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## The Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving

by Edgar Albert Guest, 1881-1959

It may be I am getting old and like too much to dwell  
Upon the days of bygone years, the days I loved so well;  
But thinking of them now I wish somehow that I could know  
A simple old Thanksgiving Day, like those of long ago,  
When all the family gathered round a table richly spread,  
With little Jamie at the foot and grandpa at the head,  
The youngest of us all to greet the oldest with a smile,  
With mother running in and out and laughing all the while.

It may be I'm old-fashioned, but it seems to me today  
We're too much bent on having fun to take the time to pray;  
Each little family grows up with fashions of its own;  
It lives within a world itself and wants to be alone.  
It has its special pleasures, its circle, too, of friends;  
There are no get-together days; each one his journey wends,  
Pursuing what he likes the best in his particular way,  
Letting the others do the same upon Thanksgiving Day.

I like the olden way the best, when relatives were glad  
To meet the way they used to do when I was but a lad;  
The old home was a rendezvous for all our kith and kin,  
And whether living far or near they all came trooping in  
With shouts of "Hello, daddy!" as they fairly stormed the place  
And made a rush for mother, who would stop to wipe her face  
Upon her gingham apron before she kissed them all,  
Hugging them proudly to her breast, the grownups and the small.

Then laughter rang throughout the home, and, Oh, the jokes they told;  
From Boston, Frank brought new ones, but father sprang the old;  
All afternoon we chatted, telling what we hoped to do,  
The struggles we were making and the hardships



we'd gone through;  
We gathered round the fireside.  
How fast the hours would fly—  
It seemed before we'd settled down  
'twas time to say good-bye.  
Those were the glad Thanksgivings,  
The old-time families knew  
When relatives could still be friends and  
every heart was true.

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Senate Democrats Told Louisiana's U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu Go Fly a Kite

Last week the Keystone Excel Pipeline got voted down in the Senate by one vote after Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid decided to pull out all stops on the pipeline's defeat. U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu has a big runoff campaign coming up on December 6<sup>th</sup> against a strong Republican candidate. She needed to get the pipeline bill passed to enhance her chances of getting re-elected, but apparently Reid, already having lost Senate control in January, let Landrieu sail out on a piece of ice like an old Eskimo rather than help her get re-elected.

Reid seemed more concerned about not handing the president a bill to veto than help a fellow Democratic senator in trouble.

#### ... But in January

The new Republican leadership is saying the pipeline bill will return in January when the new

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## No Justice, No Peace

by Sal Giarratani

On the night of Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, the past became prologue again. Going back to the Watts Riots in Los Angeles in 1965 and again in the so-called "Long Hot Summer of 1967," I can vividly remember as a teen watching neighborhoods in cities across America burn down in the name of racial justice. So, I was not surprised at all with the immediate aftermath of the Grand Jury findings in St. Louis County over the August 9, 2014 shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown by a young Ferguson police officer at a police stop that quickly turned deadly in the middle of the street.

Immediately following the incident, the death of an unarmed young African American male went viral with the professional race pimps across America never wanting to let the collection of facts get in the way of a good narrative.

The campaign began to degrade Officer Darren Wilson and turn him into a racist police murderer and the liberal news media couldn't wait to wrap themselves in this story with plenty of juicy racial tensions to exploit. The liberal establishment ate it all up and began stirring the pot. Liberal reporters, community agitators and politicians, all with agendas put the full court press on.

I think the county prosecutor did an incredibly good job calling for a Grand Jury to investigate all aspects of this complicated case. The Grand Jury members heard numerous testimonies, listened to a large number of witnesses and saw all the evidence assembled and came to their conclusion that the shooting was justified.

Immediately, Brown supporters called them a rigged jury. They started up their old chant, "No Justice, No Peace." Immediately, the rioting and looting began as those seeking justice tried to burn down their own community. Of course, going back to Watts in 1965, I never understood why liquor stores are the first to be attacked followed by appliance stores.

Those to blame for the post-Grand Jury announce-

ment rioting and looting are the actual participants in this lawlessness, but sharing the blame is the liberal news media, CNN, MSNBC and Nancy Grace on HLN, who apparently love fanning the flames of unrest so they seemingly can report on the lawlessness.

I am a retired police officer of 27 years and I admit I gave the benefit of doubt to Officer Wilson, but I was quite open to hearing all the facts and thought the Grand Jury decision seemed the right one to make.

I am angry with all the flamethrowers out there in the media and community like Rev. Al Sharpton and Rev. Jesse Jackson who love keeping "hope alive," which is sadly not hope at all.

There is no *Kumbaya* time in America and this isn't Post-Racial America. There is a gap between what are the perceptions between white America and African Americans. I had hoped America had grown in nearly 50 years, but when push comes to shove, we have actually moved in reverse.

We have President Barack Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder and neither of them show any true leadership when it comes to race issues.

We are a nation of laws and

cannot be ruled by a mob. We all must work together to understand each other and find communality and understanding for one another. We are better as a nation than we were, say, in 1954. We are better because of the example of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who sacrificed his life for the cause of civil rights and equality under the law.

We need to look at each other beyond our individual skin color and see the human being looking back at us. We also need to empower ourselves and take control of our lives from the state. We are the government. We are the people. Stop self-victimization, run for office, get active in local affairs. Be a source of positive action.

Michael Brown is unfortunately gone and that fact cannot change, but all of us still here can use this tragedy to make life better around us. We can work to bring better communication between the police who protect us and the people they serve. Let's tear down the firewalls that split us apart and build bridges of humanity between all of us. I pray for the soul of Michael Brown and I pray for strength for Darren Wilson. Both forever caught up in one horrible moment of life.

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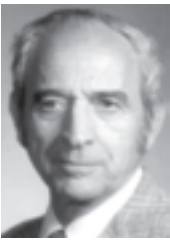
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# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



QUEEN OF THE HEAVENS



**Hera Campana. Marble, Roman copy of an hellenistic original, 2nd century AD**

The mythological queen of the heavens was known as Hera in ancient Greece and as Juno in ancient Rome. Hera was the wife of Zeus. Her marriage was celebrated in the spring of the year and legend tells of it taking place on the mythical Islands of the Blessed. To honor this event the other gods and goddesses came bearing gifts. Gaea, grandmother of the bride and groom, brought branches with golden apples on them. Hera greatly admired this gift and persuaded Gaea to plant the branches in the bride's sacred garden. The Hesperides, three daughters of Atlas and Hesperia, were directed to cultivate and watch over the

growing trees. The golden fruit soon became known as the "Apples of the Hesperides."

As queen of the heavens, Hera was worshiped as the protectress of honorable marriage and as the incorruptible spouse of the supreme god. She was the only lawful wife of Zeus, and because of this, she was considered to be the most majestic of all goddesses. She has been described as having beautiful hair, large eyes, and a fair complexion. Probably the most representative work of art on this goddess was her colossal statue located in the Greek city of Argos. It was created by a young contemporary to the great Phidies, name Polyclitus, and done in ivory and gold. Hera was seated on her throne, wearing a crown that was adorned with figures of the Seasons and the Graces. She held a pomegranate in one hand (symbol of wedding love and fruitfulness) and a scepter or staff of authority in the other.

In ancient Rome, Juno was worshiped as the queen of the heavens but was given the surname of Regina. She was the goddess who watched over all women and accompanied them through life, up to the moment of their death. In this particular activity she was known as Juno Metrona (lady or woman of quality). She was also the guardian of public and private finances, and as such, was known as Juno



**Roman statue Juno Sospita. Plaster cast in pushkin museum after original in vatican museums.**

Moneta. At one time, her temple on the Capitoline Hill contained the Roman mint. As marriage was the most important period in a woman's life, this goddess presided over that event as Juno Pronube (the patroness of marriage). Even during those ancient times, the month of June was considered to be the most favorable period for marriages. Lastly, as the goddess of childbirth, she was known as Juno Lucina.

In addition to her temple on the Capitoline Hill, there was also a temple to Juno at Agrigentum (Sicily), and one at Lenuvium (south of Rome) called the "Temple of Juno Sospita" (the protectress).

**NEXT WEEK:** *Hades*

Saint Bernard Due Van Vo

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Vietnam is the easternmost country on the Indochina Peninsula in Southeast Asia. When we think of this tiny country so far away, we can't help thinking of the terrible war we fought there in the 1960's and 70's. The Vietnam memorial in Washington D.C. serves as an eloquent reminder of the thousands of Americans who lost their lives in the war.

Vietnam also witnessed the martyrdom of many Christians, the Vatican estimates the number of Vietnamese martyrs at between 130,000 and 300,000 who were killed for their faith. The Vietnamese Martyrs fall into several groupings, those of the Dominican and Jesuit missionary era of the (17th century) and those killed in the Christian persecutions of the 19th century. The tortures these individuals underwent are considered by the Vatican to be among the worst in the history of Christian martyrdom. Christians were branded on the face for their unaccepted beliefs while their families and villages were destroyed. The letters and example of the missionary priest, Saint Théophane Venard inspired the young St. Theresa of Lisieux to volunteer for the Carmelite nunnery at Hanoi, though she ultimately contracted tuberculosis and could not go.

Pope John Paul II canonized 117 martyrs of Vietnam on June 19, 1988, they represent the thousands whose names are known and unknown, giving them a single feast day which is celebrated on November 24th.

Among the thousands of Martyrs canonized that day is Saint Bernard due Van Vo, who was born in Vietnam in 1755. Saint Bernard was a convert to Catholicism. He became a priest and worked as a missionary in the country for several decades. He was arrested, and later beheaded in Tonkin, Vietnam on August 1, 1838 for being a priest and a Roman Catholic. His feast day is celebrated along with the other 116 canonized martyrs on November 24.



Over 40 Years Serving Those in Need on Thanksgiving

This Thanksgiving marks the 43rd anniversary of Lombardo's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Over 1,300 tickets were sent to local senior centers and Salvation Army facilities in the greater Boston area and South Shore. The Lombardo family, along with their staff and over 125 volunteers, facilitates the setup, food preparation and service.

On Thanksgiving morning at 7am, you will find the Randolph Fire Department preparing in the kitchen with Executive Chef, Eric Caron. Over 125 volunteers continue to arrive in the early morning of the holiday to help with the setup before guests arrive. The tradition includes a four course Thanksgiving meal followed by festive music and dancing. "The guests look forward to the dancing just as much as the food. We are thrilled to see familiar faces each year. We have generations

of families who volunteer year after year. It is a tradition for their family as much as ours. It is an indescribable feeling to see everyone enjoy themselves on such a special holiday where many people would otherwise be alone" Vincent Lombardo, Chief Executive Officer of Lombardo's, tells us.

This year, Chef Caron has prepared a new menu for the dinner. Homemade butternut squash soup, pumpkin raviolis followed by a gourmet traditional turkey dinner will be served to over 1,000 people. This year's dinner will be made of 500 pounds of turkey, 300 pounds of potatoes, 20 gallons of gravy, 100 pounds of pumpkin raviolis, 100 pounds of mushroom raviolis, 100 pies, 50 gallons of cranberry sauce, 100 pounds of bread stuffing 100 pounds of green beans, 150 pounds of baby carrots, 100 gallons of butternut squash soup,

1,500 dinner rolls and 32 gallons of apple cider.

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## Catherine A. (Cali) BOURASSA



Catherine A. (Cali) Bourassa, 76, of Framingham, formerly of Natick for many years passed on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at Oak Knoll Healthcare Center, Framingham.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Rocco and Phyllis (Taralli) Cali. She was the wife of Armand E. Bourassa of Framingham for 52 years.

Besides her husband she is survived by her children, Paul Bourassa of Bellingham and Jo-Ann D'Angelo and her

husband Paul, Jr., of Jacksonville, FL. She is also survived by her grandson, James Byrne of Jacksonville, FL, her brother Salvatore Cali of Chicago and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was the sister of the late Rocco Cali.

She worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for 17 years until her retirement and was a crossing guard for the Town of Natick for several years.

Cathy was a dedicated member of the Sons of Italy for over 40 years and held numerous offices on the filial lodge level, including President of the Francesco DeSanctis Lodge #1411 of Natick, as well as the Regina Margherita Di Savoia Lodge #1402 of Waltham. On the state level, she served as the Chairman of numerous committees, as a member of the Charitable and Educational Trust, as Chairman of the Historical Commission, and as Secretary of the Benefit Insurance Commission. She served on the State Council for 18 years as State Trustee, State Financial Secretary, and State Recording Secretary. Cathy was a recipient of the Golden Lion Award at the 2013 State Convention.

