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ZUMIX to Close on the Firehouse



ZUMIX, a nonprofit youth organization that teaches performing arts, radio, instruments and much more is soon expected to close on their brand new facility on Sumner Street, East Boston. The defunct Engine Company 40 Firehouse will be home to ZUMIX in the upcoming year. Working with architect Mimi Love of Utile, Inc., Bill Glasser of Landmark Structures, Inc., and Lauren Bauman of New Ecology, Inc., on this amaz-

ing project, the project will be a Green (Silver LEED) Development.

ZUMIX is thrilled to announce that they just received a \$200,000 challenge grant from the competitive Kresge Foundation for the Firehouse Campaign! Their challenge to ZUMIX is to raise an additional \$438,402 by September 30, 2009. With such a supportive community, they are confident that,

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MUMBAI AND LONG ISLAND: Two Rampages for an Unserious America

by Dan Calabrese

Two events in the same week may explain the strange asymmetry between the global threat of terrorism and America's prevailing attitude toward it.

In Mumbai, India, more than 100 people are slain by radical Islamists. Although the target is overseas, the principal targets are Americans, Britons and Israelis. President Bush sends Secretary of State Rice to India to do what she can to assist the Indians in their response while trying to prod the neophyte government of Pakistan — the presumptive origin of the plot — to get serious about investigating and apprehending the perps.

On Long Island, New York, several thousand people trample to death a Wal-Mart employee who had the misfortune of standing between the mob and a selection of discounted X-boxes.

In September 2001, President Bush told America that the war on terror would be

long and difficult, but needed to be fought because of the ruthlessness and determination of an enemy set on nothing less than the destruction of western society. Americans, caught up in the moment, echoed the president when he implored us: "Let's roll."

Until the new season of *American Idol* started. Until it became OK for late-night comedians to make jokes again. Until Brad left Jen for Angelina, and oh, did you see the adorable pictures of little Shiloh?

Hey. Isn't this dumb war over yet? It's all so 2002. And hey! I was told I could flip this house inside of two years for a 50 percent profit! I'll be contacting a real estate attorney immediately to get myself out of this silly mortgage contract.

Life in this country has been so damn easy for so long, it has become almost second nature for Americans not to take any real problem seriously, especially

if it isn't laying right on our doorstep. When terrorism briefly made an appearance on our shores seven years ago, we couldn't help but offer up some of our short attention span. Our enemies had briefly and spectacularly varied from the courtesy they usually show by attacking our citizens and our interests overseas.

Because the Bush Administration has ignored our whiny objections and kept us safe by wiretapping terrorists and aggressively interrogating detainees, Americans have been allowed to return to their blissful neglect of the reality of the threat.

But the threat remains, and so does this uncomfortable truth: While Al Qaeda is, by all accounts, tremendously weakened (thanks in no small measure to the fact that we lured them to Iraq and then slaughtered them there), the basic reality of

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Astronaut Loses Bag — Now Lost in Space

One of the astronauts lost her tool bag on a spacewalk. As the tote bag full of tools floated away, we can kiss \$100,000 good-bye. Hey, at least it wasn't a handbag snatching, eh?

DiMasi Says Gas Tax Hike Fairer than Toll hikes

House Speaker Sal DiMasi says raising the state's gas tax is a fairer way of spreading the costs rather than doubling tolls on the Pike or in the tunnels.

Wilkerson Resigns

Two words: Thank God!

U.S. Airways Sends Mom to San Juan

An 85 year old woman who boarded a plane in New York was actually shuttled onto a flight to San Juan, PR rather than her destination in Tampa. They should at least give her frequent flier miles for the admitted mistake.

Romney Flip-flops Again on Auto Bailout

When he was running in the GOP primaries against John McCain, our own Mitt Romney said the Feds weren't doing enough to save

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Mayor's Column

by Thomas M. Menino, Mayor, City of Boston

This week, I traveled to Cleveland, Ohio to take part in a lecture hosted by the National Council of Jewish Women in partnership with Citizens for Safety. The lecture, titled "Where did the gun come from?" dealt with the important but often unasked question of how illegal guns fall into the hands of criminals. As Mayor of Boston, this is an issue that has been a top priority of my administration, and in 2006, New York's Mayor Bloomberg and I founded the Mayors Against Illegal Guns (MAIG) coalition to bring this issue to the forefront nationally. The Cleveland lecture was an opportunity to share ideas for combating illegal gun trafficking with a host of other local civic and community leaders.

Local government is on the front lines of this battle, and Boston's effort to address this problem is helping other cities and towns across the country. Cleveland has experienced a 56% rise in homicides between 2004 and 2007 and is now replicating some of Boston's initiatives, including community policing and a gun buyback program. In Boston, we have used the principle of community policing to build trusting relationships between members of the police department and members of the community. Safe street teams, more

walking beats, and officers on bicycles have helped to develop a personal relationship between the neighborhoods and their police officers, which is central to any successful anti-crime initiative.

Boston is working proactively with youth through Violence Intervention & Prevention (VIP) teams that address violence as a public health issue. Neighborhood peace councils have worked to understand the concerns and priorities of residents, and this past summer, the City partnered with Citizens for Safety to bring "Traffick Jam" workshops to four neighborhoods. These community workshops educated over 200 residents by illustrating how police track guns, where crime guns come from, and immediate actions that citizens can take to curb illegal gun trafficking in their neighborhood.

