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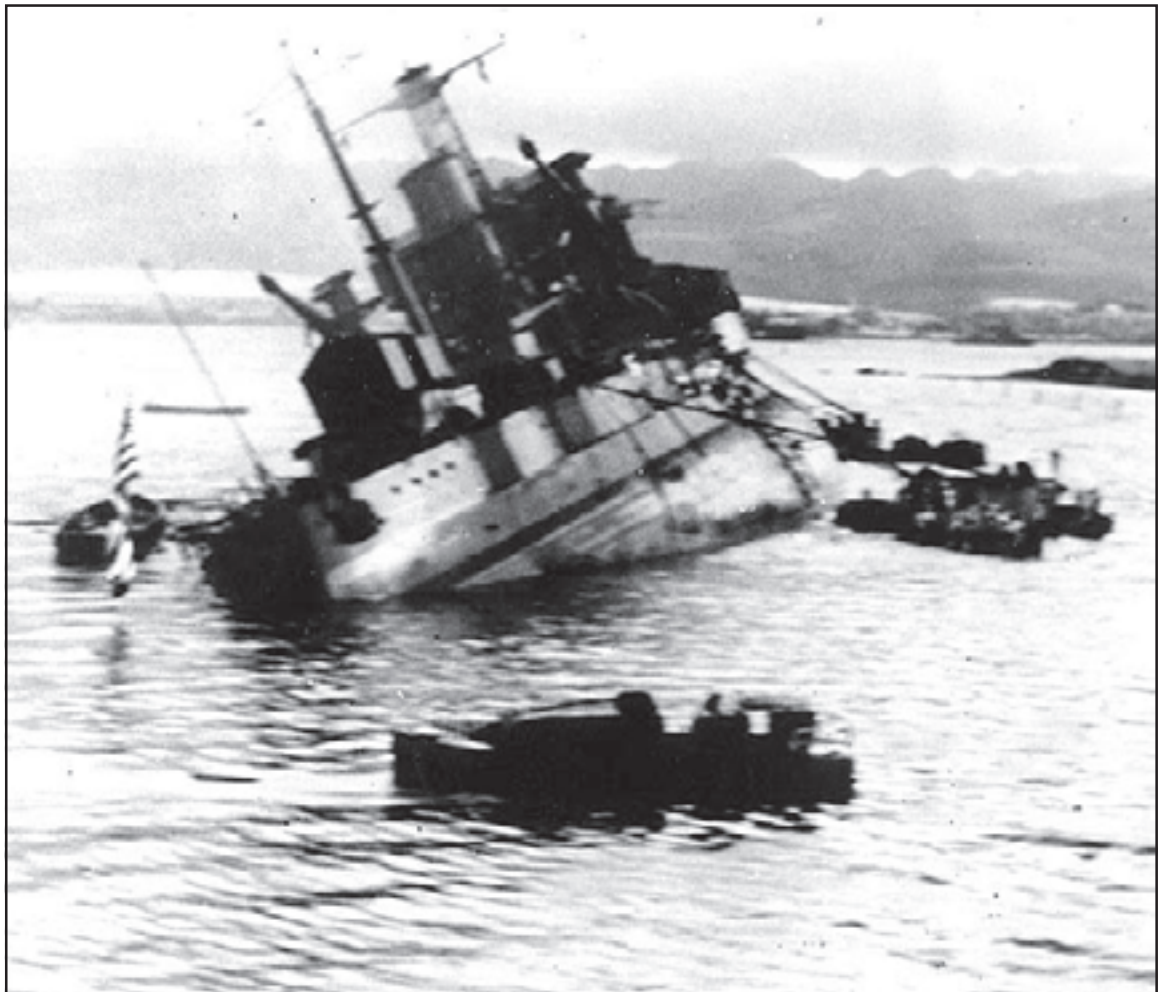
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## WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER ...



USS Utah (AG-16) capsized off Ford Island, during the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, after being torpedoed by Japanese aircraft. Photographed from USS Tangier (AV-8), which was moored astern of Utah. Note: colors half-raised over fantail, boats nearby, and sheds covering Utah's after guns.

*(Official U.S. Navy Photograph, National Archives Collection)*

## News Briefs

*by Sal Giarratani*

### **First, Marco Rubio and Now Ted Cruz**

Back in 2010, a young dynamic Cuban-American upset the political know-it-alls by winning a US Senate seat in Florida. Marco Rubio, 40, is now seen as a rising conservative star within the Republican Party. He is already being mentioned as a possible vice presidential nominee next year to add balance to the national ticket and is a favorite of the Tea Party movement too.

Now on the other side of the Gulf of Mexico in Texas, there is another young Cuban-American also 40 years old running for the seat being vacated by the retiring US Senator Kay Hutchison. He is running in next March's GOP primary against Lt. Governor Dave Dewhurst who is perceived as the favorite in the Republican primary. Cruz like Rubio appears to be the future of the Republican Party.

### ***I Am Part of the 99 Percent*** ***Along with Most of Us But ...***

Hey, the other day, I got one of my store credit card bills in the mail. Last month, I sent my bill in about three days late. I mailed in my forty bucks and in my latest bill, they charged me a \$35 late fee. So I can understand the frustration most of us are going through as our economy keeps flushing our hope away. However, you won't find me pitching up a tent down in Dewey Square or elsewhere.

As cities have started throwing those bums out of those Occupy camps, the media says the movement has been a great success stirring up a national dialogue over wealth inequities. So after Mayor Bloomberg kicked Occupy Wall Street out of Zuccotti Park, a blogger for the *Washington Post* wrote the movement had "scored some big wins"

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## HazMat Response Teams Respond to Truck Near Haymarket Carrying Radioactive Materials

*by Matt Conti*

Bolstering the case for banning cut-through hazmat trucks from the North End and downtown Boston, a truck carrying radioactive materials caused the shutdown of the Haymarket MBTA station and surrounding area this afternoon. The hazmat truck was stopped when Boston Police noticed a radioactive placard on the side of the truck without a permit or prior notification. Once stopped, officials used detectors to verify the radioactivity although officials say measured levels were not high enough to cause



harm to humans.

The incident raises concerns regarding a major hazmat truck routing decision pending at MassDOT, the State's transportation

authority. Hazmat trucks are currently allowed to cut-through several North End and downtown Boston streets to save time versus the safer option of using Route 128 and other expressways outside of the city. After a comprehensive public safety study, the City of Boston has requested hazmat trucks in the city be limited to only those doing business here. Most gasoline tankers on Boston streets are coming from the Everett gas tanks to deliver to the south and western suburbs.

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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.



## ANTONINUS PIUS

Titus Aurelius Fulvus Boionius Antoninus was born on an estate at Lanuvium in 86 A.D. He spent his childhood in Etruria, which now comprises Tuscany and a part of Umbria. After the death of his father he was brought up under the care of his maternal grandfather, a man of integrity and culture. As a youth he was handsome, a brilliant scholar, aristocratic in his bearing, a gifted speaker, generous, and considerate of others. Prior to becoming emperor he held the positions of quaestor (treasury official), praetor (magistrate), and consul (one of the two highest magistrates). He also served as one of the four consuls for Italy and later as proconsul for Asia. In all of these official labors he showed himself to be a man of compassion, dignity, and integrity.

He was adopted as son and successor to Hadrian in 138 A.D. A few months later when Hadrian died, Antoninus was enthusiastically welcomed to the throne by the Roman people and he certainly didn't disappoint them. He entered his new office as emperor of the Roman world with simple

tastes, a kindly disposition, extensive experience, a well-trained intelligence, and the sincerest desire for the welfare of his subjects.

Instead of the purge and plunder that was characteristic of so many of the emperors, Antoninus returned all of Hadrian's appointees to office. He used his private funds to provide relief for distressed provinces and cities, and also enforced rigid economy everywhere. He turned enemies into friends through his clemency, and extended the friendly hand of protection to Christians throughout the empire. His successful effort in getting a reluctant Senate to grant divine honors to Hadrian gained him the title of Pius (dutiful in affection).

He is credited with the construction of mausoleums, theaters, temples, encouraging the arts and sciences, bestowing honors and providing salaries for teachers of philosophy and rhetoric, building the wall of Antoninus in Britain, and in general, conducting a relatively peaceful reign. We are told that he was one of the best emperors that ever ascended the throne of the Roman Empire, dedicating all of

his energies and thoughts toward the happiness of his people.

Antoninus was not fortunate in his domestic relations. He was married to Faustina, who was noted for her lack of womanly virtue. He fathered two sons and two girls. Both boys and one of the girls died before he ascended the throne. The surviving daughter, Annia Faustina, eventually became the wife of Marcus Aurelius. Following the death of his wife, Pius honored her memory by founding a charity for orphan girls. He also had her deified, and erected a temple to her memory in the Forum Romanum, parts of which are still standing today. The exterior columns are one piece, 50 feet high, and were made from the costly "cipollino" marble. It was one of the most remarkable buildings in the Forum. After his death, twenty years later, the Senate added his name on the inscription and dedicated the temple to his worship also. Since that time it has been called "The Temple of Antoninus and Faustina." During the twelfth century the temple's interior was converted into the church of San Lorenzo in Miranda, and a facade was added in 1602.

One more of those ironies of fate tells us that when Antoninus was close to death, a tribune of the night-watch came by and asked for the password. The emperor uttered "Aequanimitas" and then expired. Aequanimitas in Latin means calmness, patience, kindness, or impartiality.

NEXT WEEK:  
Marcus Aurelius

## Res Publica

by David Trumbull



## Barney Bails, Stocks Soar

The announcement, earlier this week, that **Barney Frank** (D-Mass.) is not seeking re-election to the United States House of Representatives brings to 17 the number of House Democrats voluntarily vacating that legislative chamber. While eight of them are running for other positions, more of them, nine, as the newspaper *The Hill* (source of these statistics) put it, "are flat-out retiring." In other words, most see the Republican tide coming in the November 2012 election and — rats — that they are they are abandoning ship.

By way of comparison, just seven Republicans have announced that they are not seeking re-election to the House, and in every case it is because he or she is running for higher office.

How bad will it be for Democrats? Bad! Conventional wisdom says that Republicans will increase their majority in the House in the 2012 election and pick up enough Senate seats to have the majority in that body as well. **President Obama's** signature accomplishment — the turning of your personal health care over to the Washington bureaucrats that run the Post Office and Internal Revenue Service — has turned out to be one of the most unpopular laws ever passed. Mr. Obama himself is currently tied with **Jerry Sandusky** in unfavorable ratings.

Yes, 2012 looks to be a bad year for the Democrats. And then what? Well, with the retirement of Mr. Frank, the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress, which convenes in January 2013, is likely to see **Maxine Waters** (D-CA) take over as the senior Democrat on the House Financial Services Committee. Believe it or not, Ms. Waters is generally considered to be even more liberal than Mr. Frank!

Yes, Frank, who is partially responsible for the housing market collapse, will be replaced by a Democrat even more wrong-headed on issues of basic finance and political economy. I say give Americans 22 months of Maxine Waters on the television — she who famously said, "And as far as I'm concerned, the Tea Party can go straight to Hell," and in 2004, "We do not have a crisis at Freddie Mac, and particularly Fannie Mae" — and see just how much worse the electoral prospects are for Democrats in 2014.

On Monday Barney Frank announced his retirement and the Dow Jones Industrial Average went up nearly 300 points. Just think how much the economy will improve once Obama, Waters, the rest of their ilk are consigned to the ash-heap of history.

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- ★ Please, you must confirm no later than **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. All children 10 and under will receive a picture with Santa and a gift. Children must be present & accompanied by an adult. Also: Face Painting, Balloons, Characters, Gift Bags. Please bring a Camera!
- ★ Saint Agrippina's Christmas Program is for North End Residents Only.



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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### SOCIAL SECURITY IS NOT AN ENTITLEMENT

*by Edward P. Shallow*

A few years ago, I editorialized on Social Security not being an entitlement, and want to share the latest information I just received on the subject ...

