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Happy
New Year
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from Pamela Donnaruma
and the Staff of the Post-Gazette
2012

Annual North End Christmas Fund Luncheon — A Huge Success —



Christmas Fund Luncheon Committee.



Left to Right: Jim Luisi, Kathy Carangelo, Mayor Thomas Menino, Donato Frattaroli recipient of the Uncle Fred Carangelo Humanitarian Award and Robert "Ted" Tomasone.



Left to Right: Jim Luisi, Al Natale, Mayor Thomas Menino, Robert Travaglini recipient of the Ernest Natale Ward and Robert "Ted" Tomasone.

(Photos by M. Morgan)

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

The Vast "Get Ron Paul Conspiracy" Wingnuts at it Again

Latest news out of the Ron Paul campaign is a recent media interview over the views expressed in Ron Paul's newsletters from 20-30 years ago. Some of the stuff published in those newsletters is so lame and seemingly racist that it really can't be justified. When a reporter interviewing him brought up the subject, he didn't deny anything. However, he said he did not write nor did he believe in views that were expressed in those publications which raked in millions for him. When the reporter pressed forward that the newsletters were written in the first person, it did imply that everything in the newsletter was written and supported by him. He responded by saying he disavows any of those opinions, he didn't apparently write them, see them or believe in them.

Now his supporters are saying the media is out to get him and that there is a conspiracy to prevent him from winning the GOP nomination. Back almost 16 years ago, he once commented that 95 percent of Blacks living in Washington, DC were either criminal or semi-criminal. In another newsletter, he commented that young Black thugs were 'fleet afoot.' Ouch!!!

There is much stuff Paul says I support but even more stuff that just makes him look cuckoo/bananas too.

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The Annual North End Christmas Fund Luncheon was held on Thursday, December 15th at Filippo's Restaurant. Over 200 people attended the event to raise money for North End seniors, families and children. Over \$7,000 was donated with approximately 232 checks sent out this year.

This year the Christmas Fund Committee honored two individuals for their contribution to the Christmas Fund and the North End community over the years.

The Annual Uncle Fred Carangelo Humanitarian Award was given to Donato Frattaroli.

This year the Committee gave out a new award in memory/honor of Ernest Natale who died serving our country in the War when he was 27 years old. This award, given out for the first time, was presented to

Robert E. Travaglini, former Senate President and State Senator representing the North End and East Boston.

Both men have contributed in many ways to the success of the luncheon and to many endeavors in the North End involving children families and senior citizens.

The Christmas Fund Committee is made up of members of local non-profit agencies including: the North End Athletic Association, North End Against Drugs, Nazzaro Community Center, North End Waterfront Health, North End Seniors, ABCD Head Start Program, North End/West End ABCD Service Center and several others. The committee is led by Robert "Ted" Tomasone and co-chaired by James Luisi of North End Waterfront Health.

New Year's Eve Live: Boston Family Fireworks

For the second consecutive year, NECN will bring the Boston Family Fireworks celebration to nearly 4 million New England homes with its one-hour *New Year's Eve Live* special featuring a 12-minute fireworks display at a family friendly time.

NECN's special coverage, hosted by *The Only News at 9* anchor Latoyia Edwards and

morning anchor Erick Weber, begins live from the Boston Common at 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

The Boston Family Fireworks are an annual tradition established in 1999 by Mayor Thomas M. Menino and The Mugar Foundation. Boston 4 Productions, internationally recognized for organizing the Boston Pops

Fireworks Spectacular which is televised annually to millions, produces the Boston Family Fireworks each year.

New Year's Eve Live will feature a main stage on Boston Common near the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets, plus live reports by NECN's

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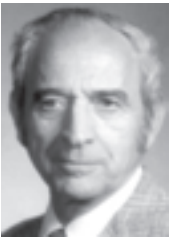
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ADORATION OF AURELIUS

The reign of Marcus Aurelius is said to have been much more eventful than that of his predecessor Antoninus Pius. He carried on the Pannonian war in person. This was a five-year struggle to put down all resistance in the province of Pannonia, a district between the Danube and the Alps. One particular battle of this entire campaign had become quite famous during those times. This was a battle in which the Roman armies were in serious danger of being overwhelmed, but for the advent of a sudden storm of rain, hail, and lightning, which completely confused the barbarians. The emperor and his Romans attributed this miraculous storm to the timely intervention of Jupiter. The Christians claimed, however, that victory was granted by God, and were pleased when their group was granted the title of "The Thundering Legion." After the absence of eight years on the fighting front, Marcus returned to Rome where he received a hero's welcome of the highest degree.

Meanwhile it had become common knowledge that the emperor's wife Faustina had provided herself with an assortment of lovers from among the gladiators. When this was brought to the

attention of the emperor, and divorce was suggested, he said, "If I divorce her I must also return her dowry." The wisdom of his statement was in the fact that her dowry was the Roman Empire which Marcus had inherited from Antoninus Pius through Faustina.

Aurelius remained in Rome for the next two years where he affected several popular reforms. Most notable of these were: The abolition of common baths for both sexes, taking additional steps to reform the morals of the matrons and young nobles which had grown lax, inflicting lighter than normal penalties upon those found guilty of crimes, and forcing the careful administration of justice in all cases.

After falling seriously ill for a lengthy time, he attempted to hasten his death by refraining from food or drink. After six days of fasting he called all of his close friends to his bedside and said to them, "Why do you weep for me instead of thinking about the death which will someday take you?" He also said, "Grant me permission to leave, and I will bid you farewell." He then covered his head with the bedclothes and took his last breath. He had ruled

jointly with Lucius Verus for eight years, and after the death of Verus he continued for an additional ten. His death came on March 17, 180 A.D. at the age of 61.

The death of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus was mourned throughout the empire. The Senate and the people quickly acclaimed him a god and his image was held in veneration for hundreds of years after his death. So great was their love for him that anyone who could afford it and did not keep an image of Marcus Aurelius in their home was considered to be guilty of sacrilege.

Unfortunately, Marcus Aurelius was never considered to be friendly toward the Christians, who were persecuted during his reign. Although those persecutions were not characteristic of such a merciful person, they seem to have been caused by the influence of many of his close associates. He is considered to have been one of the most excellent emperors in recorded history, and his only weakness was in his concern for his illegitimate son Commodus, and in his constant efforts to reform that brutal bastard, who was, in truth, begotten in the adultery of Faustina.

NEXT WEEK: Lucius Verus

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Win, Place and Show

On the elevator this morning someone asked me who I thought would win in Iowa; I responded that I don't really follow sports. Friend Sharon H. responded: "If it's a race, the handicappers must be beside themselves with the best challenge that they've ever had."

"Horse race" coverage — who's ahead in the opinion polls, who's trailing in the polls — is how the media reporting on the Republican presidential nomination contest is disparaged. You can just hear the typical news reporting, "They're off and it's Romney in the lead. And now they're at the first turn and Newt is pulling ahead. And now they're in the straight-away and Mitt is back in the lead again followed by Ron Paul with Perry nagging in the rear."

Actually, it is a nasty slur on the racing industry, handicappers, and the wagering public to compare, to a horse race, the national press coverage of a presidential election. You'll learn a great deal more about the condition of the entries and their history on the track by reading the *Daily Racing Form* than you'll ever learn about any candidate in the January 3rd Iowa caucus by reading the *Boston Globe* or the *New York Times*.

I was thinking more "roller derby" than "horse race," but perhaps friend Kevin R.

nailed it when he replied: "Does it matter? The Iowa caucus looks to me like a very formal game of musical chairs." Libertarian friend, Alan C., commented: "It's a real test of endurance, following a sport where it usually seems like all the contenders are losers."

My West Coast liberal friend Dave S. pointed out that "the successful presidencies of Tom Harkin and Mike Huckabee tell us all we need to know about the caucuses." And old high school buddy Carl P. reminded me that "The Iowa caucus, another legacy of Jimmy Carter."

The latest news on regarding the Republican contenders is that two entries, Rick Perry and Newt Gingrich have been disqualified from the March 6th meet in Virginia for failure to satisfy rules regarding nomination signature. Virginia voters have their ballot choices limited to Mitt Romney and Ron Paul.

Rick Perry, this past Tuesday, filed suit in U.S. District Court challenging, based on First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, Virginia's requirement that nomination petition circulators be eligible to vote in Virginia. The Supreme Court in the past (in a 1999 case relating

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"I am a big believer in the 'mirror test'. All that matters is if you can look in the mirror and honestly tell the person you see there, that you've done your best."

— JOHN MCKAY

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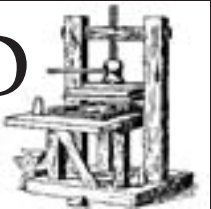
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GUEST EDITORIAL

UNINSURED CARS OFF THE ROAD

by Sal Giaratani

Recently, the City of Dallas, Texas, passed an ordinance stating that if a driver is pulled over by law enforcement and is not able to provide proof of insurance, the car is towed.

To retrieve the car after being impounded, they must show proof of insurance to have the car released.

This has made it easy for the City of Dallas to remove uninsured cars.

Shortly after the "No Insurance" ordinance was passed, the Dallas impound lots began to fill up and were full after only nine days. 80% or more of the impounded cars were driven by illegals.

Not only must they provide proof of insurance to have their car released, they have to pay for the cost of the tow, a \$350 fine, and \$20 for every day their car is kept in the lot.

Accident rates have gone down 47% and Dallas' solution gets uninsured drivers off the road WITHOUT making them show proof of nationality.

Wonder how the ACLU or the Justice Department will get around this one?

Bay State Skating School Learn-to-Skate Classes

Learn-to-Skate classes as well as figure, recreational and hockey skating skills for children ages 4½ and up and adults are at noon.

Greater Boston rink locations: Brookline - Cleveland Circle, Brookline - Larz Anderson, Cambridge, Hyde Park-Dedham, Medford, Newton-Brighton, Quincy, Somerville, South Boston, Waltham, West Roxbury and Weymouth. Use either hockey, recreational or figure skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes taught by professional instructors, 43 years of experience. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit online at www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org.

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Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Honored with Statewide Economic Development Award

The Massachusetts Family Business Association, a statewide organization created to honor family businesses and their achievements, awarded the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce with the first ever Massachusetts Family Business Association Family Business Advocacy Award.

The FBA Advocacy Award was presented to the MVChamber at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge, at a dinner attended by nearly 500 people, and moderated by TV personality David Wade of TV-4. This award was presented in recognition of the Merrimack Valley Chamber's support and work on behalf of family-owned businesses in Massachusetts.

Pictured is Atty. Al DeNapoli, a founding member of the FBA, presenting MV Chamber President Joseph Bevilacqua with the FBA Advocacy Award at the Chamber's recent Women in Business Conference.



PIRANDELLO LYCEUM ANNOUNCES

The Annual Bel Canto Italian Opera Concert

The President and Board of Governors of the Pirandello Lyceum, have announced that the Pirandello annual gala Italian opera concert will be presented on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 3:00 PM and held at the Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA, 617-876-5160.

The repertoire for the concert will be entirely Italian. The renowned Boston Bel Canto Opera Company, artistically directed by Bradley Pennington, will present arias from favorite operas such as Cavalleria Rusticana, Tosca and Madama Butterfly.



Bradley Pennington

This exciting Boston Bel Canto Opera event is free to all Pirandello members in good standing. There is a fee

for non-members; check payable to the Pirandello Lyceum. You have the option of signing up for a membership at the door and attending the event for free.

Free parking is available for early birds at the Dante Alighieri Cultural Center. Additional parking is available at the Kendall Theater garage at a reduced rate with validation from the Dante. Follow signs to Kendall Theater. For more information about the Pirandello Lyceum log on to www.pirandello.com

For further information call 781-640-3637; or email pirandellolyceum@aol.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NEAD FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

On Sunday, January 29th from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, North End Against Drugs will have a fundraiser at the Steriti Skating Rink during the regular free public skating hours. There will be a raffle, bake sale, music from the Nazzaro Center Children's Band, community organization tables and a bocce tournament indoors. The event is free but if you

want to play bocce the cost is \$10 per player and each player will receive a free North End Against Drugs "T" shirt with their paid registration. There will be a limited number of spaces available for bocce. Winners will receive trophies. Four people per team.