We want to use these principles to strengthen national action against illegal guns. In Cleveland, I welcomed 23 new Ohio mayors to the bipartisan MAIG coalition, which has grown from 15 mayors in 2006 to over 350 mayors, currently representing 55 million Americans. At the lecture, I spoke of the importance of the coalition's four point agenda to fix the broken background


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DEMETER AND CERES

The Greek goddess of agriculture was named Demeter. Her position in the pantheon of deities was equal to that of Poseidon, Hades, and Hestia. Her brief union with Zeus produced a beautiful daughter named Persephone. One day Hades came upon the fair Persephone as she was picking flowers and for him it was love at first sight. The maiden was abducted by that god who attempted to carry her to his underworld kingdom. The rivers refused to let him pass through to the lower world, but the earth opened yielding to his demand.

Mother Demeter roamed over the earth for nine years, seeking information about the disappearance of her daughter. Finally, during the tenth year, Demeter learned the truth from the Sun, who of course was all seeing. Her sorrow now turned to anger, and because of her position as the goddess of agriculture, she caused the earth to become barren, so that all mortals were threatened with destruction. The fruits of the earth were not permitted to flourish again until her daughter Persephone was allowed to spend the major part of each year with mother Demeter. When this was accomplished, Demeter gratefully left the gift of agriculture and a fruitful harvest to mankind. When this was accomplished she retired to the abode of the gods on Mt. Olympus.

Ceres was the Roman counterpart to Demeter. Her worship started in Rome about 496 B.C. during a serious drought. The love for this Roman goddess was so greatly influenced by Demeter's veneration that a Greek temple was designed and built by Greek artists for a spot on the Aventine Hill

in Rome. When completed, services in the temple were dedicated to Ceres, and performed in the Greek language by Italian women of Greek extraction. The temple was placed under the protection of plebian guards who controlled the corn market and resided near the structure. An annual festival celebrated the reunion of Ceres with Prosperina (mother Demeter and daughter Persephone). Women who participated in the festival fasted for nine days, and then offered the first fruits of the harvest to Ceres. During this service they wore pure white garments and a crown of ripe ears of corn. The worship of Ceres in rural areas usually required the sacrifice of a sow prior to the harvest season, along with a dedication of the first cuttings of corn. The next time you eat corn flakes, try to figure out how the name "cereal" originated.

Regarding the abduction of Persephone, I must remind our readers who are also art lovers, about the beautiful Bernini statues that are now standing in the Borghese Gallery of Rome, and specifically the one entitled "The Rape of Prosperine" (the Roman name for Persephone) which shows Pluto (Hades) in the act of abducting the goddess. We should also be reminded that the sculptor, Lorenzo Bernini, was the fourteenth architect to be employed during the two hundred year construction period of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He is credited with the design of the entrance plaza, an exterior fountain, the "baldacchino" (canopy) over the High Altar and the black marble twisted columns that support that 700 ton canopy.

NEXT WEEK: *Apollo*

**October Italian American Heritage Month
Opening Ceremonies at the State House 2008**



Frank Privitera (center) with Italian Consul General of Italy, Liborio Stellino at the commencement festivities for The October Italian American Heritage Month held at the Massachusetts State House, at the stairway beneath the Golden Dome. Privitera and the Consul General exchanged greetings and salutations with Privitera pledging his full and complete support to help ensure the success of the October Italian American Heritage Month. Left to Right: Carlo Cipollone, Educational Director of the Italian Consulate of Boston; Philip Privitera, President of the Privitera Family Charitable Foundation; Frank Privitera; Italian Consul General of Italy, Liborio Stellino and Lino Rullo, President Emeritus of the Dante Alighieri Society and President Emeritus for the Italian American Heritage Month Committee.

Boston's Gentrified Neighborhoods

by Sal Giarratani

Back in the late 70's and early 80's when I served as a board member of the Charlestown Economic Development Corporation, I can remember the fear growing in the town over the rash of condo conversions taking place all over Charlestown. Hit hard at the time was the Monument Square area around the Monument itself.

In the shadow of the Battle of Bunker Hill was a new

battle being born? The gentrification of Charlestown was viewed as a bigger challenge than the Red Coats back on June 17, 1775.

Today the gentrification of Charlestown is nearly complete. Longtime and lifelong Charlestown folk were forced out by the higher housing prices and living in Charlestown over the past 30 years has become more difficult for all.

Is Charlestown better for it? According to those who survived the escalation of home values, the answer is yes but for those who couldn't, the town as they know it to be was lost.

I've been out of Charlestown since 1984. It is no longer the same place for many. The neighborhood is both better and worse at

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GUEST EDITORIAL

What To Do With the Boston Common?

by Sal Giarratani

Back when I was a kid, if you lived in the South End, it meant summertime on the Boston Common, the Franklin Park Zoo or Revere Beach.

Otherwise, you hung around the neighborhood where you might get into trouble. The Boston Common wasn't a vacation destination, but it was cheap to get to.

Back in those days, you could sunbathe on the Common unless there was a cop strolling by because you had to keep your shirt on. Real good sunblock, right? On the Fourth of July, there were fireworks at the ballpark by Charles Street. At Christmas time, they had a Manger set up near the State House, back by Charles Street. Members of the O'Neill family would line up between the Common and Public Gardens for a photo in the *Record American*.

That was then, this is now. The Public Gardens lost the plural and is just "Public Garden" now. The fireworks have moved from Charles Street to the Charles River. Sunbathers can take their shirts off now, but there's little room for sunbathing with all the druggies shooting up.

Boston Common needs a makeover badly. The new Frog Pond area for ice skating is a great idea. However, it is far from our version of New York's Central Park.