She was a member of the Columbus Club Bocce and Bowling League in Framingham, the Golden Rays at St. Tarcisius Church in Framingham and taught CCD at St. Linus Church in Natick.

Funeral was held on Monday, November 24, from the Norton Funeral Home in Framingham, MA followed by her funeral mass in St. Tarcisius Church, Framingham, MA. Burial followed at St. Tarcisius Cemetery, Framingham, MA.

Expressions of sympathy in Cathy's name may be made to the Sons of Italy Scholarship Fund, Regina Margherita DiSavoia Lodge #1094, P.O. Box 5019, Wayland, MA 01778

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## Brooke Adams — a Lovely Face in “Happy Days”

I hope by now you have had a chance to see the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company production of Samuel Beckett's “Happy Days” directed by Andrei Belgrader at the Carling-Sorenson Theatre, Babson College in Wellesley, as it had far too short of a run, closing on November 23<sup>rd</sup> after only six performances. Brooke Adams is wonderfully captivating and charming as Winnie, a woman who in Act I is buried up to her bosom in a mound of dirt. She wakes and sleeps according to the times a bell goes off, and lives in perpetual daylight with only a bag and a parasol. Oh yes, her husband Willie, played by Ms. Adams' real life husband Tony Shaloub, lives in a tunnel behind where she is perched. Willie is a man of few words, but many guttural noises. Winnie talks non-stop and finds many reasons for this being a “happy day,” often by reaching into her bag and plucking things from a toothbrush to a revolver she has named Brownie. It could seem as if she is speaking just to hear herself, but it is very important that Willie be there to listen to her even if his responses are few and less than enthusiastic. Toward the end of the first act Winnie takes a music box out of her bag and as it plays the *Merry Widow Waltz*, Willie hums along with it. Oh, as Winnie tells us, this is a happy day, and Act I is filled with funny lines and the beautifully expressive face of Ms. Adams.

In Act II things grow darker; Winnie is still looking for things to be happy about, but has clearly grown weary. She has now also sunk deeper into the mound of dirt that surrounds her and is buried up to her neck. She keeps calling out to Willie for reassurance that he is there, as she is fearful he has gone. She lets us know that though she may seem to have learned the art of talking to herself, she does need someone to listen to her. Her eyes have grown heavy and she has started to give up. Willie finally emerges from his tunnel with a formal though tattered hat and clothing to replace the rags and straw hat he wore in the first half of the play. He is



**Willie (Tony Shaloub) and Winnie (Brooke Adams).**

crawling on his belly, obviously in great physical and emotional pain and struggles to climb the mound to reach Winnie, or perhaps to reach the revolver that she has left on the ground. This play is known for being filled with metaphors, so I will not bore you with my interpretations of what this all means. What I will say is, Ms. Adams is brilliant in conveying emotion while only being able to use facial expressions (for fans of her role in *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*, you have been thrilled to see her famous eye spinning). She is funny and terribly sad. She made me laugh and want to cry. Willie is such a pitiful sight as he attempts to crawl up the mound towards Winnie. You can feel his suffering as he struggles to reach the gun and ... well, I'll leave it to you to decide what his intentions are. Many in the audience were still laughing at this point in the play, and I found that to be unsettling. Willie was in great pain as was Winnie, and I thought that would elicit sympathy. Life was closing in on them, as it will on all of us. Yes, I was laughing at Winnie's happy days, but I did feel her and Willie's suffering at the end and felt very sad. I hope you would have too.

## Catie & Carly's BIRTHDAY PARTY!

The Fairmont Copley Plaza will be hosting Catie & Carly's Birthday Party on Saturday, December 6, from 1:00-2:00 pm.

Help celebrate the birthdays of Boston's most famous canines, Catie and Carly Copley, celebrate their birthdays with a reading of “Catie Copley” followed by birthday cake (for humans) and special snacks for their canine friends.

In lieu of gifts for the hotel's pampered pooches, we invite guests to bring a donation of towels, blankets or toys for the dogs and cats at the Animal Rescue League's Boston Shelter.

The reading and birthday party are FREE and open to the public.

Have questions about Catie and Carly Copley's Birthday Party!? Contact Fairmont Copley Plaza at [www.fairmont.com](http://www.fairmont.com).



## North End Students Earn BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

Michael Laposata '16 and Christian Cattaneo '18 of the North End achieved High Honors for the First Quarter at Boston College High School. For High Honors an upperclassman must have at least a 3.80 quality point average and all grades “C+”

or higher. A Freshman needs a 3.6 GPA and all grades “C+” or higher.

Nicholas A. Benning '15 and Isaiah Emma '17 achieved Honors. For Honors, a student must have at least a 3.20 quality point average and all grades “C-” or higher.

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1,600 students from more than 100 communities in Eastern Massachusetts.



## L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

### Waiting for the Light: The Joy of Advent

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

A few weeks ago, I learned about the term "Christmas creep." No, it does not refer to some dodgy Grinch decked out in a Santa suit. Rather, "Christmas creep" is a term for the way that the Christmas season appears to begin earlier and earlier every year. I remember hearing snatches of a Christmas commercial several days before Halloween and stores quickly put up the holly and mistletoe before trick-or-treaters could even empty out their candy bags. All of this goes without mentioning Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, when people line up in the wee hours of the morning to wade through the crowds, hoping to snag that perfect deal. I try not to be swept up in the commercialization of Christmas. I refuse to set foot in stores on Black Friday, instead spending the day relaxing, reading or catching up on grading. Sometimes my husband and I go out for sushi that night, relishing a light meal to offset the feast of the previous day. I prefer to settle into the Christmas season slowly and luxuriously, enjoying it like a cup of spiced eggnog. Therefore, I am thankful that in the middle of all the holiday rush, there is a period that truly celebrates the act of waiting. This deeply spiritual time, known as Advent, offers its own unique traditions and curiosities as it patiently counts down the days to the joyous Christmas festival.

Advent begins on November 30<sup>th</sup> this year, and covers the four weeks prior to Christmas. The meaning of this special time period has changed over the years. In the early days of Christianity, Advent focused on cleansing in preparation for Christmas. It was a time for fasting, which is why many European cultures, including Italians, traditionally serve seafood rather than meat for Christmas Eve dinner. Nowadays, Advent celebrations concentrate more on the anticipation for Christmas. Nothing exemplifies this better than the Advent wreath. A candle on the



wreath — and there are four, three purple and one pink — is lit every Sunday during Advent, until they are all burning brightly during the last Sunday of this season. This light brightens the dark winter nights and refers to the emergence of light of Christmas, religiously through the birth of Jesus, and symbolically through the slowly lengthening days after the winter solstice. My family marks Advent with several quaint traditions. My husband and I have an Advent wreath that we light every Sunday of the period, accompanying the lighting with reading appropriate Christmas verses from the Bible and singing Advent carols like *O Come Emmanuel*. His parents have an old cloth Advent calendar to which they attach an ornament every day. I also set out my Christmas decorations the first day of Advent and start my Christmas cookie baking during this period as well. These customs allow me to eagerly await the Christmas festivities while also enjoying the unique pleasures of Advent.

During Advent, I also cherish hearing my father's memories of the Christmas season in Italy. In his hometown of Sulmona, nestled in the Abruzzi Mountains, Advent was a rustic, holy and humble season. This was when the *zampognari*, or folkloric bagpipe players, descend from the frosty hills playing their haunting memories. They make their way to Rome and remain there for the rest of the Christmas season, which in Italy lasts until the holiday of Epiphany. Advent was also the time to commence making the *presepi*, the premiere Christmas decorations in the country. *Presepi* are Nativity scenes, and in Italy they appear everywhere — in indi-

vidual homes, in city plazas and even in town squares with live actors portraying the Holy Family. Perhaps the reason *presepi* form such an integral part of the Italian Christmas derives from the fact that the beloved St. Francis of Assisi, patron of Italy, first created them. My father fondly remembers a *presepio* he helped make in his village church, which stretched practically across the room and featured running water and moss. Finally, Advent signals the beginning of Christmas markets around Italy. These charming markets appear in nearly every city, the most famous being held in Piazza Navona in Rome. In these markets, stalls brim with Christmas decorations, toys and edible treats, while performers entertain the shoppers. Tourists may grab a taste of traditional Italian Christmas breads like *panetone* and *panforte*. Italian Advent contains a particular sense of magic, a way of honoring folk customs, commemorating the spirituality of the season, and gleefully counting the days until Christmas.

I understand how easy it is to be caught up in the rush which always seems to accompany the holiday season. Being bombarded with loud commercials or struggling to make your way across a mall chockablock with stressed shoppers can be very overwhelming. However, Advent offers a respite from the Christmas hustle and bustle. It abounds with the themes of anticipation, light and the joy of family and friends. Advent reminds us that no matter how dark winter nights may get, light will blossom once again and it will be greeted with hope and joy. So this Advent season, focus on the simple pleasures of Christmas rather than the rampant commercialism and always hold the anticipation for days of light in your heart.

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## THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



### The Cocoanut Grove Remembered, Part 2



**Dominic F. Giarratani worked at Boston City Hospital from 1942 through 1977. (Photo taken in January 1978 at his retirement party)**

The Boston Fire Department had the whole fire under control within 10 minutes by 10:24 pm but that was all it took to make this Boston's deadliest night of horror. Many escaped the flames only to die on the sidewalk after fresh air killed them. One fire fighter commented back on that night that the toxic fumes were killing them as they "dropped like stones."

Then the race was on getting victims medical attention. Both Boston City Hospital and Massachusetts started receiving endless burn victims. Vehicles were pressed into service. Newspaper trucks, taxis, REA trucks (the UPS and FedEx of the day) anything with wheels became ambulances.

All night long these horrors took place while most were still sleeping. When they awoke they were shocked to hear that 492 people had died and another 166 remained injured.

I remember talking to my father about this fire in 1972 on the 30th anniversary after having gone to a Mass at the Immaculate Conception celebrated by Father Gilday, the church's longtime rector. He talked

about that night from the pulpit, about the endless last rites he performed in the corridors of the hospital and of the greatness of people who were doing all they could to help the victims.

My father was a young 29-year-old orderly on that night and he remembered everything so clearly. Over 300 arrived at the Accident Floor. Once again, according the Mary Ellen Doone's piece last year, "During one seventy-five minute period, victims were arriving at the rate of one every eleven seconds. One hundred and eighty had died in transit with another ten to fifteen who were still breathing upon admission dying within a few minutes of arrival.

My father witnessed horrors that night that could never escape his memory no matter how old he got. He remembered the bodies all over the emergency ward and stacked outside in those old creamed colored walls of the Dowling Building. I remember he walked me along those now empty corridors and told me what it looked like so many years earlier in the early morning hours of November 29, 1942. My father worked as a medical worker for over 30 long years at Boston City Hospital because he liked being in the health care field. Shortly after this horrible night of his, he left hospital work but returned a few years later back to the profession of healing. Personally, I think he just needed some healing time himself after witnessing such horror. He finally retired following his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday in December of 1977. He loved his work and all the good he did.

It was never easy for my father working in his chosen health care career after witnessing the aftermath of the Cocoanut Grove Fire. It left its mark on him and it made him work even harder in caring for those he served.

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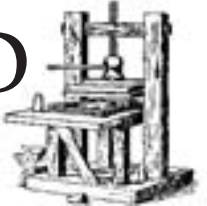
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## Boston Common Tree Lighting

An updated talent lineup for Boston's 73rd Annual Official Tree Lighting has been announced. Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Honourable Stephen McNeil, Premier of Nova Scotia will host the festive event on Boston Common on Thursday, December 4, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The celebration is hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, title sponsor The Province of Nova Scotia, signature sponsors Capital One 360 and Emera Inc., and presenting sponsors Distrigas/GDF SUEZ and Roche Bros. Additional support is provided by WCVB-TV Channel 5, Magic 106.7 FM, the *Boston Herald*, and the *Boston Globe*.

The holiday decorations throughout Boston Common and the Public Garden include the City of Boston's official Christmas tree, a 43-foot white spruce donated by John and Ethel Ann MacPherson of Purlbrook, Antigonish Co., Nova Scotia. In addition, Nova Scotia donated smaller trees to Rosie's Place and the Pine Street Inn.