Also, there will be a limited number of tables available for rent for vendors

and merchants. No food or beverage can be sold at these tables.

Thanks to the generosity of Fred White of the North End Skate Shop, cost of skate rentals and a portion of proceeds from the snack shack will be donated to NEAD!

For all you football fans, please note this is the NFL bye week before the Super Bowl.

Knights of Columbus Makes Annual Donations to North End Non-Profits and Churches

The Ausonia Council Knights of Columbus #1513, located on North Margin Street in the North End, will be making their annual charitable donations to North End neighborhood nonprofit agencies and Catholic churches. As we have for the last several years, Ausonia Council K of C has made several donations to help children, seniors and families at Christmas time. The following nonprofits have recently been sent a donation to help continue their important mission of helping the children, seniors and families in the neighborhood: St. John School, Eliot School Parent Council, North End Against Drugs, Nazzaro Community Center, St. Leonard's Church, St. Mary's Church Activity Fund, St. Stephen's Church, Sacred Heart Church, ABCD Senior Group, North End Senior Group, North End Christmas Fund, St. Agrippina's Children's Christ-

mas Program, North End Music and Performing Arts Center and the ABCD Children's Christmas Party.

During the year the Ausonia Council also made a generous donation to help support the North End Athletic Association Little League Baseball Program and sponsored two scholarships in the name of long-time member and Chaplain Father Fredrick Bailey.

"The Ausonia Council is proud to be part of the North End for over 100 years, stated Grand Knight John Pagliuca, we know how hard each of these organizations work throughout the year for our community and we are glad to help them to continue to do good work throughout the year."

The officers and members of Ausonia Council #1513 would like to wish all of our friends and neighbors in the North End/Waterfront Community a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FinanciallySpeaking

with Ben Doherty

STOCKS NOTCH GAINS IN DWINDLING TRADES

First volume was low suggesting that institutional investors were not participating, (2nd) low industry groups were not participating and (3rd) breakouts among top-rated stocks were non-existing. While European debt has dominated the news while economic news has topped the streets estimator. Still the economy has a long way to go. Third quarter economic data provided revised ammunition for the bulls and the bears. Still other data showed the leading indicators for November topped the streets estimates but we have a long way to go. GDP was revised downward to 1.8% from 2% from 2.5%. The Chicago GDP growth was revised downward to 1.8% from 1.8%. The Chicago Fed Index reported growth of 2.0% from 2.5%. Top-rated stocks reported earnings that were below trend growth. The 4th quarter earnings will begin reporting earnings in the second week of January. The recession was severe. We understand it was bad but had no idea it was as bad as it was. President Obama didn't know how bad the economy was. The original GDP had already been revised downward to 2.0% from

2.5%. We understood it was bad but had no idea how bad it could be when Obama was sworn in. He called it the worst Depression since 1981-82. That one lasted 18 months and pushed unemployment up to 10.8%. At the comparison point in 1982 the recovery had grown 12%. Everyone knew the recovery would take a long time, more than a year, more than two years, more than a term. He was wrong as he says now my long-term projections were highly optimistic. He later dropped 2011 growth to 3.8% and unemployment @ 8.6%. So far this GDP year unemployment has averaged 8.6% and growth @ 1.16%. This could have been much worse had President Obama not acted. He pushed unemployment and did all the right things to get the economy working again but it hasn't made up for the hole in the first six months before his stimulus bill took effect. Several studies have shown that without the \$825 million stimulus with auto bailouts, etc., the recession would have been deeper and longer leaving millions more unemployed and spending restraints and a service of temporary tax cuts. He didn't as the

economy had started to bottom out and it officially ended just five months after he took office when only a small fraction of stimulus monies was at work in the economy. Obama in his latest projections pegged 2011 GDP growth at a healthy 3.8% and jobless a healthy 3.8 and jobless @ 8.6% so far this year quarterly growth has averaged a mere 1.16% and unemployment @ 9%. At a town hall in April President Obama predicted that the economy will average 8.6% after a financial crisis, of 3.9% is a drag on the economy for a long period of time. It's clear that President Obama didn't prevent a recession from happening. The stimulus officially ended when only a small fraction of the stimulus money was at work in the economy. In his May speech, he forecast "the economy would be cooking and jobless growth down to 7.1%. The recession had started to bottom out in February when only a small fraction of the stimulus money was at work in the economy. It's time to call your Financial Advisor or call me at 617-337-5712.

THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani



What Happened to Post-WWII America?

As one of the early baby boomers born in 1948, I heard that America had just come off victory against the forces of evil and was both feared and respected worldwide. We were a compassionate nation and a military power too. The world looked to us for leadership. We were at peace and had prosperity again. The long night of the Depression had ended with hope and opportunity for all. We had jobs. We were living in the American dream with home ownership almost guaranteed to all who strived for that goal. President Dwight D. Eisenhower was inside the White House after having been a well-known military general during the War. Americans were buying cars it seemed every two years at prices affordable to nearly all. Home subdivisions sprouted all across America as the country grew out from the urban inner city to tree-lined suburbia. The cost of living was quite well. Workers could retire from their jobs and didn't need a post-retirement job to survive. Education in the private sector was economical for all. Consumers purchased things with real cash. Credit cards were unheard of by most and our debt was short term rather than generational. We purchased only what we could afford. Our dollar was solid here and around the whole world. Today, we have lost the respect of the world community. We are laughed at from the largest to the smallest nation around the world. Our jobs and goods are mostly being outsourced due to the existence of cheap labor abroad. We are now a great debtor nation who owes everybody around the world something instead of the world owing us. The more we try to get out of trouble, the further into the cesspool we march quietly. They've brought back the lay-away plan for those willing to overlook the need for immediate gratification. More back to the future stuff is almost mandated. The sixties and seventies were a great time for music but not for Americans who developed a more narrow vision of their future and that of their families. Inflation, war, racial unrest scarred

the Americas soul. The songs were nice but the music held us together like an old band-aid. Things were good for a while. Lyndon Baines Johnson was in the White House when the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution was passed up on Capitol Hill. Johnson led us to a long and deadly war in which victory eluded us. By the Seventies true leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy had both been assassinated. The vision and hope spoken by a young President John F. Kennedy didn't last long enough for us as a people. Today, America has become a mere shadow of itself. We owe too much to other countries especially to China. The world is now being held hostage by those smaller nations over in the Mideast. Thanks to our dependence on their oil. When our president speaks today, no one listens. We have a president who seems clueless on how to fix what is wrong. He can deliver a great speech but there is no satisfaction in knowing he understands so little of this crisis we live in. Things either go bad to worse or stagnant in one unmoving spot. Unemployment continues as more and more folks just give up completely. The percentages of those who see hope at the end of this financial hole we've dug for ourselves grows smaller. We have an election coming up next year, an important election, one that could decide the very fate of this Republic of ours. I wonder how many Americans won't even bother to vote? Despair and frustration fills the land. Hope for better looks like an allusion. Candidates run for an office in a country they don't even seem to know or even understand. This Republic is in trouble and the trouble has been going on since the guns of war stopped firing nearly 70 years. My generation saw this country at its best and sadly now at its worse! It may well take generations to fix our ship of state. Government is our business. Either we run it or it runs us. America was a great nation and it can be again if only "We, the People" make it so!

ITALIAN CLASSES

Sponsored by Appian Club of Stoneham

Adult Italian classes will be offered by the Appian Club of Stoneham starting on Tuesday evenings, January 17th. A beginner's class will start with the basics (pronunciations, phrases, etc.) and give you a firm foundation for the language. A more advanced class will also be available on Tuesday evenings for those with knowledge of Italian. The eight week classes will be held on Tuesday evenings.

Instructor Tiffany Bis-tocchi, is a graduate of Dickinson College (2003) with a major in Italian and a Master's in Italian from Middlebury College (2006). She has travelled extensively throughout Italy and has taken courses there. The class is casual, interesting and the experience will be enjoyable. If you are traveling to Italy or just want to relive your heritage roots, this class is for you.

Contact coordinator John Nocella for further details at 781-438-5687 or, preferably by email, at appianitalianclass@yahoo.com. Please pass along to family members, friends and neighbors. The class is sponsored by the Appian Club of Stoneham, a non-profit, social charitable organization 501(c)(7) whose mission is to promote Italian culture and heritage.



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Bay State Chapter of Freedoms Foundation Presents George Washington Honor Medals

Viking Pride Foundation, Cullen Dwyer of Pembroke, Brooksby Village Volunteers, and Peter Ingeneri of Wakefield Honored at Ceremonies in East Boston



Bay State Chapter of Freedoms Foundation award presentation are: (l-r) Freedoms Foundation event emcee Ron Vecchia, Mr. and Mrs. David Dwyer, awardee Cullen Dwyer of Pembroke, present Ed Coletta, Freedoms Foundation President Joseph Ferrino, Jr., and Freedoms Foundation Executive Director Joseph Ferrino, Sr.



Shown at the Freedoms Foundation presentation of the George Washington Honor Medal L-R: Freedoms Foundation event emcee Ron Vecchia, award co-sponsor Florence D'Avila, Brooksby Village representative Liz Hemp with the award, award co-sponsor Dr. Edith DeAngelis.

The Bay State Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge recently presented prestigious George Washington Honor Medals to a community assistance foundation, a young man who overcame tragedy, and volunteers at a senior citizen complex to honor their dedication to community service and patriotism. The Chapter also presented a "Spirit of '76" Award for meritorious service to a long-time educator in the Boston Public School System.

The Honor Medals were presented to: The Viking Pride Foundation of Winthrop; Cullen Dwyer of Pembroke; and the volunteers at Brooksby Village of Peabody.

"The Viking Pride Foundation, young Cullen Dwyer, and the volunteers at Brooksby Village all represent the best ideals of America — caring for others less fortunate and selfless service to community," said Joseph

Ferrino Jr., President of Bay State Chapter, Freedoms Foundation. "We honor these organizations and individuals with the George Washington Honor Medal because they have made a difference in the lives of countless citizens across our state."

Peter Ingeneri of Wakefield

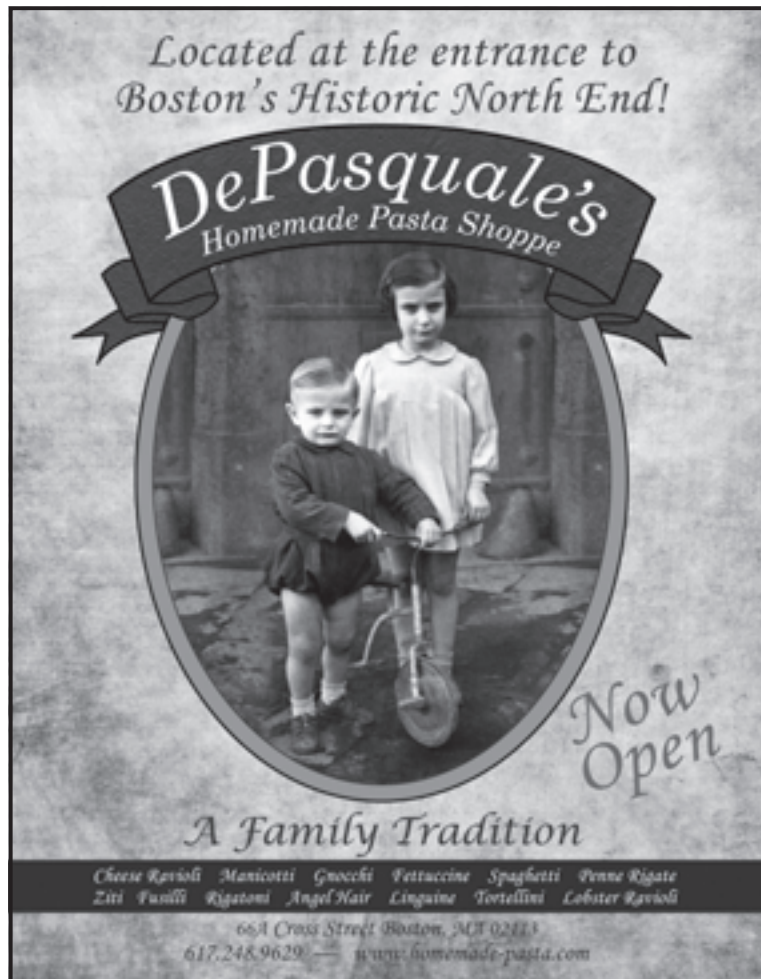
was honored with the Bay State Chapter "Spirit of '76" Award for his dedication to the good works of Freedoms Foundation, and his many civic and charitable endeavors.