I urge all my readers to keep passing this around until every one possible has read it. The information is pertinent now as it was a few years ago.

The only thing wrong with this calculation is they forgot to figure in the people who died before they collected their Social Security! Where did that money go?

I am publishing it because it touches a nerve with me and should do the same to all recipients of benefits we EARNED from our labor through our working lives.

This is another example of what Rick Perry called "Treason in high places."

Remember, not only did you contribute to Social Security but your employer did too. It totaled 15% of your income before taxes. If you averaged only \$30K over your working life, that is close to \$220,500.

If you calculate the future value of \$4,500 per year (yours & your employers' contribution) at a simple 5% (less than what the government pays on the money that it borrows) after 49 years of working you would have \$892,919.98.

If you took out only 3% per year, you would receive \$26,787.60 per year and it would last better than 30 years (until you are 95 if you retire at age 65) and that is with no interest paid on that final amount on deposit! If you bought an annuity and paid 4% per year, you would have a lifetime income of \$2,976.40 per month.

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***Yesterday, December 7, 1941 — a date which will live in infamy — The United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan ... As Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense ... With confidence in our armed forces — with the unbounded determination of our people — we will gain the inevitable triumph — so help us God.***

**— President F.D. Roosevelt - 8<sup>th</sup> December 1941**

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## Lena (Palomba) Buonopane

*A Beautiful Soul with a Heart of Gold*

**L**ena (Palomba) Buonopane of Stoneham and the North End passed away November 27, 2011, at age 90.

Beloved wife of the late Anthony Buonopane. Devoted mother of Suzanne Mika of the North End, Marie Doherty and her husband James of Stoneham, Stephen Buonopane and his wife Linda of Billerica

and the late Anthony Buonopane of Plymouth. Cherished grandmother of Jamie Fantasia and her husband Michael of Billerica, Jimmy Doherty and his wife Cheryl of Medford, Michael Doherty of Stoneham, Michele Guidaboni and her husband Jay, Anthony Buonopane and his wife Kathy all of Plymouth, Andrea Chiesa of Worcester and John Mika and his wife Christina. Loving great grandmother of Nicholas, Amanda, Daniel, Samantha, Aidan, Christopher, Gianna, Olivia, Colton, and Kira. Dear sister of Remo Palomba and his late wife Joann of Jamaica Plain, late Ann Villa and her surviving spouse



John of Cotit, late Gloria Madden, late Nello Palomba and his surviving spouse Millie, late Richard Palomba and his late wife Grace and the late Linda James. Also survived by several loving nieces and nephews.

Lena was a member of the Craft Club at the Stoneham Senior Center and the A.B.C.D. in the North End.

Family and friends are welcome to shared remembrances with the Family on Thursday, December 1 from 4:00–8:00 pm at the Barile Family Funeral Home, 482 Main St. (RT 28) STONEHAM. Funeral from Barile Family Funeral Home on Friday, December 2 at 9:00 a.m. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Leonard Church, (corner of Prince and Hanover St.), North End on Friday, December 2 at 10:45 a.m. celebrating Lena's Eternal Life.

Please honor Lena by making donations in memory of her to Winchester Hospital Building Fund, 41 Highland Ave., Winchester, MA 01890.

## Tour the USS Constitution Museum with the North End Historical Society

**Saturday, December 3, 12:30 p.m.**

The USS Constitution Museum is offering a customized tour of their core exhibit about the famous ship built and launched in the North End in October of 1797. North Enders who helped build Constitution, or served aboard her, will be highlighted on the tour. The wooden ship, nicknamed "Old Ironsides" in the War of 1812, is undefeated

in battle, and is America's oldest commissioned naval vessel. Participants on this tour have the option of visiting the ship itself afterwards.

Tickets (and memberships) can be purchased at [www.NorthEndBoston.org](http://www.NorthEndBoston.org) or via check to the North End Historical Society, P.O. Box 130152, Boston, MA 02113.

## HOLIDAY BOOK SALE AT THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Missing your old book store(s)?? Get ready to shop! The annual holiday book sale at the BPL is happening on Saturday December 3, 2011 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in the lower level conference room of the McKim Building (Dartmouth Street entrance) in Copley Square. We have a great selection of gift-quality and general merchandise books for all ages and interests. Most hardcovers

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## PARKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES

### Winter Photo Workshop and Scavenger Hunt

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with The Boston Arts Commission, is proud to introduce an extension of this summer's successful Pics in the Parks Photography Workshops beginning December 11. In addition to the free photography workshops, participants can participate in a three-month Scavenger Hunt. The Winter Photography Workshops, open to people of all ages and skill-levels, works toward developing tricks and techniques for taking great photographs in Boston's picturesque parks. The photography workshops will be held on Sundays beginning December 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The three-month Scavenger Hunt will guide participants to ten one-of-a-kind landmarks in Boston's parks, citywide. Participants will receive clues weekly via email and on the Boston Parks' social media accounts. Participants will capture the landmark the clues have led them to on camera and submit their photos for a chance to be selected for a four-week photography ex-

hibit beginning February 20 in Boston City Hall. A panel of judges will select their favorite photo from the exhibit and the photographer will win an exciting prize!

To participate, please sign up by emailing [Lauren.patrick@cityofboston.gov](mailto:Lauren.patrick@cityofboston.gov) or call 617-961-3051. Dates and locations for the Winter Photography Workshops are as follows:

**December 11**

Public Garden Bridge, Boston

**December 18**

Jamaica Pond Boathouse, Jamaica Plain

**January 8**

Christopher Columbus Trellis, North End

**January 22**

Back Bay Fens Kelleher Rose Garden,

Back Bay

**February 5**

Millennium Park Canoe Launch,

West Roxbury

For more information and to receive Scavenger Hunt clues, visit [www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment](http://www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment) or follow @bostonparksdept on Twitter.



# A Main Street Jobs Agenda

*Putting More Money in the Hands of Those Who Already Have Jobs  
So They Can Buy More Chinese Imports Does Very Little  
to Put Americans to Work in Good Jobs that Pay Good Wages*

by John Cavanagh and David Korten

Americans are now past the Thanksgiving holiday and the bruising Washington battles of a failed congressional “supercommittee” with a giant hangover. The hangover results from the lack of clear answers to the most important question facing most of us: Where are the jobs that our children, our communities, and our nation so desperately need?

Neither major national political party has a credible plan for putting America to work. Republicans generally argue that freeing Wall Street and the wealthy from regulation and taxes is the path to job creation. But we’ve tried that and wound up with sky-high Wall Street profits and bonuses at the expense of working people and Main Street businesses.

Democrats are more likely to see a need for appropriate regulation, a progressive tax system, and government stimulus spending. But both parties ignore the fact that putting more money in the hands of those who already have jobs so they can buy more Chinese imports does very little to put Americans to work in good jobs that pay good wages.

The two of us are the principal authors of a new report that offers a seven-point jobs plan that builds on a past American success story.

The economy we envision builds on the 1950s Main Street economy that created the American middle-class



(Aaron Bauer / Flickr)

and made our nation the world leader in industry and technology. That economy was a direct result of effective struggles by workers during the Great Depression to limit Wall Street power and hold it democratically accountable to Main Street needs and interests.

The government also raised taxes to pay for the GI Bill and other jobs programs that reduced inequality and created a vast middle class. This arrangement served America well for more than 30 years.

Then what happened? In the late 1970s, a well-funded Wall Street campaign began to roll back the rules and programs that created the middle class. After the election of President Ronald Reagan, an all-out assault on regulation, unions, and social safety nets shifted

economic and political power from Main Street economies accountable to the interests of local people and communities to a global corporate-ruled Wall Street economy accountable only to itself.

These shifts laid the foundation for the 2008 financial crash and a massive wave of unemployment, foreclosures, and depressed wages. African Americans and Hispanics, few of whom ever enjoyed middle-class prosperity, have been particularly hard hit.

The Occupy movement has shifted the spotlight back onto an unaccountable Wall Street as the source of the economic failure that has weakened the nation and reduced millions of Americans to lives of desperation. This opens space for a much-needed national debate about what is required to put Americans to work rebuilding American strength and prosperity in a 21<sup>st</sup> century world.

Beyond just creating jobs, we need to help people shift from jobs that are harmful or simply unproductive to jobs that address currently unmet needs.

Examples include the transition from jobs in military industries to jobs in environmental remediation and elder care, and from jobs guarding prisons to jobs rehabilitating ex-offenders. We need to shift the resources we’re squander-

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# THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giaratani

## “For Our Country ... For All of Us”

Recently, while driving along South Street in Quincy by the old shipyard, I passed by a billboard sponsored by the US Marine Corps stating something too many of us seemed to have forgotten. The message short and sweet said, “For our country. For all of us.” It sounds like the motto on our money which when translated from Latin into English states, “One out of many.”

With the way things are going in recent years, there are many who simply want to remain part of the many rather than the one. Even the way the new Boston Fire Chief was announced as the first Latino chief for the fire department. He was described as of Cuban, Spanish and Italian heritage. Before he is any of those things, he is an American first. The definition of an American isn’t to be identified by his or her diverse roots. What we were yesterday and who our grandparents were is not as important as was their dream that their family begin again in America. That was and still should be the American dream. It has been up until quite recently.

Today, the latest generation of many immigrant communities seem to have forgotten what was a given a hundred or more years ago. My father and his siblings considered themselves Americans. They were all proud of their Sicilian roots but it was the future that mattered more than the past. My grandparents from Sicily and my grandparents from County Cork sought a better way of life for themselves and their families. Things weren’t that good back over the Atlantic for them. They came here to start again. They dreamed of a future for their offspring that was an improvement over theirs. Many escaping from poverty in their homelands wanted more in life and that for their children, first-born Americans who eventually re-created this country through their suffering and hard work.

Back in my college years, I traveled to Ireland, the home of my maternal grandparents. Back about 20 years ago, my late brother went back to Sciacca to our Sicilian roots. However, we were Americans visiting those family homelands. Our home was America. Those today living here whose grandparents came over from Europe over 100 years ago know who we are. Proud of our ethnic heritage we are but more proud of being Americans. Newer ethnic groups today appear too often to be tied to the past more and the future less. Government often seems to strengthen these old ties to an excess. My East Boston is now 52 percent Latino. Really it is not my East Boston because it is shared by many kinds of people. What I do resent is when folks who come here seem to refuse to become part of the many and even refuse the need to learn English.

There is no excuse for older immigrants not attempting to learn English and encouraging their offspring to speak English. I often hear young kids playing in the schoolyards of East Boston schools yelling back and forth to each other in Spanish. My grandmother from Agrigento must be rolling over in her grave at St. Michael’s Cemetery trying to understand this 21<sup>st</sup> century mentality. She used to say to her kids to speak “American” by which she meant be American.

That message by the US Marines over in Quincy hit the point quite well. This country will remain strong and grow even stronger if we remember, this is OUR country and we are all in this together and not separately.

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# NEAD Annual Community Awards Banquet

by Sal Giarratani photos by Matt Conti



**2011 Michelina and Raymond Costa Scholarship Recipients**

On Saturday evening, November 19, several hundred folks from the North End or with roots in the North End like myself and my father's family gathered upstairs at Filippo's Restaurant in Keaney Sq. to pay homage to a neighborhood and its people for making the North End truly a neighborhood built on family. Hundreds showed up to see a number of community activists receiving recognition for all that they do to make the neighborhood the neighborhood of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

North Enders don't just reside at a street address, they live in and for this neighborhood. The whole goal of North End Against Drugs is to ensure that children can grow up safe here and be prepared for the future. When I think of this organization, I think of many people but first and foremost, the late Bobby DeCristoforo, or as everyone called him "Bobby D." He passed away suddenly a few years back. He died much too young but in the time he was given, he accomplished much for his neighborhood

and the people, especially young people, within it.

I want to acknowledge the leadership of NEAD, President John "J.R." Romano. No one can take the place of Bobby D. but J.R. is a worthy successor to him.