The holiday lights throughout both parks will light up shortly before 8 p.m. when Mayor Walsh is joined onstage by Premier McNeil, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Santa Claus. The show will close with a pyrotechnic display by MagicFire, Inc.



WCVB TV's Anthony Everett and JC Monahan will host Channel 5's live broadcast of the event beginning at 7 p.m. featuring comedian Jimmy Tingle, cast members from Motown The Musical, The Voice contestant Brittany Butler, the New England Patriots Cheerleaders, Nova Scotia band The Stanfields, the Floorlords dance troupe, and the Holy Tabernacle Church Christmas Cantata Choir.

The lighting of the trees on the Common is made possible through the generosity of Carolyn and Peter S. Lynch, the Egan Family, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, Suffolk University, Boston Proper-

ties, John Moriarty & Associates, Boston Bruins Foundation, Steward Health Care System, Shawmut Design and Construction, Blue Hills Bank, XFINITY, New England Baptist Hospital, The Parthenon Group, Home Depot, Elkus Manfredi Architects, Related Beal, and contributions from other individuals and institutions.

The annual holiday display includes the official Christmas tree from Nova Scotia and trees throughout Boston Common with ten additional trees around the Frog Pond skating rink sponsored by The Skating Club of Boston. Refreshments and additional support will be provided by promotional sponsors Dunkin' Donuts, Davids Tea, Polar Beverages, Geico, GKI/Bethlehem Lighting, and the New England Dairy Board.

This is the 43<sup>rd</sup> year that Nova Scotia has given a tree to the people of Boston as thanks for relief efforts following the December 6, 1917, explosion of a munitions ship in Halifax Harbor. Within 24 hours of the disaster a train loaded with supplies and emergency personnel was making its way from Boston to Nova Scotia.

For more details, call 617-635-4505, go to [www.cityofboston.gov/parks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks), or visit us on Facebook. For Boston Common parking info go to [www.massconvention.com/bcg.html](http://www.massconvention.com/bcg.html).

## New Exhibit Traces West End Circus Tradition & History



**P.T. Barnum & General Tom Thumb c. 1850.**  
(Photo courtesy of the National Portrait Gallery)

From December 2, 2014 through January 31, 2015, The West End Museum will host a new exhibit, *The Circus: A West End Tradition*, in its Members Gallery. The exhibit traces the origins and development of the circus in the U.S., from the late 1700s through the present day, and its strong connections to Boston's West End. The show reception takes place on December 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, when attendees can tour the exhibit and enjoy light refreshments. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

*The Circus: A West End Tradition* will feature graphic panels detailing the development of the modern American circus from its very beginning through the present day and highlighting the impact of specific acts and venues in the West End. Related artifacts dating back to the early 1800s will be on display.

"The circus has been part of American entertainment since the earliest days of our

nation, and — with the Boston Garden and Scollay Square — the West End has played a big role in Boston's entertainment scene from those early days through today," said Duane Lucia, West End Museum Board President and Curator.

In the late 1700s and early 1800s, Puritanical values ruled the day and theater was not viewed as a suitable form of entertainment. Early circus-like attractions, however, were seen as more wholesome. So theater managers established themselves in the local entertainment landscape with such acts, which served as a springboard to later theatrical endeavors. *The Circus: A West End Tradition* will cover the following:

- England's Philip Astley, credited with staging the first modern circus in London in 1768 featuring animal acts, acrobats and clowns
  - John Bill Ricketts, credited with bringing the first circus to America (Philadelphia) in 1793; expanding from equestrian performances to tightrope, juggling and acrobatic acts; his traveling circus in Boston in summer 1794
  - The opening of the American Amphitheater (later the National Theater) by Thomas L. Stewart in 1832 at Portland and Traverse Streets
  - The propagation of the circus clown
  - The advent of the sideshow or freak-show at a time when scientific study was rapidly changing; Austin and Stone's Dime Museum in Scollay Square (modern-day Government Center/Cambridge and Court Streets)
  - P.T. Barnum's role — popularizing the dime museum model with key attraction General Tom Thumb; founding the Barnum & Bailey Circus in 1881; debuting Jumbo the Elephant in 1882
  - The merger of Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey; the debut of Gargantua the Gorilla in 1938
  - The circus as a Boston Garden mainstay since its opening in 1928.
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*Se ci mangi sopra, lo lavi.*
- If you take it out, put it back.  
*Se lo prendi, mettilo a posto.*
- If you mess it up, clean it up.  
*Se lo sporchi, puliscilo (lo devi pulire).*
- If you turn it on, turn it off.  
*Se lo accendi, lo spegni.*
- If you drop it, pick it up.  
*Se lo fai cadere, lo raccogli.*
- If it rings, answer it.  
*Se suona, rispondi.*
- If it barks, take it for a walk.  
*Se abbaia, portalo per una passeggiata.*
- If you open it, close it.  
*Se lo apri, lo chiudi.*
- If I cook it, eat it.  
*Se lo cucino, lo mangi (devi mangiare).*
- If I say, "do it," don't ask why.  
*Se dico, "fallo," non chiedere, "perche?"*

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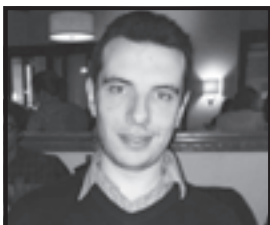
## *The History of Animation: Disney After The War*



His first release was an adaptation of Joel Chandler Harris's "Uncle Remus" stories about life in the briar patch. Rather than being a string of interconnected stories, however, *Song of the South* told its central story, about a lonely little boy in a plantation in the old South who befriends an elderly black sharecropper (James Baskett, wonderful as Uncle Remus), with live actors and animation the classic stories such as "Laughing Place" in three animated segments. On a technical level, *Song of the South* was treated as a triumph. The combination of cartoons and real actors was



By comparison, look at the studio's 1949 effort *So Dear to My Heart*, which may be Walt's most autobiographical film, drawing on his memories of growing up in a farm in the Midwest at the turn of the century (tellingly he changed the title of the book it was based on, Sterling North's *Midnight and Jeremiah*, to reflect that the setting was indeed dear to his heart). For one thing, *So Dear to My Heart* is, for all intents and purposes, a live-action feature with a few brief animated interludes. But the



Apart from this new novelty, Disney also learned the economic value of package films from the war years and his first foray in this field after the war was *Make Mine Music*, a sort of follow up package to *Fantasia* using popular music. The result was nowhere near as successful, but two segments, "Peter and the Wolf" and "The Whale Who wanted to Sing at the Met", have become classics in themselves. *Melody Time*, its companion piece from 1948, was better with some terrific segments such as "Johnny Appleseed", the wildly amusing "Pecos Bill", and the Latin-beat of "Blame it on the Samba" which reunited Donald Duck with Jose Carioca. Additionally, Disney used the package formula to tell traditional stories that were too long to be a short and too short to be a feature as in *Fun & Fancy Free*, which told the stories of "Bongo" and "Mickey and the Beanstalk" linked by scenes featuring Jiminy Cricket and Edgar Bergen and his gang of puppets, and *The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad*.



By the time he returned to the animated feature with 1950's *Cinderella*, Walt Disney's career had opened in a number of different directions, but the public and critics really wanted one thing; and that was for the cartoon maker to return to what made him king in the first place.



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come from broken homes, others have human companions that can't take care of them and some are even abandoned. Sad isn't it! These unwanted loveable pets NEED A HOME. A place to feel safe, loved, warm and taken care of. I'm so lucky to have the pooch life that I do, and a human companion that is kind, caring, and compassionate and always there for me. I had so many individuals not only from the North End but also from East Boston, Chelsea, Dedham, Winthrop and Charlestown. I wish to thank the East Boston Social Centers, my friends at the Union Oyster House along with Eagle Bank and many others that donated anonymously. One donation that overwhelmed me was from a kind, thoughtful and considerate individual that never thinks of themselves but always of others and has no animal of their own. Just a giving person. That donation bought half of the food for the shelter. Also I need to thank Joan my co-worker from the *Post-Gazette* that suggested from day one that we do a food drive for pets. At first I didn't think it would be a good idea but today believe me I am so happy she came up with the idea because each year it gets better and better. Don't let me forget my driver Louie Graffeo who packs the car up and off we go.

"Thank you Lou!"

I thank everyone that shared in some way to make my shelter friends happy and I wish ALL of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

*That's all for now!*

## BRUINS PHOTO OF THE WEEK ...

### Bruins vs. Penguins



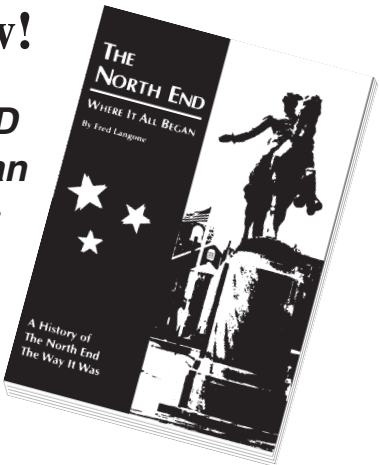
**The Boston Bruins were defeated by the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-2 on November 24<sup>th</sup> at TD Garden. Penguins Center Evgeni Malkin scored the game winning goal 32 seconds into overtime.**

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Among those in attendance for the Casino Night was the newly-appointed Consul General of Italy, Dr. Nicola DeSantis accompanied by Dr. Elisa Meldolesi, State Representative Paul Donato of Medford, State Senator Sal DiDomenico of Everett and many other state wide educational leaders. One of the evening's highlights was youth driven ... Arlington High School and Musica Vesuviana Festival alumni, directed by Sabatino D'Agostino, performed for all those in attendance and wowed them. Special musical

C.A.S.IT's First Casino Night — A Success



Friends playing Roulette, L-R: Antonietta Fierro, teacher at Revere High School, Maria Carriglio, Carriglio Construction and Lorraine Marengi.



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Eliot School Teacher Ms. Houlihan, Nurse at the Eliot School Maria Zolla, Principal of the Eliot School Traci Griffith and C.A.S.IT President M. Gioconda Motta.



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Alumni from Musica Vesuviana.



Kathleen Fitzgerald and friends.



Casino Night Committee: Rosalba Schino, Angela Cristiani and Adelaide Guarracino.

guests Spajazzy, delighted all with their jazz.

The evening was indeed an educational celebration with every detail tended to by CASIT's Adelaide Guarracino, Rosalba Schino, Angela Cristiani and CASIT's President Maria Gioconda Motta. Special thanks to the generosity of Capone Iron Corporation, Roome & Guaracino LLC, Wilmington Sons of Italy, Arco Welding Supply, Cappuccio Construction Co., Inc., Carriglio Construction Corporation, Casa Design, the Giangregorio Family, P&H Business Support Solutions LLC, Patriot Iron Corporation, the Privitera Family Charitable Foundation, Suzanne Iannella, Consul General Nicola DeSantis, Costantino Richards Rizzo LLP, DePasquale Ventures, Eagle Bank, Pasciuto Properties, Ristorante Limoncello, Rucci Bardaro Falzone PC, St. Mary's School, Our Lady's Academy, Beauport Financial Services LLC, and so many others.

The mission of CASIT is to introduce, preserve, rejuvenate or broaden the study of the Italian language, with the ultimate purpose to institute Italian as a subject in the school curriculum. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through the Office of the Consul General of Italy in Boston, provides partial funding in order for CASIT to achieve its mission in schools. Monies raised during fundraising events such as this Casino Night are allocated to promote Italian language and culture in elementary, middle, and high schools as so many schools have been forced to eliminate foreign language courses due to budget restraints.

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*The time has come, the walrus said,*  
**TO TALK OF MANY THINGS**  
*of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings*

by Sal Giaratani

**DOESN'T THIS SAY  
THERE'S A REAL  
PROBLEM HERE?**

Last week the Massachusetts Gaming Commission was reviewing proposed regulations on casinos in the state. If these proposals go into effect it would prohibit casinos here from placing liens on the homes of their customers to collect unpaid gambling debt, a tactic reportedly used by both Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods in Connecticut. More financial rules would keep ATM machines at least 15 feet from the gambling area. At the moment the casino industry and Massachusetts Gaming Commission are at odds over these proposed items.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVIST  
QUITS SLEEP OVER  
AT BPD HEADQUARTERS**

Community activist Mary Franklin, whose husband’s murder has gone unsolved since 1996, took to holding up in the lobby of Boston Police Headquarters fighting for the rights of family members of unsolved murders.

