powerful "Spotlight," and Perry Farrell's new song "Go All The Way." That's just the half of it as Collective Soul serves up "Tremble For My Beloved," Paramore's second new song "I Caught Myself," the piercing "Eyes On Fire" from Blue Foundation, as *Twilight* star Rob Pattinson contributes his original song titled "Never Think." Iron & Wine delivers their haunting version of "Flightless Bird, American Mouth," and the finale is film score composer Carter Burwell's "Bella's Lullaby." The soundtrack topped *Sound-Scan/Billboard 200's* album chart, only the third soundtrack to ever do that. A biting soundtrack for a 'vampire/mortal' love affair to grow in!

### TOUR DE FORCE:

#### SARAH BRIGHTMAN at TD Banknorth Garden

Soprano Sarah Brightman will take her North American tour to Boston's TD Banknorth Garden on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Continuing her tradition of breathtaking stage productions, this tour will feature a highly sophisticated stage, including an otherworldly, ethereal experience. Check out the enormous realistic ballrooms that will meld into fairytale gardens and then morph into giant fish tanks, right before the audience's very eyes, creating a perfect backdrop for Sarah's glorious voice. After the successful release of her highest chart debuting album, *Symphony*, Sarah has released her first-ever Christmas album for the holiday season on Manhattan/EMI Records. *A Winter Symphony* brings her virtuosity and originality to many of the season's classics, as her angelic voice glides through an array of season favorites. During her career, Sarah has sold more than 26 million albums and over two million DVDs worldwide, and she continues to defy genres and create groundbreaking music for audiences around the world. Don't miss her at TD Banknorth Garden

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Linda Eder possesses one of the greatest contemporary solo voices of our time. This Minnesota farm girl has captivated audiences across the country with a versatile style and repertoire that covers Standards, Broadway, jazz, pop and country. With nine solo albums and five cast recordings to her credit, Eder continues to expand her range. Performing in two Boston appearances, in "Linda Eder Rocks the Holidays" don't miss this performance! Check out Music Section for more details.

**THEATER**

**NORTH SHORE MUSIC THEATRE**  
2008 Musical Season at NSMT:  
42<sup>ND</sup> STREET - Now through November 23, 2008 and A CHRISTMAS CAROL - December 5<sup>th</sup> through December 21, 2008. For more information, call: 978-232-7200 or visit: www.nsmmt.org.

**THE OPERA HOUSE**  
539 Washington St, Boston, MA  
DIRTY DANCING - February 7<sup>th</sup> through March 15, 2009. A movie seen by millions with an unforgettable soundtrack and adored by many, is now a record-breaking stage show. For tickets, times of performances and more information, call: 866-633-0194.

**THE COLONIAL THEATRE**  
106 Boylston Street, Boston, MA  
NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT  
December 16, 2008 through January 11, 2009. Harry Connick, Jr. stars as a Long Island playboy in this new musical comedy filled with bootleggers, gold diggers and some of the greatest songs in the legendary Gershwin catalog. For tickets and times of the performances, call Ticketmaster at: 617-931-2787

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY THEATRE**  
264 Huntington Ave, Boston, MA  
ROCK & ROLL - Now through December 7, 2008. It's August 1968 and Russian tanks are rolling into Prague. Jan the Czech student lives for rock music, Max the English professor lives for Communism and Esme, the flower child is high.

**THE BIRTHDAY PARTY** - December 10-13, 2008. Two sinister strangers arrive at a shabby seaside boarding house to cart off the supposed birthday boy, turning the "party" into a nightmare. For more information, tickets and times call: 617-266-0800 or visit: www.huntingtontheatre.org.

**THE BOSTON CONSERVATORY THEATER**  
31 Hemenway St, Boston, MA  
THE QUICK CHANGE ROOM - Scenes from a Revolution - November 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.

**SOMERVILLE THEATRE**  
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  
AURELIA'S ORATORIO - November 28<sup>th</sup> through January 3, 2009. Behind the red velvet curtain lies a topsy-turvy world of surreal surprises, tricks, and transformations, where dreams come to life and the impossible happens before your very eyes. Aurelia's Oratorio is an ideal holiday treat for the whole family, suitable for children 8 to 100. For tickets and more information, call: 617-547-8300 or visit: www.amrep.org.

**EMERSON COLLEGE**  
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 information, please call: 617-451-3388.

**MUSIC**

**BERKLEE PERFORMANCE Center**  
136 Massachusetts Ave., Boston  
The Sovereign Bank Music Series at Berklee. Pop music chases fads; great music surprises us. The Sovereign Bank Music Series at Berklee presents great music from Peru to Nashville; from soul to lando to jazz. Eight shows. No boundaries. Full of surprises. November 16, 2008 - Daniel Lanois, December 3, 2008 - Wayne Shorter Quartet 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, February 5, 2009 - JAZZ as Condition: Mint Condition, March 1, 2009 - The Great American Songbook: The Music of Burt Bacharach, March 7, 2009 - Shining Stars: The Music of Earth, Wind & Fire, April 16, 2009 - Singers Showcase: The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All concerts begin at 8:15 p.m., except where noted.

**WILBUR THEATER**  
Tremont Street, Boston, Ma  
LINDA EDER - "ROCKS THE HOLIDAYS" - Sunday, December 7, 2008 4: 00 PM and 7: 00 PM shows. The mainstay of Eder's career remains the concert stage. Over the years, passionate fans across the country have packed concert venues from The Greek Theater in LA to New York's Radio City Music Hall, The Gershwin Theater, The Palace Theater and four sold out shows at Carnegie Hall. Don't miss this special holiday performance! For tickets call 617-931-2000 or log onto www.ticketmaster.com.

**SYMPHONY HALL**  
301 Mass. Avenue, Boston, MA  
BOSTON UNIVERSITY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA - November 24, 2008 at 8:00 PM will present the music of John Adams and Maurice Ravel. Come and enjoy this evening of musical excellence. For ticket call: 888-266-1492 or www.BostonSymphonyHall.org

**ST. CECILIA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
18 Belvidere Street, Boston, MA  
RECITAL IN HONOR OF ST. CECILIA, THE PATRON SAINT OF MUSIC - Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. Program includes the music of Howells; Mozart; Clark; Poulenc; Dorsey and Bruckner. ADMISSION IS FREE - donations accepted. For more information, call 617-536-4548 or visit www.stceciliaboston.org.

**NORTH SHORE MUSIC CIRCUS**  
62 Dunham Road, Beverly, MA  
DISNEY HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2 - December 18, 2008 through January 11, 2009. This musical event follows Troy, Gabriella, Sharpay, Ryan and their friends from East High during a summer of fun, sun and song at a fabulous country club. Tickets are now on sale. Call: 978-232-7200 or visit: www.nsmmt.org.