As John said recently, "As president of North End Against Drugs I am blessed to lead such a tremendous organization which has served the youth and families of the North End for over 22 years. I have such a wonderful, caring and dedicated Board of Directors, without them none of the great programs, events and activities that NEAD does throughout the year would happen. I am also very fortunate to have so many generous people and businesses in our neighborhood that support us."

This annual community service awards event is a great way to say "Thank You" to the people, businesses and organizations that have been nominated and selected to receive their award for all they do on a daily basis to keep the North End, the North End we want to have.

I left this year's event both

inspired and hopeful that the neighborhood my grandparents from Sciacca found remains today and long into the future.

2011 Award recipients were honored in the following categories: Robert DeCristoforo President's Award Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com; Barbara DeCristoforo Senior Award Lillian Ferullo and Mary Anne Tordiglione; Emily Pugliano Public Service Award Nicole Leo, Mayor's Office; John Dexter Award Unsung Hero Award Rebecca Griffin, NEMPAC; Uncle Fred Carangelo Organization Award Friends of the North End Library; N.E.A.D. Alumnus Award John Pagliuca, Mangia Mangia; Andy Puopolo Youth Award Alexis Scalia; Walter Salvi NSTAR Business



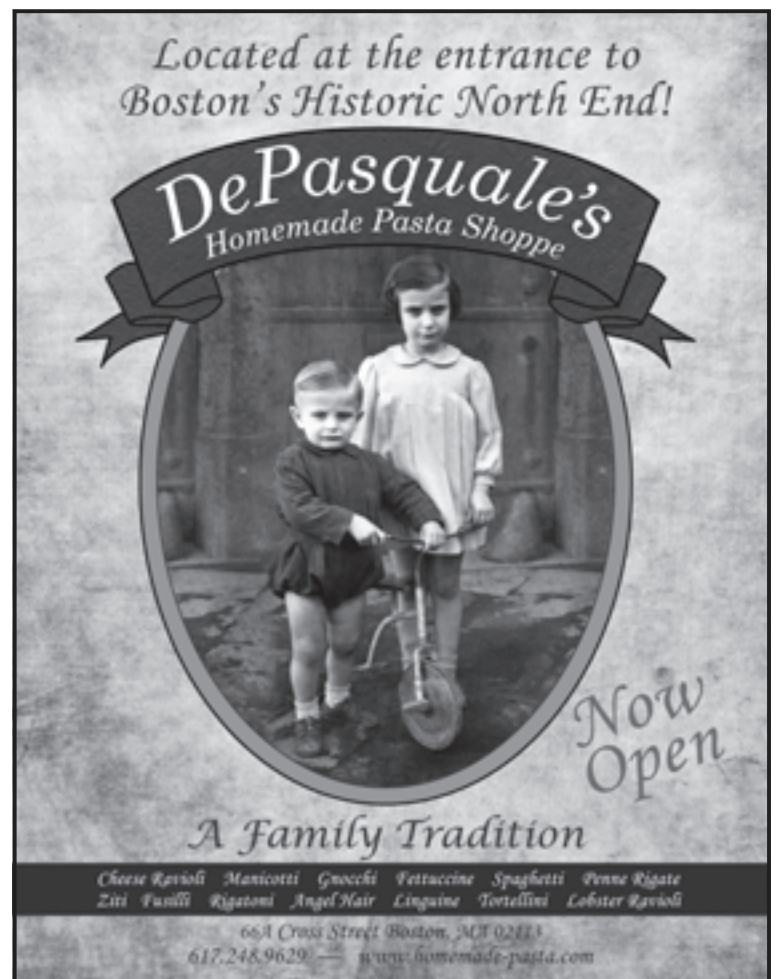
**Robert DeCristoforo President's Award presented to Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com**



**Walter Salvi NSTAR Business Award presented to George Hadaya Dayco Services.**



**John Dexter Award Unsung Hero Award presented to Rebecca Griffin, NEMPAC.**



Award George Hadaya Dayco Services; Anthony Morella Good Guy Award Boston Parks; Scholarship recipients for the Michelina and Raymond Costa Scholarships. The event was organized by the NEAD Board, including President John Romano, VP Rosina Fabbo,

Treasurer Karen D'Amico and Clerk Kathy Carangelo. Also on the NEAD Board: Carl Ameno, Officer Teddy Boyle, Laurie D'Elia, Debbie DeCristoforo, Mike Giannasoli, George Hadaya, Olivia Scimeca, Mary Wright, NSTAR reps Mey Ngu and Dan MacGillivray and Al Vilar.



**N.E.A.D. Alumnus Award was presented to John Pagliuca, Mangia Mangia.**



**Andy Puopolo Youth Award presented to Alexis Scalia.**



**Barbara DeCristoforo Senior Award presented to Lillian Ferullo and Mary Anne Tordiglione**



**Morella Good Guy Award presented to Boston Parks Department Warren Watson, Michael D'Elia and Mike Barone.**



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# A Fun Experience

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

“No man is an Island unto himself” this quotation was first written by the Jacobean poet and preacher John Donne (1572-1631), it refers to the fact that human beings do not thrive when isolated, that we are meant to share, to reach out, to come to know our neighbors. So profound are these words that they became the title of a famous book by the Trappist monk Thomas Merton, a book that concerns itself with his discovery of monastic life and the beauty of living in community. Over the years we have often worked in groups, either in business or as volunteers, it is always a joy to work at something that is bigger than yourself, with friends of a common purpose. There is a feeling of accomplishment that comes with

doing your part, holding up your end of a project. The fact that what you are doing will benefit someone other than yourself returns to you a wonderful feeling of accomplishment, of having done the “right thing.” So often as volunteers we come into a situation that requires teamwork that is, sharing in the responsibility of accomplishing a particular job. Recently we worked on a project for the parish that seemed daunting at first, a large mailing that had to be in the mail within a very short period of time. Volunteers came together and in the course of the hours we worked together, time seemed to fly by and what originally seemed like a mountain to scale turned out to be a fun experience with friends. We sorted,

folded, stuffed stamped and sealed, each assuming the job that needed to be done and willing to shift to an alternate job as the day pressed on. The work seemed secondary to the experience, not a difficult job to accomplish but simply the reason that brought us together for what was really an enjoyable afternoon. The words of John Donne, written centuries ago, are as valid today as when they were originally written, “No Man is an Island,” we were created to be together, to share our experiences and we are often happiest at those times spent with friends. We had volunteered to do a project meant to serve a worthwhile purpose and were rewarded by the pleasure of a fun experience spent with friends.



## ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

### It's a Small World



“My Dollhouse”

Ciao Bella, Let's skip the beauty and makeup tricks this week. I'd like you to read about our pass-times we love, which inevitably brings out a natural beauty in all of us. Mine is my **Dollhouse!** In the early 1980s, when I was living in a lovely studio with an outdoor pool in a decent area of South Lawrence, I found my treasure! Next to our giant green dumpster sitting on the ground I spied it! All quite empty inside of bare plywood except for some thick green carpeting which I eventually ripped out and of course had to sand all the floors from glue residue. The outside was painted a sage green with white shutters and several window boxes. The kitchen had a bow window also painted white. Right there I decided to rescue this treasure, after all I didn't have to pay for it and I could always find another “little girl” interested in it. I cleared off a bureau and there it stood. Ideas came rushing in. I remembered the three vintage wooden pieces I had purchased not too long ago. A brown hand-carved floor radio from the '40s and a white fridge and stove from the '50s. And then it began — the “miniature fever” they called it. I drove to every miniature show I could find. Eric Fuch's in those days became my best friend. I wall-papered every room, put down every floor, measured and framed every inside and outside door frame. Hand-made the curtains for baby's and master bedrooms. Painted the house a cotton candy pink, and shingled the roof and bricked the chimney. I also put brick and mortar in both fireplaces with a mirror and tweezer! From friends I would hear “So Mary are you coming out dancing tonight with us?” And the same reply for a while was “I am in the midst of applying tile to the kitchen floor, blah, blah, blah!” But I was happy and so fulfilled that this project came into my life and made it all worthwhile. There were

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## Youth pro Musica Sings Pinkham “Christmas Cantata”



Join Youth pro Musica and artistic director Robert Barney for an engaging program of new music and seasonal favorites for the winter holidays on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 pm at First Unitarian Society in Newton, 1326 Washington Street in West Newton. Youth pro Musica welcomes guest organist David Carrier, Director of the Newton Choral Society. YpM presents the premiere performance of *Die drei heilige Könige* (The three Holy Kings), the latest work by Boston-based composer Kurt Leland. The audience will also be treated to the beloved *Christmas Cantata* (“Sinfonia Sacra”) with organ and brass quartet. Other featured pieces on the program include “Bereite dich, Zion” from Johann Sebastian Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* and Dietrich Buxtehude's *In Dulci Jubilo* with violin accompaniment.

Tickets are available in advance; they will also be available at the door. Children 18 and under are FREE. Call 617-666-6087 or online at [www.youthpromusica.org/concerts.asp](http://www.youthpromusica.org/concerts.asp) to reserve your tickets. **Youth pro Musica:** The Greater Boston Youth Chorus has introduced the joy and fellowship of choral singing to generations of young people. Weekly rehearsals provide vocal, ear and sight-singing training, choral discipline and exposure to music in foreign languages - cultivated in team-building atmosphere. YpM attracts members from all over Greater Boston, uniting young people from different communities based on their shared interest in music. Robert Barney was appointed Artistic Director of Youth pro Musica in September, 2009, the start of our 40<sup>th</sup> performance season. He maintains an active musical career as a choral director, performer, teacher, and church musician, and has taught voice, piano and organ for more than 30 years.

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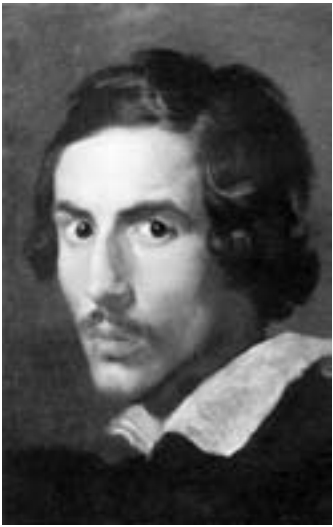
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The Holiday Parade will start on Conder Street and will follow onto Bennington Street, Orient Heights, Bayswater Street, St. Andrews Road,

Annavoy Street, Bayswater Street, Saratoga Street, Bennington Street, Walley Street, Orient Avenue, Faywood Avenue, Walley Street, Bennington Street and Saratoga Street.

The Parade will finish at Orient Heights Square where the Tree lighting will take place around 6:00 pm. Come join the East Boston Chamber of Commerce, Santa and Friends. Let's spread some Holiday Cheer!!

Any questions or concerns please contact Eden Smith 617- 569-5000 or [Eden@eastbostonchamber.com](mailto:Eden@eastbostonchamber.com).

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## Freeway Says ...

Due to his increasing popularity and several suggestions from readers (and after much negotiating on our part with his huge salary demands), our friend Freeway has consented to try to answer readers' questions concerning him or any of our little four-legged friends. You can email your questions to [postgazette@aol.com](mailto:postgazette@aol.com) to the attention of Freeway. Don't forget folks, Freeway is not a vet, so please keep the questions light-hearted! Thanks.



The many donations received during the "Thanksgiving Pet Food Drive."

"Do you see that smile on my face? My tail is wagging like crazy." I am so happy that our "Thanksgiving Pet Food Drive" was a SUCCESS. I do not know how to THANK EVERYONE that took the time and effort to drop off their donations, food for the dogs and cats as well as leashes; toys; treats; beds; collars, etc., at the *Post-Gazette*. We went to the shelter at the Angell Memorial hospital Kelly (a staff member) accepted the donations with a smile of appreciation, she was amazed at how thoughtful everyone had been especially during this difficult time that so many are out of work and yet they thought of the pets. Please note that anything they cannot use at the shelter will be given to those that are less fortunate that have pets. The food drive was so successful I am going to do it again next year. Are you with me? Yes! Yes!