The Viking Pride Foundation of Winthrop was formed after major fiscal cutbacks threatened to devastate the school curriculum and school sports programs that were the life-blood of the community. The non-profit Viking Pride Foundation was formed by concerned citizens in 2004, and from the first meeting, more than \$50,000 was raised to help the schools and the sports programs. Since then, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised to support the schools, including the purchase of four school buses that were donated to the school system. The funds have also supported art, music and theater programs, and provided mini-grants to Winthrop teachers.

Cullen Dwyer of Pembroke has turned a tragedy in his own life into a life-long passion to help others avoid a similar fate. As a 10-year-old, Dwyer was struck by a car while in-line skating. He was not wearing a helmet, and the accident put him in a coma for six weeks. When he awoke, it took him seven



Shown (l-r) are: Freedoms Foundation event emcee Ron Vecchia, Freedoms Foundation Executive Director Joseph Ferrino, Sr., Peter Ingeneri, and Freedoms Foundation President Joseph Ferrino, Jr.



Presenting the Bay State Chapter of Freedoms Foundation George Washington Honor Medal are (l-r): event emcee Ron Vecchia, Richard Fucillo of the Viking Pride Foundation in Winthrop, presenter Dottie D'Onofrio.

years to learn how to walk, speak, dress and feed himself. In the ensuing years, he has dedicated himself to bringing young people the message of safety always wear a helmet when riding a bike, in-line skating or skate-boarding. He has brought that message to middle and high schools, college campuses, and to Beacon Hill and Capitol Hill, where he helped to change laws that will protect children.

In 2010, the volunteers at Brooksby Village in Peabody recorded more than 51,000 hours of volunteer service within this senior community and in the community at-large. Their efforts included fundraising and service projects that supported a student scholarship fund, local food pantries, the Special Olympics, Operation Troop Support, a battered women's shelter and a homeless shelter, a children's organization in El Salvador, Habitat for Humanity, and military veteran's activities.

Peter Ingeneri of Wakefield — the Spirit of '76 Award winner — is a 30-year, life

member of the Bay State Chapter of Freedoms Foundation, where he has served as president and as vice president for the Youth and Education Committee. He was a long-time educator in the Boston Public Schools, teaching math and science at Boston Latin School and rising through the ranks to become Deputy Superintendent. He is also active with the Pirandello Lyceum, the Boston Kiwanis Club and St. Florence Parish in Wakefield.

Freedoms Foundation awards Americans who go above and beyond in their efforts to educate their communities about the values of good citizenship, either through teaching or by example. The foundation has recognized several thousand dedicated individuals and organizations in its 61-year existence.

Freedoms Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching all citizens the principles upon which our nation was founded. The organization seeks to convey the close link between the rights and the responsibilities of citizens in society.

West End
 16th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

On Saturday, December 10, 2011 the West End held their 16th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Richard Cardinal Cushing Memorial Park hosted by Norman R.E. Herr, West End Neighborhood Association and The friends of Richard Cardinal Cushing Memorial Park, Inc.

This year's tree lighting was dedicated to the memory of Kip Tierman (founder of Rosie's Place), and also marking the celebration of the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph's Parish.

Rev. Daniel C. O'Connell of St. Joseph's Church blessed the Christmas tree.

All the left over goodies were donated to St. John School Head Start on Moon Street in the North End and to Rosie's Place.

The celebration featured St. John School Children's Choir, North End; The Eastwood Production Duo; Holy Trinity German Singer, South End and the U.S. Coast Guard Honor Guard B.S.U.

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Rev. Daniel C. O'Connell and Norman R.E. Herr

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Rev. Daniel C. O'Connell and Santa Claus



ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo





A New Year, A New Attitude for 2012

Ciao Bella,

As the old year closes on a beautiful Christmas holiday, we can reflect on what we gals can do to make ourselves keep the beauty going. Remember to work hard is also to play hard! Life is short, so treat yourselves well! Don't think twice about any beauty treatment in the New Year. There is Spa Week here in Boston and in many suburbs. It's promoted a few times a year. The best salons and spas offer 2 for 1 deals along with half price offers from specialty massages to youth altering facials to aromatherapy mani/pedicures. These services are our own "thank you" to ourselves. We gals deserve it!

Did the boss forget that pat on the back? Kids were running out the door for the next thing and forgot the usual kiss goodbye and thanks Mom? And the hubby in our lives? Anything is possible there for error! So take it all in stride and go for that hot stone massage or exfoliating skin treatment! The treatments out there are boundless!

What you need they have it. Sign up at www.spaweek.com for the dates and offers for acupuncture, electrolysis (permanent hair removal), skin and body treatments from A to Z. I will keep an eye out in 2012 for the promotions of the year! I'll keep you all updated on the dates. In fact on the last day of 2011 my husband David and I are treating ourselves to pedicures in Newton at Beautifica Day Spa! Cynthia Ruggere the owner of this unique spa not only offers specialty services, but uses the best products to perform all services. This spa is located at 415 Lexington Street, 617-431-1200. For more info on Cynthia's promotions and services go to www.beautifica.com.

David and I are so excited to pick out a toe color that will bring in the New Year with a sparkle or two!

Wishing all my treasured readers and all my blessed colleagues at the fabulous *Post-Gazette* a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. Buon Anno and God bless the United States of America!

—Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

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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 to the attention of Freeway. Don't forget folks, Freeway is not a vet, so please keep the questions light-hearted! Thanks.

I may be just a pooch but I am well aware of what events are going on in the North End. I had just attended on December 7, 2011 Toys for Tots at Elite Boston Landmark Realty, located at 350 Commercial Street, was proud to announce they were collecting toys for the Marine Corp's the best ever. The generosity of everyone was wonderful, toys in the boxes were over-flowing. People from the North End just kept on coming in and brought toys. The heartfelt warmth of this event made everyone feel good. The best part was the food was to die for cooked by my friend Janet Gilardi. I couldn't believe the food: homemade meatballs, sausages, calzone with eggplant, jumbo coconut shrimp, etc.,

etc., white wine, red wine, water and soda, oh! home-made cookies, too. Maria DiTuttio and Toni Gilardi of Elite Boson Landmark Realty made you feel so welcome and they were so happy to see everyone that could attend this special event.

Also, on December 10, 2011 at the Sterite Skating Rink on Commercial Street they had a Merry Santa Skate & Toy Drive another great event and my friend Jason Aluia invited me and I had a great time. Raffle, prizes, holiday music, cookies, cake, coffee and cider and of course photos with Santa. So many people had given in spite of the hard times they all thought of the children from ages 1-13. The North End is a wonderful place to live and

I have lived here as a pooch for 12 years and love it, wouldn't live anywhere else. I even won a pair of ice skates, but I won't have time to use them because I am always working so I donated them back to the toy drive. My purpose in life as a pooch is to keep everyone happy and to write my column as I have worked at the Post-Gazette for six years. I must be doing a good job I haven't gotten fired yet! Right Boss!

For now I say "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE THAT ATTEND THESE EVENTS AND HAD BEEN SO GENEROUS AND WONDERFUL TO THESE SPECIAL CHILDREN.

That's all for now! Remember to pick up after your pet and keep our North End streets CLEAN.



Mrs. Murphy ... As I See It

The promises and predictions are Mrs. Murphy's opinions. Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Promises made to be broken ... Predictions made ... and Best and Worst of 2011 ... Thank goodness 2011 is over and time to cheer on a bright and prosperous New Year ... With Christmas behind, people should hopefully become more kind ... Mayor Menino promises to focus on East Boston and her beautiful waterfront welcoming investors to build high end condos ... Eastie schools promise to excel in academic excellence ... The word Christmas will not be stricken from our traditional language ... The Atheist movement will disappear ... The city will make it easier for new and attractive businesses to open in East Boston ... The Lombardo family will build a beautiful condo complex in the heart of the city ... Spinelli's will introduce a huge pizza pie for Super Bowl Sunday ... Eilte Restaurant will offer early bird breakfast specials ... Pericola's will give a free T-shirt to every fiftieth customer ... Kelley's will entertain you with new sports celebrities each week ... Santarpio's will make a pizza that no one can duplicate ... Dunkin' Donuts will brew better coffee ... Banks promise to lend out more money ... **Predictions:** Bennington Street will become a one way ... Central Square Park will become a tourist attraction ... It will be against the law to throw cigarette butts on the streets ... People will be more courteous to one another ... Suffolk Downs will be given a green light for a gaming casino ... President Obama will lose the election BIG TIME ... Unions will lose their clout ... The economy will begin to improve ... Real Estate will once again dominate the economy ... East Boston Main Streets will be recognized for making a difference in Eastie ... Al Caldarelli, Executive Director of Community Development Corp., C.D.C. will be given an award for outstanding service in building low income and elderly housing ... A wave of new community activist will emerge ... **Most Revered Man in 2011:** Steve Jobs ... **Fraud Award:** Al Gore for bogus global warming hysteria ... **Most hated in America:** Casey Anthony ... **Prediction:** Barbara Walters will retire ... **Most popular teen idol:** Justin Bieber ... **Best chic restaurant:** Ecco ... **Most delightful waterfront restaurant & bar:** Renzo Pizza, Revere ... **Predictions:** Whoopi Goldberg will keep her pro communist comments to herself ... Ultra liberal loonies will go in hiding ... Americans will rise against anti-American organizations trying to take away their traditions ... Santa Claus will continue to visit school children ... America will become greater under new leadership ... Happy New Year and God Bless ... Till next time!

NOAH HOLDS 24TH ANNUAL DINNER

by Sal Giarratani



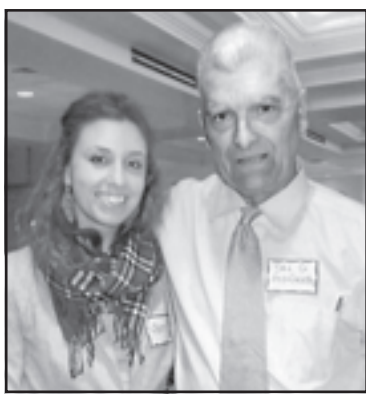
Speaker Bob DeLeo and Phil Giffie, NOAH executive director chat following the Speaker's address to those at the dinner.

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

Noah the Neighborhood of Affordable Housing community organization recently held their 24th Annual Dinner to honor the folks who work tirelessly to ensure

that working families can survive in these harsh economic times. NOAH provides the tools necessary to stay afloat.

At the 24th Annual NOAH Dinner held at Spinelli's in Day Square on Thursday, December 15, more than 200 folks showed up from the community and agencies private and public that work with NOAH on housing issues. Special Guest Speaker was Speaker Bob DeLeo who was born and raised in East Boston and has always been there for East Boston during his long tenure up on Beacon Hill. He was introduced by City Councilor Sal LaMattina who made references to DeLeo's roots to this diverse community. DeLeo mentioned NOAH's "huge



Cousins Samantha "Sami" Giarratani and the Post-Gazette's Sal Giarratani catching up on family news at the dinner.