**Special Events**

**ORPHEUM THEATRE**  
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 for tickets.

**MOHEGAN SUN**  
Uncasville, Connecticut  
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 call: 617-964-9685 or visit www.Youksskids.org.

**REAGLE PLAYERS**  
Waltham, MA  
26<sup>th</sup> EDITION - HOLIDAY SPECTACLE! - December 5-14, 2008. See the Living Nativity; Parade of the Wooden Soldiers, A Victorian Christmas on Boston Public Garden; Clara and The Nutcracker Dancing Bears and much more. For more information and tickets, please call: 781-891-5600 or visit: www.reagleplayers.com.

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**  
24 Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA  
PSEUDO ARCHAEOLOGY: SUPERMARKET AISLE ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE - Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 AM til 12:30 PM. Presentation 1: A Tale of Two Tombs: Looking for Jesus and Herod's Burial Site; 2: There were giants in the earth in those days : The Sad Tale of the Cardiff Giant; 3: Raiders of the Faux Ark: From Noah's Ark to the Ark of the Covenant and Beyond. For more info call: 617-496-1027.

**ART**

**GALLERIA FLORENTIA**  
79 Newbury Street, Boston, MA  
This holiday season, Galleria Florentia features a collection of handcrafted game sets and tables to help you find that exquisite gift for the game player in your life. For dedicated bridge and poker players, consider an Italian handcrafted inlay burlesque Playing Card Box with birch inlay accents starting. Galleria Florentia also carries hand tooled leather chess boards and backgammon sets from Florence starting at. From the Capodimonte porcelain collection, Galleria Florentia offers a handmade game table suitable for chess, checkers and a number of other

games. This unique piece has been hand-painted in Milan, Italy and includes gold-leafing, open from 11am-6pm, from Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment. More info, visit www.galleriaflorentia.com call 617.585.9200.

**MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS**  
Huntington Avenue Boston, MA

WINSLOW HOMER: AMERICAN SCENES - Now through December 7, 2008. This installation of art spans Homer's career from his earliest works at age 13 to age 73.

PLACE (VILLAGE) 2006-2008 - Now through January 25, 2009. These are the works by renowned sculptor Rachel Whiteread. This exhibition includes sculptural pieces and some rarely seen drawings by the artist. This exhibit also features 200 vintage dollhouses.

GREAT COMPANY: PORTRAITS BY EUROPEAN MASTERS - Now through January 5, 2009. A selection of portraits and sculpture by European masters dating from the Renaissance to the 20<sup>th</sup> century will grace the Coolidge Gallery. This is a must see collection! For more information on any of the museum's other exhibits, please visit www.mfa.org/calendar or call 617-369-3300.

**DECORDOVA MUSEUM**  
51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, MA  
DECORDOVA'S FALL EXHIBITIONS - Now through January 4, 2009. Artists that are showing their exhibits are: Laylah Ali; Zea Maya, Stacey Steers and Cal Lane. For info visit the website at: www.decordova.org.

**INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART**

100 Northern Ave, Boston, MA  
WORKS OF TATE DONOVAN - Now through January 4, 2009. With sensitivity to texture, scale and the inherent properties of materials, Donovan transforms huge volumes of mass-produced items into incredible sculptural forms.

**MOMENTUM 12: GERARD BYRNE** - Now through March 1, 2009. Byrne's compelling multimedia works blurs the lines between past and present, fiction and documentary. He uses a range of sources from literature to popular magazines. For more information call: 617-478-3100 or visit the website at: www.icaboston.org.

**PUCKER GALLERY**  
171 Newbury Street, Boston, MA  
ICON OF LOSS - THE LITTLE BOY OF WARSAW - Now through December 2008. This is an exhibition of new

paintings by Samuel Bak. He created 75 paintings based on the photograph of the "Little Boy of Warsaw" that will be featured in this show. For more information on the gallery hours please call: 617-267-9473 or you may visit: www.puckergallery.com.

**DANCE**

**BOSTON COLLEGE ARTS COUNCIL - 140 Commonwealth Ave-Devlin Hall, Boston, MA**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
December 5-7, 2008 - Featuring the University Chorale and the BC Symphony Orchestra. entire family. For more info call: 617-552-6004.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL** - Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in Gasson Hall. The program features holiday favorites performed by the University Wind Ensemble and the BC Symphonic Band. For more info call: 617-552-6004.

**THE BOSTON CONSERVATORY THEATER**

31 Hemenway St, Boston, MA  
STYLES SHOWING - December 2, 2008 - Performances include hip-hop, musical theater, tap and African styles. For more information, times of the performances, and tickets, please call: 617-912-9222 or visit www.bostonconservatory.edu.

**THE WANG THEATRE**

270 Tremont Street, Boston, MA  
THE NUTCRACKER - November 28<sup>th</sup> through December 27, 2008 - This production features the entire Ballet Company and more than 200 children from the Boston Ballet School. The cherished Tchaikovsky score will be performed by the Boston Ballet Orchestra.

**BLACK AND WHITE** - February 12-15, 2009. This five-ballet program includes *Falling Angels*, a mesmerizing study in motion and minimalism; *Sarabande*, a powerful display for six men; *Petite Mort*, which incorporates artistic swordplay set to music by Mozart; *Six Dances* and *No More Play*, playing with space, shapes and contrasts.

**JEWELS** - February 26<sup>th</sup> through March 8, 2009. A ballet in three parts presents a miniature history of classical dance, with references to Ballet's French origins. Each act is distinct in both music and style. For performance times, and tickets, please call: 1-800-447-7444 or you may visit their website at www.bostonballet.com

**ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

**NATIONAL HERITAGE MUSEUM MAXWELL AUDITORIUM**  
33 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA  
CAFFE' CONCERTO VILLA VITTORIA EMANUEL III, NY CITY 1906 - Sunday, November 30, 2008 at 2 PM. Presented by EDIAT and Italian Heritage Month this unique performance is in celebration of the Gilded Age and the Genius of Eduardo Migliaccio "Farfariello" (1880-1946). Featuring the eminent Neapolitan Variety Artist Maurizio Merolla. Music Director and Pianist, "Maestro" Mauro Arbusti. Artistic Director is Luisa Marino and the distinguished speaker will be Dr. Carlo Cipollone. A presentation also by Hermann W. Haller, CUNY. Please visit www.ediat.net or call 617-868-6846 for more info.

**DAVID FRIEND RECITAL HALL**  
921 Boylston St, Boston, MA  
LUDOVICO EINAUDI - November 22 and 23, 2008. Contemporary Italian composer and pianist Ludovico Einaudi will play rare solo piano concerts as part of his debut U.S. tour, in support of his latest release, 'Divenire'. He is known for mixing fragile arrangements and evocative piano melodies, weaving together the best of a classical sensibility, electronic experimentation, an ambient groove, and an almost cinematic sweep. For tickets call 617-931-2000.