The police department already has a victims advocate working with families of murder victims, but will now add another staff member. Franklin thinks the new hire should be a minority woman who has lost someone to murder. I am not sure I like that idea. As Police Lt. Michael McCarthy added, victims of homicide are both female, male, young and old. Our role in the police department is to accommodate all victims of homicide.”

Community activists and the police need to sit down and come up with a plan that works for all families of murdered victims rather than immediately throw out racial qualifications for the job. This is about justice not affirmative hiring.

**WALSH SEEKS  
CALM OVER FERGUSON**

Something is terribly wrong when Mayor Marty Walsh needs to urge Boston residents to keep any local protests peaceful over the expected grand jury decision in Ferguson. It is also said that Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon has already declared a state of emergency in anticipation of

the verdict being announced. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder was upset with Nixon’s action, but the U.S. Justice Department he heads has already sent 100 additional FBI agents to Missouri.

The fact all this is taking place, doesn’t say much about us as a people in 2014, does it?

**NIGHT FOR TOMMY K  
A BIG SUCCESS**

A fundraiser this past weekend over at Florian Hall in Dorchester for young Tommy Kelly was a great success as people poured out their hearts and financial support for the Kelly family in these trying times. It isn’t easy for a family to watch, and feel at times so helpless, as their child valiantly fights a deadly disease. The family is strengthened by friends and community that come together to help this family living in its darkest hour. They won’t give up hope and neither does little Tommy K.

You can still help by going to [www.fightkelly.com](http://www.fightkelly.com).

**HILLARY BACK IN  
BOSTON DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>**

Hillary Clinton will be back in Boston on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Massachusetts Conference for Women. No word if she will be taking a side trip to New Hampshire, but it could likely be on her schedule, huh?

**TOYS FOR TOTS KICKOFF**

The Toys for Tots kickoff took place at 23 Dry Dock in South Boston on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Walsh joined up with the U.S. Marines and the season of giving is on. Kudos to the U.S. Marine Corps for this great Christmas tradition. Remember, it is always about the kids.

**HISTORIC NORTH STREET  
BUILDING TO BE LEASED**

The historic building overlooking the Greenway by North Street has been put on the market as a lease. This iconic frontage was for year’s part of a series of government buildings extending back to Richard Street and quite often simply overlooked by the locals. The facade looks quite impressive enough and in the TV series “Spenser for Hire,” it was supposed to be Boston Police Headquarters and now the former Sumner Tunnel

Administration building at 128 North Street is looking for future development. It won’t be an easy lease for anyone though, since the building is about three windows long and there is absolutely no access to lease with it. All you get is this wafer-thin building without land or the bottom floor.

If you ask me, the state might as well lease it to the new North Bennet Street Industrial School located next door.

**THANK YOU  
GOVERNOR-ELECT BAKER**

Governor-elect Charlie Baker has let it be known, he does not favor giving special drivers licenses to illegal immigrants living in Massachusetts and will deep six the proposal made by outgoing (isn’t that a nice thing to say?) Governor Deval Patrick.

**CONGRATS GO OUT TO  
EVELYN & TONY VENUTO**

Congrats go out to Evelyn and Tony Venuto of Quincy, who recently celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. This was obviously a match made in heaven.

**AFTERNOON CONCERT  
AT QUINCY’S  
KENNEDY CENTER**

Singer Sigy Moller will be at the Kennedy Center in Quincy on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Moller is an international performer and will lend his voice to the music of Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond, Dean Martin and more.

For further information, call the Kennedy Center at 617-376-1506.

**SHOULD POT BE  
LEGALIZED?**

Efforts are being made by some community activists to put pot legalization on the 2016 ballot.

What’s your opinion on this idea? Voice it here.

**CHRISTMAS TREE  
LIGHTING PARTY**

The Popes Hill Neighborhood Association will be holding its Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Party with Santa Claus on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Get over to the Boston Fireman’s Post #94, American Legion on Neponset Avenue around 5:00 pm. The Neponset Circle Christmas Tree will light up around 4:30 pm.

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**Boston Harbor Hotel** kicks off their **Winter on the Wharf** festivities in mid-December with the opening of their seasonal ice skating rink under the hotel’s iconic arch.

The rink accommodates 75 skaters — but even if you’re not on the ice, you can enjoy hot chocolate, s’mores, and cocktails at Rowes Wharf Sea Grille.

And in December, a special **Skate with Santa event** will give you the chance to share your holiday wish list as you skate alongside Santa to the beat of holiday music.

The rink will be open through late February, 2015.



## NOW PLAYING UPTOWN & DOWNTOWN



Be sure not to miss **CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE** at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. See **SPECIAL EVENTS** for further details.

### MUSIC

#### YMCA THEATRE

820 Massachusetts Avenue,  
Cambridge, MA  
617-661-9622

[www.CambridgeYMCA.org](http://www.CambridgeYMCA.org)

#### NEWPOLI CHRISTMAS CONCERT

— December 12. Join Newpoli, Boston's own Italian Folk Music ensemble, for their annual Christmas concert *Musica Di Natale: A Traditional Italian Christmas*. Newpoli presents the Christmas Story as told through the folk music of Southern Italy, from shepherd songs of the Appennini Mountains to music from the courts and piazzas of Naples. Two singers and six instrumentalists bring an Italian Christmas celebration to life in dramatic fashion using original dialects and traditional instruments. The repertoire will include traditional folk prayers, artful polyphonic songs dating back to the Renaissance, and captivating tarantellas that will make you want to dance. Joining the group on stage will be professional dancer Ornella Iuorio, performing Italian traditional dances. Christmas readings in the dialects of Southern Italy will enhance and complement the music, adding to the magic of the evening (English translations will be provided). Advance tickets can be purchased on [www.newpolimusic.com](http://www.newpolimusic.com)

#### TD GARDEN

100 Legends Way, Boston  
617-624-1050

[www.TDGarden.com](http://www.TDGarden.com)

#### NEIL DIAMOND

— March 23, 2015. Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Neil Diamond will release his new CD "Melody Road," on October 21st. "Melody Road," his first album of new songs since 2008. Come March, Dia-

mond will embark on a North American concert tour that includes dates in the United States, Mexico and Canada. Diamond's career began in the 1960s and continues on today with such fan favorites as: "Cracklin' Rosie," "Song Sung Blue," "Longfellow Serenade," "I've Been This Way Before," "If You Know What I Mean," "Desiree," "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," "America," "Yesterday's Songs," "Heartlight," "I'm a Believer" and Red Sox Nation's anthem "Sweet Caroline." A show not to be missed! Tickets are now on sale.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

561 Main Street, Melrose, MA  
(781) 665-4470

[www.BrownPaperTickets.com/event/895584](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com/event/895584)

**ITALIAN OPERA AND WHAT BROADWAY DID TO IT** — Friday, January 23, 2015. Starring sopranos, Laura Hansen and Kristyn Taylor, and baritone, Frank Walker, singing arias, duets and trios from favorite Italian operas followed by Broadway's version of "drama, drama, drama!"

### THEATER

#### SHUBERT THEATRE

270 Tremont Street, Boston, MA  
617-482-9393

[www.CitiCenter.org/Theatres/Shubert](http://www.CitiCenter.org/Theatres/Shubert)

**RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER: THE MUSICAL** — December 9-14. First airing in 1964, *Rudolph The Red-nosed Reindeer* has become a beloved Christmas classic — capturing the hearts and wonder of generations of fans. Now, 50 years later, something magical is happening as the beloved classic soars off the screen and onto the Shubert

Theatre stage this holiday season. Come see all of your favorite characters from the special including, Santa and Mrs. Claus, Hermey the Elf, Bumble the Abominable Snow Monster, Clarice, Yukon Cornelius, the Misfit Toys and, of course, Rudolph, as they come to life in the all new *Rudolph The Red-nosed Reindeer: The Musical*. It's an adventure that teaches us that what makes you different can be what makes you special. Don't miss this wonderful new holiday tradition that speaks to the misfit in all of us.

#### BOSTON OPERA HOUSE

539 Washington St., Boston, MA  
617-259-3400

[www.BostonOperaHouseOnline.com](http://www.BostonOperaHouseOnline.com)

**THE NUTCRACKER** — November 28 through December 31. Following a lavish ball hosted by her wealthy parents in their well-heeled European townhouse, Clara, exhausted by the excitement falls asleep under the family Christmas tree with her new nutcracker doll. When she awakes, the tree has magically grown to over 40 feet high, and a mysterious prince who bears a striking resemblance to the doll greets Clara, and embarks with her on an adventure fighting life-sized mice, meeting beautiful fairies outlandish fairytale characters. Their journey to the Kingdom of Sweets includes the famous dance sequences: Chocolate, Coffee, Tea, Trepak, Mirlitons, The Waltz of the Flowers and of course, the regal Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy (and her Cavalier). As they are waved off by the magical party, Clara settles back with her Prince and falls back to sleep. But is this just a dream or will she remember this adventure in the morning?

**MOTOWN** — January 27 to February 15, 2015. The smash hit *Motown The Musical* is making its way across the country in its first national tour! Featuring over 40 classic songs such as "My Girl," "What's Going On," "Dancing in the Street," "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough." The true story behind the beat that changed minds, touched lives and took the world by storm, *Motown* shows how artists like Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations and more created the soundtrack that transformed America.

### COMEDY

#### WILBUR THEATRE

246 Tremont Street, Boston  
617-248-9700

[www.TheWilbur.com](http://www.TheWilbur.com)

**GEORGE LOPEZ** — Friday, December 5th, 7:30 pm and 10:00 pm. George Lopez is a multi-talented entertainer whose career encompasses television, film, standup comedy and late-night television. For two seasons, Lopez hosted *Lopez Tonight*, a late-night television talk show on TBS, which represented Lopez's return to series television after co-creating, writing, producing and starring in Warner Bros. Television's groundbreaking hit sitcom *George Lopez*, which ran for six seasons on ABC. *George Lopez* remains a hit with viewers in syndication on both broadcast stations and cable's Nick at Nite, ranking as one of the top-rated shows on the network and among the top five comedies and top 20 weekly programs in syndication.

**SEBASTIAN MANISCALCO** — January 17, 2015. "What's Wrong with People?" asks Sebastian Maniscalco in his hilarious new hit stand-up special airing on Showtime and available on DVD nationwide on March 27th. In "What's Wrong with People," he brings his witheringly sarcastic and exasperated take on modern behavior and decorum, trying to bridge the gap between the Italian-American Old World he grew up in and the contemporary frenetic world we all live in today. The result is an original, highly relatable stand-up comedy tour-de-force that has Sebastian performing sold-out concerts worldwide. His self-deprecating comedy reminds fans of a young Jerry Seinfeld who constantly challenges his audience to recognize the absurdities of everyday life.

### DANCE

#### WILBUR THEATRE

246 Tremont St., Boston, MA  
617-248-9700

[www.TheWilburTheatre.com](http://www.TheWilburTheatre.com)

**DANCING WITH THE STARS LIVE!** — January 16, 2015. The all-new *Dancing with the Stars: Live!* tour

will feature a cast of the television show's most popular competitors, treating audiences to exciting and romantic performances. Dancing with the Stars dancers will choreograph brand new never-before-seen numbers and re-create some of the show's most memorable moments. As announced during Monday's broadcast, Mark Ballas and Witney Carson are the first two dancers revealed to be on the tour. Further announcements will be made throughout the season.

#### INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART

100 Northern Ave., Boston  
617-478-3100

[www.ICABoston.org](http://www.ICABoston.org)

**MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP: Italian Concerto, A Wooden Tree, Jenn and Spencer, and Words** — January 21-25, 2015. Mark Morris returns to the ICA for the first time since 2007. Brooklyn-based choreographer will present four works: *Italian Concerto*, his interpretation of Bach's popular Italian Concerto in F Major; *A Wooden Tree*, a whimsical ensemble piece set to offbeat Ivor Cutler recordings; the passionate *Jenn and Spencer*, with music by Henry Cowell; and *Words*, a brand-new work set to Mendelssohn's "Songs Without Words." MMDG Music Ensemble performs live.