On that note, a special "thank you" to my friend Joan at the *Post-Gazette* that helped me organize this fundraiser and to my friend Louie who drove us. We should ALL be happy we made less fortunate pets

happy for the holiday. I would also like to thank the following for their generous donations: Pauline, Danielle, Cheryl, Donna, Angela, Jenna, Tim, Antonietta, Antonino, C.C., Chef Coyne and others.

While I am writing this column, I'd like to mention also the wonderful article that was written by Bryan Golden who wrote Thanksgiving: So much to be thankful in the November 18, 2011 edition of the *Post-Gazette*. A wonderful, heartfelt story that touched my heart because Thanksgiving is my favorite special holiday of all. The article was just great Bryan, thank you so much.

That's all for now!

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Kelly of the MSPCA Angell-Boston accepting the many donations with a huge smile of appreciation.

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# IN THE WORDS OF THE LATE ANDY ROONEY

Submitted by Sal Giaratani

If you will take the time to read these. I promise you'll come away with an enlightened perspective. The subjects covered affect us all on a daily basis:

They're written by Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words. Enjoy...

**I've learned** ... That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

**I've learned** ... That when you're in love, it shows.

**I've learned** ... That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

**I've learned** ... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

**I've learned** ... That being kind is more important than being right.

**I've learned** ... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

**I've learned** ... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

**I've learned** ... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

**I've learned** ... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

**I've learned** ... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

**I've learned** ... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

**I've learned** ... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

**I've learned** ... That money doesn't buy class.

**I've learned** ... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

**I've learned** ... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

**I've learned** ... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

**I've learned** ... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

**I've learned** ... That love, not time, heals all wounds.

**I've learned** ... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

**I've learned** ... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

**I've learned** ... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

**I've learned** ... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

**I've learned** ... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

**I've learned** ... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

**I've learned** ... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

**I've learned** ... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

**I've learned** ... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

**I've learned** ... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

**I've learned** ... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

**I've learned** ... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

# Quincy Holds 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade

by Sal Giaratani



Here's a great shot of Sal Giaratani (left) and US Senator Scott Brown down in Wollaston Center.

On the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day, many communities south of Boston hold grand Christmas Parades but none can match the parade that marches down Hancock Street from the Church of the Presidents to North Quincy High School.

This year's 49<sup>th</sup> annual parade was bigger and better than ever and with high temps, it was one of the warmest in history for the City of Quincy.

There were veterans, high school bands, floats, politicians. Don't forget those classic cars, the Corvette club, Model Ts, fire trucks, police cars, clowns and so much more. The sidewalks were lined from one end of Hancock to the other end.

The line of march began with about 25 motorcycle cops from Quincy and surrounding communities flashing their lights and sounding their sirens. The parade ended with Santa riding tiller on Quincy's Ladder 5. The Quincy Christmas Parade is the tradition to observe every Sunday after Thanksgiving. This year's parade will long be remembered.



As the Annual Quincy Christmas parade passed by Wollaston Center, everyone noticed the sign for free hot dogs and soda at Boston Premier Properties on Hancock Street. Phil Ragusa is the owner of the place and is seen here with his father and son. Three generations of Phil Ragusa(s). The older Phil grew up in Boston's North End with my cousin Sal Giaratani now of Beachmont.

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# The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



**From the left: Laura Piscopo, BA'02, Director of Alumni Relations; The Honorable Michele Frattallone, President, Galileo Legacy Foundation Inc.; Dr. Matteo Casini; and Dr. Deborah Walberg.**

*(Photo courtesy of Suffolk University)*

On November 6 Suffolk University alumni, students, faculty, and friends gathered in the Sawyer Building for a delightful brunch and lecture, the fourth alumni program featuring the noted and popular history professor, Dr. Matteo Casini.

In her introduction of the guest speaker, Laura Piscopo, Director of Alumni Relations, said: "Matteo has become iconic with our alumni, especially those who represent a significant demographic of Suffolk. The Suffolk story includes a history of first generation Italian-Americans to attend college. Their striving spirit and thirst to learn and advance is at the heart of this university. He is a visiting scholar of Venetian history. Matteo's presentations and lectures capture the pride and culture around Italy and Italians. He is a very popular speaker in the Greater Boston area, especially during Italian Heritage month in October."

Dr. Casini's outstanding presentation, "Italy from the Risorgimento to the Birth of a Nation," illustrated the motivations and actions that brought about the birth of modern Italy. Dr. Casini explained the historical process called "Risorgimento"

that liberated the Italian peninsula from foreign occupation and permitted the creation of the first Italian Parliament in 1861.

A grand time was had by all. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

..... One of New England's most beloved holiday traditions, the "Holiday Pops Season," under the direction of Keith Lockhart, opens on Wednesday, December 7, and runs through Saturday, December 24, at Symphony Hall, Boston.

Among the celebrities and performing artists visiting Symphony Hall this season, comedian/actor/musician Jim Belushi and pop vocal act Rockapella will join Keith Lockhart and the Pops at "Company Christmas" on Wednesday, December 14.

New Kid on the Block's Joey McIntyre will also appear as a guest vocalist with members of the Pops to raise the holiday spirits of patients at the Boston Pops Annual Children's Hospital concert on Tuesday, December 20.

Holiday Pops tickets are available online at [www.bostonpops.org](http://www.bostonpops.org). Tickets may also be purchased by phone at SymphonyCharge at 617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200.



**Suffolk Law alumnus Gil Schipani, JD'09, left, and Dr. Matteo Casini.**

*(Photo courtesy of Suffolk University)*

..... On Saturday, December 10 at 11 a.m., The Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel and The Fairmont Store will host a birthday party for its "Canine Ambassador," Catie Copley.

Considered by many to be Boston's most famous dog, Catie will celebrate her 10<sup>th</sup> birthday with a reading of the book "Catie Copley" followed by birthday cake (for humans) and special snacks for Catie's canine friends.

The reading and birthday party are free and open to the public and have become a holiday tradition for many.

The Fairmont Copley Plaza is located at 138 St. James Avenue, Boston. For more information, call 617-267-5300.

..... Kerry Byrne has been writing about beer and food for The *Boston Herald* for many years. What you may not know is that he is also the "Potentate of Pigskin" at Cold, Hard Football Facts.com ([www.coldhardfootballfacts.com](http://www.coldhardfootballfacts.com)). CHFF is Kerry's website devoted to the "grid-iron lifestyle" of beer, food and football.

Kerry and his cohorts are asking nationwide football and tailgating fanatics to submit creative, appetizing recipes and photos for the "Tailgate Recipe of the Year Contest." The diehard, football fan website will award one lucky fan a party for 10 in time for the biggest game of the year on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, or the 46<sup>th</sup> annual edition of the "Super Bowl."

Among the great prizes are a new 46-inch flat screen television, a tailgate meal for 10 from Whole Foods Market, a 30-piece barbecue tool set and grill accessories — and much more.

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**Suffolk Law alumna Donna Madden, JD'87, left, and her daughter Gillian Madden, with Suffolk Law alumna Marisa Conti Doherty, JD'87, right, and her daughter Jenna Doherty, second from right.**

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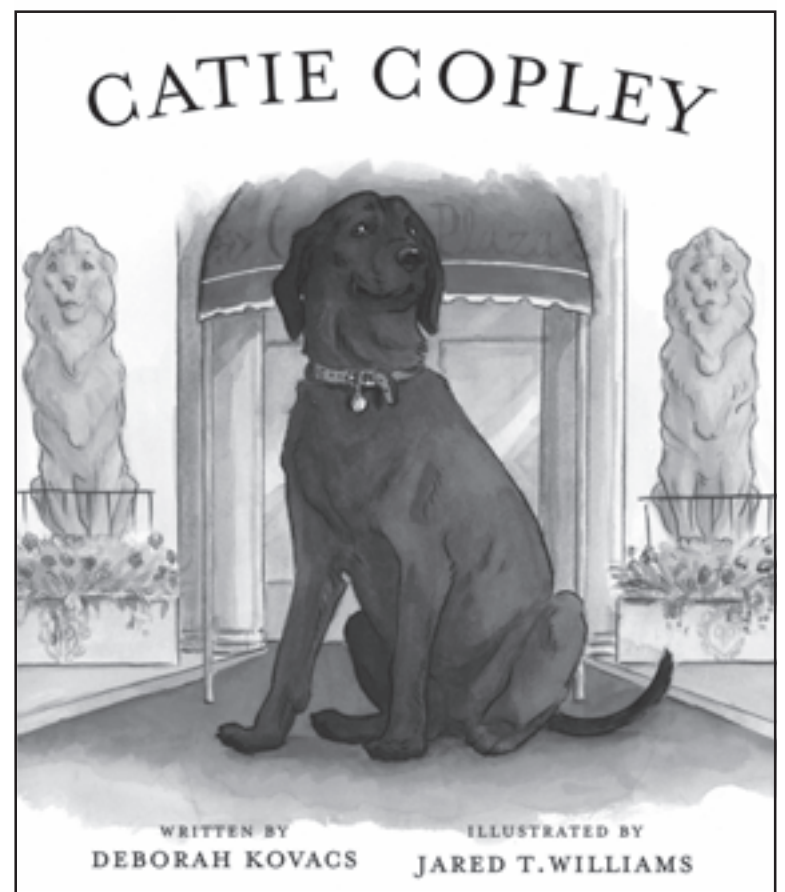
The top 10 finalists will be chosen on December 12 and the *FootballNation.com* community will have a chance to vote for the top recipe. Voting ends January 1, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. EST and the grand prize winner will be

announced in January 2012.

For complete details, be sure to visit [www.footballnation.com/tailgate-contest/](http://www.footballnation.com/tailgate-contest/).

Full disclosure: Many years ago, yours truly was

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• **Editorial** (Continued from Page 3)

The folks in Washington have pulled off a bigger Ponzi scheme than Bernie Madoff ever had.

Entitlements my rear, I paid cash for my Social Security insurance! Just because they borrowed the money, does not make my benefits some kind of charity or handout!

Congressional benefits: free healthcare, outrageous retirement packages, 67 paid holidays, three weeks paid vacation, unlimited paid sick days, now that's welfare, and they have the nerve to call my Social Security retirement "entitlements"?

We are "broke" and can-not help our own seniors, veterans, orphans and homeless.

In the last months, we have provided aid to Haiti, Chile and Turkey. Now Pakistan ... home of the late bin Laden. Literally billions of dollars!

I did further research on the issue regarding: What happened to the \$2.6 trillion Social Security Trust Fund and here are the astounding

conclusions.

At the time, Congress was involved with raising the debt ceiling, regarding Social Security, Jacob Lew provided the details, indicating the issue should not matter anyway because Social Security is "entirely self-financing" and off budget. What could be clearer?

Unconvinced, syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer wrote a subsequent column questioning Lew's assertions. "This (Lew's) claim is a breathtaking fraud. The pretense is that a flush trust fund will pay retirees for the next 26 years. Lovely, except for one thing: The Social Security Trust Fund is a fiction ... In other words, the Social Security trust fund contains nothing."

Social Security status-quo defenders have assured us for the past 25 years that Social Security is fully funded — for the next 25 years, or 2036. So if there are real assets the Social Security Trust Fund — \$2.6 trillion

allegedly — then how could failure to reach a debt-ceiling agreement possibly threaten seniors' Social Security checks?

The answer is that the federal government has borrowed all of that trust fund money and spent it, exactly as Krauthammer asserted. In addition, the only way the trust fund can get some cash to pay Social Security benefits is if the federal government draws it from general revenues or borrows the money — which, of course, it cannot do because of the debt ceiling.

Thus, the answer to my initial question is that the president is telling the truth now in the sense that he is conceding there is no money in the trust fund to pay benefits; but he and other Social Security status quo defenders have been deceiving the public for decades.

Maybe President George W. Bush was on to something when he proposed personal Social Security retirement accounts.