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

role" in the struggle faced by working families and housing. He added NOAH's principles like his own have always been about "fairness compassion and loyalty."

Said the Speaker, the country may be in a recession but blue collar workers are experiencing a great depression of their own. He added that unemployment in Massachusetts has now dropped to 7 percent but 7 percent is still too high. DeLeo stated that the state's new gaming bill can hopefully stimulate our economic growth. It isn't the cure all but it can create thousands of new jobs and enable Beacon Hill to have more revenue for local aid, economic development and public education. He personally

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Letter to the Editor:



Thank You Post-Gazette Readers

Dear Ms. Donnaruma,

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and animals here at the MSPCA Boston Animal Care and Adoption Center, I would like to thank you for your donation of the delicious food, wonderful bedding, treats, and other supplies. We are always in need of things like this and we are particularly touched by the generosity of supporters, like you, who inspire others to help animals. The Adoption Center is very lucky that you chose to show your passion for animals by supporting the animals here.

As you may know, the MSPCA does not receive any federal, state, or local aide. We depend on the kindness of people like you. Last year almost 7,000 animals came through our doors and without people like you and your readers we would not be able to care for them all. I know that you share and support of our mission of care and kindness for animals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of any assistance to you in the future.

P.S. Give Freeway a treat for us!

Sincerely,

Cindy Jaynes, Adoption Counselor
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The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



Movie and stage sensation Chita Rivera, center, is welcomed to Boston by John Lanouette Brenner and Hilda Morrill, left, during Boston Ballet's "Bravo Bujones!" gala. (File Photo, 1991)



Oscar de la Renta and Hilda Morrill at the Wang Center for the Performing Arts.

(Photo by Sam Greenwald, 1990)



A white-water rafting adventure was enjoyed by several newspaper columnists and editors at the invitation of Zoar Outdoor/Mohawk Trail of Charlemont, Mass. Among the intrepid participants were Ron Morrill, left; Pamela Donnaruma, center rear; and Hilda Morrill, center right. (File Photo, 1994)

As 2011 comes to a close, it's the perfect time to reflect on the past, especially in regard to this *Socially Set* column, which will be my last. It was in 1993 when at the invitation of publisher Pam Donnaruma I began to write the weekly column on a regular basis after the death of John Lanouette Brenner.

If it weren't for John, I never would have begun to write for the *Post-Gazette* at all.

The year was 1977 and John and I were both writing for "T" Magazine — he wrote about fashion, the arts and society events, and I wrote about gardens. It was also the year that my husband and I bought a store on Hanover Street in the North End, not far from where John lived (on Tileston Street) and near the paper's office (on Prince Street). I had also been writing a short weekly column in my hometown paper

since 1973.

In addition to *The Socially Set*, John wrote Lifestyle features and a column titled *Adam Looks at Madam*, in which he would answer readers' questions about theater, fashion, the arts, food, and opera, about which he was extremely knowledgeable.

His column was syndicated and he suggested that I syndicate my columns too. But the fact was that I had a full time job that I loved as director of public relations for a home furnishings company based in Natick with locations throughout New England, New York and the Washington, D.C. region. Travel was often required.

But, John was charming and in no time we were attending events together. I always learned so much from John, and he always made a point of introducing me to all his friends and acquaintances.

One whom he adored was the lovely Yolanda Cellucci, whom he dubbed "Boston's First Lady of Fashion." Although known for the *fantabulous* women's fashions sold in her famous Waltham salon, Yolanda was the one who made sure John was always dressed to the nines. If I happened to admire a particularly attractive dress shirt, he would invariably say, "Yolanda gave it to me."

John was a bit of a lovable curmudgeon, though, and I could write many funny stories about him. One immediately comes to mind. My husband would often bring him leftovers from our home



Edward Bernays, known as "The Father of Public Relations," welcomes Hilda Morrill to a very social party at his home in Cambridge. (File Photo, 1990)

cooked dinners and John would take them to the lovely Barbara Summa of La Summa Restaurant on Fleet Street for her to "warm it up" for him since he had no oven in his flat. However, he would insist on eating at one of her establishment's tables, denying a paying guest a place to sit.

Very supportive of all I did, John once traveled to New York City to attend an event I planned for my company at the famous restaurant

Tavern on the Green. I mentioned that he could bring a guest, and he brought Yolanda's daughter Sondra Celli. He wrote a wonderful column about the event, which honored the Prince of Denmark, although he kidded me that "the Queen didn't show up."

Through John I also met Edward Addison, Paul McMahon and Ralph Hodgdon, Martha Walters, Smoki Bacon and Dick Concannon, Dr. Helene Day, Caron Le Brun, and the very talented photographer Roger Farrington, to name a few. All would become dear friends and influence/support my writings in innumerable ways.

Following John's lead, I found that the majority of events that I attended were "column" material, whether it was a New Year's Eve party at Carol Nashe's home, a birthday celebration for Edward Bernays or Sadie Stepler, or a radio interview with Sybil Tonkonogy and Betty Levin.

But, of course, the major black tie galas and annual charity balls have always been popular with our readers and provided the most material. People often ask me which have been my favorites and it's really hard to choose just one because they've all been special in one way or another.

Some that come to mind: The Wang Center Restora-

tion Ball, The Mad Hatters Ball, The Consuls' Ball, The Camellia Ball, The Rose Ball initiated by Dr. Simon Devine, the Unicef Ball honoring Harry Belafonte, and the Bal de La Rose to benefit the Princess Grace Foundation.

The Anthony Spinazzola Gala is easier to recall because of the wine glasses that were always included in the bountiful guest swag bags. In fact, even as I type this column, I have a glass by my side which reads: "The 12th Annual Anthony Spinazzola Gala, February 7, 1997."

Speaking of swag bags, just like the White House party crashers, for years Boston's social events have been crashed by its own "Captain Crash." In fact, many years ago at a Boston Ballet reception held at the Domain store on Newbury Street, I photographed him walking out with at least five bags. Of course, to many event planners his gate-crashing was just plain fraud. However, once at an invitation writing committee meeting at The Ritz, when his name came up, one of the grande dames of society came to his defense by mentioning that he was a good dancer after all!

Mentioning The Ritz brings back so many memories!

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Aren't Corporations Just a Bunch of People Too?

Liberals say corporations aren't people and are livid over that recent US Supreme Court decision last year. Well, if corporations aren't people, does the same hold for SEIU, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, etc.? This is a free country. If labor unions want to buy time on TV to push or bash political campaigns, they have a right to do so. However, the same thing has to apply to corporations too. Just because corporations have lots more money to spend, doesn't mean they deserve less free speech rights? What's fair is fair!

Elizabeth Warren Looks Like Another Out of Touch Bay State Liberal

The only thing that differs her from the rest of our pack of political liberal elites is the fact she grew up in Oklahoma. She may have grown up in the Plains but she is far more Harvard Yard than she is an Okie. So far, she sounds no different than Martha Coakley or any other liberal from these here parts. Outside groups working in her favor are really bashing Scott Brown around but that's okay because as the election draws closer, more folks will see that US Senator Brown is just what Massachusetts needs down in Washington. Do we really need another liberal voice in Washington sprouting the party line of more tax revenues for more entitlements?

House Rejects Deal

The US House of Representatives has rejected a two-month temporary deal passed by Democrats and Republicans across the aisle in the US Senate and called for new talks on the expiring tax break. However, Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid said he would not recall the Senate back into session. The Senate passed the two month stop-gap measure because it could not agree at this time with a full year's extension.

Shortly before the vote, US Sen. Scott Brown, (R-MA) lashed out at House Republicans. The House and Senate Republicans seem at odds about strategy. Brown called this confrontation about compromise "irresponsible and wrong." Said Brown a day before House Republicans shot down the compromise measure, "We cannot allow rigid partisan Ideology and unwillingness

to compromise stand in the way of working together for the good of the American people."

House Speaker John Boehner from Ohio says he doesn't want the can kicked down the road. He says he wants the nonsense stopped. However, in the court of public opinion, it is the Republicans who now hold this mess about lower payroll taxes and making the Democrats look like tax-cutters which they are never. Perhaps, the Republicans in the House, especially Tea Party Republicans need to get real here otherwise they will come out looking like the bad guys.

I Don't Like Barney Frank Either But ...



Apparently, Donald Trump decided to bash US Rep. Barney Frank by tweeting Barney's wardrobe malfunction. The Donald lashed out at Frank's choice of clothing for an appearance on C-Span before Congress. Trump called it disrespectful. While Frank could have dressed better, he probably was speaking from the well of the House Chamber maybe to one or two folks in his audience. Sometimes, congressmen actually speak before no one as they sprout some nonsense for district consumption. I would never wear a clingy nylon, blue-colored, nipple-protruding polo jersey at any podium.

Doesn't Trump have anything better to do with his free time? How about running for president from the National Trump Party?

One Dead Man to Another Dead Man?

Recently, Mitt Romney got himself endorsed by 1996 GOP nominee Bob Dole. To me this was a game-changer NOT. When One Dead Man Walking endorsed another Dead Man Walking, it only means two dead men are walking together. What would you call a sit-down dinner between Romney, Dole and John McCain? It is an executive board meeting of the Dead Men Walking

Society. The only things that separate Dole and McCain from Mitt Romney? One is, he ain't no war hero. Two, Mitt's got two good arms. However, like the scarecrow, if he only had a brain to go with them.

Holder: Pick a Card, Any Race Card

Our US attorney general says both he and the president get bashed because each is African-American. Hearing that charge, I am reminded of the words of Samuel Johnson who once penned, "Patriotism was the last refuge of a scoundrel." It now seems that racism has become the last defense of the incompetent and misguided. Those who have called for his resignation, says he, is racially-motivated. This is apparently the new post-racial era public discourse.

US Rep. Allen West, (R-FL), a Tea Party favorite elected in 2010 says Holder can't assign race as a motivation behind criticism of the Holder Justice Department. Says West, "It has nothing to do with race — it has everything to do with competence, with your character and with your ability to lead the Department of Justice."

2012: An Election About Our Future

Recently, in an op-ed in *USA Today*, Mitt Romney says, The question we will decide is this:

Will the United States be an Entitlement Society or an Opportunity Society? Going back decades, the question will once again be asked of voters later next year on November 6, 2012. Think back to 1964 when it was President Johnson versus Barry Goldwater or Ronald Reagan versus President Carter in 1980. To date, we are neither; either a full Entitlement nor a complete Opportunity society. However, we keep moving closer and closer to the day when those pulling the wagon or sleigh during the Christmas season are vastly outnumbered by those taking the free ride. We are quickly become Greece without the Feta cheese and Ouzo.

The Nation

"Worries" Too Much

I like reading "The Nation" magazine not because I agree with anything they write but to hear what the other side is wrong about. Recently, while bashing both Newt and Mitt, this liberal tract said it most feared the 'silent candidate' in the race. The Nation opined, "the flood of corporate and Wall Street money that will pour into the election." They're kind of talking about that recent US Supreme Court decision allowing corporations to donate to political campaigns. What liberals forget is that the same court decision also allows big unions like SEIU, AFSCME, AFSCME, Teamsters, etc. Also, do the very same thing. If liberals at the "The Nation" see "the threat posed to our democracy by this one (silent candidate)," why are they seeing the same threat posed by liberal unions too?

VIDEO VIEWS

by Bob Morello

... more than meets the eye

MILDRED PIERCE: THE COLLECTOR'S EDITION (4-DVD) HBO Home Ent.

Having it all would cost her everything. But for Mildred Pierce (Kate Winslet), success was worth the price. As a struggling single mother in Depression-era Los Angeles, Mildred is determined to fulfill the demands of her eldest daughter Veda (Evan Rachel Wood), surpassing societal expectations and the betrayal of lovers along the way. In this 5-part miniseries, filmmaker Todd Haynes transforms the original James M. Cain novel into an epic movie event.