### MUSEUMS

#### ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM

25 Evans Way, Boston, MA  
Information (617) 566 1401

Box Office (617) 278 5156

[www.GardnerMuseum.org](http://www.GardnerMuseum.org)

**DONATELLO, MICHELANGELO, CELLINI: SCULPTORS' DRAWINGS FROM RENAISSANCE ITALY** — Now through January 19, 2015. This groundbreaking exhibition examines the multifaceted relationship between drawing and sculpture in Renaissance Italy. Because sculptors worked primarily from preparatory models in wax or clay, drawing was not an essential part of their working practice. And yet, in his self-portrait now in the Gardner Museum's collection, the prominent Florentine sculptor Baccio Bandinelli points not to his most famous public monument, but rather to a drawing of it. The surprising gesture raises many questions about when, why, and how Renaissance sculptors drew, and provides clues about their training and their ambitions. Come and explore works by several Italian masters, many being exhibited for the first time in the United States.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### SHRINER'S AUDITORIUM

199 Fordham Rd., Wilmington, MA  
(978) 657-4202 or (781) 665-6466

[www.AleppoShriners.com](http://www.AleppoShriners.com)

**CASTLEBERRY FAIR** — November 28-30. This is the big one folks with over 250 juried craftsmen and women selling their American made works including: pottery, fine jewelry, candles, turned wood, photography, metal sculpture, ceramics, soap, wearable art, primitives and folk art, soft sculpture, victorian wreaths, leather, floral arrangements, country wood crafts, ornaments, fragrances, stained glass, blown glass and so much more. A "food sampling" extravaganza will be presented with such gourmet delights as: herbal dips, sauces, jams & jellies, candies, peanut brittle, fudge, vinegar's, pastry, oil's, salsa's, chutney, jerky, baked goods, coffees and so much more. Ample free parking and free shuttle bus service provided. Held indoor, rain or shine. For further information call 603-332-2616 or print a discount admission coupon at [www.castleberryfairs.com](http://www.castleberryfairs.com).

#### MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

1 Science Park, Boston, MA  
617-723-2500

[www.MOS.org](http://www.MOS.org)

**THE MURDER AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM SCAVENGER HUNT** — December 6, 2014. For adults only. All tickets include admission to the museum. Someone, or something, has been bumping off museum staffers involved in the recent discovery of a long-lost invention by Benjamin Franklin. This "infernal machine" has a murky past: Freemasons supposedly used it as part of a secret ritual. Are the deaths caused by the invention,

or part of the fabled "Curse of the Freemasons"? Or is a serial killer on the loose? Your team of sleuths will have to crack a secret code and uncover the museum's secrets to solve the mystery and stop the killings.

**LOWELL MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM**  
50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, MA  
978-454-2299

[www.LowellAuditorium.com](http://www.LowellAuditorium.com)

**CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE** — December 12. Renowned Director Neil Goldberg, creator of the groundbreaking Broadway hit *Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy*, re-imagines the holiday season with *Cirque Dreams Holiday*. An international cast of over 30 multi-talented and brilliantly costumed artists come to life and perform astonishing feats of disbelief. Experience gingerbread men flipping mid air, toy soldiers marching on thin wires, snowmen daringly balancing, and reindeer soaring high above a landscape of holiday wonderment. An original music score and some seasonal favorites accompany hundreds of spectacular costumes and holiday dreams. The perfect way to come in from the cold, forget the holiday stresses and rediscover the magic of the season.

### HOLIDAY LIGHTINGS IN BOSTON

**COPLEY SQUARE TREE LIGHTING** — Tuesday, December 2, 5:00-6:00 pm. The free event will feature appearances by Mayor Walsh, WHDH-TV's Janet Wu, Santa Claus, and Rudolph along with live entertainment including members of the Boston Pops Brass Ensemble, the Trinity Church Choristers, vocalist Sheree Dunwell, and a holiday sing-along. Light refreshments will be provided by local businesses and the Fairmont Copley Plaza will host a family reception immediately following for all in attendance. In addition, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Copley Square will become a spot for family revelry with jugglers, stilt walkers, and festive music provided by Magic 106.7, Boston's holiday music station. Even more festivities will take place in and around Copley Square on December 2. The Boston Public Library and The Catered Affair will host a Storytime and Candy Cane Tea at The Fairmont Copley Plaza from 3:30-5:00 pm. The tea is free but reservations are required by calling (617) 859-2282.

**BOSTON COMMON HOLIDAY LIGHTING** — Thursday, December 4 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm — The holiday decorations throughout Boston Common and the Public Garden include the City of Boston's official Christmas tree. The holiday lights throughout both parks will light up in sequence shortly before 8:00 pm when Mayor Walsh is joined onstage by Premier McNeil, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Santa Claus. The show will close with a pyrotechnic display by MagicFire, Inc. WCVB TV's Anthony Everett and JC Monahan will host Channel 5's live broadcast of the event beginning at 7:00 pm. featuring Nashville's Chaley Rose, The Voice contestant Brittany Butler, the New England Patriots Cheerleaders, Nova Scotia band The Stanfields, the Floorlords dance troupe, and a headliner and additional acts to be announced. For more information please call (617) 635-4505, go to [www.cityofboston.gov/parks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks).

**WEST END CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** — Saturday, December 13, from 6:00-8:30 pm. The Friends of Richard Cardinal J. Cushing Memorial Park, Inc., will hold their annual West End Christmas Tree Lighting. This year the Boston Fire Department is invited to join in the celebration. The tree at Richard Cardinal J. Cushing Memorial Park at 1 Bowdoin Square is blessed and lit in memory of his Eminence Richard Cardinal J. Cushing, as well as in remembrance of lost community members and loved ones. This year, in honor of their tremendous courage and sacrifice Lt. Edward J. Walsh, Jr. and firefighter Michael R. Kennedy will be remembered as well as the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Regina Cleri Residence, and General Robert H. Quinn. The event often features local choirs, entertainment and a surprise visit from Santa. Free parking will be available at the Charles River Plaza Garage Lower Deck. Contact Norman Herr for parking passes at the lighting or to answer any questions at 617-869-7001 (C) or 617-720-5326 (H).

### ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS

**"The Sicilian Corner"** — 10:00 am to Noon every Friday with hosts Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and **"The Italian Show"** with Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 9:00 am to Noon. Go to [www.1110wccmam.com](http://www.1110wccmam.com).

**"Italia Oggi"** — Sundays 11:00 am to Noon with host Andrea Urdis 1460 AM. Go to [www.1460WXBZ.com](http://www.1460WXBZ.com).

**"Dolce Vita Radio"** — DJ Rocco Mesiti 11:00 am-1:00 pm; Sundays 90.7 FM or online [www.djrocco.com](http://www.djrocco.com).

**"The Nick Franciosa Show"** — Sundays from Noon to 3:00 pm on WLYN 1360 AM and WAZN 1470 AM.

**"Guido Oliva Italian Hour"** — 8:00 am-9:00 am Sundays on WSRO 650 AM and online at [www.wsro.com](http://www.wsro.com).

**"Tony's Place" on MusicAmerica WPLM FM 99.1** — Sundays 9:00 pm-10:00 pm on MusicAmerica. Host Ron Della Chiesa presents Tony's Place. Visit [www.MusicNotNoise.com](http://www.MusicNotNoise.com).

**"L'Italia Chiamo Italian Radio Show" hosted by Stefano Marchese and Emanuele Capoano** — Thursdays 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Visit [www.zumix.org/radio](http://www.zumix.org/radio) or [litaliachiamo.wordpress.com](http://litaliachiamo.wordpress.com); email: [litaliachiamoshow@gmail.com](mailto:litaliachiamoshow@gmail.com). Tel. 857-334-0868.

**"Intervallo Musicale"** — Sundays 10:00-10:30 am; Host Carmine Guarino on WUNR 1600 AM and online at [www.wunr.com](http://www.wunr.com).



# Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

*Weird!* A New Hampshire election volunteer was ordered to stay home by county officials for saying “God bless you” to voters. Ruth Provencal has worked five elections in Derry, New Hampshire, and was fond of saying, “Thank you for voting, God bless you,” as voters left the polls. County officials said using the word “God” violated the state’s ban on electioneering.

Two California women began camping out at a local electronics store 22 days ahead of Black Friday. Vickey Torres and Juanita Salas will live in front of the Best Buy in Beaumont for three weeks to take advantage of the store’s “first come, first served” holiday bargains. “Some people think we’re crazy,” said Torres. “We could have started later, but then we wouldn’t be sure to be first in line.

*Good move!* President Obama has nominated Loretta Lynch, the U.S. attorney in Brooklyn, to be the nation’s attorney general. Lynch will be the first black woman to hold the role of the nation’s top law enforcement official. Lynch has no ties to the White House or any history of controversial political stances, and has twice been confirmed by the Senate to her current job, making it likely she will survive a confirmation hearing.

For the record, Robin Williams was suffering from Parkinson’s disease, paranoia, and other symptoms of dementia in the period leading up to his suicide, but he had no alcohol or illegal drugs in his system, according to the official coroner’s report on the comedian’s death. The autopsy found two antidepressants in William’s system but confirmed that he was sober when he hung himself at his Northern California home in August. Williams, 63, had suffered from depression for decades, but his wife, Susan, told officials that he had become withdrawn, anxious, and paranoid in the months before his death.

*Is it worth it?* Don’t let your kids grow up to be rock stars. A new Australian study has found that pop and rock stars have average life spans that are about 25 years shorter than those of their non-musician counterparts. Examples include Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Jim Morrison, Kurt Cobain, and Amy Winehouse — all of whom died at 27.

Theologians, poets, and scientists have long pondered the mystery of what happens after we die. Does everything fade to black, or can consciousness continue even when the brain stops functioning? The largest ever study of near-death and out-of body experiences has found evidence that consciousness often continues for at least a brief time after death. Gee, we’ll let you know if it’s true after we die.

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill claims no one is dead as long as he is remembered by someone.

Having problems may not be so bad after all. There’s a special place for folks who have none-it’s called a cemetery.

Where some notables are buried: Joan Crawford is at Ferncliff Cemetery in Hartsdale, New York. Bette Davis is at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Hollywood Hills, Los Angeles. Also there, Lucille Ball, Joan Caulfield, Ray Collins, Jerome Cowan, Tony Fontane. Clark Gable is wooing the gals at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale California. Also there are Jill Ireland, Buster Keaton, Alan Ladd, Carole Landis, and Jeanette MacDonald. Of course, there are many, many other notables.

*Huh?* The price of gold fell to a four-year low, to just under \$1,170 a troy ounce. The slump came as a strong U.S. dollar and a rally in U.S. stocks made an investment in gold as a hedge against inflation less attractive.

Speaking of gold, the great Tom Analetto of Medford, reminds us, one of the troubles with the world today is that we have allowed the Golden Rule to tarnish.

*Great guys!* For the past three years, Bob Blackley has spent his birthday handing out \$5 bills on a busy street corner in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Last week, to celebrate his 59<sup>th</sup>, he gave away \$800 while holding a cardboard sign that read, “I have a job. I have a home. Could you use an extra \$5?” Blackley, who increases his outlay by \$50

every year, doesn’t care what the recipients do with the money. “If it puts a smile on their face, it’s theirs,” he said. That’s what life’s all about — smiling.

It was Anthony Dominick Benedetto, better known as Tony Bennett, who had a big hit singing “Smile” a song created by Charlie Chaplin. Yes! Chaplin created the memorable song and was proud to have Tony Bennett record the song.

According to Tony Bennett, “My family came from a small town called Podargoni in Reggio-Calabria, Italy. Around the turn of the twentieth century, my grandfather brought his wife and children to America, and they settled in New York. Originally they lived on Mulberry Street in Little Italy. “My given name is Anthony Dominick Benedetto, and Benedetto in Italian means “the blessed one.” I couldn’t say it any better than that. I’ve been blessed on many counts, but most of all, I’ve been blessed with an amazing family. I feel that what I do for a living is a very noble job; I’m on a journey to communicate how beautiful our daily experience can be. Life is a gift and we should all cherish it. It’s as simple as that.” Our great paesano reminds us that being angry is a waste of time. Instead, count your blessings every day.

*Che puzza!* A Florida man who was charged with pooping in the woods outside a local bar is suing police for violating his civil rights. Elvan Moore claims he was actually vomiting and that the disorderly conduct charges, which were later dropped owing to lack of evidence, caused him to lose his \$55,000-a-year job as a financial adviser. He is seeking damages for being “harassed” by police.