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**THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (Blu-ray)**  
**Lionsgate**

Initially released in 1999, John Irving's best-selling American classic, *The Cider House Rules*, is now out on Blu-ray. This is the heart-warming story about how far a young man must travel to find where he truly belongs. Tobey Maguire stars as Comer, who's lived nearly his entire life within the walls of St. Cloud's Orphanage. Though groomed by the owner, Dr. Larch (Michael Caine), he feels the need to experience the outside world. Then, while working at an apple orchard, Home falls for the beautiful Candy (Charlize Theron) and learns some powerfully indelible lessons about life, love and home in this touching film that earned an Academy Award.

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**SHAOLIN (DVD)**  
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In a young Republic of China, where greedy warlords fuel a period of war and strife, Hou Jie (Any Lau) arrogantly shows no mercy to his enemies seeking refuge with the benign and compassionate Shaolin monks. After unscrupulously killing a wounded enemy, Hou Jie pays a terrible price for his actions and is forced to seek refuge in the same Shaolin Monastery he blatantly disrespected. Hou Jie's traitorous second-in-command Cao Man (Nicholas Tse) continues where the once-warlord left off, betraying his country and his own people. Hou Jie

must adapt to Shaolin principles to stop the monster he created.

**ELMO'S SHAPE ADVENTURE (DVD)**  
**Warner Home Video**

What happens when Andy Samberg is desperately in need of an octagon? A pentagon? A rhombus? It's the Shape-O-Bots to the rescue! Packed with animation, songs, and clips that explore math words, this DVD is sure to "shape" young minds! Elmo sings the new song "Wonderful Shapes" which introduces pre-schoolers to shapes of all kinds, plus the classic "Telly Tut" about triangles.

**LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL/ CINEMA PARADISO (Blu-ray)**  
**Lionsgate**

*Life Is Beautiful* stars Roberto Benigni as Guido, a charming, bumbling Jewish waiter whose colorful imagination and playful spirit help him to woo a beautiful schoolteacher (Nicoletta Braschi). They marry and have a young son, but before long their idyllic world is threatened by Nazi soldiers, who force the family into a concentration camp. Guido must now use his imagination again — this time, to transform his son's tragic new surroundings into a magical wonderland. Academy Award-winning performance (1998).

*Cinema Paradiso* is the beautiful, enchanting story of a young boy's lifelong love affair with the movies. Set in an Italian village, Salvatore finds himself enchanted by the flickering images at the Cinema Paradiso, yearning for the secret of the cinema's magic. When the projectionist, Alfredo agrees to reveal the mysteries of moviemaking, a deep friendship is born. The day comes for Salvatore to leave the village and pursue his dreams of making movies of his own. Thirty years later he receives a message that beckons him back home to a secret, beautiful discovery.

**V: THE SECOND SEASON (2-Blu-ray)**  
**Warner Home Video**

They seem almost godlike among us. They are the alien Visitors who, led by mysterious queen Anna, base their operations out of 29 mother ships hovering over 29 global sites. But why 29? The answer lies in the V's secret plan — just one of the extraordinary revelations in the 2-disc, 10 episode Season Two of V. As that astonishing plan draws closer to fulfillment, a resourceful underground unit of resistance fighters called the Fifth Column redoubles its efforts to undermine it. And throughout are the amazing visuals that are hallmarks of the series: looming spaceships, advanced medical technologies and the fear-inducing morphing of Vs into their reptilian forms. Our world ... their rules?

• **All That Zazz** (Continued from Page 6)

plenty of days to go dancing, after all that's where I met my David, at the Roxy Dance Club.

The "mini fever" had barely subsided. I started furnishing every room with true delight. It was also electrified as glowing lamps illuminated every room. My lovely Mom even made by hand the red gingham dish towels that hang in the kitchen today! She even bought several pieces the house needed. She and my Dad would drive me to some shows and we just had a fun time! And as all good Italian parents they would drop in to visit the dollhouse when I was working and leave me supper and treats! I would find notes from Mom raving about how far I came fixing the interior as well as the exterior of it. I cherish those notes today. They really got into the

progress of the house and its beauty!

As years passed I would decorate for every season and holiday. Even the attic accumulated the necessary cobwebs, dust and a house mouse! But it was minimal to what I have now accumulated from eBay! When I moved to Boston I set the house up in my Mom's Beauty Shop in her home. Her clients and friends enjoyed it for 10 years as I would decorate always with some new little thing.

I lost interest when Mom passed and it stayed decorated for Christmas for nine years. Then it was a decision I didn't make — David did! He brought it home to our place! It fit in front of our window facing where John F. Kennedy's apartment window faced! Home sweet home!

This summer the grass

was cut, the flower boxes filled, the garden with its new gazing ball was in full bloom with lilies, tulips and irises! Hanging plants and a porch light adorn the front lawn. The frog pond I made was happening. The flamingo — birdbath (I also made) attracted one cute, little yellow bird all summer! Croquet was enjoyed by all. And of course the outdoor "feasts" of sushi with Chinese take-out, cakes, 4<sup>th</sup> of July hot dogs, beer, oysters on the half shell, spaghetti and meatballs with Chianti! You can find pancakes, coffee and syrup for breakfast in the kitchen — just don't touch my "Mary" mug.

My Nano Catalano's portrait (Mom gave me this small round pin of her Dad) hangs proudly over the master bedroom's fireplace. Mom just loved that! A bust of Apollo and portraits of the Grand Canal and Degas ballerinas grace the living room walls. David prints a matchbook size newspaper weekly with our past week's color photo captions and stories. The *Bowdoin Street Times* is delivered in the new mailbox promptly!

Now for the autumn clean-up! Must rake leaves, store outdoor furniture, put fireplace wood near doorway and decorate for everyone's grand season of Christmas!

I truly hope you enjoyed this column! If you're in the area stop by the "house," the shiny rooster weathervane will guide you there — it's a feast for sore eyes!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

— Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull  
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## MUSIC

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## ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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**"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).  
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# Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

So what's new? Congress shelved proposed changes to the nation's school lunch program that were designed to reduce childhood obesity by adding fruits and vegetables while cutting French fries and pizza. Imagine cutting out pizza! With the proposal defeated, the tomato paste on a slice of frozen pizza still counts as a serving of vegetables.

So what's new in Italy? Researchers in Italy found that drinking one to two pints of beer per day has the same cardiovascular benefits as red wine, which can lower the risk of heart disease by 31 percent. Hey! Stick to drinking Italian red wine!

Weird! A South African man was savagely chewed to death by a 2,400-pound hippopotamus he kept as a pet. "Humphrey's like a son to me, he's just like a human," Marius Els, 40, had insisted.

Finder's keepers? Charles Preston of San Jose, California discovered \$500,000 worth of cocaine hidden in a used minivan he purchased for \$14,000 last year. He quickly called police, who told him, "You're so lucky — you'd be in jail for the rest of your life if you got searched in a traffic stop and they found this."

Bugging people! A North Carolina couple is suing Air Tran Airways for \$100,000, because they claim they saw cockroaches on a flight. Harry Marsh and Kaitlin Rush say the sight of cockroaches crawling out of an air vent "caused great distress," and forced them to throw away clothing in their luggage for fear of roach contamination.

Unbelievable! A Cincinnati woman driving her choking 8-year-old daughter to the hospital hit a deep rut, dislodging the locket stuck in the girl's throat and saving her life. "Oh Mom, I feel better. I don't feel it anymore," said Laci Davis, after the locket dropped down to her stomach.

Burton's angry widow! Don't mention the name Elizabeth Taylor to Sally Burton, said Christopher Wilson in the *London Telegraph*. In the 27 years since the death of her husband, actor Richard Burton, Sally has grown sick of hearing Taylor described as the love of his life. "I get ticked off with all the talk of a great love story," says Burton's fourth and final wife. "Yes they were in love, but they got divorced twice — that means their marriage didn't work." Sally, 63, is especially angered by claims made in a recent book that Burton wrote a love letter to Taylor on his deathbed. "There was no letter," she says. And she should know: She was nursing Burton when he died of a brain hemorrhage in 1984. Sally believes the writers made up the letter — which has never been seen in public — to help sell their book. Sally finds these efforts to hype Burton's romance with Taylor all the more painful because while Taylor married twice more after Burton, Sally stayed single. Burton was her one-and-only.

For the record, Richard Burton is at the Protestant Churchyard Cemetery, Celigny, Switzerland.

Speaking of cemeteries, here is where you'll find some famous hunks: Clark Gable, Errol Flynn, Preston Foster, John Gilbert, Ted Knight, Robert Taylor, Mervyn LeRoy, Vincente Minnelli, Joe Penner and other notable hunks, at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, CA. Also buried there, some of Hollywood's sexy women such as Rosemary Lane, Carole (Gable) Lombard, Jeanette MacDonald, Edna May Oliver, Lilli Palmer, Ruth Roland, Norma Shearer and a few other sweeties.

Some interesting useless information: Daytime dramas are called soap operas because they were originally used to advertise soap powder. In America in the early days of television, advertisers would write stories around the use of soap powder. For many years, the globe on the *NBC Nightly News* spun in the wrong direction. On January 2, 1984, NBC finally set the world spinning in the proper direction. Before Mickey Mouse, Felix the Cat was the most popular cartoon character. He was the first cartoon character to ever have been made into a balloon for a parade. After the *Popeye* comic strip started in 1931, spinach consumption

went up by 33% in the US. Walt Disney named Mickey Mouse after Mickey Rooney, whose mother he dated for some time. Walt Disney originally supplied the voice for Mickey Mouse. And Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

Italy is in the news because of Silvio Berlusconi, Italy's longest-serving postwar prime minister. Berlusconi in brief, real brief, Berlusconi started his career as a crooner on cruise ships, before getting a law degree and starting a local cable TV company. He eventually grew that company into Italy's biggest media empire. Dozens of scandals have highlighted his career! As embarrassing as Berlusconi has been to Italy's elites, he retained the grudging admiration of many working-class Italians, who identified with his love of soccer, envied his sex life and saw him as an authentic man of the people. "The average Italian saw himself as Berlusconi, only poorer," newspaper columnist Massimo Gramellini told *The New York Times*. Berlusconi — whose nickname, "Il Cavaliere," means "The Knight" — further secured his power by buying the loyalty of other politicians and powerbrokers. Well, now out of office, he faces three trials he no longer has the means to evade. The 75-year-old needn't worry. In his previous term, he passed a law allowing most criminals older than 70 to avoid jail time. Arrivederci!

"What are we going to do without Silvio Berlusconi?" asked Massimo. "I have spent my entire career as a journalist covering the mogul turned prime minister, who dominated Italian politics for 17 years." When he was the owner of the soccer team AC Milan, he seemed "the classic Milanese figure we call a *cumenda*, a brash and successful man surrounded by servile aides." He used to whip off his expensive coat and toss it behind him, sure that "there was always someone ready to catch it." Later we learned that there were two Berlusconi's: the laughing, joking one and the shadowy figure who somehow finagled multimillion-dollar loans while still in his 20s. We laughed when he insisted on a soft-focus lens to hide his wrinkles on camera, but even as we were appalled by him, many of us secretly wanted to be him. Berlusconi mesmerized us. "Think about how many times, my fellow Italians, you have thought about him in the last few years. Surely more than you have thought about your mother-in-law." Arguing about him was the national sport: "No one else has divided Italy and Italians the way he has." Politics will be deadly dull without him.

Interesting to note, Americans last year filled 254 million prescriptions for pain-killing opioid drugs such as OxyContin and Percocet — enough to medicate every American adult around the clock for a month.