ACCORDING TO JIM: FIFTH SEASON (4-DVD) Lionsgate

ABC's breakout family series *According to Jim* reaches new heights of hilarity as Jim (Jim Belushi) tries to assert control over the family — but Jim's wife Cheryl (Courtney Thorne-Smith) has other ideas! In this traditional blue-collar family comedy, he is the quintessential guy and family man. Proud of his Midwestern values, Jim is an accessible and likeable everyman. Crazy about each other, Cheryl calls Jim on his childish antics but enjoys the playful banter, his honesty, passion and steadfast loyalty to her and the kids.

SUPER BOWL XLV - AMERICA'S GAME: 2010 GREEN BAY PACKERS (DVD)

NFL Films-Vivendi Entertainment

When the Green Bay Packers snuck into the 2010 playoffs as a sixth-seeded wild card, little was expected. But one month later, they would hold the Lombardi Trophy in their hands after Green Bay topped the Pittsburgh Steelers, 31-25, in Super Bowl XLV. After 13 seasons, the Vince Lombardi Trophy returned home to Green Bay. Their story is told through the eyes of head coach Mike McCarthy, Quarterback Aaron Rodgers and Cornerback Charles Woodson.

24/7 PENGUINS/CAPITALS: ROAD TO THE NHL WINTER CLASSIC (4-DVD) HBO Home Ent.

On New Year's Day 2011, two of the NHL's premier teams — the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Washington Capitals faced off in the open air of Heinz Field in Pittsburgh for the 4th Annual Winter Classic. The once-a-year extravaganza brings stadium-sized audiences and millions of TV viewers into the fast-and-furious realm of pro hockey. Get the inside scoop on the pre-game preparations — as well as behind-the-scenes footage from both the NHL Winter Classic and

a December regular-season preview between the teams.

CONFESSIONS OF A DANGEROUS MIND (Blu-ray) Lionsgate

George Clooney makes his directorial debut and stars alongside Drew Barrymore, Sam Rockwell and Julia Roberts in the comedy thriller that poses an irresistible question: What happens when a wildly successful TV producer was also a top secret CIA assassin? A game show creator's double life begins to spiral out of control as he's drawn into a world of danger as a covert government operative. Based on Chuck Barris's cult classic autobiography.

BOARDWALK EMPIRE: FIRST SEASON (5-Blu-ray) HBO Home Ent.

Boardwalk Empire begins in Atlantic City in 1920, and it is the eve of Prohibition, and country treasurer Enock "Nucky" Thompson (Steve Buscemi) is looking to cash in. As the undisputed "Boss" of Atlantic City, Nucky leads a double life as politician and bootlegger; Prohibition may have outlawed alcohol, but in Nucky's world it has opened up highly lucrative opportunities for gangsters and rum runners looking to provide "liquid gold" for a thirsty nation. Nucky must battle with a relentless federal agent, ambitious underlings, and rivals as Arnold Rothstein, Lucky Luciano, and Al Capone.

LEGO HERO FACTORY SAVAGE PLANET (DVD) Warner Home Video

The Hero Factory's mission: to build the bravest, most advanced heroes in the galaxy! When rookie Rocka responds to a civilian distress call from the planet Quatros, he discovers it's actually the planet itself that needs help. Former Hero Professor Aldous Witch, who has now become a power-mad Witch Doctor, takes hostage Rocka. It's up to pros Bulk and Stringer and rookies Furno, Nex and Stormer to rescue Rocka, destroy the sinister Witch Doctor and save the once beautiful planet. But time is running out! Will the Heroes become monster chow? Will Quatros be destroyed? Only by working together to restore the planet's core will the Heroes succeed.

IGGY AND THE STOOGES-RAW POWER LIVE (DVD) MVDvisual

Six fans were selected to film Iggy & the Stooges' legendary 2010 reunion as the band performed "Raw Power" to a stunned crowd at the All Tomorrow's Parties Festival. The fans witnessed a classic performance that brings the fans closer to the band, and the music closer to you.

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Kudos to the East Boston Savings Bank Foundation and to the East Boston Foundation

by Dominic Avellani, Director of E. Boston Adult Ed. Center

With gratitude and appreciation, the East Boston Adult Ed. Center (Community Ed. Center) would like to thank the East Boston Savings Bank Foundation, (10 Meridian Street, East Boston) and the East Boston Foundation (1216 Bennington Street, East Boston). Their support and concern for our Center and for other East Boston community agencies is second to none. Mr. Richard Cavignano, President of the East Boston Savings Bank Foundation has visited centers like ours and has assisted them financially, morally, and with unwavering support. As has the East Boston Foundation under Mr. Richard Lynds, Esq., President, who has also visited Centers like ours and has also encouraged us to work closely with the East Boston Community and to offer assistance for the community in every way possible.

The East Boston Adult Ed. Center offers 18 different services to the immigrant, refugee, and U.S. school drop-outs. "It makes us proud to see so many of its graduates open businesses in East Boston: Perlera Realty, La Hacienda Restaurant, Mi Pueblito Restaurant, etc., grocery stores (Jacqueline) on London Street, Beauty Shop (Oxygen) on Meridian Street, auto mechanic shops, electricians (Patricelli), plumbers (Victor Tejeda), policemen, firemen (Mr. Espitia), teachers (Phon Hem), and more," stated Dom Avellani, the program director. The East Boston Adult Ed. Center does not rely on city, state, or federal funds and is truly indebted

and appreciative to the East Boston Savings Bank Foundation and the East Boston Foundation and others for their assistance and support. The East Boston Adult Ed. Center will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2012 and the school will continue to assist over 250 youths and adults per week (over 3,000 per year) in: GED Preparation, U.S. Citizenship Prep. (to legal residents), English as a Second Language, Computer and Vocational School placement, administer vocational school entrance exams, public notary services, immigration services, jobs and apartment placement (when-ever possible). In the near future, in order to service the East Boston Community better, the Center would like to open a Food Pantry where the needy would pick-up a bag of groceries at no cost.

As president, Mr. Richard Cavignano from the East Boston Savings Bank Foundation stated in one of his many conferences, "Everything is possible when you have tenacity, creativity, and determination behind it." Although over 80% of the school population comes from East Boston, the others are from Chelsea and other Boston Communities. The school has no waiting lists and will assist anyone with the above services and more.

Interested individuals are encouraged to call Mr. Avellani (617-567-7873) or visit the Center at 119 London St., East Boston, MA (next to Sumner Tunnel).

Happy Holidays and have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Out on the Open Market

Texas Rangers have posted the top bid for Japanese right-hander Yu Darvish and have one month to sign him up. According to the *New York Times*, Texas offered \$51.7 million to talk with him. Texas gets that money back if Yu isn't signed up for the Rangers ... The Phillies finalized a \$33 million, 3-year deal with shortstop Jimmy Rollins ... Mets relief pitcher Frank Francisco just signed a 2-year, \$12 million deal. He saved 17 games for Blue Jays this past season ... NY Yankees are bringing back Freddy Garcia on a one-year deal worth in the neighborhood of \$44.5 million, not a bad neighborhood for a 35-year-old pitcher. Last season, he was 121-8 with a 3.62 ERA ... Roy Oswalt, 34, is still out there in the marketplace. The Phillies decided against picking up his big priced option. He went 9-10 with a 3.69 ERA in 2011.

The Red Sox might be able to get him for say, \$28 million ... Grady Sizemore

is back for more with the Indians for a one-year, \$5 million deal plus incentives ... The Twins signed up Josh Willingham on a 3 year, \$21 million deal. Last season, he hit .246 with 29 homers and 98 RBIs for the Oakland A's in 2011 ... The Phillies signed up Dontrelle Willis to a 1 year contract at the bargain basement price of \$850,000. Willis was the 2003 Rookie of the Year with the Marlins. He posted a 1-6 record with a 5.00 ERA in 2011 for the Reds. He is 72-69 with a 4.17 ERA in nine seasons ... Tampa Bay is bringing back right-handed relief pitcher Joel Peralta on a one-year contract. He went 3-4 with a 2.93 ERA in 71 appearances this past season. He helped the Rays down the stretch with four saves in September and helped Tampa leapfrog over the Sox into post-season.

Clubs Close in on Johnson

The Chicago Cubs are closing in on outfielder Reed Johnson for a one year deal. He batted 309 in 111 games

last year for Chicago. He was also with them in 2008 and 2009. He played with the Blue Jays for his first five seasons and played for the LA Dodgers in 2010. He plays all three outfield positions which is probably one of his biggest pluses for any major league team.

Valentine Appears Ready for McClure as Pitching Coach

Bobby Valentine is on the reported verge of naming Bob McClure as the new Red Sox pitching coach. He spent six seasons as pitching coach for the KC Royals before getting dumped this past September and has coached somewhere since joining the Colorado Rockies in 1999. He spent 19 seasons in the majors as a relief pitcher. He spent 10 years with the Milwaukee Brewers as well as several other teams. He went 68-57 with a lifetime 3.81 ERA and appeared in five games during the 1982 World Series and taking a Game 7 loss to the Cardinals.

Saint Stephen, First Martyr Patron of Stonemasons

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Stephen, whose name means crown, lived during the first century of the Church and is one of the first Christian deacons and the first Christian martyr. The apostles found that they needed help taking care of the poor and widows and in the distribution of alms, so they ordained seven deacons, Stephen is the most well-known of the seven.

Little is known of Stephen before his appointment, his name is Greek suggesting he was a Hellenist, that is, a Jew born in a foreign land whose native language was Greek. The question of his origin remains uncertain.

We do not know when Stephen became a Christian, we do know that his ministry as deacon appears to have been mostly among the Hellenist converts and the fact that the opposition he met with sprang up among the Libertines who were the children of Jews taken captive to Rome in 63 B.C. then released to return to their homeland. The fact that Stephen was appointed deacon gives evidence that he was well suited to preach to the Hellenistic Jews.



We are told that Stephen was "a man full of faith", and the Holy Spirit, he was able to communicate with people through his convincing logic, his preaching was filled with Divine energy to which God added the weight of "great wonders and signs" still despite the wisdom and spirit of his words, he could not change the minds of the unwilling who would soon become his enemy. Stephen was accused falsely by his enemies of blasphemy against Moses and God, no

charge could be more apt to rouse people to anger, he was brought before the Sanhedrin and condemned to be stoned to death. It is said that the accusations left him unperturbed and "all that sat in the council ... saw his face as if it had been the face of an angel."

While during his trial, Stephen declared while looking up to heaven: "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God", they cast him out of the city to stone him to death. Custom required that the person to be stoned be placed on an elevation from whence with his hands bound he was to be thrown down. While waiting to be executed, it is reported, that Stephen, falling on his knees, cried out: "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Stephen was then stoned with stones some of which two men were needed to carry, before he died he cried out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Saint Stephen's relics reside in a basilica built on the site of his martyrdom just east of Jerusalem, outside the Damascus Gate. His Feast is celebrated on December 26th.

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• Res Publica (Continued from Page 2)

to Colorado) ruled a similar rule to be in violation of the First Amendment right of free speech. So Virginia voters may yet get another choice on the ballot.

Here in Massachusetts the certifying candidates' nomination signatures for

our March 6th election has not been completed. We'll know in a few days who will be the entries in that race. Given my person history of voting for losing candidates, I'm more interested in the opening of the live racing season

at Suffolk Downs in May. At least at the track I win once in a while. And even when I lose I'm down but a few dollars, which better than I can say about the administration of the current President.



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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Wow! Tomorrow we grieve! It's the last day of the year! Ah, New Year's Eve! Many Americans no longer celebrate the arrival of the New Year — they celebrate the survival of the old year.

Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits.

Peter Beatrice of Swampscott, says, "A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other."

Lovely Bridget Manganelli of East Boston, says, "A New Year's resolution is a promise to stop doing everything you enjoy most."