Good bugging! A Brooklyn startup called Exo began selling high-protein snack bars made from ground-up crickets, touting “the nutritional and environmental benefits of consuming insects.

*Voyeurs*, after a survey revealed that just 2 percent of French women are now willing to go topless on the beaches of the French Riviera. “It’s seen as vulgar,” said Muriel Trazie, 60. “People are more prudish these days.”

So how many of you women are going topless on the beach this coming summer? Please inform us so that we can publicize the bare facts of this event.

*Ready for this?* Physicians are more than twice as likely as non-physicians to kill themselves, perhaps because of long work hours, emotional exhaustion, and intense pressure, especially during residencies. Some 400 doctors commit suicide in the U.S. every year. So reports the *New York Times*.

*Reminder!* When Prohibition was lifted in 1933, brothers Ernest and Julio took their entire savings of about \$5,000, and began producing wine from the vineyards their father had owned in California. They made a profit of \$34,000 in their first year of business and helped to launch California’s wine industry. Today more than 100 wineries in the U.S. are owned by Italian Americans. And the popular Radio Flyer red wagon was created by Antonio Pasin, an immigrant Italian carpenter in 1917. Today his three grandsons run the Chicago-based Radio Flyer Inc. whose 100 employees manufacture about 8,000 wagons a day.

Show business stuff by the noted musicologist Albert Natale. According to Yves Montand: “Arnold Schwarzenegger is a farce. In America, he is not only a movie star, he has political power. The son of a Nazi, yet what the father did should be separate from what the son does. But this Schwarzenegger, he invites the ex-Nazi president of Austria {Kurt Waldheim} to his wedding with a girl who is of the Kennedy family, a family of Democrats! He has no shame and no sense of what is appropriate or decent.” So reported in the *Hollywood Babble*.

Ah, the holiday season and time to spend lots of money on Christmas gifts. For me? Baccala!

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



## Parla Come Mangi! (Speak as You Eat!)

by Alessandra Sambiase



*Benvenuti!* This week’s recipe comes from the Emilia-Romagna region located in northern Italy. Emilia is the area between the Po valley and northern Tuscany. Romagna is the mountainous country with the Adriatic coast to the east. Bologna, the capital city of Emilia-Romagna, is home to the oldest university in Europe and also brings to the world excellence in the food industry. Mortadella, culatello, prosciutto di Parma, zampone, cotechino, pasta brands like Barilla, aceto balsamico tradizionale di Modena, Parmigiano Reggiano, piadina and Lambrusco wine are internationally known and their origin is controlled, guaranteed and certified.

*Passatelli in brodo* (passatelli in broth) is a very unique soup that marries the aroma of fresh lemon with the unmistakable tastes of Parmigiano Reggiano. This is a very easy to prepare recipe that is sure to warm up the many cold Winter days ahead and is likely to become your next favorite soup.

### Passatelli in brodo (serves four)

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| 4 cups of chicken broth (can be mixed with beef broth) | 2 whole eggs             |
| ½ cup of breadcrumbs                                   | Grated zest of one lemon |
| ¼ cup grated Parmigiano Reggiano                       | Dash of nutmeg to taste  |

**Preparation:** In a bowl, mix the eggs well. Add the cheese, breadcrumbs, nutmeg and lemon zest. Combine the ingredients until a firm dough forms (add a bit of broth if it seems too dry). Let rest for 5 minutes, then place part of the dough in a potato ricer and squeeze until the passatelli are about 1 ½ inches long cutting them with a knife over a clean towel. Continue until all the dough has been squeezed and the passatelli laid out on the towel – do not heap them. In a saucepan, bring the broth to a boil and throw the passatelli in. They are fully cooked when they rise to the surface. Fish them out with a slotted ladle and place into individual deep plates, adding a bit more broth. Sprinkle with grated Parmigiano Reggiano cheese and serve hot. Buon appetito!

### Passatelli in brodo (serve quattro)

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| 1 litro di brodo di pollo misto a brodo di carne | 2 uova                             |
| 100 g di pangrattato                             | La buccia grattugiata di un limone |
| 40 g di Parmigiano Reggiano grattugiato          | Noce moscata q.b.                  |

**Preparazione:** In una ciotola sbatti bene le uova e aggiungi il formaggio grattugiato, il pangrattato, la noce moscata e la buccia grattugiata del limone. Amalgama bene fino ad ottenere un composto piuttosto sodo. Lascia riposare per 5 minuti poi, in uno schiacciapastate a fori larghi, metti un po’ di impasto per volta e taglia con un coltello i passatelli di circa 4 cm che a mano a mano usciranno dai fori, adagiandoli su un canovaccio pulito senza sovrapporli. In una pentola, porta ad ebollizione il brodo preparato e fai cuocere i passatelli. Appena affiorano in superficie, togliili con un colino, mettili in un piatto fondo aggiungendo del brodo e guarnisci con del Parmigiano Reggiano. Servi caldo. Buon appetito!

**If you would like to cook with me go to [www.speakasyoueat.com](http://www.speakasyoueat.com).**

Alessandra Sambiase is an elementary and middle school Italian language teacher in the Catholic school system and in the North End. She is also a cooking instructor and founder of “Parla come mangi!” (speak as you eat!) cooking classes, where the passion for the Italian language meets the love for the Italian food.

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- Due to space considerations, we request that letters not exceed two double-spaced, type-written pages.
- This newspaper reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and taste and to limit the number of letters published from any one person or organization.
- Deadline for submission is 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the Friday on which the writer wishes to have the material published. Submission by the deadline does not guarantee publication.

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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Coming from a family of musicians, I realized at a young age that, between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, work was plentiful. As a child, I observed Dad, Uncle Nick and Uncle Paul heading out with their instruments en tow both day and night. Back in the day, most businesses held a Christmas party for their employees. DJs hadn't been invented yet and music was live.

My father and uncles played what was referred to at the union as "General Business." That term meant that they could play any type of music for dancing or listening and tunes, past and present, were all memorized. The groups they played with might be composed of different men and different instrumentation each time they worked. Dad, as an example would book Christmas parties that were offered to him, sometimes two or three on the same day, not including engagements he played with the band he worked with at night. Beginning at the end of WWII, when the Christmas parties would begin, Dad would hire someone to chauffer him around Boston. He might play a morning party with only a half hour until the midday affair. This meant that he would have to fight his way through Boston traffic, find a parking space and with a bass violin under his arm head to the location of the job. To simplify matters, a chauffeur (driving his car) was necessary. This almost always insured he wouldn't be late. My uncles would do pretty much the same thing with the multiple Christmas parties each day.

One of Dad's favorite jobs was playing at Jordan Marsh during the Christmas season. He was part of a trio that played at Santa's Enchanted Village. The bandleader he worked for at the time, Guy Ormandy, would book Dad, an accordionist and a violinist to play for the kids that visited the Enchanted Village. They would be dressed with Tyrolean hats and Lederhosen (leather short pants) and looked like farmers from Austria and Switzerland. All of the other Christmas parties required tuxedos or suits and ties. The musicians had to be versatile.

When I came of age, I joined the family business. Most of my young life, I had rejected each instrument I tried. Finally, as a teenager, I asked Dad to teach me how

to play bass violin. From there, I taught myself how to play bass guitar. When Dad and my uncles thought I was ready, I joined the union and was on my way. Of course, I had to prove myself in terms of talent, but being Nick Conti's nephew or Johnny Christie's son didn't hurt my cause. To add to this, one of Boston's newspapers did a story on Dad, showing a picture of him with a group calling him in the caption, "Boston's Busiest Bass Player."

When my turn to become a professional came along, Dad and Babbononno brought me to Hyman Brothers, a men's store where most of Boston's musicians bought their clothes and especially their tuxedos. I was fitted by one of the Hyman brothers for a shawl collar tux with a lapel that featured the Playboy rabbit's head on it. I was in my glory.

A sax player by the name of Don Ellis, a cousin of the famed guitarist, Don Alessi, left the Ken Reeves organization and started his own booking office. When Don gave me the offer to join him, the money was good (scale plus) and I trusted him having worked with him in several of the Ken Reeves bands. Several other musicians who had worked for Reeves left him to join Don and each group, as a result, sounded pretty good.

That first year as a young musician facing my first Christmas season was a baptism of fire that I handled without much difficulty. I was in college at the time and was able to attend classes at Boston State College wearing a tuxedo. Don had many contacts in the business and we often had several two-hour parties in one day. At night back then, we were the house band at the function room at Carroll's Restaurant in Medford. During Christmas season, there was a party every night in Carroll's function room, which meant we were busy day and night. Quite often, when we had our intermission, instead of hanging out with the other musicians, I would be off in a corner with an English literature book or working on an assignment that was due the next day back at the college. At times, between college classes and the Christmas parties, I put in 18-hour days. If I ever complained, Babbononno would tell me that I was paying my dues, and I

accepted the challenge.

Monday was the day when the musicians would gather at the union and book work that contractors and band leaders had to offer. During my second year of college, I had an abbreviated schedule. On Mondays I often headed for the union, then located on St. Botolph Street in Boston's Back Bay. The main room of the union would be filled, wall to wall, with musicians. I would socialize with the men of Dad's generation, most of whom I had known all of my life. When I worked with many of them, I was always the kid, but I held my own and was kept pretty busy. When a date was offered, I would take out my date book to see if I was booked. If I wasn't, I would accept what was offered, write down the particulars and double check as to which instrument they wanted.

As a result of becoming so busy at Christmas time, I had to cut my hours at the Seville Theater to the minimum. After the New Year came and went, the day time parties would end. I would concentrate on booking just weekend jobs and return to my routine at the Seville. With all I was doing, I was able to pay my own way through college, and later grad school, earning a master's degree. After I graduated and began teaching in Boston, between my teacher's salary, working at the Seville and playing music mostly on weekends, I paid my way through a second master's degree, and later a doctorate.

At a point when I was in my early 20s, something had to go. I had a talk with Dad and Babbononno about all the things I was involved with and they agreed that something had to go. So, after 10 years at the Seville Theater, I sadly left. I had started working there when I was 13 years old, lying about my age at the time, as 16 was the minimum. I thought I was conning the manager, Mr. Ray, for three years, but he knew how old I was all along and just let it slide under the rug.

Well, those days are long gone. Those Christmas parties don't exist anymore and many of the places I played at have been torn down, but it was fun being a third generation musician following in the footsteps of my grandfather, father and uncles.

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A.T.P.

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
208 Cambridge Street  
East Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI14P5941EA  
Estate of  
**WILLIAM E. FURDON**  
Date of Death August 11, 2003  
**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Thomas E. Furdon of Sudbury, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Thomas E. Furdon of Sudbury, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
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Docket No. MI14P6057EA  
Estate of  
**BRIAN P. MacDONALD**  
Date of Death OCTOBER 26, 2014  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by **John H. MacDonald of South Dennis, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that **John H. MacDonald of South Dennis, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on December 24, 2014.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,**  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: November 20, 2014  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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E.M.V.

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Docket No. MI14D2038DR  
**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING**  
**GERMAINE ELIE**  
vs.  
**TERMINOR ELIE**

To the Defendant:

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **D'Andre Fernandez, Esquire, Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Assoc., 99 Chauncey Street, Boston, MA 02111** your answer, if any, on or before **December 26, 2014**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

**WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,**  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: November 12, 2014  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/28/14

### LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI14P5883EA  
Estate of  
**ANDREW M. ROY**  
Date of Death February 7, 2014  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by **Ann Louise McCready Drouin of Venice, FL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that **Ann Louise McCready Drouin of Venice, FL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on December 10, 2014.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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First Justice of this Court  
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D.A.

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LEGAL NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting consulting services for **MPA CONTRACT NO. L1186, JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.** The Authority is seeking a qualified multidiscipline consulting firm or team, with proven experience to provide professional services including planning, design, and construction related services, including resident inspection, in support of the development of a common command and control Joint Operations Center (JOC). The JOC shall be a state-of-the-art enterprise wide operations and situational awareness center that consolidates Massport's complex and dispersed operations into a unified management center with a Common Operational Picture (COP). The JOC shall be supported by a Physical Security Information Management (PSIM) Common Interface Platform. The Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and other interested parties in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner.