**FILIPPO RISTORANTE**  
283 Causeway St Boston, MA

**RESPIRO DELLA TERRA - RASSEGNA DI MUSICA POPOLARE REGIONALE** - Sponsored by the Italian Consulate of Boston and COMITES. Enjoy evenings of various food and entertainment from various regions of Italy. Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, **the Region of Sicily - a concert with Mario Incudine Abballalaluna Acoustic Trio**. All events will take place at Filippo's Restaurant in Boston's North End. For tickets call Domenico Susi at 617-605-5099.

**ITALIAN RADIO**  
"The Sicilian Corner" 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and "The Italian Show" w/Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10 AM to 1 PM on www.1110wccmam.com  
"Italia Oggi" (Italy Today) Sundays 1PM to 2 PM with host Andrea Urdi AM 1460 www.1460WXBRC.com  
"Dolce Vita Radio" DJ Rocco Mesiti 11 AM-1 PM Sundays. 90.7 FM or online at www.djrocco.com.

**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 Tues., Jan. 6, 2009 5 p.m. Apply online www.niaf.org/voyageofdiscovery. Applicants are required to mail a transcript and two written recommendations from a teacher, school official, or political/community leader in ONE envelope.

## Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

How they see us! America has been "resurrected," said Reymen Klüber in Germany's *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. "The election of Barack Obama was an act of liberation, indeed, of cleansing for America." Forty-five years after "a black pastor stood on the white marble steps of the Lincoln Memorial" and announced his dream of an America without racial prejudice, the Americans have actually elected a black man to lead them. It is a historic hour for America and for the world."

This is not just a breakthrough on race, said Vittorio Zucconi in Italy's *La Repubblica*. It is also the triumph of the intellectual. The election of Obama, a former professor of constitutional law, is "the revenge of intelligence and preparation" against "the myth of the Everyman." After eight years of the stubbornly uncurious George W. Bush, most Americans were alarmed when Republican John McCain picked as his running mate an underqualified "hockey mom" who seem to mock anyone who knew more than she did. American voters finally stood up and declared that "they were tired of being treated like a bunch of idiots content to be governed by a drinking buddy who makes them feel less stupid." The next inhabitant of the Oval Office will be someone who is not "just like me" but, when it comes to the ability to lead and govern, is "better than me."

There will be plenty of time to analyze what a difficult task Obama has, said France's *Liberation*. For now, though, "for just one hour, one day, we will not be prudent or skeptical." Let the world take this moment to rejoice in the promise of hope. "try to believe that for the first time in a long time, the New World deserves its name."

Shed no tears for Sarah Heath Palin, said John Heilemann in *New York*. Alaska's telegenic governor will not be our next vice president, but her defeat has cleared her way to a bigger prize. Palin's sudden, surprise emergence onto the national stage "electrified the Republican grass roots as no candidate has in years," and rural conservatives convinced that she's the "next generation XXchromosome Ronald Reagan" who can lead them to victory in 2012.

Carlo Scostumato says after every election the American way is to unite behind the new administration and blame everything on it.

For the record, the 2008 presidential campaign and congressional races cost an estimated \$5.3 billion, shattering all previous records, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. While that's a lot of money, it's less than the \$6 billion America spent this year on Halloween candy, costumes, and decorations.

Tom Analetto of Medford thinks politicians should watch their language they use so much of it.

Joey Antonelli of Somerville says the latest new dance craze is called "The Politician." It's two steps forward, one step backward, and then a sidestep.

A local politician reports that he concluded a very pleasant and profitable campaign. He only kissed the babies who were old enough to vote.

It has been reported 70% of Americans think too much money was spent on the 2008 presidential election. 57% said they support campaign spending limits, while 38% said candidates should be allowed to spend as much as they can raise.

Nice to read 34% of voters said the historic 2008 election made them "more proud" to be American, while just 12% said it made them less proud. 45% said the election did not change how they view America.

The U.S., which long enjoyed the world's top high school graduation rate, has fallen to 13th place behind such countries as South Korea, the Czech Republic, and Slovenia. The U.S. is now the only country in the developed world where young people are less likely to graduate than their parents were.

Why more women are cheating! For decades, surveys of sexual behavior have found

that married men are far more likely to cheat than married women.

That's still true-but new research shows that the "adultery gap" is narrowing, especially among women under 35, says *The New York Times*. Everybody-male and female, young and old-is cheating more than they used to, according to sex researchers. A new study by David Atkins of the University of Washington finds that the lifetime rate of infidelity for men has risen from 20 percent over the past two decades to 28 percent today. For women, the infidelity rate has risen more dramatically, from 5 percent to 15 percent. The increase in the number of women who work long hours and travel for business is a major factor, researchers say. So are the Internet and cell phones, which enable men and women to become "intimate" at a distance, leading to actual affairs. Finally, the improved health of post-menopausal women and men over 50-along with erectile dysfunctional drugs-has kept people sexually active much longer than in the past, creating opportunities for infidelity.

"Men want to think women don't cheat, and women want men to think they don't cheat," says Rutgers anthropologist Helen Fisher. "Therefore, the sexes have been playing a little psychological game with each other."

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill claims marriage often changes a man's taste: many a man likes all married women except his wife.

For dopes! Young people who have used cocaine more than 10 times in their lives are at unusually high risk for a heart attack says a new study. Researchers from the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston studied 9,000 of the young Americans who have had heart attacks since 1988. They found that 10 percent of the youngest victims of heart attack (between 18 and 45 years old) were current or former cocaine users. Bunch of dope-heads!

Our noted musicologist Albert Natale provided us with a list of all the great songs of World War II. It is the music that helped mend broken hearts! Who will ever forget listening to I'LL BE SEEING YOU sung by legendary Frank Sinatra. I LEFT MY HEART AT THE STAGE DOOR CANTEN by Sammy Kaye. Dick Haymes singing I'LL GET BY AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU. Vera Lynn singing THERE'LL BE BLUEBIRDS OVER THE WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER. The Andrews Sisters singing I'LL BE WITH YOU IN APPLE BLOSSOM TIME. Charlie Spivak's YOU BELONG TO MY HEART. Johnny Mercer belting out G.I. JIVE. Sammy Kaye's YOU ALWAYS HURT THE ONE YOU LOVE. Vaughn Monroe's WHEN THE LIGHTS GO ON AGAIN ALL OVER THE WORLD And of course, WHITE CHRISTMAS. It has been said the war years inspired many of the greatest records ever made. Well, the songs touched our deepest feelings.