Time for some reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. Teresa Brewer began her professional singing career at age two. She had her first million record seller before she was sixteen; The song was "Music, Music, Music." While touring battle areas during World War II, singer Jo Stafford was often voted "G.I. Jo" by a company or squadron. One more time! Boston's Don Costa arranged for some of the top recording artists around. They include Vic Damone, Sarah Vaughn, Eydie Gorme, Vaughn Monroe, Steve Lawrence, Paul Anka and Frank Sinatra. Perry Como's first hit was in 1944: "Long Ago" (and far away). His last hit was "It's Impossible" (1972). John Travolta made his film debut in the horror movie "The Devil's Rain" (1975). He wore a mask and uttered the lines, "Blasphemer! Get him, he is a blasphemer!" Singer Connie Francis first big hit was "Who's Sorry Now." Connie Francis, an Italian American, true name is Concetta Maria Rosa Franconero.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



## Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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### Roast Leg of Lamb

1 leg of lamb (5 to 6 pounds) ½ cup chopped mint (optional)  
4 cloves of garlic ¼ cup lemon juice  
1 tablespoon thyme or oregano Salt and pepper

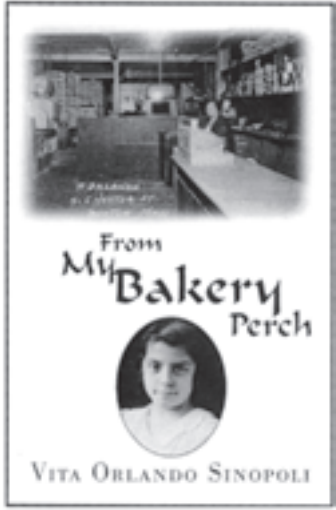
Rub the leg of lamb with half of a garlic clove. Then make several gashes with point of knife into the lamb leg and insert small cut portions of garlic clove into the narrow openings. Rub meat with mint, thyme, or oregano, whichever you plan to use, or some of each. Rub leg of lamb with salt and pepper. Add a little water to the lemon juice and pour gently over lamb. Place lamb fat side up in roasting pan. Place in preheated 325°F oven uncovered. After 30 minutes, baste lamb with juices from the roasting pan and repeat frequently. Lamb should be baked until meat thermometer reads 175 to 180°F. If you are baking without a meat thermometer, allow lamb to bake approximately 30 minutes per pound of lamb. Add more water mixed with a little lemon juice if more liquid is needed for basting.

**OPTIONAL:** Small white potatoes, carrots and some mushrooms can be added around the leg of lamb after the lamb has baked about an hour. Continue basting vegetables as well as the lamb.

**NOTE:** I awoke Easter morning to a combination of aromas filling the kitchen. I watched as Mama put the lamb roast into the oven. I saw the chicken soup simmering slowly on the stove next to the tomato sauce Mama had prepared earlier. I always asked to have one of the meatballs as she completed frying them. When did Mama start all this, I wondered.

On the kitchen table, a bowl of hard-boiled eggs greeted my eyes along with a Cannattone (Easter Bread) for Peter and me. As Peter, Papa and I departed for church after breakfast, Nonna and Mama's sister Lena arrived to help make the ravioli. I knew then that the Easter meal would keep us at the table for a long time.

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# Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Last week, I left off saying a couple of prayers as Sal Meli and I drove down a mountain road in Calabria, passing through a thunderstorm. We finally reached Reggio, which had been our first destination on the mainland of Italy. We then headed north and stopped at a few sites along the way. When we arrived at Salerno, we stopped for the night. Sal looked around and said, "Check out the architecture. The first few streets in from the water are all modern. Beyond those ten blocks or so, the buildings went back to the middle ages." I looked at what he pointed out and he was right. I immediately knew the answer to the change in design. Salerno was one of the major battles for American troops when they finally landed on the Italian mainland during WWII. Most of Salerno's waterfront was wiped out by shells from our ships and bombs from American aircraft.

I enjoyed the sites of the city, old and new. We later checked into a pensione, an inexpensive hotel that had attached bathrooms with their rooms. Someone recommended a trattoria, a family style restaurant where the locals eat. We weren't disappointed. The next day, we headed north again along the Amalfi Coast to Amalfi and Sorrento. They were beautiful resort cities and filled with tourists from many of the European countries.

We were walking down the main street along the beach and I was stopped by a young man with a Berlitz phrase book in his hand. He was trying to ask me something in Italian and I had no idea what he was trying to say. I saw that the book was English/Italian and I asked him if he wanted to switch to English. He replied, "I bloody well would like to. I have no chance with my Italian pronunciation." He then asked if I knew the whereabouts of a sidewalk café. When he named it, I remembered having seen it a couple of blocks away. He said, "I'm supposed to meet a couple of chaps there and got lost." I was going to point to where the place was located and then heard a commotion and saw Sal get himself into trouble.

There were several people walking toward us: a beauty in a bikini, followed by a woman with a poodle on a leash, followed by a nanny pushing a baby carriage, followed by an African eating an ice cream cone. Sal was walking toward them, and as the beauty in the bikini passed him, he turned to check out whether the back was as attractive as the front, if you get my drift. He, as a result of not paying attention to his direction, tripped over the poodle and

became snagged in the leash. To avoid the problem the owner stopped and then back peddled, but bumped into the baby carriage. The nanny, to protect the child, back peddled, but bumped into the African who was about to lick his ice cream cone. As she bumped the man, the cone managed to smear itself all over the man's face. It looked like a Three Stooges comedy. The young Englishman and I began to laugh, but the African became furious, as did the nanny and the dog owner. The girl in the bikini began to laugh as the three people involved in the may lay all began screaming at Sal in various languages. He tried to explain his way out of the situation in both English and Italian, but to no avail. If it wasn't for the bikini lady, the Englishman and I laughing so hard, I think they would have killed Sal. I yelled to him to move on before he became a statistic. He walked away with them still yelling. At that point, the Englishman asked me if all Yanks were like Sal. I answered, "No, he's one of a kind."

At the invitation of the Englishman, we joined him at the café where his pals told him they would meet. Over dishes of granita (slush) and ice cream, Sal tried to explain his way out of the comedy. The Brits had to wait until their friend who invited us explained the situation in British English. They then laughed with me. All of the Englishmen were from London and on holiday, as they call a vacation. None had ever been to the states and had a million questions about places like New York, Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles. I gave them a verbal tour of America and they seemed fascinated. They were most interested in Boston as they asked about the American Revolution. In school, they were given a different slant on our history as a break-away colony than we receive in the states. I even threw in the story of Aunt Dorothy's family. Aunt Dorothy was Uncle Nick's second wife. Seeing he was my Godfather, I spent a lot of time with them. It seems that Aunt Dorothy's family went back to before the Revolution. When the fighting started, they were loyalists, faithful to the British crown. After the war was over and we won, they had to run for their lives. Not being able to get back to England, they headed for Canada. They returned to Boston two generations later, but they had another problem. They had converted to Catholicism while in Canada, a problem in early America except in Maryland.

The Brits were fascinated with the stories I told and we wound up spending the entire day with them. When we

parted, Sal gave them an itinerary to follow as they were heading north. That night at dinner, we planned out our time frame. The next day, we had to be at the Naples airport. A close friend from Medford by way of Havana, Jose, and his wife were flying in from Boston and we were going to pick them up when their flight got in. Jose's wife, Franny, was born in Cassino, and we were going to visit the members of her family that didn't immigrate to the states after the war.

The next day, we drove to Naples and waited for their flight from Boston to arrive. Once we were all together, we stopped at a tourist office to find accommodations in or near Naples. The first place they showed us was a small hotel near a factory that made machinery. The noise coming from the open doors of the factory was deafening, but the biggest turn-off was one of the rooms they showed us. There was a motor cycle parked next to one of the beds. We wound up at another hotel that was on the waterfront and more expensive. With a woman along, we didn't want to rough it. Once we were settled in, we looked at a map of the city and headed out to see the sites. At lunch time, we stopped at a place that looked like a restaurant where the locals ate. We were right and the food was fantastic and inexpensive. I noticed an old man sitting at a table by himself. If you've ever seen the label on a bottle of Moretti, a popular Italian beer, you would know what the old man looked like. He had on a neckerchief and a tattered hat. When they brought him a glass of wine, they poured it in a beer mug. When the old man took a sip, I understood why. He was quite old and his hands weren't too steady. The mug had a handle and it was easy for the old man to hold it. When he sipped the wine, his mouth seemed to cover the entire top of the mug. He evidently had no teeth. He was a character study that an artist would have loved to paint.

Before we turned in that night, I called home to let everyone know where I was. Babbonnonno answered, and when I told him where we were, he warned me about the dangers of Naples. I told him not to worry and then spoke to my folks for a bit. They were happy that we were OK, and I'm out of space again, and will continue next week.

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



**"La Cage aux Folles" starring George Hamilton, center, plays from Dec 6-18 at the Shubert Theatre, Boston. Call 866-523-7469 or visit [www.BroadwayinBoston.com](http://www.BroadwayinBoston.com) for tickets and more information. (Photo by Paul Kolnik)**

one of the team who worked with Kerry at AOL's Digital City Boston. While Kerry wrote about beer, this columnist wrote about gardening. Under the direction of the lovely Susan Dupont and the handsome Peter McNamara, others in the fun group, called "Boston's Inner Circle" or BIC, included R.J. Donovan (theater), Sandy Block (wine), and Jay Calderin (fashion) — to name but a few. The good old days! ..... This year, "First Night Boston" celebrates the 36<sup>th</sup> edition of the country's oldest and largest New Year's Eve arts festival by announcing a line-up of world class events that offer something for everyone.

On Saturday, December 31 from noon to midnight, First Night presents its annual day-long festival of art, music, dance, ice sculpture, and more. First Night will showcase 1,000 artists in 200 exhibitions and performances in locations all over downtown Boston, from the Waterfront to the Fenway.

First Night welcomes children, families and revelers of all ages to celebrate community through the arts. First Night organizers strongly suggest visiting the

interactive planner at [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org) to plan attendance. The schedule is subject to change and updates can be found on the website.

All First Night outdoor events are free, though supported by sales of the First Night button, which is the ticket for admission to indoor events. In addition, some cultural partners offer a "Button Bonus" program, including free admission on December 31, and discounts before and after First Night.

Buttons will be available at dozens of locations, including Shaw's Supermarkets, Star Market, Tedeschi's, and Au Bon Pain. Buttons are also available now at a special web price at [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org) only through December 22. For further information, call 617-542-1399 or visit [www.firstnight.org](http://www.firstnight.org).

Enjoy!

(Be sure to visit Hilda Morrill's gardening Web site, [www.bostongardens.com](http://www.bostongardens.com). In addition to events covered and reported by the columnist, "The Socially Set" is compiled from various other sources such as news and press releases, PRNewswire services, etc.)

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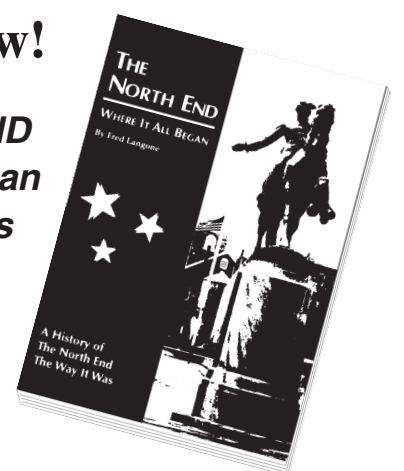
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LO SAPEVATE CHE ...

Di tanto in tanto facciamo il possibile per venire alla soluzione di problemi, in particolar modo quando ci riferiamo alla nostra salute. A tale scopo utilizziamo informazioni che apprendiamo dagli organi di stampa italiana per informare i nostri lettori.

Alcuni mesi addietro leggendo uno dei quotidiani italiani siamo venuti a conoscenza di nuove procedure nella lotta contro l'eccessivo peso corporeo. Ed ecco di che cosa si tratta.

Abbiamo notizie incoraggianti per coloro che amano i cibi un po' piccanti, che e' necessario mangiare per togliersi il peso "extra," e consiste nel mangiare peperoncini che contengono, specialmente quelli dolci, una sostanza che aiuta a dimagrire perche' stimola il metabolismo. Questa ultima soperta e' il frutto di ricerche condotte all'Universita' della California, a Los Angeles. Da tempo si sapeva, in Italia, che il peperoncino, specialmente quello piccante che cresce abbondantemente in Calabria, possiede virtu' dimagranti. Infatti il peperoncino 'riscalda' il corpo aiutandolo a bruciare calorie.