Recently, a City Council subcommittee consisting of City Councilors Billy Linehan, Sal LaMattina and Michael Ross has been set up to deal with a "new" Boston Common. It has come up with some new ideas like new fencing. There's an idea for a restaurant on the Common like the one in the Big Apple — good ideas.

Private fundraising is another idea, but with the Friends of the Public Garden already here, a new source of fundraising appears unnecessary. The mayor thinks so too, and I am in agreement.

Bottom-line: The Boston Common has been allowed to slide downhill in recent years because it isn't really being watched enough. The area needs a better police presence.

Drinking, gambling and shooting up are not family friendly. Clean the place up literally. It's been too dirty for too long. Make it more inviting for people to use without feeling unsafe or unclean.

The Boston Common was once an oasis of green in a concrete city. A place to go and relax, is it still? No.

It isn't just for tourists, downtown residents or workers. It is a place for neighborhood people from across the city. It is the people's park. The first public park in America.

George Burns once said, "I think only of the future because that is where I'm spending the rest of my life".

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NEAD Community Award Michelenia and Raymond Costa Scholarship Dinner

by Bob DeCristoforo



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Joe Papa NStar Business Award goes to Mike's Pastry



Jack Ferullo recipient of the Dexter Unsung Hero Award being congratulated by the Santianello family.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Romano and Mrs. Angela Menino (center)



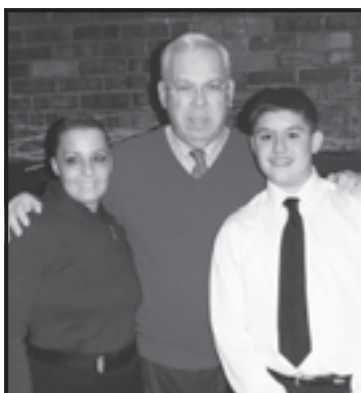
Traci Griffith recipient of the Emily Pugliano Public Service Award and Stephen Virgilio recipient of the Alumnus Award



L to R: Luigi Arianello, Boston City Councilor Sal LaMattina and Anna Arianello recipient of the Barbara DeCristoforo Senior Award



Peter Looney and Johnny Fuimara



L to R: Joyce Amoroso, Mayor of Boston Thomas M. Menino and Justin Amoroso, recipient of the Andy Puopolo Youth Award



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Boston Harbor Cruises recipient of the President's Award



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Financially Speaking

with Ben Doherty

GM IS TRYING TO SURVIVE

General Motors is soliciting some of its debt holdings to swap for equity as it tries to steer clear of Chapter 11 bankruptcy. CEO Rich Wagoner is scrambling to come up with a business plan to deliver to Congress this week. It needs to prove the car maker can remain viable amid bleak market conditions. GM will argue that with a short-term loan from Congress along with agreements with creditors and unions, it can reshape itself into a leaner entity. Many unsecured debt holders stand to absorb big losses on their investments. This proposal comes as the company's debt is selling at distressed levels. The company is scrambling to cut costs and boost sales in order to maintain adequate liquidity through the end of the year. The key to GM's survival is to get \$10 billion dollars from the government through 2010. GM's debt load is estimated by J.P. Morgan to be \$43.3 billion, at an annual interest expense of \$2.9 billion, which has to be renegotiated with unions. Mr. Wagoner is against a bankruptcy filing, though GM's board is ready to restructure including using Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Consumers have said that Wall Street failed them. With 401Ks accounts struggling and millions of homeowners struggling to pay their mortgages, the banks, brokerage

companies and insurance companies have collapsed, and risks previously borne by big banks and employers are placed squarely on the shoulders of the consumers. Individuals are bearing the risks of interest rate fluctuations, rising health care costs, stock market gyrations and outliving retirement savings.

Though it's the worst year in decades for US stocks, investors would have been better off keeping their money at home rather than investing overseas. The Dow is off 33% this year even after gaining 9.7% this week, but many foreign indices have slumped over 40% in 2008. Shanghai is off 42% and China is off 64%. For US investors, a strengthened dollar has magnified overseas losses. From 2002-07, foreign stocks performed considerably better than US shares. But as the financial crisis hit, the capital went into reverse and foreign stocks could not offer a safe haven in the storm. The US investor sold \$92 billion more of foreign stocks and bonds than they bought between July and September. Foreign investors have withdrawn more than \$100 billion in stocks from Japan, South Korea and India. The US has seen the earnings decline earlier than the rest of the world, but the rest of the world is going to catch up.

The Royal Bank of Scotland is expected to be taken over by the UK government after the shareholders lock up .24% of its offering — mere peanuts for them. RBS won't be able to pay dividends until it has repaid its preferred stockholders. The government underwrote the offering, but the market sentiment towards the banking structure is underwater. The bank wants to redeem the preferred stock within 12-18 months, assuming the government agrees to allow the redemption. RBS has been one of Europe's hardest hit banks, because of its exposure to subprime loans and its acquisition of ABN Amro Holding NV just before the credit crunch.

Carl Icahn purchased 6.8 million shares of Yahoo, boosting his stake from 5 to 5.5 percent. He spent \$67 million at an average of \$9.88/share. Mr. Icahn's initial investment had been for 69 million shares at an average of \$25/share. Yahoo closed Monday at \$11.51/share on NASDAQ, down 50% on the year. It remains to be seen whether or not he's throwing good money after bad.

The dollar advanced against the euro as data showed inflation forcing the euro to give up its gains from early in the week. The dollar was at \$1.26/euro and at \$95.55/yen. The pound was quoted at \$1.54. Lower oil prices helped the dollar as crude oil settled at \$54.43/barrel on Friday.