"Tomb" it may concern. The Ferncliff, Hartsdale, New York, is where many notables are buried such as Judy Garland. She is in the second floor of a mausoleum. Others at Ferncliff, Basil Rathbone, Joan Crawford, Jerome Kern, Ed Sullivan, Moms Mabley, Paul Robeson, Ona Munson, Conrad Veidt, Diana Sands, Theolonius Monk, and Harold Arlen, who gave us "That Old Black Magic," "It's Only Paper Moon," and "Over the Rainbow."

The Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City, California is loaded with celebrities such as Mario Lanza, Jack LaRue, Scott Brady, Fred McMurray, Jack Haley, Bing Crosby, Bela Lugosi, Henry Armetta, Jimmy Durante, Johnny Desmond, Audrey Meadows, Dennis Day, Charles Boyer, Richard Arlen, Zazu Pitts, Rita Hayworth, Pat O'Brien, Hugh Herbert, Joan Davis, Rosalind Russell and Lawrence Welk.

**AMERICA  
IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME  
Happy Thanksgiving**



## Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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### SICILIAN GREEN OLIVE SALAD

1 jar Sicilian green olives\*      2 tablespoons olive, canola,  
2 stalks celery chopped              or vegetable oil  
1 large onion chopped              2 tablespoons cider vinegar  
1 large garlic clove minced        Salt  
1 tablespoon oregano

\*Sicilian green olives are not usually found pitted. To pit olives, use a paring knife to cut olive meat from olive pit. Another method is to place each olive, one by one, on a cutting board. Using a wooden mallet, hit the olive so that the meat separates and exposes the olive pit. Place olive meat in a large bowl.

Add chopped celery, onion and minced garlic to the olives and mix. Sprinkle oregano, oil and cider vinegar over the mixture and mix thoroughly. Additional oregano, oil, vinegar or salt may be added. When kept in a clean covered jar or bowl this salad stores well for a lengthy time in refrigerator. This salad is ready for serving within thirty minutes of preparation.

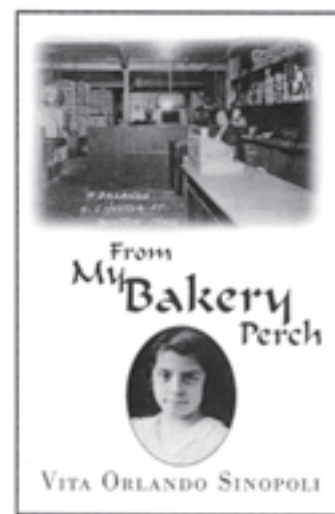
*NOTE: In my childhood, I remember my father buying a large wooden box of shiny light green olives from the produce market. The large quantity was to be shared with aunts who lived nearby. The women knew how much water and salt were needed to soak the olives and how long before they could be ready for this special Sicilian salad.*

*In 1931, when my parents took the family to Sicily to meet our paternal grandmother, my brother Peter and I had the privilege of going to the olive groves with our relatives to harvest olives. As a six-year-old, I thought of it as a picnic day under the beautiful but old craggy-looking olive trees. We ate lunch and stayed most of the day before returning in the horse-drawn carts.*

*Another day, Papa and his brother-in-law, Uncle Nino, took us to a processing plant near their hometown. There we saw olives that had been crushed, processed and stored in huge containers. The scent of olive oil was so strong in that small, cold processing plant that it made my eyes tear. I wanted to rush out into the fresh air. My love for the green olives and the olive oil extracted from them grew from that experience.*

*Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving*

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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



In past stories, I've mentioned that I grew up with the Contini and Ceruolo side of the family, not the Christoforo side. As an adult, I became interested in tracing my roots, but they always seemed to stop short when it came to crossing the Atlantic. I spent the summer of 1972 in Italy with my old friend and fellow East Bostonian, Sal Meli. As we traveled through the southern part of the country, I tried to find connections to both Nanna and Babbononno with only marginal results. At that point in time, I didn't know where Grandpa nor Grandma Christoforo came from. Dad mentioned Santo Suoso, but that was all he knew.

My father was never really interested in tracing roots. As far as he was concerned, the family started here in America the day his father arrived. Neither he nor my mother ever wanted to travel to Italy. They were content exploring the different parts of the United States and experiencing the people and cultures that landed here at whatever point in time. When it was my turn, curiosity got the best of me, so when I spent that summer in Italy, I decided to find my roots. But by then, the only grandparent who was still alive was Babbononno. All I knew from him was that he came from Foggia and that Nanna came from Avellino and back in their day, those were the names of provinces.

Sal's parents had retired from their jobs in Boston and made the decision to return to their point of origin to live, Sicily. When Sal called me regarding me spending my summer vacation in Italy, he was already visiting his folks in Agrigento, an ancient city in southwestern Sicily. I agreed to join him and we spent almost a week with his folks before moving on to explore the island of his birth and the mainland of Italy itself. When it was time to leave Sicily, we headed up the west coast of Italy, zigzagging here and there but not really cutting inland until we reached Pisa. Once there, we headed northeast to Florence, Bologna, Sienna, and Venice. After leaving Venice, we headed down the east coast in a southerly direction. It was quite a trip. When we ap-

proached the areas that my grandparents came from, I attempted to look for roots and find any semblance of family that had never left.

I faced several problems in my search. To start with, all of my grandparents except Babbononno were illiterate. They could neither read nor write Italian or English. This effected my last name. The way I spell it is not the way it originated. When Grandpa Christoforo landed here, immigration upon hearing what he said, wrote his name phonetically. It was misspelled and he never knew. Second, the parts of Italy where my grandparents came from had gone through two world wars and several earth quakes. This meant that any written documentation that would shed light on them or other parts of the families was not in existence. For the most part, I struck out. As a result, I decided to adopt my father's stoic attitude and consider America as the starting point for the family.

Christoforo is not the correct spelling of my last name. Dad told me that he dropped the De that was in front of our last name when I was born. As a child going places with my father, I remember meeting people he had known growing up and they referred to him as Johnny DeChristoforo. The name Christoforo is misspelled. In Italian, it would be Cristoforo, without the "h," so until recently, I assumed that my last name was originally DeCristoforo. At this point in my life, I wasn't about to change it. Any way, that was the order of things until recently.

My son, John, lives in Zurich, Switzerland, working in international investments. This summer he joined a soccer team and plays on weekends, just as we here in America might play softball. One of team mates is named Roberto DeCristofaro. Between playing ball, hanging out after games and double dating together, they both became interested in the similarities of their last names. Roberto called his mother back in Italy and she came up with some eye-opening information. First of all, she lives in a village in Avellino, named Santo Sossio Baronia.

This is where Grandpa Christoforo came from. Secondly, her grandfather had a brother named, Nunzio, who immigrated to America just before the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. He settled in Boston and met and married a woman named Antoinette during the first decade of the new century and they had three children, two of whom survived the influenza epidemic of 1918, John Peter and Mary. John Peter was named after Nunzio's father, Giovanni Pietro, and Mary after Nunzio's mother Maria Schiavoni.