L'esperimento californiano e' stato condotto su un campione di 34 persone con problemi di sovrappeso. Meta' dei partecipanti ha preso una pillola 'placebo', mentre l'altra meta' ha preso una pillola con il TDC che e' un estratto dal peperoncino. I primi (17) non hanno registrato che una modesta perdita di peso, mentre l'altra meta' ha dimostrato un dispendio di energia. L'esperimento e' durato 28 giorni. Quindi, per una miglior salute, non abbiate paura di "bruciare," se davvero volete perdere peso. Ci vuole solo 'coraggio'!

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

From time to time we report possible solutions to problems, particularly when we deal with our health. To do so, we use information we gather from the Italian press to inform our readers.

A few months ago while perusing through an Italian daily, we learned about new procedures in the fight against the body's excessive weight. This is what happened.

There is encouraging news for those who love to eat spicy food, which can get rid of the adipose "stuff" by eating "peperoncini" (hot peppers) which contain, especially the sweet ones, an ingredient that helps to lose weight, for it stimulates the metabolism.

The latest discovery is the result of studies conducted at the UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles). In Italy they have been aware, for quite some time, that the peperoncino, especially the hot one that grows abundantly in Calabria, warms up the body causing it to burn calories. The experiment in California was conducted on a sample of 34 people who were all overweight. Half of them (17) took a placebo, while the other half took a pill with DTC, an extract from the (hot) peperoncino. The first group experienced a negligible loss of weight while the other group recorded a high loss of calories. The experiment lasted 28 days. And so, in order to lose weight, do not disdain to "burn" internally, for a better health. You need only a little bit of ... coraggio (courage)!

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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

**70<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL SERVICE  
FOR PEARL HARBOR**

The Quincy Veterans Council will be holding the 70<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service for all deceased Pearl Harbor veterans on Sunday, December 4 at 9:30 am at the Morrisette Post #294 American Legion Hall in Quincy. The service will be conducted by Reverend Martha Morath Swanson from Union Congregational Church in Wollaston. Guest speaker will be Robert Noble, a former World War II P.O.W. Breakfast will be served immediately following the service.

**BOB GUARNIERI RETIRES  
AS COLONIAL FEDERAL  
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PRESIDENT**

My friend Robert Guarnieri announced he will be retiring from Colonial Federal Savings Bank in January. He has been at the bank since 1975, where he began as a comptroller. He has served as bank president for

the past 22 years and will continue to be involved with the bank after retirement as a member of the board of directors.

Best of luck in retirement to Bob.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CAVA**

The Knights of Dunkin' Donuts in Eastie recently threw a surprise birthday party for the youngest knight Cava who just turned 29 years old. He got the first piece of birthday cake and Bucky Spataro the oldest knight picked up the second slice.

**NAVIGATING THROUGH  
BRIGHAM CIRCLE  
OVER THE YEARS**

I've lived in many neighborhoods over the years but never Mission Hill. However, after working at the old Mass. Mental on Fenwood Road for 31 years, I probably know this community better than many current residents. Boy, Brigham Circle has changed over the years. The Chopping Block, Ed Burke's, Fermoy's and Dr. Shulman have all faded into history. However, the Kwik-e sub shop across from Fenwood Road is still there and busy as ever. The prices aren't as good as they were back in the '70s but what is? Across the street, there is still that diner which has changed names and owners over the years.

Biggest change for the Huntington Avenue end of Fenwood Road is no more yellow school buses in the morning blocking traffic since they closed the elementary school more than a year ago. Probably, not good news for Mission Hill parents whose kids were lucky

enough to go there before it closed. One Brigham Circle, a great mall built a few years back, has become a great thing for the area especially with the addition of a Stop & Shop. Older Mission Hill residents longed for their neighborhood supermarket after they lost both Giant Valu and Calumet markets years ago.

The Boston School Department keeps taking away neighborhood public schools but at least the neighborhood continues to be represented up on Beacon Hill by strong Mission Hill voices like current State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez and the legendary Kevin Fitzgerald before him.

The neighborhood also has a good bimonthly newspaper, the *Mission Hill Gazette*. It may not be as homey as *The Good News* which was produced by many great members of the community like my old friend Betty Commerford but the *Gazette* covers Mission Hill well and has become the neighborhood's voice.

**DOWN WITH THE KNIGHTS**

A fellow Knight of Dunkin' Donuts over on Bennington Street recently gave me a red-covered pocket US Constitution booklet. He knew I was rightwing and my favorite color politically was bright red. Personally, I would have taken the little book even if it were blue. Remember, the US Constitution is a document for all 100 percent of us. We need our Constitution now more than ever as liberals in Washington seem intent on editing it to fit their current politically correct whims. What part of liberty don't they get?

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**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY  
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**FABIANA LOURDES DE SOUZA  
vs.  
JAILTON TAVARES**

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: **Fabiana Lourdes De Souza, 3 Ladd Place, Apt. 2, Watertown, MA 02472** your answer, if any, on or before **December 27, 2011**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

**WITNESS, Hon. PETER C. DIGANGI,  
First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: November 15, 2011  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/2/11

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Docket No. SU11P2393EA

In the Estate of  
**LOUISE HELEN VIGNOLI**  
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Date of Death October 8, 2011

**NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Laura Paladino of Melrose, MA** and **Jeanne McCaldon of Melrose, MA** be appointed executrices named in the will to serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **BOSTON** ON OR BEFORE **TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON DECEMBER 29, 2011**.

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

**WITNESS, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG,  
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• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

and “changed the national conversation.” Recently, a *New York Times* op-ed piece tried to convince readers that Occupy Anything had become the leading edge of a progressive period in this country. This writer claimed that during the Reagan era (now ending) while the top 1 percent saw its wealth soar; the rest of us saw unemployment and stagnant income gains. Truth be told, IRA data shows the top 1 percent dropping about 9 percent in real terms over the past 10 years. This writer also claimed high unemployment soared under President Reagan with all of his conservative policies. However, between 1981 and 2008, unemployment averaged about 6 percent. It was only post — George W. Bush that unemployment spiked to approximately 9.3 percent.

We’ve had this class war stuff for a while now. When President Bill Clinton ran for office, he claimed the 1980s were a time “of greed and selfishness,” when the rich got richer and you know the rest of this sentence.

Here are real facts. According to liberal Public Policy Polling, just 33 percent support Occupy Anything and 42 percent still support the Tea Party movement. Of course, when the Occupy forces finally vanish, something else will come along to keep hope alive for liberals and the media. Just wait and see.

Occupy Wall Street Not

The NYPD foiled Occupy Wall Street’s attempt to shut down Wall Street on November 17. Hundreds took to the streets in New York and elsewhere for a day of national action seen as a test of the grassroots movement’s momentum. In New York City, it was expected that tens of thousands would turn out but in the end, the figure was fewer than a thousand. Occupy Dallas didn’t fare well either, the same day when folks got arrested by horse-riding Dallas cops in riot gear who evicted Occupy Dallas protesters from a site near City Hall. Finally, Occupy Boston is launching a newspaper after raising some \$8,000 in funds. The plan is to publish *The Boston Occupier* and distribute more than 25,000 copies of it.

Dallas Politics Goes Trashy

Down in Dallas, the mayor and city council have decided to reportedly force trash haulers to transport their trash to a city-owned landfill located on the south side of Dallas rather than letting haulers take their trash to several privately owned landfills on the north side of town. The city says it wants to go green to better the environment. The city also charges \$21.50 per ton rather than the cheaper \$17 or \$18 per ton at existing private landfills. Why is Dallas trying to get a monopoly on trash to landfills hurting private industry? Could it be Dallas is going broke and Dallas is looking to take in more revenue? Collecting garbage is big money and the Big D sees dollar signs loud and clear. Chi-Ching time ...

Occupy This!

The Occupy movement across this country is increasingly turning more chaotic and violent. I am sure most of the protesters are both angry at the system and looking to vent their personal frustrations, but there appear to be a hardcore group that is anti-cop, anti-capitalism and anti-country. These people attempt to lead the masses in some kind of romantic revolution. However, this creeping occupy revolution is losing traction with the real 99 percent when they block streets, bridges and subway systems.

Conservative Glen Beck recently appeared one morning on the Jeff Katz’s radio show on Radio 1200 Boston and said he was more concerned with the puppet masters from above organizing this chaos in the streets. The longer the occupiers hold onto their illegal tent cities, the angrier most of us are getting with the movement.

Here in Boston the occupiers actually got a judge in Suffolk Superior Court to side with them issuing a restraining order preventing the City of Boston kicking them off the Greenway at least until the next court date on December 5 which ironically is the anniversary of the Boston Massacre back in the days of the real Occupied Boston.

When the occupiers finally leave Mahatma Ghandi Park on the Greenway, Mayor Tom Menino will have lots of “splaining” to do as Lucy often told Ricky. Also, I wonder how many of the so-called oppressed students down by South Station in Dewey Square actually know who Ghandi was and what he stood for before his assassination in 1948?

I Read “The Nation”

Recently, a conservative friend of mine was surprised when I told him the above revelation. Why, he asked me, why do I read such a liberal rag? I told him it is good to know what the other side is saying even when they’re consistently wrong. Of course, I wouldn’t waste my money purchasing this magazine. I get recycled copies from a liberal friend trying to convert me over to his side. No such luck, pal.

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME  
In the Matter of  
CARLEE JADE BEAUCAGE  
A Minor By Mother,  
Jennifer Lynne Reinap  
Of FRAMINGHAM, MA

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by Carlee J Beaucage requesting that: Carlee Jade Beaucage A Minor By Mother, Jennifer Lynne Reinap be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows: Carlee Jade Reinap.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON DECEMBER 21, 2011.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court.  
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Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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# EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Bud Selig Calls  
November 17 “A Historic Day” for Baseball

There’s an old maxim that goes, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” However, Major League Baseball broke something that didn’t need fixing and called it a historic day for the game. The Houston Astros were sold to new owners for \$360 million or as I like to say for two overpaid aging sluggers. After the sale was announced that in 2013, the Astros would switch to the American League in 2013 and create a new baseball rivalry with the Rangers. Also, the Florida Marlins are now becoming the Miami Marlins with a brand new outrageous looking glitzy uniform. Finally, beginning in 2013, each league will have two wild cards who will meet each other in a 163<sup>rd</sup> game to pick the real playoff wild card. Just what we need

is more post-season games. All in all, it means 10 out of 30 major league teams are guaranteed a post-season berth.

Here’s a final thought. If the Astros have to move to create two 15-team leagues, why not just move the Milwaukee Brewers back to the American League where the team began?

Tickets Will Not Be  
Going Up at Fenway

Did the Boston Red Sox really have a choice here? After the Great September Collapse of 2011, no way could ownership raise ticket prices. It would only have added insult to injury.

Kershaw Wins  
NL Cy Young

While three Phillies starters finished in the top five of the voting, the winner of the NL Cy Young Award is Clayton Kershaw of the LA Dodgers who finished the

season with 21 wins with a 2.28 ERA and 248 strikeouts while pitching for an 82-win Dodgers team.

Valentine Back on  
Sox Radar

With Dale Sveum signed by the Chicago Cubs, Bobby Valentine, 61, is back on the Red Sox radar for manager again. The former Mets manager is my choice for manager and has been since Francona departed Boston. Currently working for ESPN, Valentine managed the NY Mets for seven years and made it to the World Series in 2000 before getting fired after the 2002 season. He also managed the Texas Rangers from 1985 to 1992. I hope he gets picked because we need someone with his attitude after Francona’s laid back style took the Red Sox crashing down this past season.