Good catch! Police officers John McKenna and Paul Sandoval pulled over a stolen vehicle in Chicago last week, only to discover a brand-new wedding dress in the trunk. When they tracked down the car's owners, they found that it had been stolen from a couple preparing to tie the knot the following day. The officers volunteered to drive the car — and the dress — to the distraught couple in time for the wedding. "There was other stuff missing from the vehicle," said Sandoval. "But as soon as the bride saw the wedding dress she was ecstatic."

Proprio Stronzo, says, "The most difficult years of marriage are those following the wedding."

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill, claims, the best and surest way to save a marriage from divorce is not to show up for the wedding.

Huh? Time changes things. Nowadays the couple has the honeymoon first, and if it's a success, they have the engagement, and if that works out all right, they *may* have a wedding.

The unofficial mayor of Medford, Thomas Analetto, says, "People cry at weddings because they have been through it and know it's no laughing matter."

The astute and charming Lisa Cappuccio of picturesque East Boston, says, "The man leads the woman to the altar at a wedding ceremony — after which his leadership ends."

Some interesting useless information: Where is the Blarney Stone? Ireland. In the Blarney Castle in the village of Blarney. Why do people kiss it? So they can acquire a gift for blarney or the knack of smooth, persuasive talk. What is the correct way to kiss the Blarney Stone? You lean backwards until your lips touch the Blarney Stone which is located between the castle wall and the parapet. It's probably a good idea to grab on to the iron bars provided or have someone hold you by the ankles while you attempt this very acrobatic maneuver. If not, the Blarney Stone might be the last thing you kiss. We did visit the site of the Blarney Stone and my dear wife Marilyn managed to kiss it!

Some fascinating facts! In ancient Rome it was considered a sign of leadership to be born with a hooked nose. Until the time of Caesars, all Romans were vegetarians. Ancient Romans always entered the home of a friend on their right foot — the left side of the body was thought to indicate evil.

We should have mentioned in our last column the idea of Christmas tree ornaments originated back to the time of the Romans. During the Saturnalia, which coincides roughly with our Christmas holiday, the Romans hung little masks of Bacchus on pine trees. Vergil refers to these dangling ornaments as *oscilla* and describes how during the December season evergreens were laden with them.

Be aware, the great pioneer of frozen foods, Jenò Paulucci has passed away. The son of Italian immigrants, Paulucci grew up in dire poverty. His Chun King label has become a national brand. In brief, Paulucci remained fiercely to his roots, funding half a dozen civic organizations in Minnesota and co-founding the National Italian American Foundation. At a ceremonial dinner in 1976, President Gerald Ford hailed Paulucci's rise as a symbol of the "magic of America." What could be more American, the president asked, "than a business built on a good Italian recipe for chop suey?"

Poor people! It was announced that new austerity measures would freeze the

British royal family's government stipend, limiting Queen Elizabeth and the royals to \$50 million a year.

Tubas are in demand! High schools across southeast Los Angeles are reporting a string of unsolved tuba thefts. Teachers believe the area's *banda* music craze — dance music with brass and woodwinds and anchored by the tuba-may be behind the disappearances. Tubas can fetch as much as \$2,000 apiece on the black market.

Butter shortage: A crippling shortage of butter in Norway has sent the price soaring during the Christmas season. Online retailers charged desperate cooks more than \$400 a pound. Authorities blame the shortage on poor grazing conditions for cows, as well as on the current low-carb, high-fat diet fad sweeping the nation.

How sad! Katie Couric and her younger boyfriend are splitting, said *UsMagazine.com*. The former CBS Evening News anchor, 54, and Brooks Perlin, a former hedge fund manager 17 years her junior, said they are separating after five years. "Katie is incredibly versatile and in high demand, and he just couldn't keep up," said a source. "Brooks is a nice guy, but their age difference made it a challenge, too."

Salma Hayek was flat-chested until she prayed for bigger breasts. The famously buxom Mexican actress, 45, says that she was a much-teased "skinny tomboy" as an adolescent and was "really scared" that her breasts would never develop. So she sought divine intervention. "I went to a church that had a saint that was supposed to do a lot of miracles," she says. "I put my hands in the holy water and went, 'Please, Jesus, give me some boobs.'" There was no overnight miracle, but within a couple of years, her prayers were answered.

Achtung! Forget gold, said Stefen Ulrich, German newspaper columnist. Today's sophisticated thieves are trafficking in rhinoceros horns, which can fetch up to \$300,000 each. The horns are grinded down and sold to the Asian market, where rhinocorn powder is believed to cure everything from migraines to cancer, but most often marketed to treat male impotence. This year alone, robbers have stolen rhinoceros horns from museums, antiques stores, and even private collections in at least eight European countries.

For know-it-all! Did you know in 1621 a Pilgrim band began playing because they wanted to see Plymouth Rock! Did you know GUM was first sold on a CHEW-CHEW Train! Did you know Venetian blinds are made by shady characters! When the first miniskirt became popular, worried husbands said the THIGH was the limit. Did you hear about the two kangaroos that lived HOPPLY ever after? And there's a woman in the North End who has taken up bird watching. She watches her husband like a hawk!

Some show biz reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. Singer Don Cornell, while popular with the Sammy Kaye Band in the early and mid 1940s, had several hits on his own, beginning with "It Isn't Fair" in 1950. Noel Coward was not only a successful playwright, he was an actor and a songwriter as well. Although he could only play the piano in three keys, he still poured out the songs, including "Someday I'll Find You" and "Mad About The Boy." Musician Eddie Condon, best remembered for his Dixieland style, when asked his feelings on "bop" style music, was quoted as saying, "We don't flatten our fifths, we drink 'em." The song "You're Sensational," contained in the 1956 film "High Society," and sung by Frank Sinatra, was one of the last ballads written by composer Cole Porter. And Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis' high school yearbook lists her favorite song as "Lime House Blues." Her ambition was "not to be a housewife."

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

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CAPONATA

1 medium eggplant diced	1 tablespoon sugar
6 or 7 tablespoons olive oil	1 tablespoon Capers
1 sliced onion	4 green pimento olives
3 tablespoons prepared tomato sauce	¼ teaspoon salt
2 stalks celery diced	1/8 tablespoon ground pepper
2 tablespoon wine vinegar	A sprinkle of Cayenne pepper (optional)

Wash eggplant whole, (without removing outer skin), and dice. Heat five tablespoons of olive oil in a skillet and add diced eggplant to simmer until it softens. Add sliced onion to skillet and one or two teaspoons of additional olive oil and fry until onion is lightly browned. Add tomato sauce and diced celery. Simmer mixture until celery is tender. If needed, add a tablespoon of water before adding capers and chopped green pimento olives. Stir frequently to prevent sticking.

Slightly heat wine vinegar separately. Add sugar and stir. Then pour vinegar gently over eggplant mixture in skillet. Simmer for ten to fifteen minutes. (Optional) Add a sprinkle of cayenne pepper). Salt to taste.

Serve this hot or cooled as a side dish with broiled lamb chops, breaded fried cutlets or roast beef. It is also delicious on crackers or toasted bread to serve as hors d'oeuvres.

Caponata can be refrigerated for future servings. It can also be frozen and reheated.

NOTE: My husband and I met Louis and Rose "Dolly" Sorrentino on Cape Cod in the 1980's. They were former North End neighbors of ours for many years. We renewed our friendships.

While having lunch at their Cape Cod home one day, Dolly served us some homemade Caponata. I mentioned how much I had enjoyed it when my mother served it. But my mother prepared Caponata only during the summer when eggplants were available. Like so many of her friends, Mama never had a written recipe. I was delighted that Dolly offered me a copy of her recipe. Because eggplants are now available year round, we can enjoy homemade Caponata throughout the year.

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• **New Year's Eve Live** (Continued from Page 1)

Matt Noyes, Danielle Niles and Ally Donnelly from The Boston Common Frog Pond, site of a Skating Club of Boston exhibition and two other locations downtown.

New Year's Eve Live will also feature a performance of "So Good (The Boston Song)" by Boston area vocalist Dis Vincent. "So Good" has become an unofficial anthem of sorts for the City of Boston and the area, thanks in part to its catchy beat and lyrics that spotlight all that's great about Boston.

"The Boston Family Fireworks are a wonderful way for Boston families to celebrate the New Year. It's a special event for the city and a great way for everyone to ring in 2012," said Mayor Menino.

The Boston Family Fireworks ring in the New Year at an earlier hour (approximately 6:46 p.m.) so children can attend before midnight. Atlas PyroVision Productions of Jaffrey, NH will produce the fireworks display, which will include 3,800 pyrotechnic effects all choreographed to a vibrant musical score.

"Mayor Menino and The Mugar Foundation have created this great annual tradition. Last year's special was a tremendous success and we are happy to once again bring the event to all of New England," said Bill Bridgen, NECN executive vice president and general manager.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



The Christmas season was a bit different for the Christoforo/Contini clan, back in the day. Babbononno was a musician and brought his sons up to be musicians. His daughter married a musician and they brought their only son (me) up to be a musician.

But, back in the day, a musician could make a living at playing music in the major cities of the country, and my uncles and father did just that.

At Christmas time, most businesses and companies held Christmas parties for their employees. More often than not, the heads of the businesses would have live entertainment. DJs hadn't been invented yet. To this extent, the Globe had an article about my father many years ago, calling him Boston's busiest bass player. At Christmas time, he would hire someone to chauffeur him around as many of the parties would be during the day and within a half hour of one another. Trying to find parking in downtown Boston was difficult, even back then. Uncles Nick and Paul did the same thing.

The only night that was sacred was Christmas Eve. During the day, the men in my family played the last of the Christmas parties during the day light hours. If there were any jobs the night of December 24, they would ask Jewish musicians to cover for them. They would reciprocate when the same men wanted to celebrate Jewish holidays. Things worked out rather well, all those years.

On Christmas morning, Dad and his group would play for the crew of the USS Vulcan, a Boston-based naval aircraft repair ship. Many of the crew were locals and the captain would host an early morning Christmas party with Santa present for the kids of the sailors. Dad brought me a few times when I was young, and they were fun times. By Christmas afternoon, the family would gather around Nanna and Babbononno's Christmas table and stay there for the next few hours. Late in the day or early evening, paisani and relatives, mainly the old timers, would drop by for a cup of coffee or a glass of wine. They constituted an extended family, and looking back, it was a warm comfortable feeling of

security that we kids grew up with in our family.

Between Christmas and New Years Eve, there wasn't much work to be had. All the musicians in the family would be anticipating New Years Eve. The union rates were always better for that one night than any other night in the year. If you were a band leader and had several jobs booked on that night, you could make yourself quite a few dollars.

When I was young, I remember Dad heading out to play on New Year's Eve. Back then, most jobs ended at midnight. The nightclubs, restaurants, supper clubs, etc..., all stopped serving liquor at midnight. New Years Eve would be the exception according to the Massachusetts Blue Laws. As a result, the bands played until 1:00 or 2:00 am. On several of those occasions, I would wake up to a commotion as Dad would invite the band back to the house for coffee and bagels. He, on the way home, would stop at Bagel Bakery in Chelsea, buy freshly made plain bagels, cream cheese and maybe lox. Mom would have set the alarm so she would get up in time to make a pot of coffee for the entire band. They would sit around the kitchen table and tell stories about the bands they worked for through the years and not leave until the sun came up. After a couple of hours sleep, Dad would be back in his tuxedo and off to play a New Year's Day brunch at one of the country clubs. When it was time, we would all be back at Nanna and Babbononno's table for yet another dinner celebration.

This was the atmosphere I grew up in, and when I turned 18, I became a professional musician and took my place among the men in my family. Back then, Dad was in partners with a local band leader named Ray Digg. Their home base was the Ocean-view Ballroom located at the beginning of Revere Beach, but on New Year's Eve, they would book a nationally known big band. As a result, Dad, Ray and the other band members would be free for December 31. This wasn't a problem as they would book several jobs and Ray would lead a combo at one, Dad at another and Uncle Nick at still another, and so forth, depending on how many parties they booked in.