Well, let's see: my father's name was John Peter (named after his grandfather) and his sister was Mary (named after her grandmother). Their father was Nunzio, their mother, Antoinette and their paternal grandparents were Giovanni Pietro and Maria. This is too close to be coincidence.

According to what Roberto, my son John's friend told him, part of his side of the DeCristofaro family moved to Switzerland but still maintains roots in the Avellino village of Santo Sossio Baronia. As of this writing, John and Roberto are heading for Italy to visit with Roberto's mother. She has pictures that she inherited and has more information on the family and, I guess, our roots.

As I said, the names are too close to be coincidental; this must be family.

En route, John called me to ask about Grandma Antoinette's family. I had picked up a bit of information from my cousin, Jim DelloRusso, Aunt Mary's son. I knew that Grandma Christoforo had a brother named, Frank, but not much else. I knew that parts of the Paglia family had immigrated to Latin America during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, but again, not much else. During the 40s and 50s, Dad used to correspond with a relative in Havana, Cuba, whom he called a cousin. This cousin would send him a box of cigars each month, but there was no longer any contact after Castro came into power. Dad never heard from him again. When I was a child, there was talk of relatives in other parts of Latin America, mainly Puerto Rico and Argentina.

Being involved in so many things in my life, the tracing of roots was put on a back burner, but here we are three generations born in America, and my son, John, has made a connection that should prove where the Christoforo (DeChristoforo) family came from.

I'm excited and can't wait until John calls me with more information. Until then, may GOD BLESS AMERICA.

• The Socially Set (Continued from Page 9)

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..... Exotic locations and favorite places will be highlighted during Tower Hill Botanic Garden's annual "Holly Days" celebration from Friday, November 28 through Sunday, January 4, 2009.

This year's theme has a travel twist, "Holiday Get-Aways!" - as visitors get to enjoy countless ornaments reflecting popular holiday destinations. Entertainment includes live music from a selection of talented artists, youth activities, holiday workshops, story telling, and garden tours.

On display will be magnificently decorated trees, wreaths, and swags adorned with lights, and exquisitely handcrafted natural ornaments.

Visitors may also browse the gift shop or enjoy a snack or lunch at Tower Hill's Twigs Café (open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Something new this year is that guests can enjoy the decorations and lights at night, as Tower Hill will remain open for extended evening hours on Wednesdays until 8 p.m. during "Holly Days."

Tower Hill will be closed on December 24, 25, 31, and January 1.

For more information, call 508-869-6111 or visit [www.towerhillbg.org](http://www.towerhillbg.org).

..... On Thursday, December 4 beginning at 6 p.m. we are all invited to officially kick off the Holiday Season by participating in the lighting of the Boston Common Christmas tree. Free and open to the public, the festivities include entertainment by The Garrett Mason Blues Band.

For the 37th year, Nova Scotia is showing its gratitude to the people of the Greater Boston area for their help in the wake of the 1917 Halifax explosion by donating the tree. This tree lighting event has come to symbolize the significance of the cross border friendship between Nova Scotia and Massachusetts.

91 years ago, a terrible tragedy forever linked the lives of the people of Boston and the citizens of Halifax, Nova Scotia. On December 6, 1917, a French freighter full of munitions and a Norwegian vessel collided in Halifax Harbor causing a nuclear-sized blast and a subsequent tidal wave that



Jonathan Hadary plays the part of "King Arthur" in Monty Python's "Spamalot" through this coming Sunday, November 23 at The Colonial Theatre, Boston.

(Photo by Joan Marcus)

leveled the town and killed more than 1,700 people.

The citizens of Boston were among the first to arrive in Halifax with a "rescue train" full of medical supplies, blankets and building materials. Much of the money for the aid came from donations made by ordinary citizens. Even Boston school children pooled their lunch money to help the victims of this huge disaster.

The people of Nova Scotia have never forgotten the speed and generosity with which the residents of Boston responded. In appreciation, Nova Scotia sends a tree to Boston every year to express its thanks for the city's compassionate response and to help spread the spirit of the season.

For more information, call the Boston Parks Department at 617-635-4505 or visit [www.novascotia.com](http://www.novascotia.com).

Enjoy!

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

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## The Bilingual Corner

by Orazio Buttafuoco



### LO SAPEVATE CHE ...

La nuova amministrazione Berlusconi ha ripreso il progetto del ponte sullo stretto di Messina, che era stato messo nel dimenticatoio dalla precedente amministrazione Prodi, che aveva dichiarato che il ponte non era un progetto 'prioritario'. Alcuni persino affermarono che era un progetto inutile, costoso, e non necessario. Nel frattempo sono trascorsi due anni senza far nulla. Per fortuna, i piani erano stati tutti completati. Ora si spera, se non ci sono intoppi politici, od altro, che i lavori inizino come già annunciato, cioè a metà del 2010, con l'obiettivo di inaugurare il ponte (sullo stretto di Messina) all'inizio dell'anno 2016. Quindi, se nulla, o nessuno, interferisce, fra otto anni (da oggi, 2008) potremo assistere all'inaugurazione del ponte ed all'inizio del traffico stradale e ferroviario. Il contratto con la compagnia IMPREGILO (l'appaltatore), e' ancora valido. Il costo e' salito a 6 miliardi di euro (\$9 billion) ed e' la piu' grande opera infrastrutturale prevista dal nuovo Governo. Quel che rimane e' definire ed aggiornare i dati tecnici già esistenti. Sia in Sicilia che in Calabria, le due regioni direttamente interessate alla costruzione del ponte, c'e' considerevole entusiasmo. Noi preferiamo attendere e vedere reali sviluppi positivi. Abbiamo espresso dei dubbi su queste pagine nel 2006, ma fummo delusi, a dir poco, quando il Governo Prodi si pronuncio' nel 2006. Speriamo che il nuovo Governo stavolta non tradisca il popolo del Sud e mantenga i suoi impegni e le sue promesse.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

The new Berlusconi Administration has restored the project of the Bridge on the Straits of Messina, which had been dumped by the Prodi Administration which had ruled that the bridge was not a 'priority' project. Some individuals even stated that (the bridge) was useless, costly and unnecessary project. Meanwhile, two years have gone by and nothing has happened. Fortunately the technical plans had been completed. Now we hope, if there aren't political stopgaps, or other road blocks, that the construction will get underway, as it was announced, in the middle of the year 2010, with the goal to inaugurate the bridge early in the year 2016. Thus, if nothing, or no-one, interferes, eight years from today (2008) we could witness the inauguration of the bridge as well as the flow of traffic, both road or rail-road ones.