Citigroup rose higher despite a tough shopping environment. Its stock rose when the government injected \$20 billion into the company and assumed losses of hundreds of billions in assets, restoring confidence.

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THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giarratani

Law, Order and Freedom

As both a published journalist for 40 years starting in 1968 and as a licensed police officer with the Metro-Boston DMH Police since 1985, I find myself standing in the middle of the road; freedom and order.

I believe in free speech and I believe in public safety. When public safety is in peril, I'm a cop.

The recent incident in the South End at the Biolab and the drawing of a chalkman skirts both issues. I need to know more than *City Weekly* told me (*Out of Line, City Weekly, November 18th*) before making any conclusions.

However, in the case of a 43-year-old adult acting like a kid sketching her nickname into the cement sidewalk seems much clearer.

Some community activists are upset with the case of Denise Baskin. Shouldn't the police be more concerned with more serious crimes like homicide?

Rev. Shaun Harrison of Operation Project GO, an organization trying to get youths out of gangs and into jobs tells *City Weekly*, "Are you kidding? They (*Boston Police*) don't have anything better to do? You have to choose your battles here ... go for the bigger fish. She's not even a tadpole."

Rev. Bruce Wall from the Codman Square area says Baskin should have been given a warning. Says Wall, "We're creating more of a problem when someone is arrested for writing in cement."

Writing in cement on a sidewalk isn't the same thing as dying on a cement sidewalk. The police are just doing their job enforcing the law.

For the last ten years, I have been a proponent and

advocate for community policing and the "broken window" theory of policing.

Its national advocate is LA Police Chief Billy Bretton, once both Boston and New York Police Commissioners. He believes that disrespect for law starts small and grows. If you tackle minor crimes in a neighborhood, it can help the neighborhood stay safe for all. Once you overlook "small" crimes, it opens up a larger general disrespect for laws and the rights of others.

In the case of Baskin, police action seems appropriate. Of course, if a child writes his or her name in a cement sidewalk, there are no arrests. However, a 43-year-old is no child. Rev. Wall is incorrect saying a warning should be issued. It should be clear to all that lawbreakers are lawbreakers.

As for Rev. Harrison who does much good work with urban youth, today's tadpole can grow into something other than an adult frog if lawbreaking is sanctioned for being too minor.

"Don't the police have anything better to do?" is a false rallying cry. Safe and orderly neighborhoods where all are free to live and enjoy life should be everyone's ultimate goal, police and community.

I applaud the Boston Police for getting serious with the most minor of offenses because it is part of a citywide strategy to make our neighborhoods real comfort zones for the residents rather than the killing grounds they have become.

Chalk up my support for the Boston Police. Defacing public property isn't a minor crime in society. Crime is crime, stop it small, and don't let it grow.



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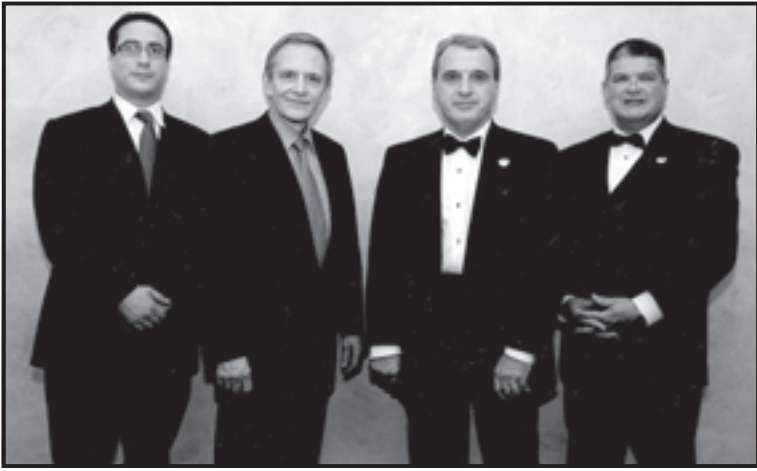
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 October Italian American Heritage Month



Justinian Heritage Month Gala — Left to Right: Attorney Roberto Rullo, Justinian Law Society; Justice Francis X. Spina, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts; Deputy Consul General of Italy, Luigi Munno; and President Mario Cappano, Justinian Law Society.



Justinian Law Society, 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance – Italian American Heritage Month. Left to Right: National President, Philip Boncore Justinian Law Society; Attorney Frank Ciano, President Middlesex Bar Association; President (State) Justinian Law Society Mario Cappano; Justice Francis X. Spina, Guest Speaker; Dr. & Dorothy Maio, Italian American Heritage Month; and Judge Joseph V. Ferrino (Ret.), Chairman



Justinian Law Society 10th Anniversary Italian American Heritage Month at Lombardo's Function Hall. Left to Right: Peter Cocchiardi Everett; Ambassador and Former Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci; and Chairman 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance Committee, Judge Joseph V. Ferrino (Ret.)

Presentation
 Left to Right:
 Judge Joseph V. Ferrino (Ret) at Justinian Law Society's 10th Anniversary of October Italian American Heritage Month Gala Dinner Dance; Former Governor Argeo Paul Cellucci, Honored Guest and Recipient; and President Mario Cappano, Justinian Law Society.



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Celebrating the Feast of Saint Leonard

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Saint Leonard's Feast day was celebrated in Holy Mass presided over by Bishop Robert Hennessey

The custom of honoring the saints on the day of their departure from this earth has been a part of the Catholic Church for centuries. Their lives recorded and remembered as the heroes and heroines of their Faith from which inspiration can be drawn by the faithful.