New Year's Eve was approaching and Ray booked the Sons of Italy in East Boston. Dad was going to lead another job and Ray asked me to take his place as the bass player. This was my first job working with Dad's crowd, the older musicians who were some of the best in Boston. Babbononno made sure that my tuxedo was pressed just right and my shoes were spit-shined. After examining my fingernails to see if they were clean, he gave me the OK to go to work. We lived around the corner from the Sons of Italy hall, so I walked there with my bass violin under my arm.

The band was a 10 piece ensemble with arrangements for every tune. We began at 8:00 pm, and by midnight, I had blood blisters on several fingers, and they hurt. I struggled through Auld Lang Syne at midnight and then an extended last set. At 12:30 am, the person who hired Ray climbed the steps to the stage and asked him if we could play another hour. Ray asked the rest of the musicians, and seeing the overtime rate was rather good for New Years Eve, they all agreed to one more hour. I made it to 1:00 am with most of my fingers bandaged by that point in time. The blood blisters all had broken and the blood oozed out of the band aids and ran down the strings of the bass. I was in pain. Just when I thought I couldn't play another note, Dad walked through the front door. His job finished earlier than ours. After saying hello to everyone, he saw my condition, took off his coat and took my place behind the bass violin and saved the night. The next day, I sat at Nanna and Babbononno's table with fingers sore and rebandaged. I had survived and would go on to play another 50 or so New Year's Eves.

As time went on, I developed thick calluses on several of my fingers and became a combat veteran when it came to playing the upright bass. By the mid 1960s, I amplified my bass violin and added bass guitar to my instrument list. Playing became a lot easier, but I was well seasoned by then and blisters were a thing of the past.

Well, here we are facing another new year and I'm looking forward to bigger and better things. But, before I close for this week, I would like to wish each and every one of you a Very Happy New Year from the Christoforo family and MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA.

• The Socially Set (Continued from Page 8)



From the left: Columnist Hilda Morrill, Vidal Sassoon, Yolanda Cellucci and Count Pablo Manzoni at "An Evening of Eloquence" at The Ritz-Carlton honoring Marian Christy for her 25 year anniversary of writing her syndicated column "Conversations" for the Boston Globe. Proceeds benefited the American Cancer Society. (File Photo, 1990)

Martha Walters, a society writer and TV hostess from Nantucket who orchestrated many wonderful events on that island to benefit its dying trees, was not happy when The Ritz became The Taj, and she let us all know. After all, that was where she had her coming out party. I loved Martha and I miss her very much.

The sacrifices we columnists have to make! There was the first time I visited Arrows Restaurant in Maine. We were picked up by a white stretch limo at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and enjoyed chilled flutes of champagne on our ride up to Ogunquit. Talk about going to heaven! Mark and Clark's culinary creations were and are to die for. And, they have a glorious vegetable garden and greenhouse adjacent to the restaurant.

Food! Ah, yes! We have savored many foodie and tasting events through the years: Joyce Della Chiesa demonstrating and preparing an incredible mushroom risotto at the Copley Plaza while hubby Ron delighted guests with tales of Italian opera; Boston University's Seminars in Food and Wine where we got to meet and interview the likes of Marcella Hazan, Jacques Pepin and Nancy Harmon Jenkins; and of course, the funny and incredible Julia Child, who would always write a thank-you note after

I mentioned her or photographed her for one of my columns.

For sure the Museum of Fine Arts and The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, among many others, have offered countless opportunities to learn about the arts and interview some of the world's artistic luminaries.

Then, there were the invitations to speak or be interviewed: The Women's Italian Club, the North End Library, The Ritz Cultural Festival, The Emily Rooney Show, The Barbara Brilliant "Time for Living" Show, "De Todo Un Poco" with Dalia Diaz, "Women on the Move" with Laraine Stepner, The Bernice Speen Show, and "On the Town" with Smoki Bacon and Dick Concannon, to name but a few.

This columnist still has much to learn and we are honored that Pam Donnaruma has asked that I submit an occasional feature during my upcoming semi-retirement — maybe memory pieces, travel or gardening!

The various technology upgrades since we began have been amazing and we are most grateful to the past and present staff of the Post-Gazette for their patience and encouragement as we tried to learn the ropes. A big thank you also to our wonderful readers.

A Peaceful and Happy New Year to all!

(Be sure to visit Hilda Morrill's gardening Web site, www.bostongardens.com, where she may be reached via e-mail: hilda@bostongardens.com.)

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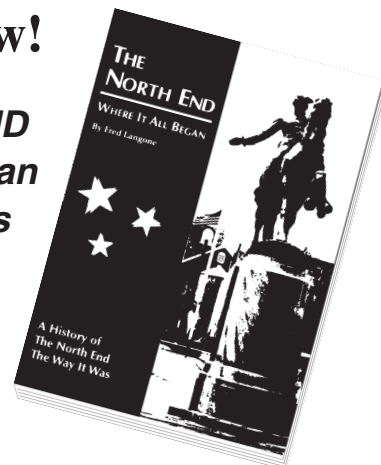
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• **NOAH Holds 24th Annual Dinner** (Continued from Page 7)

believes that the legislature must continue to advocate for increased revenues for our community colleges because it will lead to more jobs for our young people. He supports creating those “jobs of tomorrow” in both biotech and the allied health field.

NOAH has a good friend in Speaker Bob DeLeo. He understands quite well the role this and other community groups have on the future of our urban neighborhoods like East Boston.

As someone who has cov-

ered the news in East Boston for almost 35 years, I know that the East Boston community succeeds because of the constant work of community groups such as NOAH and the consistent advocacy of elected officials such as: Speaker Bob DeLeo, Sen. Anthony Petrucci, Rep. Carlo Basile and City Councilor Sal LaMattina.

Kudos to Phil Giffey and all the folks at Neighborhood of Affordable Housing for a job well done!

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11D4742DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

TADESSE ASSEFA TEGENA vs. MESERET YITBAREK ABEBE

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: **Derege Demissie Esq., Demissie & Church, 929 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 01, Cambridge, MA 02139** your answer, if any, on or before **February 7, 2012**. 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: December 28, 2011
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/30/11

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11P6016EA

In the Estate of
STEPHEN D. RICHMOND
Late of **READING, MA 01867**
Date of Death **June 28, 2011**

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that **Mark Travers** of Provincetown, MA or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE **TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON JANUARY 18, 2012.**

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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DIGANGI**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 21, 2011
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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

In the Matter of
MEHDI BOUJANE JR.
A Minor By Mother
TINA SAENGSOOMBAT
OF **WALTHAM, MA**

To all persons interested in petition described:
A petition has been presented by **Mehdi Boujane** requesting that: **Mehdi Boujane Jr. A Minor By Mother Tina Saengsombat** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows: **Michael Joseph Saengsombat**.

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 JANUARY 19, 2012.**

WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C DIGANGI**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 19, 2011
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/30/11

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*

THAT TREE IN THOMPSON SQUARE

It appears that the “tree in Thompson Square” is looking much better lately. I stopped by to see it on December 15th and it was standing tall and proud. Rumor has it, this miracle didn’t happen either by accident or on 34th Street but due to combined efforts of Townies stopping by calling it a “Christmas Tree” over and over again.

NICK’S NEW PLACE

I often eat at Nick’s Place in Winthrop but the other day I went to the new Nick’s Bistro on Squire Road in Revere. The food there is also great and as Kostas told me, it don’t cost a lot either. I had the stuffed shells and sausage and it was out of this world. I even showed him that I was semi-fluent in Greek by saying Nick’s Bistro was definitely not a “skartar” place. He laughed at that one. You want good food at good prices; you can’t go wrong at any of Nick’s places.

BOB DeLEO: AS GOOD IT GETS

I consider Bob DeLeo, the current Speaker of the House up on Beacon Hill a real friend. He has always been a voice and vote up on Beacon Hill for working families across the state. He has been a good Speaker and really is speaking for all of us. He has never forgotten his roots or the reason why he first ran for elected office. He is honest, sincere, caring and knowledgeable. He has been adding some much needed shine to the leadership post he holds in high esteem.

He reminds me of another Speaker of the House back in my younger days. Another guy named Bob. I first met him back in the ‘60s when he was a state rep for Savin Hill Dorchester. His name was Bob Quinn. He would go on to be Speaker and then was elected the state Attorney General. He and I still to this day are friends.

Both these Bobs have several things in common. Neither forgot their roots and both see elective office as a trust from the people.

SLICK WILLIE STILL AT IT

I don’t live in Lawrence. I have no plans to move to Lawrence. I don’t vacation in Lawrence. The only time you’ll find me in Lawrence is if I got caught driving my car with my GPS on me. Latest news from inside Mayor Willie Lantiqua’s kingdom. Some 10,000 signatures have been re-gathered to recall Lantiqua but City Hall has a printing error on its part and new signature forms will be re-printed. Signatures will have to be re-gathered. How many times, Mr. Speakah must the people of Lawrence endure this %*#*?.

THE IOWA CAUCUSES

The caucuses are coming up fast. Personally, I think this big political event is way overrated. At the moment it looks like Ron Paul might win the January 3 voting there. I have, however, been listening to Simon Conway’s Iowa

reports on the Iowa Caucus on Radio 1200 Boston on the Jeff Katz morning show. Conway is a very unique guy. A British, conservative, Jewish, journalist who loves to wear his cowboy boots. He’s informative and quite entertaining too.

NORTH END CHRISTMAS FUND LUNCHEON USUAL SUCCESS

This year’s North End Christmas Fund Lunch feted former Senate President Bobby Travaglini for his “years of service and contributions to the neighborhood.” Mayor Thomas Menino was also on hand to present Donato Frattaroli, owner of Lucia Ristorante with the “Ferdinand Carangelo Humanitarian Award.”

DOWN IN NEW HAVEN

It seems Mayor DeStefano of New Haven is trying to engage the 10,000 or so illegal’s in his city. He is even filing legislation at their State House to allow undocumented New Haven residents the right to vote in city elections. He wants to engage them in the community. Nice gesture but totally illegal. If he wants to “engage” then have city government help them with the process of being in New Haven legally.

NO CELL PHONES AT ALL

The National Safety Transportation Board is now seeking to change the law banning use of all cell phones at all times while driving. Isn’t the job of the NSTB to investigate horrible crashes, land, sea and air? Why does government keep trying to save us from ourselves? We don’t need Mommy Government protecting us from everything all the time. Why stop with cell phones? Why not ban the drinking of soda and coffee while driving? Why not outlaw car radios too?

CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THE BEASON FAMILY

Joel E. Beason, Sr., 70, husband of Susanne (Neubauer) Beason passed away on Friday, December 16th in Old Lyme, Connecticut at the home of his daughter Wendy Gavin. He was born in Titusville, PA. He graduated from Slippery Rock State University where he was a three sport athlete playing football, basketball and track. He received his master’s degree in education from Southern Connecticut State University. He resided in Florida. He is also survived by his children: Joe Beason, Jr., Wendy Gavin, Gary Beason, eight grandchildren and Anne Zimmerman his sister. He was also a foster dad to five boys.

I never met him but I work with his son Joel Beason, Jr., and have heard of his father’s battle recently with pancreatic cancer. There is no good time to die for those left behind. Now he will live in their memories forever and as long as they remember, he truly lives.

SANTA 1 - SAUGUS 0

The politically correct police took a big hit up in Saugus

as Santa Claus has once again won the day and rode his fire truck to the Saugus public schools to the enjoyment of all but a few who unsuccessfully tried to suck all the joy out of Christmas. Ho, ho, ho, Santa rides again. America has lost its way so badly in the past 30 years that now even Santa is called a religious figure. And we thought the fight over the “x-mas” terminology was the worse things could get, eh?

THANK YOU

North End Athletic Association, North End Against Drugs, the Nazzaro Center and St. Agrippina Society for all they do for the North End children for all these years. In the end, all that counts is how strong we all work to make our communities strong and always safe, especially for our children.