The contract with the main contractor, IMPREGILO, is still valid. The cost may have risen to 6 billion euro for the largest infrastructural project by (Italy) the new Government. What remains to do is to finalize and update the technical data that already exist. The contracts stipulated in 2006 are still valid. Both in Sicily and in Calabria, the two Southern Regions directly interested in the construction of the bridge, there is considerable enthusiasm.

We prefer to wait and see positive developments. We expressed some doubts in 2006 on these pages, and were disappointed, to say the least, when the Prodi Government came to power, (and the outcome we know far too well). We hope that the new Government, this time, won't betray the Southern people and keep their commitments and promise.

### • News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

How many times do you really want to hear "Dominick, the Italian Donkey"? I think once is once too often and Dominick's a big name in my family. Hey, what's the other word for donkey, no, not mule, but the word that starts with Jack, remember it now?

Last year, I must have heard that donkey song two million times. If it starts again this year, I will hire Sarah Palin to take care of that jack!@#\$.  
**Just Exactly What is a Welcoming Community?**

The other Sunday after Mass, there were people collecting signatures declaring Massachusetts a "Welcoming Community" for immigrants.

Hey, I have nothing against immigrants, but I think they should be legal before I can truly welcome them.

Apparently, there is an effort by liberal groups to get us to forget about words like "legal" or "illegal", but it's not working with me.

As the grandson of immi-

grants from both Sicily and West Cork, I welcome anyone who wants to join us, but I'm against those who sneak in or overstay their visa and plain disappear.

What part of the word "illegal" don't liberals get?

**Where Do Greyhounds Retire? Florida, Castle Island or Wollaston Beach?**

Now that Question 3 has passed, soon dog racing in Massachusetts will be a thing of the past.

Also, a thing of the past will be the 1,500 jobs it created in Massachusetts.

Soon, I'm sure, we'll be seeing greyhounds all over Wollaston Beach with nothing to do in retirement but walk the boulevard.

Perhaps, had the NO supporters on that ballot question stressed the jobs to be lost, more voters would have saved the jobs.

Greyhounds are bred to be racers and people need their jobs. A lose-lose situation for all.

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

### BOSTON WEST END'S LESSONS: POLITICAL ACTION URBAN ENGAGEMENT



**Buildings razed for Boston's West End redevelopment as new museum of Science rises**

What really got me interested in politics happened as a kid when I met James Michael Curley at Boston City Hospital and carried on a political discussion for what was no more than five minutes, the five longest minutes of my life. That and watching the backhoes and cranes tear down the old West End with my father. He stood close-up watching the destruction and told me how politicians declared the area a slum when it wasn't. He wondered why people didn't fight harder to save it and cried for its loss.

I'm young enough to look back to see why it happened

and old enough to watch it come tumbling down.

The West End is a shadow of its former self, but somehow it didn't all die. The spirit of what the West End was somehow survived the impulsion of that working-class neighborhood.

The city actually has one of those blue oval signs that reads: *Welcome to the West End* on Staniford Street. Here and there a building was saved, but mostly its in peoples memories.

Could they "West End" a neighborhood today? Probably not. We learned from that mistake and react differently today to razing whole neighborhoods. The "westendization" actually saved the North End, South End, and Charlestown. It was a victim of what passed for the urban renewal at the time.

A new Boston was to rise out of the West End's ashes but what actually happened was the West End became a rallying cry to activists in other Boston neighborhoods to fight urban renewal



**Boston's West End in 2008, a shell of its past. Some say the old West End like the billboard says was "thrillicious" too.**

(Photo by Sal G.)

projects.

The West End empowered others near and far apart to not sit back and watch, but to act in concert.

Standing up and speaking out for pieces of land called neighborhoods.

The death of the West End gave life to others. It empowered others. The crying stopped and the people stood tall in defense of the neighborhood.

### • Mayor's Column (Continued from Page 1)

Language Arts and Math have more than doubled to 91% and 84% respectively.

Getting Ready, Getting In, and Getting Through will strengthen these efforts by creating and expanding a support network to ensure that BPS students (1) get ready: are academically prepared to succeed in college; (2) get in: apply for and gain access to higher education, including financial aid; and (3) get through: receive the support necessary to earn a degree in preparation to enter the workforce.

Getting ready involves ensuring challenging curriculum for every BPS student. On this front, BPS is doubling the number of Advanced Placement classes in high schools over the

next five years, as well as offering access to International Baccalaureate to engage students in high-level college preparatory course work. We are working with universities and non-profits to improve guidance and college counseling to make application and admission to college less overwhelming for students. However, our role doesn't end when a student is admitted or enrolled in college. That's why we will work with universities to connect college students to programs and services to ensure retention and graduation, especially during the critical first year.

We have secured commitment to these goals from some of the City's leading colleges, universities, businesses, and non-profits. The Boston Foundation has already announced a \$1 mil-

lion investment supporting guidance, transition support, academic enrichment, and financial aid awareness and education. Other key non-profit partners to this initiative include ACCESS, Bottom Line, The Education Resources Institute (TERI), Higher Education Resource Center, Hyde Square Task Force, Private Industry Council, and others.

By confronting the issue of college retention head-on, I am confident that Boston will remain a leader in public education. The City of Boston, along with its partners in higher education and the non-profit community, are committed to establishing a continuum of support to provide the best possible opportunities for our students because today's students are the foundation of Boston's future.

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Late of NATICK  
In the County of MIDDLESEX  
Date of Death August 17, 2004

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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 CHARLES A. CUTAIA of NATICK in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve with personal surety.

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MIDDLESEX Division  
Docket No. 08P4862EP1

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also known as Janet S. Wiggins  
and Jannet S. Wiggins  
Late of FRAMINGHAM  
In the County of MIDDLESEX  
Date of Death October 17, 2008

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FOR PROBATE OF WILL  
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will and codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that EDITH ELIZABETH MAZZA of FRAMINGHAM in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve without surety.

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Marie A. Gardin  
Acting Register of Probate

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
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MIDDLESEX Division  
Docket No. 08P4175EP1

In the Estate of  
**AFFEEFI A SAAD AKA  
AFFEEFI SAAD**  
Late of WESTON  
In the County of MIDDLESEX  
Date of Death October 10, 2008

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FOR PROBATE OF WILL  
AND CODICIL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will and codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that THEODORE S SAAD of WESTON in the County of MIDDLESEX and CLIFFORD R COHEN of NEWTON in the County of MIDDLESEX 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 22, 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 17, 2008.

Marie A. Gardin  
Acting Register of Probate

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Department  
MIDDLESEX Division  
Docket No. 08P4310EP1

In the Estate of  
**GEORGE TRUEMAN**  
Late of MELROSE  
In the County of MIDDLESEX  
Date of Death August 29, 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 LYNN ANNE HADDAD also known as LYNN A. HADDAD of WAKEFIELD in the County of MIDDLESEX 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 **DECEMBER 11, 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 7, 2008.