On November 26th the observance of Saint Leonard's Feast day was celebrated in Holy Mass presided over by Bishop Robert Hennessey and concelebrated by the friars who descend from the same order of the Saint. Parishioners and students and the faculty of Saint

John School attended the 12:05 Mass celebrated at Saint Leonard Church. A reception was held at Saint Leonard Hall following Mass.

The remarkable life of Saint Leonard (Paul Jerome Casanova) began with his birth on December 20, 1676 at Porto Maurizio, a seaport near Genoa, Italy on the Riviera di Ponente, the son of a ship captain, Domenico Casanova and Anna Maria Benza. He was placed at the age of thirteen with his uncle Agostino to study for a career as a physician, but after a brilliant course of study with the Jesuits in

Rome, the youth decided against medicine, and his uncle disowned him. He joined the *Riformella*, a branch of the *Franciscans of the Strict Observance*. On October 2, 1697, he received the habit, and after making his novitiate at Ponticelli in the Sabine mountains, he completed his studies at the principal house of the *Riformella*, S. Bonaventura on the Palatine at Rome, where he was ordained in 1703. After his ordination he remained there as lector professor, expecting to be sent to the Chinese missions. It was in 1704 that he was seized with a severe gastric hemorrhage, he was sent to his native Porto Maurizio to recuperate in a Franciscan monastery. After four years he was restored to health, and began to preach in Porto Maurizio and the vicinity.

Saint Leonard was sent to Florence in 1709 where he preached in the city and nearby region. Wherever he went he spread devotion to the Way of the Cross which he established in over 500 places, including the Coliseum. He also fostered perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A great preacher, he was often in-

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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

All I Know — I Learned in Beauty School

"Make the most of yourself, for that is all there is of you."

— R. W. Emerson

Ciao bella

Beauty school dropouts, where are you?

Beauty culture is the art and science of the external embellishment and beautification of healthy skin, hair, and nails.

My *Standard Textbook of Cosmetology* has always played as a reference book throughout my career.

Chapter One taught you **Professional Ethics**. The last chapter went on to teach chemistry with liquid solutions.

I learned many unmentionable business tactics not in my text from my nana and mom who seemed to be in the business of beautifying everyone forever. I will never be able to thank them enough.

Interestingly, the **Good Ethics** chapter has always fascinated me because, through the years, I've seen every rule broken numerously and sinfully.

When was the last time you read a list of good ethics of cosmetology? Put the rules in today's standards of any career.

1. Give **courteous** and **friendly** service to all patrons.

2. Treat all patrons **honestly** and **fairly**; **do not show favoritism**.

3. Be fair, courteous, and show respect for the **feelings and rights of others**.

4. **Keep your word** and **fulfill your obligations**.

5. Cherish a **good reputation**; set an example of **good conduct** and behavior.

6. **Be loyal** to your employer, manager, school, and associates.

7. **Cooperate** with the school personnel and fellow students.

8. **Comply** with school and salon rules and regulations.

9. Practice **sanitation** and **sterilization** at all times.

10. **Obey** all provisions of the state cosmetology law.

11. **Believe in the cosmetology profession; practice it faithfully and sincerely**.

All I ever needed to know about life I learned in beauty school!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

— Mary N. DiZazzo

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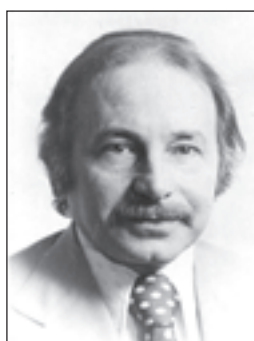
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(author of *Sacco and Vanzetti – Verdict of History*)

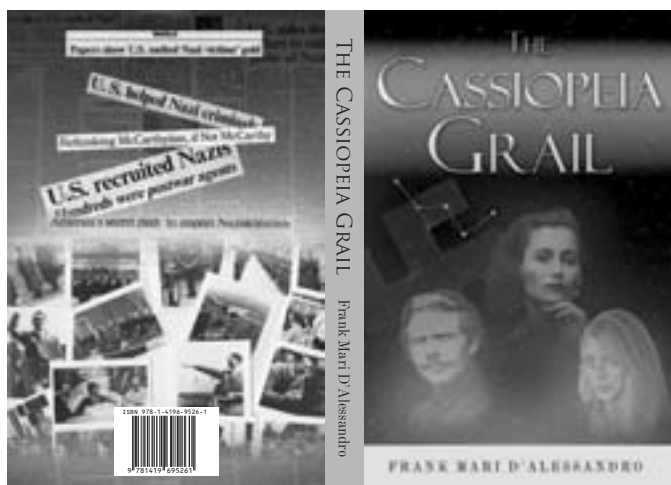


Frank Mari
D'Alessandro

Have you ever wondered what becomes of the photographs turned in by war correspondents, of battles and crime scenes and of mass victims ... the camera sees all, does not lie

and has no feelings, but what of the photographer? Can he forget and what is the effect upon the rest of his life? When the photos go back to World War II, are candid almost family and personal views of Adolf Hitler, and were taken by a young man who could still be alive – the plot quickens and the story begins.

This personal narrative tells of such a possibility and how it involves the photographer, his family and friends who become involved in the adventure, and the ramifications that will reach into their lives, affecting them far beyond their designs and will.