A Supplemental Information Package will be available starting December 4, 2014 on the Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport [http://www.massport.com/doing-business/\\_layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx](http://www.massport.com/doing-business/_layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx) as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, on COMMBUYS ([www.commbuys.com](http://www.commbuys.com)) in the listings for this project or by contacting Michelle Arnold at Capital Programs [marnold@massport.com](mailto:marnold@massport.com)

The contract will be work order based, and Consultant's fee for each work order shall be negotiated; however, the total fee for the contract shall not exceed \$ 2,000,000.

In recognition of the unique nature of the project and the services required to support it, the Authority has scheduled a Consultant Briefing to be held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at the Capital Programs Department, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128. At this session, an overview of the project will be provided, the services requested by the Authority will be described, and questions will be answered.

Each submission shall include a Statement of Qualifications that provides detailed information in response to the evaluation criteria set forth below and include Architect/Engineer & Related Services questionnaires SF 330 ([www.gsa.gov/portal/forms/download/116486](http://www.gsa.gov/portal/forms/download/116486)) with the appropriate number of Part IIs. M/WBE Certification of the prime and subconsultants shall be current at the time of submittal and the Consultant shall provide a copy of the M/WBE certification letter from the Supplier Diversity Office, formerly known as State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA) within its submittal. The Consultant shall also provide an (1) original and fourteen (14) copies of litigation and legal proceedings information, **signed under the pains and penalties of perjury**, in a separate sealed envelope entitled "Litigation and Legal Proceedings". See <http://www.massport.com/business-with-massport/capital-improvements/resource-center> for more details on litigation and legal proceedings history submittal requirements.

In order to be eligible for selection, all aspects of Chapter 7C, Section 44 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be satisfied including the majority of the firm's Board of Directors or ownership shall be registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with the applicable provisions of the statute. Consultants shall furnish professional registration status of the firm's board of directors or ownership. All individuals responsible for technical disciplines shall, upon commencement of the project, be registered Architects or Engineers, in that discipline, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**The Authority may reject any application if any of the required information is not provided: Cover Letter, Insurance Requirements, Litigation and Legal proceedings, Registration of the Board of Director as defined in MGL Chapter 7C Section 44, and SF330 Part IIs for the Prime and every sub-consultant. The above-mentioned information shall be highlighted in the Cover Letter.**

The submission shall be evaluated on basis of:

- (1) Level of experience and knowledge of the proposed team for similar project types, particularly the Project Manager,
- (2) Depth of project understanding and quality of technical approach to this project,
- (3) Particular team expertise with JOC and COP facilities, PSIM, PSAP and Dispatch & Mobile Response systems,
- (4) Development of a BIM Model and management of a BIMxP (BIM Execution Plan) in support of Programming, Design and Construction,
- (5) Demonstrated experience in Lean Planning, Lean Construction and long-term experience working collaboratively with CMOs selected early in the design phase,
- (6) Geographic location and availability of the Project Manager, resident inspectors and other key personnel to be assigned to the project,
- (7) Demonstrated ability to perform work with minimal disruption to airport and security operations,
- (8) Familiarity with MGL Chapter 149 and MGL Chapter 149A,
- (9) Cost management and scheduling capabilities,
- (10) M/WBE and affirmative action efforts, please indicate the proposed % of M/WBE participation,
- (11) Current level of work with the Authority, and past performance for the Authority, if any, and
- (12) Experience with sustainable design concepts and resiliency project planning.

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

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport's standard work order agreement, a copy of the Authority's standard agreement can be found on the Authority's webpage at [www.massport.com](http://www.massport.com). The exception to this standard agreement is the insurance requirement of \$1,000,000 of commercial general liability". The Consultant shall **specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.**

Submissions shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 1/2" x 11"), no acetate covers. An (1) original and fourteen (14) copies of a bound document and one PDF version on a disc each limited to:

- (1) a SF 330 including the appropriate number of Part IIs,
- (2) resumes of key individuals only each limited to one (1) page under SF 330, Section E,
- (3) no more than ten (10) projects each limited to one (1) page under SF 330, Section F,
- (4) no more than 3 sheets (6 pages) of information contained under SF 330 Section H addressing the evaluation items (except for the litigation and legal proceedings history), and
- (5) no more than 2 sheets (4 pages) of other relevant material not including a 2 page (max.) cover letter, SDO certification letters, covers, dividers, and other required information.

This submission, including the litigation and legal proceedings history in a separate sealed envelope as required shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than **12:00 Noon on Thursday, January 29, 2015** at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submission which is not received in a timely manner shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

The procurement process for these services will proceed according to the following anticipated schedule:

EVENT	DATE / TIME
Solicitation: Release Date	December 3, 2014
Supplemental Package Release	December 4, 2014
Pre-Qualification Briefing	December 11, 2014 (1:00 PM)
Deadline for submission of written questions	December 15, 2014 (noon)
Official answers published (Estimated)	December 22, 2014
Solicitation: Close Date / Submission Deadline	January 29, 2015 (noon)

Times are Eastern Standard Time (US).

Questions may be sent via email to [CPBidQuestions@massport.com](mailto:CPBidQuestions@massport.com) subject to the deadline for receipt stated in the timetable above. *In the subject lines of your email, please reference the MPA Project Name and Number.* Questions and their responses will be posted on Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport [http://www.massport.com/doing-business/\\_layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx](http://www.massport.com/doing-business/_layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx) as an attachment to the original Legal Notice and on Comm-PASS ([www.commpass.com](http://www.commpass.com)) in the listings for this project.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY  
THOMAS P. GLYNN  
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 11/28/14



Patriots Tame Paper Lions

One week after containing the supposed number one offense in the NFL, head coach Bill Belichick and the New England Patriots shredded what was the top ranked defense, the Detroit Lions, for 34 points in a Gillette Stadium rout.

Quarterback Tom Brady exposed the Lions secondary for 349 yards and 2 touchdowns, finding favorable matchups throwing to wide receivers Brandon LaFell, 9 receptions for 98 yards, and Julian Edelman, who finished with a game high 11 receptions for 89 yards.

Although the Lions did their best to limit the damage that tight end Rob Gronkowski could inflict by using multiple defenders in coverage, Gronk still managed to come up with 5 timely catches totaling 78 yards. The Lions had limited their first 10 opponents of 2014 to an average of 15.6 points per game but were no match for their 11<sup>th</sup> opponent of the season. "We just lost our composure out there," said Lions linebacker DeAndre Levy. "We blew a lot of coverage's."

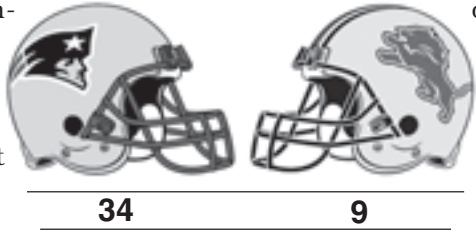
The Lions high-octane offense settled for three field goals versus a Patriots defense that proved to be stingy in the red zone.

"This is probably the best group of guys I've been around, secondary-wise, where everyone is just talented. We can do so many versatile things in our defense," said Cornerback Darelle Revis who finished the game with four passes defended including one tone setting knock down on Detroit's opening drive.

The corner duo of Revis and Browner held Wide Receivers Golden Tate and Chris Johnson, aka Megatron, to 8 receptions while being targeted 21 times by Lions Quarterback Matthew Stafford. Overall Stafford completed a career low 39.1% of his passes. "They had a great game plan to limit myself and CJ (Chris Johnson) said Tate who became the latest castaway on Revis Island.

The defense sacked Stafford twice in the first half, one each by linebacker Akeem Ayers and end Rob Ninkovich, and cornerback Logan Ryan snagged his first interception of 2014, all while the front four halting the running of Joique Bell, to the tune of 48 yards on 19 carries.

Following his head turning 201 yard, 4-touchdown performance in Indianapolis, running back Jonas Gray found himself left out



Revis and the Patriots secondary blanketed Lions pass-catchers.

of last Sunday's game plan. Gray was literally all dressed up with no place to go versus the Lions, seen with his helmet on ready for the opportunity that never arrived. Gray, who reported late to Patriots practice last Friday, caught the wrath of Belichick and the Patriots offensive coaching staff who sent a loud and clear message to the first year back and to any potential future offenders; DON'T BE LATE!

As if not playing wasn't demoralizing enough for Gray, he had to watch LeGarrette Blount, who rejoined the team following his mid-week release by the Pittsburgh Steelers, steal his potential carries rushing 12 times for 78 yards and 2 touchdowns.

"I wish I was able to contribute to the win, but I was glad that we came away with the victory," said a humbled Gray after the game. These remarks will go a long way in his "rehabilitation."

The only negative from the game were the 11 penalties called against New England, continuing a trend that has the Patriots being flagged an average of 8.4 times per game, second most in the league behind the Denver Broncos.

The game fell 14 years to the day that Tom Brady made his Patriots debut in relief of then-franchise quarterback Drew Bledsoe. That game, also versus the Lions, had the exact same 34-9 score, only in Detroit's favor.

We're moving on to the Packers ...

AFC playoff seedings as of week 12		
Ranking		Record
1	New England Patriots	9-2
2	Denver Broncos	8-3
3	Cincinnati Bengals	7-3-1
4	Indianapolis Colts	7-4
5	Pittsburgh Steelers	7-4
6	Kansas City Chiefs	7-4

The Patriots hold head-to-head tiebreakers over the Broncos, Bengals and Colts having defeated all three during the regular season. The Chiefs would own the tiebreaker over the Patriots should they overtake the Broncos in the AFC West. The Chiefs host the Broncos this Sunday.

The Patriots increased their AFC East division lead to three games over the second place Dolphins and Bills with 5 games to play.

• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and the Republicans take over the Senate. At that time, the bill will pass and Louisiana's Mary Landrieu or Tom Cotton will be voting in the majority for that pipeline at that time. The president will still veto it, but at least he will be on record as opposing a much needed jobs bill, screwing both union and non-union workers hungry for work.

Quote to Note

"The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive

and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few or many and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elected may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny."

— Federalist #47

America's Dad  
Not So Fatherly

Comic Bill Cosby isn't laughing much nowadays as old charges that he was an alleged predatory character. Many alleged victims have come forward over the years making Cosby look real creepy.

Some of the charges in-

cluding rape, are very disturbing especially when Cosby has been going around in his later years as some kind of morality figure within the Black community preaching responsibility and fatherhood.

TV Land has dropped his shows on their network, Netflix has given him the cold shoulder and NBC, which was thinking about a new series for Cosby dropped that whole idea.

Has he become an old has-been who still thinks he is a legend in his own mind?

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Web site at [www.massvacation.com](http://www.massvacation.com).

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405  
In the matter of **Raymond Linehan** of **Reading, MA. RESPONDENT** (Person to be Protected/Minor).  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Michael Lincoln** on behalf of **Wingate of Reading, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Raymond Linehan** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Jonathan J. Davey** of **Quincy, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.  
**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before **10:00 AM** on the return date of **January 7, 2015**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.  
WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 12, 2014  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/28/14

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI14P5961GD  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
In the Matter of **JUSTIN A. ORSBORN** of **North Billerica, MA**  
**RESPONDENT**  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Jonathan E. Orsborn** of **North Billerica, MA**, **Susan M. Orsborn** of **North Billerica, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Justin A. Orsborn** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Jonathan E. Orsborn** of **North Billerica, MA**, **Susan M. Orsborn** of **North Billerica, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.  
**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before **10:00 a.m.** on the return date of **December 15, 2014**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
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WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 17, 2014  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/28/14

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI14P5928GD  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
In the Matter of **KEVIN MICHEL** of **Medford, MA**  
**RESPONDENT**  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Laura Michel** of **Everett, MA**, **Lisa Michel** of **Tewksbury, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Kevin Michel** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Laura Michel** of **Everett, MA**, **Lisa Michel** of **Tewksbury, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.  
**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before **10:00 a.m.** on the return date of **December 12, 2014**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
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WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: November 14, 2014  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/28/14

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI14P5875GD  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
In the Matter of **RAYMOND LINEHAN** of **Reading, MA**  
**RESPONDENT**  
**Alleged Incapacitated Person**  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Michael Lincoln** obo **Wingate of Reading, MA**, in the above captioned matter alleging that **Raymond Linehan** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Jonathan J. Davey** of **Quincy, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.  
**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before **10:00 a.m.** on the return date of **January 7, 2015**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
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WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 12, 2014  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