Marie A. Gardin  
Acting Register of Probate

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Department  
SUFFOLK Division  
Docket No. 08P2128EP1

In the Estate of  
**STEPHEN FAIELLA**  
Late of E. BOSTON  
In the County of SUFFOLK  
Date of Death May 3, 2007

**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 copy of the will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CORRINNE DINITTO of LYNN in the County of ESSEX 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 BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **December 11, 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. JOHN M. SMOOT, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at BOSTON this day, November 6, 2008.

Richard Iannella  
Register of Probate

**EXTRA Innings**

by Sal Giarratani

**PREACHER ROE,  
Dodgers Star Dead at 92**

I'm old but I'm not that old. Preacher Roe, the spit balling left hander from the Ozarks and a star pitcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers died recently at 92 years old.

In the late 40's and early 50's when the Dodgers were known as the Boys of Summer, Roe was one of baseball's leading pitchers.

In 1949 when I was just one year old, Roe led the NL in winning percentage when he went 15-6. In 1951, he did it again with a 22-3 w-l record. Between 1951-1953, he won 44 games and lost only 8. His Dodgers teams went to the World Series three times and he was an All - Star every season from 1949-1952.

He never admitted to throwing a spitter until the summer of 1955, a year after retiring when he fessed up to *Sports Illustrated*.

As he said, "It never bothered me none throwing a spitter. If no one is going to help the pitchers in this game, he's got to help himself."

He came up to the majors in 1944 when he won 13 games and followed that with 14 the next season. In 1947, he went 4-15 and Branch Rickey decided to "steal" him from the Pirates. He had six great years in Brooklyn. He was 19-11 in 1950, the year my brother was born and that 22-3 season in 1951.

His career stats over 12 seasons was 127-84 and I admit to never hearing about him until his obit showed up in the papers. Sounded like a great pitcher to me.

**Earth to Spaceman:  
Bruce was a better pitcher.**

Bill "Spaceman" Lee recently got inducted into the Red Sox Hall of Fame. He was happy to get inducted into the Hall but apparently thought is should have happened sooner.

Says the Spacemen, "It's 10 years too late, as far as I'm concerned. (Bruce) Hurst went in before me, he has less wins, more loses, he's a point higher ERA.

He wonders if he's "chopped liver". After those comments on Hurst, Lee is looking more like rump roast, heh?



Preacher Roe, right, with Jackie Robinson and Pee Wee Reese.

Another, inductee was Mo Vaughn who gave us some great years at Fenway and Mike Greenwell who got robbed of the AL MVP one season.

The Boston Red Sox also recognized two famous moments in history: Ted Williams' last at-bat homer in 1960 and Curt Schilling's bloody sock in Game 6 at the 2004 ALCS against the NY Yankees.

**Thanks, ED**

Eddie Shallow another *Post-Gazette* columnists sent me an idea for this column. In the year 1941 when Ted Williams hit .406 had the sacrifice fly rule been in effect it would have raised his average up to .416.

Once again, thanks to one of my astute sports fans, I learned something else new.

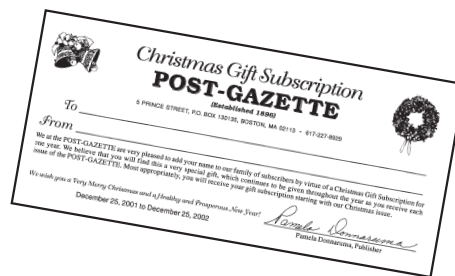
By the way, someone told me a story recently about Ted Williams and Yaz was slated to fishing with him on his boat. Yaz showed up with a case of beer. Ted said no beer on my boat. So, Yaz took his beer and left. No beer, no fishing. Two head strong guys, huh?

**Oops, Dept...**

In a recent column due to a typo, Jamie Moyers record this year got scramble. He finished 16-7 with a 3.83 ERA. His salary only a mere \$6 million.

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## CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.



**Judy McDonough, Iron Mike Pusateri, World Champion Tony DeMarco, Representative Martin Walsh, Bobby Wahlberg and Jimmy Melvin.**

A very special person! Mr. **Charles "Babe" Wood**. What I can say about the Babe is that he's been like a father to me. A WWII Veteran of the United States Army. A very special person to all. **The Babe!** and wife **Shirley** entertained the Elite of Boxing, Politics, and Society. To me and to all, a special part of Boxing History. Survived by daughters **Karen Biagini, and Carol Mazzette**. **The Babe** worked the corner, of five World Champions. **Rocky Marciano, Paul Pender, Archie Moore, Sonny Liston, and Primo Carnera**. **Babe** owned the **Old Mill Lounge**, on Plymouth's waterfront. Babe and close friend **Patrick "Sonny" McDonough**, of the Boston Governor's Council could often be found playing, a friendly game of cards there. **Dickie McDonough**, the son of **Sonny McDonough** and the Babe have a special bond as did his father **Sonny. Babe Wood** and his other great friend **Paul Pender** managed, and trained me for several proud years of my career. I proudly fought for **The Babe** and **Paul Pender**. **Babe Wood** and **Paul Pender** had a special friendship. A very enjoyable part of my life and career. I would call Babe by telephone, as often as I could through the week just to say "Hello!" A special man and friend to all. **Hello Old Pal**. A better man you could not find. A heart of Gold. The Babe is still with us. Reunited with his Brothers in Boxing, in that **Golden Ring in Heaven** refereed by **God**. Reunited with **the Rock, Paul Pender**, and all. We all miss you Babe. Our prayers are with you. Our memories are greater from your presence here on earth. Thank you from your **Brothers in Boxing, Ring 4 Boston, and all**. Services at the Davis Funeral Home, Manomet were well attended by many friends, and family of the **Babe**. **"We miss you Babe, and we Love you."** Thank you, and God Bless you.

Let us all say our prayers for **James McCluskey**, to have a great injury recovery from his injuries suffered the last play of the game, during the **Boston College** victory over #36, is the grandson of **Bill McCluskey**. Grandfather **Bill McCluskey** is a former East Boston resident, and was a top notch Boxer out of a Golden Age of fighters. You come from a great athletic background. Keep up the great work. **James McCluskey**. Our prayers are with you.

**Richard Torsney!** What a great individual from this world of ours. **"Boxing!!!!" Richard** is a former New England Boxing Champion. He's also a very successful businessman. I was talking with Richard, and what do you think this former New England Champion, and National successful business man was doing? **Rich** is an assistant Cub Scout Master of **Pack 97 Den 2**, of Marshfield. They took the **Cub Scouts** to the Roger Williams Zoo in Rhode Island for **"Snore and Roar!"** and on **Veterans' Day**, he marched along with his seven-year-old son, **Joseph Torsney**, at the Marshfield Veteran Day Parade. **Rich Torsney, Your a Real Man**, just like former New England Boxing Champion **Danny Long**, who himself devotes a lot of his Police career to helping the **Youth of America**. **Danny**

**Long** is the **Youth Service Officer** with the District 7 Police Department of East Boston. **Danny Long** is also a great father, and family man himself.