"I had the pleasure of reviewing a book by an astute and formidable writer, Dr. Frank Mari D'Alessandro who also wrote the awe-inspiring successful book, *Sacco and Vanzetti* D'Alessandro is at his best in *The Cassiopeia Grail* when he describes Italy and the Italian people"

.... Claude Marsilia
Post-Gazette Book Reviewer

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Bowker Review

The fun-loving students Dr. Mark Francis had known in Italy in the 1950's have survived the horrors of World War II, but the shadows still lay over them. When twenty years later he receives some old photos from an Italian friend, Mark's curiosity is aroused. Someone close to Hitler took the pictures of the Führer; could the photographer have been one of Mark's old friends? Instead of a nostalgic trip into the past and an entertaining brain teaser he expects. Mark soon finds himself embroiled in an international conspiracy involving assassinations, Nazis, and McCarthyism. In *The Cassiopeia Grail*, Frank Mari D'Alessandro spins a convoluted tale that bounces from 1970s America to Germany and back again. While Mark searches for more information about the photos, he comes to the attention of some highly placed international agents who are tracking war criminals. Soon Mark finds himself caught in the crossfire, leaving his medical practice to become an amateur spy. No doubt many men have the occasional fantasy of James Bond, but Mark learns that the real world of international intrigue is much scarier than he ever imagined.

D'Alessandro writes with the slightly stilted air of an author of old-time spy novels; appropriate, given his subject matter. Mark is not a particularly sympathetic hero—he has the flair of a James Bond or everyman quality of Jack Ryan. Still the lack of distinction is not a fatal flaw. Overall, *The Cassiopeia Grail* is a workmanlike effort most likely to appeal to those who enjoy an old-fashioned spy thriller.

East Boston Main Streets Completed Its 25th Improvement Project for 2008

On Friday November 28, 2008 East Boston Main Streets (EBMS) placed a new district sign in Jeffries Point with the help from the East Boston Foundation.



East Boston Main Streets has completed 25 storefront and public improvement projects in 2008. Utilizing resources from Community Development Block Grants, the East Boston Foundation, the Meridian Charitable Foundation and the Boston Main Streets Foundation, East Boston Main Streets has helped to facilitate 25 projects in East Boston. East Boston Main Streets would like to thank the business and property owners who have stepped up to remove ugly metal security grates

and invest in new storefronts. Their commitment to revitalizing East Boston has made our neighborhood cleaner and safer.

The Jeffries Point Sign is another public improvement. Metropolitan General Contractors and Photamar Design helped to complete the project. Funding was provided through a grant from the East Boston Foundation.

NEMPAC's

2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Bake Sale & Bazaar



The North End Music and Performing Arts Center is having a HOLIDAY CRAFT SALE & BAZAAR Sunday, December 7, 10 am to 3 pm at The Prado, (Paul Revere Mall) Hanover Street, North End, Boston. There will be at 1 pm Community Christmas Carol Sing. There will be hot chocolate, a bake sale, Mayor Menino's Tree Lighting at 2pm and

loads of holiday cheer! If you want to rent a table there is still time, please contact becca0923@yahoo.com to reserve a table.

You can help us out by donating a baked good, spreading the word to your friends and neighbors or supporting the vendors at the event.

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Freeway Says ...

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 hope all my readers and pooch friends had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. I know I did, it was a treat for me to visit my relatives in Newbury, a great big house with the fireplace glowing and the smell of wood burning, it was delightful. All that green grass to run around and feel free without a leash (I ran like crazy) just loved it? In fact this holiday was a special one I got to meet my new relative Anastasia the turtle from Russia. Isn't she cute? What am I going to buy her for Christmas, carrots and lettuce? The joy of each holiday is family and friends. It won't be long, I'll hear the bells on Santa's sleigh so I better get started with my list: chew bones, doggie cookies etc.

Maybe this Christmas I'll think of others and give to the needy and Good Will, don't forget the animal shelters that need food and medicine for so many pooch friends out there and the ones that need homes. That will be my gift for Christmas GIVING, SHARING, LOVING and being thoughtful to others.

Most importantly to all my readers PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MEN AND WOMEN that are



This is one odd looking pooch!

fighting for us. That American Flag that stands so true.

That's all for now!

Stone Zoo Presents Zoolights

Now through December 30 (except December 25), 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

A beloved holiday family tradition returns to Stone Zoo with ZooLights. This winter wonderland attracts thousands of visitors each year who get into the holiday spirit by strolling along tree-lined paths lit by thousands of twinkling lights. Upon entering the Zoo, guests will visit Yukon Creek, which not only features dazzling holiday lights but is also home to bald eagles, porcupine, lynx, a gray fox and a reindeer. Children will want to make sure they visit with Santa, who awaits their arrival in Santa's Castle. Jolly Old St. Nick will be available for photos through December 23. After visiting with Santa, enter a magical holiday world filled with fairytale characters and dancing plush animals.

Children under age 2 are admitted FREE. Santa photos and carousel rides are available for an additional fee.

Winter Hours 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. daily



Stone Zoo is located at 149 Pond Street, Stoneham, MA.

For further information, please call 617-989-2000.

Holiday Walk in Attleboro Saturday, December 6



A "Festival of Lights Walk" will take place in Attleboro, Mass. on Saturday, December 6. The walk begins at the National Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette, which features the largest outdoor display of holiday lights on the East Coast. The walk route passes through woodlands, visits the Capron Zoo (with a discount entrance fee), downtown

Attleboro, the Attleboro Area Industrial Museum and returns to the National Shrine. Entrance to the Museum is free. The display of lights begins at 5 p.m.