**Stanton's Big Deal**  
Giancarlo Stanton will make \$6.5 million in the first year of his 13-year \$325 million contract with the Miami Marlins. The deal also includes a \$25 million club option for 2028 with a \$10 million buyout.  
**Red Sox Serious About Lester?**  
They should be because they need a #1 starter in the rotation. Jon Lester alone will not be enough, but it is

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI12P5296EA  
Estate of **LESLIE VERE MEDFORD, SR.**  
Also Known As **LESLIE V. MEDFORD, SR.**  
Date of Death October 9, 2012  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by **Leslie Vere Medford, Jr., of Framingham, MA** as the Special Personal Representative of the First and Final Account and as Personal Representative of the First and Final Account requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue including to approve an accounting, compel or approve a distribution, adjudicate a final settlement and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on December 17, 2014.**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 10, 2014  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/28/14

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI14P4308EA  
Estate of **MARJORIE ROSS GIAMO**  
Also Known As **MARJORIE DALZELL GIAMO**  
Date of Death April 13, 2012  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by **Joseph P. Toomey** of **Brighton, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that **Joseph P. Toomey** of **Brighton, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.  
**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on December 24, 2014.**  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.  
WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: November 20, 2014  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/28/14

a start in trying to rebuild a pitching staff in big trouble. All the sluggers in the world can't make up for a lack of quality pitching.  
**Butler Moves to Oakland**  
Billy Butler came this close to a World Series ring in Kansas City. He will now be leaving the Royals for the Athletics after they came a-calling with a 3-year, \$30 million deal. He also gets a \$5 million bonus for signing

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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
208 Cambridge Street  
East Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI14P5810EA  
Estate of **MARGARET A. TULLY**  
Date of Death October 22, 2014  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Gerald Tully of Wilmington, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Gerald Tully of Wilmington, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
Run date: 11/28/14

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI14P5931PM  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405  
In the matter of **Kevin Michel** of **Medford, MA. RESPONDENT** (Person to be Protected/Minor).  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Laura Michel** of **Everett, MA**, **Lisa Michel** of **Tewksbury, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Kevin Michel** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Laura Michel** of **Everett, MA**, **Lisa Michel** of **Tewksbury, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.  
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.  
**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before **10:00 AM** on the return date of **December 12, 2014**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.  
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WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: November 14, 2014  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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and \$10 million in the final two years of his contract.  
**Kraft Looking at Boston for Revs Home**  
Could the New England Revolution be coming to Boston? The Kraft family is eyeing a parcel of land in South Boston by Frontage Road and I-93. Many feel that Foxboro is too far away for most soccer fans and a Boston site would be a better idea. Another area also viewed as a possible site would be over in East Boston at the former casino site at Suffolk Downs.  
Soccer is a growing sport in the areas around Suffolk Downs. Like the South Boston site, this too is accessible to highways and public transportation.  
**James Taylor Coming to Fenway in 2015**  
James Taylor and his all-star band along with singer Bonnie Raitt are scheduled to play at Fenway Park on August 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information, go to [redsox.com](http://redsox.com).

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI14D3746DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
**LAURA FERRAZ**  
vs.  
**JOHN FERRAZ**  
To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.  
The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party.  
**SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Laura Ferraz, 47 Marshall Street, Somerville, MA 02145** your answer, if any, on or before **December 26, 2014**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: November 12, 2014  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 11/28/14

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Middlesex Division  
208 Cambridge Street  
East Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800  
Docket No. MI14P6000EA  
Estate of **BRENDA A. FANARA**  
Also Known As **BRENDA ANN FANARA**  
Date of Death March 6, 2014  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joseph F. Fanara of Waltham, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Joseph F. Fanara of Waltham, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.  
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
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# Boxing Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

## Ring 4's Bobby Bower

### Meets with Former Heavyweight Champ Michael Spinks

Recently, Ring 4 Board of Directors Chairman Bobby Bower got to spend some time with former Light Heavyweight and Heavyweight Champion Michael Spinks. Spinks was taking a swing through the New England area and Bobby was able to catch up with him and have a nice conversation with the former Olympic Gold Medal winner. One of the things I have always loved about boxing is how accessible and friendly boxers are. I believe boxers are much more likely to spend time with their fans and talk openly to them than any other athletes.

Bobby told me Michael looks great and is quite the



**Bobby Bower and Michael Spinks.**

fight. He would go on to win a rematch against Holmes, and was also the first Light Heavyweight Champ to win the Heavyweight title, a prize that had eluded many others including Bob Foster and Billy Conn.

I must admit that I am a bit jealous of Mr. Bower having this face time with Michael Spinks, it is not every day you get to have a conversation with a former Heavyweight Champion. Bobby is no slouch himself when it comes to boxing. He was a terrific amateur fighter and trained at Vinny Marino's East Side Gym in Roslindale. He also had a long career coaching young boxers, teaching them great old-school techniques. The former Massachusetts Deputy Boxing Commissioner has been a very active member of Ring 4 contributing greatly to making that such a fantastic organization. I have often said boxing is made up of the best and the worst people around. Well, Bobby is right up there at the top when it comes to the best. I know Michael Spinks was a champ, but when it comes to life, so isn't Bobby Bower.



**Larry Holmes vs. Michael Spinks.**

talker. That he is very sharp and has an acute memory. He was also very candid with the Ring 4 Board Chairman telling him about the rough upbringing he and his brother former Heavyweight Champ Leon had until one day Leon decided to call out the local bully who had been pushing them around. This was great preparation for both of the brothers as they would move on to fight in the Olympics and later fight for and win world titles. Michael described both Dwight Muhammad Qawi and Larry Holmes as bully types who tried to intimidate him, but his early life experience paid off as he went on to defeat them both. He also mentioned that he believed both Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield were on steroids during their careers, though he could not prove it.

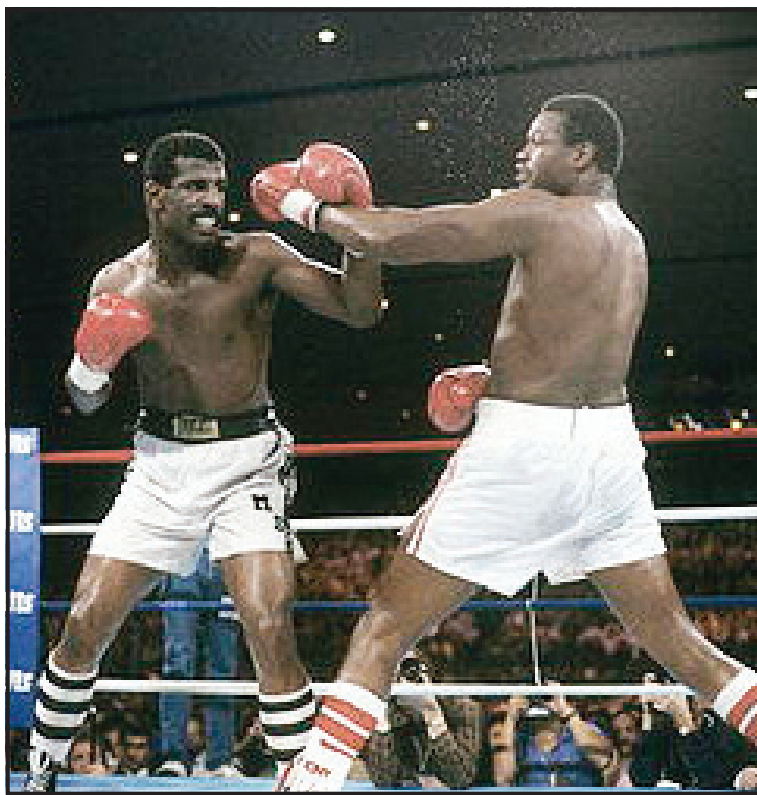
Bobby Bower was about to bring up a time he remembered Spinks being on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, but before he could get far with the story, Michael interrupted him and related the full story. It seems while appearing with Oprah he jokingly flirted with her when she mentioned he made a lot of money boxing. With a wink he responded that maybe they should merge their fortunes. It turns out Oprah's boyfriend became quite upset about

the remark. He may have gotten angry, but he did not ask the Champ to step outside. I believe he may have been familiar with the old adage about discretion being the greater part of valor.

Spinks has always had a special place in the hearts of local fight fans, as he was the man who kept Larry Holmes from surpassing Rocky Marciano's record of 49 wins without a loss by defeating Larry in his 49<sup>th</sup>



**Bobby Bower coaching a future champ.**



**Michael Spinks defeating Larry Holmes.**

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



WHERE WILL THE B'S BE? — Thanksgiving is upon us and it's something of a benchmark for a number of people around the National Hockey League — including Bruins head coach Claude Julien and B's President Cam Neely.

Both are among those who believe that how high (or low) teams are faring in the league standings on the holiday is a pretty good indicator of how teams will finish up when the regular season draws to a close in April.

Read a little more precisely, they feel that if you are one of the top eight teams in either conference on Thanksgiving, you are probably going to be advancing to the Stanley Cup Playoffs in the spring.

A few days before Thanksgiving the Bruins were in the fifth spot in the Eastern Conference, a very fluid position since only four points separated them from either second place (just behind conference leader Montreal or eighth place (the final playoff spot).

That all could change in a matter of days (or weeks or months, for that matter) depending on how all teams fare over the (rather extensive) remainder of the season.

The positive for the B's is that they are where they are despite not being able to have played at 100 percent since several key players have been out of the lineup recovering from injuries.

And, of course, for those whose teams that have not performed well as of Thanksgiving, there is always the example of the 2009-2010 Philadelphia Flyers.

Languishing in the depths of the standings in early December, the Flyers got a new coach in former Providence Bruins mentor Peter Laviolette. They began their climb upward in the standings, qualifying for a playoff berth in the Eastern Conference on the final day of the regular season by beating the New York Rangers in a shootout.

They then proceeded to march through the playoffs, first by defeating New Jersey. They then eliminated the Bruins in the famous "melt-down" series, a scenario that saw the B's blow a 3-0 series lead in games and a 3-0 lead in game 7). The Flyers went on to beat Montreal and advanced to the Stanley Cup Final against Chicago, coming within two games of bringing the Cup back to the city of the Liberty Bell.

So yes, things can remain quite fluid in the NHL on Thanksgiving. But it is, at the very least, a time to assess matters, a time for those who have been successful to resolve not to rest on their laurels and for those who need to make significant improvements a warning sign that things must change soon before the gap between the eighth spot

and those beneath become insurmountable.

IS JEREMY HOME? — Well, Jeremy Jacobs, the owner of the TD Garden and the Boston Bruins, might still be in his house since the community where he has his primary residence reigned on top of the Buffalo area's snow kingdom once all the lake effect storms had stopped in Western New York the week before Thanksgiving.

Reports from upstate New York web sites indicated that East Aurora, N.Y., where Jacobs has his primary residence, received a whopping 90.5 inches of snow over the course of the multi-day event, making it the community with the highest total snowfall in the area.

That's right — 90.5" of snow, level measure without counting drifts. No wonder the *Buffalo News* renamed the month "Snowvember."

Now Jeremy also has a winter home in Wellington, Florida — a location where 90.5 might indicate the temperature rather than inches of snow. As they say — location, location, location.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. COLLEGE FOOTBALL POWERHOUSE — College football, of course, is played all across America and takes front and center every Saturday in the fall when all those big-time schools play their version of the game on television.

Which got us to wondering: how many of those college towns could claim, not one but two undefeated college football teams during the regular season? Well, get on the subway and head over to one that can. Yes, Cambridge can.

You see, both Harvard and MIT went undefeated in the regular season this autumn, with the Crimson crowning their season at 10-0 with a 31-24 home victory over archrival Yale. It was the 17<sup>th</sup> undefeated season for Harvard over the course of its long history on the gridiron.

But just a couple of subway stops away sits MIT, where the last undefeated season was some time ago — back in '81 — as in 1881. Football hasn't always been played at The Institute. The sport was disbanded in 1901. It wasn't until 1988 that football became a varsity sport again and resumed a meaningful place on the fall calendar.

The Engineers went an impressive 9-0 during their regular season and then continued on to the NCAA Division III Playoffs where they topped Husson University in Bangor, Maine 27-20 in overtime to go to 10-0. The victory earned them a trip to the second round of the playoffs where they will face Wesley College on the road in Dover, Delaware.

CONGRATULATIONS — To Claude Julien on coaching his 800<sup>th</sup> NHL game. That includes 159 games behind the bench at Montreal, 79 with New Jersey and 562 with the Bruins.