• Main Street Jobs (Continued from Page 4)

ing marketing junk food to children to teaching them, from mining coal to installing and maintaining solar panels, and from building an ever-increasing number of automobiles to expanding public transportation. More broadly, we need to shift from mining to recycling, from growing urban sprawl to retro-fitting cities for sustainable living, and from financial speculation to the local financing of productive enterprises.

The structure of the one-percent economy concentrates power in Wall Street institutions that primarily serve the richest 1 percent of humanity. An economy that works for all must distribute power equitably and democratically among

people who share a vision of a world that works for all.

The time has come to shift from a Wall Street-driven economy to a Main Street-driven one built upon successful, independent, locally owned, human-scale enterprises.

John Cavanagh, director of

the Institute for Policy Studies, and David Korten, board chair of YES! Magazine, are the principal authors of **Jobs: A Main Street Fix for Wall Street’s Failures**, a New Economy Working Group report.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Veronica Turovsky Genin Esq., Agranovich & Genin Legal, LLC, 15 Cypress Street, Suite 205, Newton Centre, MA 02459 your answer, if any, on or before December 27, 2011. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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LEGAL NOTICE  
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. AP1210-C1, FY2012-2014 FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM TESTING, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, ALL MASSPORT FACILITIES, BOSTON, BEDFORD AND WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012**; immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

**NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011.**

The work includes **THE PROVISION OF LABOR, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES AND MATERIALS TO INSPECT, TEST, MAINTAIN, AND REPAIR FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND FIRE PUMPS OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS FOR ALL MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY FACILITIES IN BOSTON, BEDFORD AND WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2011.**

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEMS.** The estimated contract cost is **TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,750,000.00.)**

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

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

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

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

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000.00).** Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

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

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

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

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

**MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY  
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INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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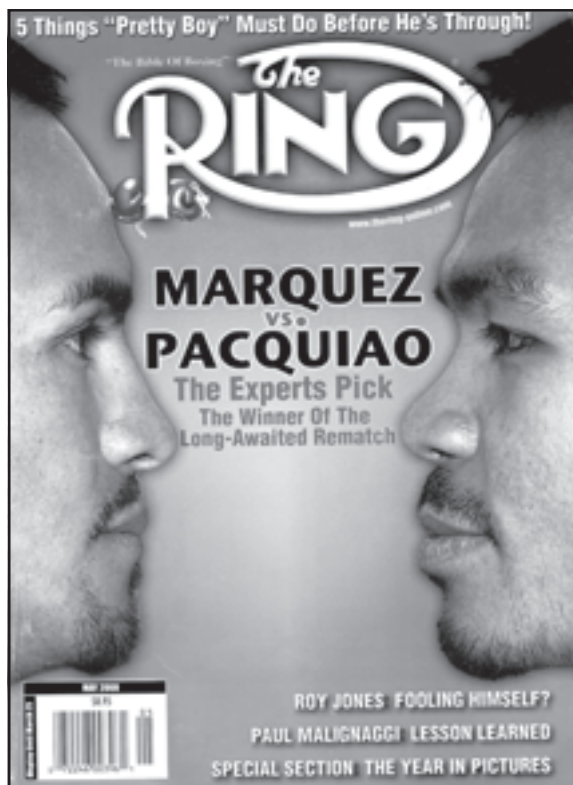
## CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

I Hope You All Hada Happy Thanksgiving and Plenty of "Punch!"

The Junior's Battled: Peter Manfredo Jr. and Julio Cezar Chavez Jr.

Third Meeting Between Manny Pacquiao & Juan Manuel Marquez,  
"Who Won?"



**Manny Pacquiao and Juan Manuel Marquez squared off for the third time. Pacquiao won the April 15, 2008 fight in a 12-round split decision in Las Vegas.**

It was a pretty good bout while it lasted. **Peter Manfredo, Jr.**, 37-7, 20 KO's, gave a good account of himself against "Undefeated" World Middleweight Champion **Julio Cezar Chavez, Jr.**, 44-0-1, 31 KO's. Cezar Chavez Jr., is the son of World Champion great boxing legend Julio Cezar Chavez, Sr. A game Peter Manfredo fought to win this fight, as he did in all fights versus: Tommy Attardo, Frankie Randall, Scott Pemberton, Joe Spina, Joe Calzaghe, Jeff Lacy, Matt Vanda and others. Remember Cesar Chavez, Jr., is undefeated in 45 fights with 31 KO's to his resume. No losses against tough opposition: Sebastian Zbik, John Duddy, Billy Lyrell, Matt Vanda, etc. Peter Manfredo fought and battled for 5 rounds in Texas as did Davy Crockett, Jim Bowie and William Travis at the Alamo in a courageous battle that was lost March 6, 1836. A battle that still lives proudly in the minds of all Americans. Peter Manfredo courageously lost to the son of a legend, Julio Cezar Chavez, Jr., who was in control of this fight vs. Peter Manfredo, Jr. He did not make it easy for Chavez. They fought a very good round 4. In the 5<sup>th</sup> round Cezar Chavez unleashed a barrage of punches in bunches that prompted referee Lawrence Cole to step in and stop this fight. Max Kellerman stated that it was a bad stoppage. The other announcers stated that it was a good stoppage. Sergio Martinez was in the crowd watching this fight too. I guess he's hoping to be a future opponent for Chavez. That would be a great match.

The replay of **Manny Pacquiao** winning a close twelve round decision over **Juan Manuel Marquez** was viewed in their third title fight. This fight was shown before the Chavez, Jr., vs. Manfredo, Jr., title fight. This was a very good idea. In this way, spectators who did not see this fight when first shown got an opportunity to see their controversial decisioned fight. Able now to voice their own opinion. Pacquiao and Marquez are both talented and both fought well. The 1<sup>st</sup> round: "Ding!" Champion Manny Pacquiao threw 38 punches and landed 11. Marquez threw 32 and landed 7. #2: Pacquiao threw 42 and landed 9; Marquez threw 30 and landed 8. Pacquiao was the more aggressive in this round. The scoring: Judges Hoyle 10-9, Moretti 9-10, Trowbridge 10-9 Pacquiao/Markquez. Round #3: Pacquiao another good close round. #4: In this round Marquez caught Pacquiao with a good upper type left hand. #5: Pacquiao 41

and Marquez 42 power punches total. #6: A good round of fighting. A good right hand by Marquez. #7: Pacquiao 67/66, 66/67 and 67/66. Pacquiao has good ring movement. This is a hard fight to score. All rounds were close. #8: Another close round. #9: Action packed. #10: #11: **Ding!** #12: good round. The winner and still champion is Manny Pacquiao. Scores of 114/114, 115/113, 116/112. In boxing many factors equate to victory. Factors that count when scoring fights = **Punches thrown, punches landed** and **where landed** equate differently in determining "victory!" Also **effectiveness** of punches, **defensive skills** as well as **affective aggressiveness** and **composure** equate in that formula to **victory**. Many other factors help determine victory. To leave a lasting impression at the end of a round. Meaning? How you finish a round. The last impression you leave in the minds and thoughts of fans and **judges**. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting between these two warriors. Their trilogy is now 2-0-1. Manny Pacquiao two wins and a draw between the two. Their first fight on May 8, 2004 was ruled a draw after 12 rounds. The second fight March 15, 2008 was won by Manny Pacquiao after 12 rounds. This fight was another extremely close fight between the two. As they say in boxing, "Styles make fights." **Freddie Roach** in the corner of Manny Pacquiao makes a big difference.



**Mastermind Freddy Roach pictured at a well-done Ring 4 banquet held at the Florian Hall in Dorchester. This area has produced some of the best master minds in the world in the sport of boxing. As Freddy Roach is and has done. We in Massachusetts are proud of his accomplishments.**



**An up-and-coming Peter Manfredo, Jr. He's achieved and done well in boxing.**

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Former Boston Celtics star Antoine Walker signed on for a second season with the Idaho Stampede of the NBA Development League back on October 27 but was not on the roster when the team played its first game in late November.

The word was that Walker had been released — at least temporarily — "for personal reasons" with the Stampede still holding his rights. If he rejoins the team, the only chances New England basketball fans would get to see him would be on January 26 when the Stampede play in Springfield and on January 27 when they play in Portland.

Last year Walker signed with the Stampede in December, 2010 and played in 43 games, averaging 16.0 points, 6.3 rebounds and 3.4 assists over that span. He finished especially strong, recording four double-doubles in the final six games of the season.

Walker is a former three-time NBA All star and was the No. 5 pick out of the University of Kentucky in the 1996 NBA Draft. He went on to play seven full seasons with the Celtics, averaging over 20 points a game in five of them.

Traded to Dallas just before the start of the 2003-2004 season, he played a full campaign there and then was acquired by Atlanta before returning to the Hub for the final 24 games of the 2004-2005 season.

On August 2, 2005, Walker was traded to the Miami Heat as part of a five team, 13 player deal that was the largest in NBA history. Some 10 months later — in June, 2006 — the Heat would win the NBA Championship and Walker would have his ring. He played another season in Miami before moving on to Minnesota and Memphis.

**NBA SCHEDULE** — If the tentative agreement is officially signed, sealed and delivered, fans can look forward to a compact 66-game schedule over just four months — from Christmas to April 26 — a very late ending for the regular season.

The first round of the playoffs would open on April 28 with the last possible date for Game 7 of the NBA Finals coming on June 26 — exactly two months after the close of the abbreviated regular season.

During the regular season there would be 48 games against Eastern Conference opponents and 18 against Western Conference foes. There probably would also be two preseason games before Christmas.

**KEEN ON KELLY** — As the season progresses, Bruins coach Claude Julien continues to have positive thoughts concerning Chris Kelly. "He continues to have a really good year for us," noted the coach. "He's one of those guys that is under the radar most times. There are always bigger names that get mentioned ahead of him but he's probably one of our most con-

sistent forwards this year. He continues to impress us. He's contributing very well for us and that's giving our team a lot more depth with scoring."

**WHERE THEY STOOD ON THANKSGIVING** — Coach Julien has maintained over the years that how the teams stand on Thanksgiving is a pretty good indication of which clubs will advance to the playoffs come April.

So on Turkey Day the standings for the top eight teams in order were: Pittsburgh, Florida, Boston, Philadelphia, Toronto, Washington, Buffalo and the New York Rangers. The Bruins, Pittsburgh and Florida were the leaders of their respective divisions.

Over in the Western Conference the top eight teams lined up like this: Minnesota, San Jose, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Detroit, Phoenix and St. Louis with Chicago, Minnesota and San Jose the division leaders.

There's lots of hockey left to be played but let's compare those Thanksgiving standings with the final ones in April and see how accurate a predictor they were.

**HOCKEY EAST TOURNAMENT** — Tickets for the 2012 Hockey East Championship are now on sale at the TD Garden box office and through Ticketmaster. This will be the 28<sup>th</sup> annual tourney and the 22<sup>nd</sup> year it has been played on Causeway Street.

The semifinals will be played on Friday, March 16 at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with the championship game set for Saturday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. The winner of the tournament receives an automatic berth into the 65<sup>th</sup> annual NCAA Championship. Boston College captured the title last year, defeating Merrimack 5-3. BC has won five of the last seven Hockey East Tournaments dating back to 2005.

**ONE HOT TIME** — It was time for Red Hot Hockey at Madison Square Garden in New York City over Thanksgiving Weekend and the two teams — Boston University and Cornell — didn't disappoint as the contest went into overtime before BU emerged with a 2-1 victory.

The matchup between the two nationally ranked teams — BU came in at No. 15 and Cornell at No. 17 — was a defensive battle that saw regulation time end in a 1-1 tie before Ross Gaudet of BU scored with 2:12 remaining in overtime to give the Terriers the victory before the sellout crowd of 18,200.

Kieran Millan, BU senior goaltender made 23 saves to gain his fifth victory of the year.

The triumph enabled BU to extend its win streak to four games and to up its record in the still-young Red Hot Hockey series to 2-0-1. The game marked the 43<sup>rd</sup> time the two teams have met with Cornell now owning a 23-18-2 advantage. BU has won seven of the last 12 meetings.