There is a choice of a 10 or 5 kilometer (6.2 or 3.1 mile) route. Both trails are rated easily suitable for baby joggers, but not for wheelchairs. Pets are welcome but must be leashed. The start point is the LaSalette Shrine Cafeteria, (near the gift shop) Park Street (Route 118), Attleboro, between 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The trail is marked and directions are provided to all walkers.

The walk is sponsored by the Walk 'n Mass Volkssport Club. Volkssporting events promote fun, fitness and fellowship by providing walking and other non-competitive sporting events free to the public. Volkssporting also sponsors an achievement awards program. For further information contact 508-222-1152, Magoo249@aol.com or www.ava.org/clubs/walknmass

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THE NORTH END ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2008 Youth Baseball Clinic Awards Day Banquet

Youth baseball may have been the focus of this year's North End Athletic Association awards banquet, but the gathering was hardly limited to little leaguers.

Dozens of first-time ballplayers and their families attended the luncheon at the Coast Guard base on Sunday, October 19, along with several other standout athletes and community figures, and even a couple celebrities.

NEAA President and "Coach" Dom Campochiaro rewarded his 2008 baseball clinic participants with T-ball trophies and roses for their mothers. He also arranged for two surprise guests.

The first, legendary boxer and North End native Tony DeMarco took the stage and spoke about his rise to becoming the world welterweight champion in 1955.

Following him, Wally the Green Monster busted into the room, danced around and posed for photos. Everyone, young and old, was ecstatic and eager to get next to the roly-poly Red Sox mascot.

During the awards ceremony, five local runners were recognized for finishing the 2008 Boston Marathon: Michael Bevilacqua, Rickie Bevilacqua, Michael Firicano, Paula Harding and Steve Siciliano.

Special awards also went to: Sal Bartolo, Bob DeCristoforo, Tony DeMarco, Pam Donnaruma, Fred and Joe Giangregorio of the Green Cross Pharmacy, Douglas Luz Scire, Suzanne Mika, Ted Pasto, Freeway, the NEAA mascot and his human Marie Simboli.

This year's baseball clinic "littlest players" were: Olivia Ardito, George Bova, Meade Daily, Alphi and Michael Detemple, Sonny Fazio, Jackie Gallarelli, Eli Glazer, Jacob Gunderson-Crowley, Maddie Heath, Catherine Luz Scire, Jonathan O'Hearn, Dominic Orlando, Teddy Pasto, Mattea Del Peschio, Victoria Salas, Felicia Selbest, Francis and Peter Shea, Julia Welton, Victoria Marie Wetzell,



Players presented their mothers with a rose. L-R: OSIA State President Florence Ferullo Kane gives out the roses with OSIA State 1st Vice President Jim DeStefano. Coach Dom introduces Jacob Gunderson-Crowley who presented the rose to his mother.



Fred and Joe Giangregorio of the Green Cross Pharmacy receive a Special Appreciation Award from Coach Dom.



Teddy Pasto and Dad Ted with Wally "The Green Monster" and Champ Tony DeMarco.



Excited Players happily greet Wally, "The Green Monster"

Lleyton Wing, Dillon Wolf and Brianna Woods.

Sincere thanks goes out to Donato Frattaroli of Lucia's Restaurant for catering this event, all the parents for their participation and dessert contributions, the "All Hands Club," and the Coast Guard Base staff. Also, to Suzanne Mika from D&S Video and Photo, as well as Pam Donnaruma and Alex Matthews for taking photos.

A very special thank you to Ted Tomasone, Honorary Chairman of the North End Athletic Association for making it possible for Wally, "The Green Monster" to attend this event. Also to other special guests, State President, Florence Ferullo Kane of the Sons of Italy of Massachusetts and State Vice President, Jim De Stefano for attending the 2008 NEAA Baseball Banquet.

And to the star MC, Dom Campochiaro, who continually devotes himself to the community and the children. "I want to take this time to thank all my little players for their participation and interest. It was a great season and I hope to see you all next year. Always remember, God, Family and Country. I love you all."

— Coach Dom



Coach Dom presents Appreciation Award to DJ Sal Bartolo thanking him for always being there for the team.



Mascot Freeway was not able to attend, so his human companion Marie Simboli accepts a photo of him and Coach Dom.



Players with their mothers after presenting them with a rose.

The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



MGH President Dr. Peter Slavin, left, and Red Sox owner John Henry at the "Storybook Ball." (Photo by Roger Farrington)



Enjoying the "Storybook Ball" are Allison Mazur, left, and gala co-chair Beth Dickerson. (Photo by Roger Farrington)



Chris Madison and "Storybook Ball" co-chair Beth Madison smile for the camera. (Photo by Roger Farrington)

The ninth annual "Storybook Ball," recently held at The Castle at Park Plaza, raised \$1.9 million. The glittery gala, attended by more than 600 guests, was a benefit for the MassGeneral Hospital for Children (MGHfC).

Unique live auction items included a trip to Paris for two with tickets to a Chanel fashion show and a tour of Coco Chanel's apartment as well as special naming opportunities for the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and to fund MGHfC research fellows for one year.

Congratulations!

..... The Louis duGal Salon in West Newton is continuing its frequent art exhibitions with "Colorful Paris," an array of photos of Paris by Back Bay photographer, Virginia Bonesteel. Ms. Bonesteel, who spends two to three months each year in Paris, has brought her creative eye to the sights in this world-class city. The exhibit, which opened on November 13, is on view through January 2.