I would like to send a special "Hello" to our Brother in Boxing, **Stephen B. Acunto** of New York and compliment him for all of the great work he does.

**Ring 4**, meeting at Lindsey's in Wareham was very well attended. **President Mickey Finn, Steve Memishian, Chick Rose, Eddie Fitz, Mike Joyce, Jack Hurley, George Maddox, Joe Feeney, Jackie Smith, John O'Brien, Kurt DeCicco, Bobby Franklin, Bobby Bolster, Iron Mike Pusateri, Jerry LaFlamme, Ryan Feeney, John Ford, Me too! Mickey Finn** ran another great meeting. **A 10 count** was given for fallen comrade, **Charles "Babe" Wood**.

Please send our Brother in Boxing **Doug Keefe** a card, for recovery from his recent illness, at 72 Cliff Street, Quincy, MA. 02169. Thank you **Chuck Monahan**.

**Welcome to the first Annual Edwina Martin Fund raiser** at Lombardo's in Randolph. What a Great time! World Champion **Great Tony DeMarco, Iron Mike Pusateri, Tommy Martini**, and myself are here. **Jimmy Melvin** opened this grand evening. Then State Representative **Marty Walsh**, spoke well. Executive Director **Judy McDonough** of the Edwina Martin House, spoke very elegantly on this project. Several of the Alumni, of this program admirably spoke. These strong individuals were proudly listened to, and acknowledged for their accomplishments. The food was great. Then the entertainment! It was superb when, **Jimmy Tingle** rocked the house. I'm still laughing. This guy was a Blast! There's **Bobby Wahlberg**. You are the best!

A time for **Paul Poirier** in New Bedford was attended by a distinguished alumni of individuals. We were honored in watching the memorable fight film of the boxing match between **Paul Poirier** and **World Champion Larry Holmes**. A list of great people attended. We'll start with **Paul Poirier, Wife Jill, Iron Mike Pusateri, Tony Petronelli, Tommy Martini, Doug Pendarvis, Tony O'Brien, Paul Walsh, Dennis Marrese, Billy Walsh, Mike Luongo, Ed Cabral, Paul Faria, Ebony Silva**, and many other dignified individuals. "I wish you all the best!"



**Michael Torsney (Son), Richard Torsney (Father), Micky Ward, Paul Doyle in Lowell**

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



It certainly was different. Yes, it was.

The Boston Celtics game against the New York Knicks — the traditional rivalry between the two franchises that have spent their entire team histories in their respective cities of origin — did have some twists and turns to it.

A major difference with the norm came early when it was announced that Celtics star Kevin Garnett would not play since he would be serving a one-game suspension resulting from action in the Celtics overtime victory against the Milwaukee Bucks in Wisconsin — a game that saw three Celtics players — including KG — foul out.

That meant that for the first time this season the Celtics would be without their big man on the Floor. His replacement was Brian Scalabrine — a 6-9 forward out of the University of Southern California who is in his seventh year in the league.

Thus far he had been a silent member of the C's this season, seeing action for just over two and a half minutes since Opening Night.

But this was to be different. This night he would take to the floor for nearly 21 minutes and play a huge role on defense while scoring eight points — including a pair of three point shots as the Green posted a 110-101 victory over the New Yorkers at the Garden. The win enabled the Celtics to claim their 10<sup>th</sup> triumph of the season — the first team in the NBA to reach a double digit victory total this year.

"Scal's going to help us this year," said Celtics coach Doc Rivers after the game. "He already has now. He's such a versatile player for us, being able to play a couple of positions. Scal can guard the quicker guy. He hustles and makes a lot of little plays. What we're trying to get Scal to do is just keep the game simple. When you're open, shoot it. If not, pass it. Don't try to force it and make things happen. That's what the other four starters are for. And he's starting to buy into that and I can see it in his play."

Paul Pierce, who led the Celtics with 22 points, also praised Scalabrine. "Scal came off the bench and gave us a big lift. He was huge."

And this from Eddie House, who came off the bench to play just over 20 minutes while scoring eight points. "I felt good for Scal all night. You know he played good defense and hit two big threes. I just felt good for him. He got his number called and he was ready. He was a true professional."

And as for the team, House stated "we were just trying to do our job. There's been some talk about our bench players and what we can't do. I think people fail to remember what we can do. So I think this game was good reminder."

The victory meant something very special to the Celtics since it proved that

they could defeat a winning team — the Knicks were 6-4 when they took the floor — without Garnett who is often seen as the key to the emotions in the locker room.

"It was a good win for us," said Pierce. "Despite not having Kevin out there for us, guys realize that we can go out there and get the job done with the guys we have. The bench really came through. They really came and played well. We were able to get the ball inside and take advantage of it."

And although Garnett was not in the locker room before the game — not even in the building per NBA rules — perhaps there was something prophetic about it all.

"You know," said Rivers, "we thought we had to put a number on the board tonight offensively and the number was 110. And we got that. So that was good. It was just a really good team effort. I thought that the second quarter when the bench played most of the minutes — letting Paul Pierce basically rest the entire second quarter — was huge for us. So I'm proud of the guys."

There was also another big difference on the court. This one came at halftime when members of the Boston Ballet put on a special performance choreographed by Boston Ballet dancer Melissa Hough. Some 14 of the company's talented dancers performed a unique tribute to the NBA Champions — which also showcased the ability and artistry of various members of the company.

"Boston Ballet was very excited to honor the Celtics with this special performance," said artistic director Mikko Nissinen in a press release. "As one of Boston's home teams, Boston Ballet was proud and thrilled to honor the Celtics with a performance just for them."

In addition, Michelina C. Cassella, Boston Ballet's Center for Dance Education instructor, was honored with a Heroes Among Us award for her work with the company's Adaptive Dance program, which caters to children with Down syndrome.

**GARDEN GAB:** — The Celtics swept the season series with the Knicks last year, going 4-0 against the new Yorkers. The C's are now 15-6 against the Knicks since the 2003-2004 season ... Doc Rivers played with the Knicks from 1992 to 1995 ... The 110 points was not the most the C's have scored against the Knicks in recent games. The Green and White beat the New Yorkers 111-103 back on February 13 at the Garden, the last game prior to the All-Star break ... Nearly a year ago (Nov. 29, 2007) the C's posted their biggest win in franchise history against the Knicks, defeating them 104-59 at the Garden. It was the largest margin of victory for the Celtics since a 153-107 win over the Baltimore Bullets in 1970.