MURPHY SO RIGHT ON FEENEY APPOINTMENT

The Boston City Council recently appointed former 9-term City Councilor Maureen Feeney to the position of City Clerk. While many in the media lashed out at the City Council for a seemingly bag job, I think the City Council made the right choice to replace the outgoing Rosario Salerno who Dapper O’Neil dubbed “Sister Sunshine.”

City Council President Steve Murphy defended Feeney getting the nod from her former colleagues and said she was the best candidate for the job. This was not a joke appointment. The vote was 10-1 with Charlie Yancey voting for another job applicant and Tito Jackson not voting due to what he called a lack of “transparency” in making Feeney the new clerk.

I’ve known Maureen for most of her 18 years on the city council representing Dorchester’s District 3. She was a great voice and vote for her constituents and will be an effective City Clerk, She was more than qualified for this appointment.

As for the issue of performing marriages during City Hall work hours, Council President Murphy and City Councilor Michael Ross have presented an ordinance before the council in the next session next month. An ordinance by the way I fully endorse.

PETER BLUTE NEW DEPUTY GOP CHAIRMAN

Former US Congressman Peter Blute is back in politics after just being appointed deputy chairman of the Massachusetts Republican Party. Since last in the public sector, he spent seven years as a radio talk show host at WRKO in Boston and five more years at WCRN in Worcester. His job will be to help recruit candidates, delivering the GOP message and media voice.

There’s new blood running the Bay State GOP and hopefully with new blood will come new ideas, focus and action in re-building the slumping political party.

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In the Estate of
EDNA E. GAY a/k/a EDNA GAY
Late of STONEHAM, MA 02180
Date of Death November 6, 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 **Agnes Dawson** of Stoneham, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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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.

MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 22, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11P6039EA

In the Estate of
MILDRED AUSTIN
Late of MELROSE, MA 02176
Date of Death December 15, 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 **F. Peter Waystack** of Melrose, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 21, 2011

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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208 Cambridge Street
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Docket No. MI11P6052EA

In the Estate of
DOROTHEA R MINDEN
a/k/a DOROTHEA EILEEN MINDEN
Late of CONCORD, MA 01742
Date of Death July 30, 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 **Henry T Minden** of Concord, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 19, 2012**.

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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 22, 2011

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11P6033EA

In the Estate of
ALBERT LALUMIERE a/k/a
ALBERT P LALUMIERE
Late of MEDFORD, MA 02155
Date of Death October 3, 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 **Stephen Williamson** of Sudbury, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 21, 2011

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11P5993EA

In the Estate of
MARGARET M. GUNNING
Late of MEDFORD, MA 02155
Date of Death December 4, 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 **Mary-Ellen Gunning** of Stoneham, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 17, 2012**.

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WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 20, 2011

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Suffolk, SS. PROBATE COURT
Case No. SU11E0154

To Ralph J. DeLeo of Middleton in the County of Essex and to all other persons interested.
A petition has been presented to said Court by Joseph T. DeLeo of Mattapoisett in the County of Plymouth representing that he holds as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying in Boston in said County of Suffolk, and briefly described as follows:

- Now comes, Joseph T. DeLeo, c/o Joseph V. Cattoggio, Jr., Attorney at Law. One Sprague Street, Revere, MA 02151 (hereinafter referred to in this Petition as "Petitioner" and hereby represent the following:
- Petitioner owns as tenant in common an undivided share of the following described Land (hereinafter referred to in this Petition as the "Land") which Petitioner hereafter wishes to own separately;

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon now known and numbered 163 Saratoga Street, situated in that part of Boston, Suffolk County, called East Boston, being part of lot 40 on a plan by R.H. Eddy, dated June 1844, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Plan Book 1, Plan 26, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southerly side of Saratoga Street distant twenty-five (25) feet from the corner of Brooks Street, thence running
SOUTHEASTERLY: at right angle with Saratoga Street by land now or late of McIntire to the corner of a fence, sixty (60) feet; thence running
SOUTHWESTERLY: by said fence and land of McIntire, twenty-five (25) feet; thence running
NORTHWESTERLY: by land now or late of the East Boston Company, sixty (60) feet to Saratoga Street, thence running
NORTHWESTERLY: by Saratoga Street, twenty-five (25) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing fifteen hundred (1500) square feet more or less or however otherwise said premises may be bounded, measured or described, and be any or all of said measurements more or less.

For Grantors title see deed recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 44265, Page 306.

The street address of the Land is:

- 163 Saratoga Street, East Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts
- The common title to the Land is derived as tenants in common from a quitclaim deed recorded on November 24, 2009 in Book 44265, Page 306 of the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds.
- The Land is all of the real estate held under that common title.
- The name and addresses of all the co-tenants and petitioner along with their respective interests are as follows:
 - Joseph T. DeLeo, 2 Marina Drive, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts (50%)
 - Ralph J. DeLeo, 2 Town Road, Middleton, MA 01949 (50%)
- Petitioner and each respondent/co-tenant have an estate as tenants in common in such property to the extent of an undivided one-half interest in fee simple as tenants in common.
- To the best of petitioners knowledge the following persons either are or claim to be mortgagees, lienors, attaching creditors or other persons having encumbrances on the Land:
NONE.
- Petitioner desires that the Land be sold at private sale for not less than fair market value but not less than \$255,000.00

Accordingly, Petitioner prays that the Land be partitioned according to law, and to that end that a Commissioner be appointed to make said partition by division of the Land or by sale, either public or private, and conveyance of all or any part of the Land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided, said Commissioner to distribute and pay over the net proceeds of any sale in such manner as to make said partition just and equal or in proportional interest as aforesaid.

I, as "Petitioner" certify under the penalties of perjury that the statements set forth above are true to the best of his or her knowledge, information and belief setting forth that he desires that - all the following described part - of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$255,000.00 dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY SHOULD FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **BOSTON** BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON-ON THE 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2012 THE RETURN DAY OF THIS CITATION.

WITNESS, **JOAN P. ARMSTRONG**, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 6th day of December, 2011.

Sandra Giovannucci, Register of Probate

Run date: 12/30/11

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11P5925EA

In the Estate of
PAUL J. RYAN
Late of WALTHAM, MA 02451
Date of Death October 14, 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 **Paul T. Ryan** of North Billerica, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 13, 2012**.

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.

MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

Notice is being sent to you as you may have a legal interest in this case, in order to inform you of your rights.

Under the new Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code Inventory and Accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can Petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to Petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of the appointed Personal Representative.

Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 16, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of
Probate Run date: 12/30/11

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11P5899EA

In the Estate of
THOMAS F. WALLACE
Late of BILLERICA, MA 01821
Date of Death November 25, 2010

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 **Patrick Wallace** of South Hamilton, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 11, 2012**.

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.

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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 14, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of
Probate Run date: 12/30/11

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11P6011EA

In the Estate of
JENNIE M. SCHIPANI a/k/a
JENNIE SCHIPANI a/k/a
GENEVIEVE M. SCHIPANI
Late of NEWTON, MA 02458
Date of Death JULY 20, 2006

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that **JESAMINE F. FUCCI** of Newton, MA or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve **Without Surety**.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 18, 2012**.

MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE

To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;

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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.

WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 21, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of
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HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



TOPS AT THE BREAK — The Bruins, who are, of course, the defending Stanley Cup Champions, looked every bit as good as that title suggests as the National Hockey League paused for its recent Christmas Break.

The B's entered the break having won 20 of their last 23 games, a rocket ship ride that saw them climb from being a last place team at the end of October to first in the Eastern Conference as Christmas approached.

The Bruins owned a conference pacing 23-9-1 mark through 33 games and perhaps just as importantly, were setting the standard for the entire league in two vital statistical categories.

For the Black and Gold were showing they could accomplish things at both ends of the rink — on offense as well as defense. The last game before the break the B's put on an impressive display of offensive power, downing the Florida Panthers, the leading team in



Boston Bruins versus the Florida Panthers.
(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

the Southeast Division, by an 8-0 count.

The eight goals enabled the B's to become the league leader in goals scored with 119 while the shutout meant the team was also pacing the NHL in fewest goals allowed with 63.

Those were a pair of mighty fine stars to put atop the Bruins' Christmas tree — resting just below the one that represented the Stanley Cup Championship. Add another for leading the Eastern Conference with 47 points (just one behind the league-leading Chicago Blackhawks) and you had a Yule tree blazing like a beacon in the Bruins offices on Causeway Street.

So all was well at Christmas time at the Garden as the members of the Bruins paused to reflect on the accomplishments attained



during the calendar year of 2011. A Stanley Cup Championship in June, leading the Conference and first in the league in most goals scored and fewest goals allowed through Christmas plus the continued outstanding performances by goalies Tim Thomas and Tuukka Rask.

Yes indeed, a banner year for the B's as the calendar pages change to 2012. What the New Year holds for the Bruins remains to be unveiled but if it's anything like 2011, buckle your seat belts and be prepared for another memorable ride.

IN MEMORIAM — Remembering veteran Bruins game-night staffer John Mossman, who died one year ago (January 1, 2011). Having a conversation with John was like talking to a world guide from *National Geographic*. John and his wife often took cruises — but not the leisurely type that last for a week or so. Some of the ones they went on lasted up to 90 days.

Let's see, there was the one that took them to New Guinea, another that explored a good portion of the upper Amazon River in Brazil and yet another that stopped at many of the ports in the various nations that line the coast of Africa. That book that lists a thousand places to see before one passes on — John was fortunate enough to live it.

CAM COMMENTS — In the December issue of *Sporting News Magazine* Bruins president Cam Neely reflected on a number of points concerning his tenure with the Bruins, both as a player and front office executive.

Neely, who retired some 15 years ago in 1996 at age 31 (has it really been that long?), noted that the B's came close to winning the Cup twice during his playing days then added: "Winning the Cup is what you get involved with an organization for. To have an opportunity to get back with an organization in a manner that I felt worked for me and where I felt I could have some kind of impact — it was the right goal for me and the right opportunity."

He recalled that one of the best times during his playing days was when the circus came to town just as training camp was ending. "We were gone for two weeks on a West Coast road trip. I thought it was fantastic to break camp and get away on a long trip."

Neely was forced into early retirement by injuries. But he says he doesn't dwell on it.

"I try not to worry about how things might have been different if medical technology were better when I played. I try not to look at that — it's too frustrating and you'll make yourself sick."

COMMENTARY — It was Chris Ford, then serving as coach of the Celtics, who observed that Christmas "is the No. 1 family day of the year."

Yet it is the NBA that continues to go against that value, choosing to play five games on the day that means family to so many. Some may say that the millionaire players should play on a day such as this.

But such a view neglects to take into account the small army of people who also must work on the day of a game, even if that day is Christmas Day. For instance, there are box office personnel, ticket takers, ushers, food vendors, parking lot attendants, security personnel and sanitation services staff that never get on TV but still must report to work. Across the NBA it is individuals such as these, performing thankless tasks in low paying positions, who are deprived of being with their loved ones.

In the future let's have a moratorium on Christmas games so everyone may enjoy "the No. 1 family day of the year" with those who are near and dear to them.



CORNER TALK by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

HOPE YOU ALL HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

- It's Buone Natale — Italian
- Feliz Navidad — Spanish
- Nollaig Shona Dhuit — Irish
- Joyeux Noel — French
- Froehliche Weihnachten — German
- Feliz Natal — Portuguese
- I'd miilad said oua sana saida — Arabic
- Merry Christmas — English
- Greek Kala Christouyenna — Greek
- Mo'adim Lesimkha. Chena tova — Hebrew
- Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun — Chinese
- Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia — Polish

LET'S REMEMBER THIS MESSAGE

To all Fight Family Members,
I hope you had a "Merry Christmas!" and some punch!
"God Bless America!" "POW!"
& God be with you all!

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