Back Bay residents, Sam Wallace and Georg Schmieder of the Louis duGal Salon, have known Bonesteel for many years. "We have been wowed by her unique photos of people and places in Paris and have been anxious to share her camera artistry not only with our clients, but anyone who would like to stop by to view them."

Bonesteel took her first photographs of Paris when she was 13 years old. But, it was only six years ago, after retiring from her career as an attorney, that she began to devote full time to photography. Now she combines her twin passions: photography and Paris.

"My eyes are drawn to the diversity and the subtle and often surprising beauty of the city. Beyond the Parisian icons such as the Eiffel Tower and Arc de Triomphe, I have found that there are amazing colors year-round, curious and confounding murals and many neighborhoods with individual

characters and characteristics ... I try to capture this vibrancy in my photos," said Bonesteel.

Bonesteel's works have been exhibited at the Hynes Convention Center Rotunda. In 2007 she had a month-long, one-woman show at the French Library Alliance Française of Boston. Sources of inspiration include the work of Willi Ronis, a photo-journalist and resident of Belleville, now in his 90s and also Jean Eugene-Auguste Atget, who used his camera to capture Paris and its environs in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

"Personally and professionally, we very much appreciate Virginia's work and consider it an honor to be able to display her photographs for new viewers to enjoy and purchase, if they wish. It's part of our continuing series of offering New England artists a unique venue for their works," said Georg Schmieder.

The public is invited to visit the salon and view the exhibit from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Tuesday, Wednesday, Fridays and Saturdays), and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Thursdays), though January 2. The Louis duGal Salon is located at 1345 Washington Street, West Newton.

For more information, call the duGal Salon at 617-527-9461 or visit www.twocitiesphotography.com.

..... On Thursday, December 11 from 6 to 9 p.m., we are all invited to an "Opening Artists' Reception and Talk" at the Thos. Moser Gallery and Showroom, 19 Arlington Street, across from the Boston Public Garden.

Drawing inspiration from local nature, travels around the world, thought-provoking reflections and their vast imaginations, seven Massa-

chusetts artists bring their visions to share with art-loving friends, family and public.

Participating artists include Stephen Barylick, Tally Forbes, Linda Hoffman, Fran Mackay, Patrick Pierce, Linda Peterson Pollin and Stephen Silver. Their works will be on exhibit through the holidays.

A percentage of the sale of the show's art will benefit Bay Cove Human Services.

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Bob D's Beat

by Bob DeCristoforo

WE NEED ALOT OF CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season, yes, Christmas season is here. We need it now more than ever. Let's celebrate this beautiful time of the year. Let's get back to the 'real meaning' ... Peace, Love, and Good Will to all mankind given to all of us by the birth of an infant on Christmas Day. If we start right now, Christmas Day will be what it really is suppose to be.

ST. LEONARD'S CELEBRATE



Stephen Scappicchio and Bishop Robert Hennessey

Bishop Robert Hennessey was the Principal Celebrant at the 12:05 Wednesday Mass at St. Leonard's. The Mass honored the Parish Patron, Saint Leonard of Port Maurice, and the Franciscan Saint, best known for bringing the Stations of the Cross, described by Bishop Hennessey, as "America's Catholic Freedom Trail" to churches. Joining the many parishioners in attendance were the choir and students from St. John's School, and their Principal Sister Eileen Harvey S.J. Congratulations, also to the St. Leonard's Christmas Fair Committee on their highly successful weekend, and their work of love for St. Leonard's Parish. This is what being a part of a vibrant Parish is all about. Parishioners of St. Leonard's care about their Church.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT LIBRARY

The Annual North End Branch Library Christmas Open House takes place Saturday, December 6 from noon to 3pm. Al Natale and his Jazz Combo will perform. It's another great day in the North End, and it has become a North End Christmas tradition.

NEMPAC CHRISTMAS FAIR

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center will host their 2nd Annual Christmas Crafts Festival on the Prado Sunday, December 7th in the afternoon. Come down and support this great endeavor. Where would the world be without music and arts, especially at Christmastime?



St. Leonard's Christmas Fair Committee

SMALL FRY BASKETBALL

The Nazzaro Center Small Fry Basketball League is underway! Saturday is the day, and the teams are the Clippers, coached by Travis Mazerell, Wizards, coached by Mike Commisso, Thunder, coached by Alfredo Vilar, and Timberwolves, coached by Jack Ferullo. Carl Ameno is the League Director.

SUPER TIMES, SUPER BOWLS

With the Thanksgiving Day traditional games in the books BC High, Everett, Arlington Catholic, Pope John, South Boston, and O'Bryant headed to the High School Football Playoffs with those who won advancing to Saturday, December 6 Super Bowl games at Gillette Stadium. The Division 3A game will be played at Bentley College.

We also salute all the kids, especially the seniors, and their coaches, who made this Thanksgiving so memorable on the football field. BC High won the Catholic Conference defeating Coach Campea's CM team 17-7. Everett won the GBL, defeating Cambridge 35-12. Andrew DeSimone's two point conversion was the difference as MC tipped Peabody 14-12. Coach John Lopresti's Malden team defeated Medford 33-22. Somerville shutout Matignon 18-0. Joe Wesoloski had the winning TD in the closing seconds of play as the Catholic Central Large Champion Arlington Catholic stunned cross town rival Arlington 19-15.

MVP Connor Finnerty had two touchdowns as Boston Latin shutout Boston English 36-0 at Harvard Stadium, a rivalry that began in 1887! Coach Billy Maradei's Austin Prep team upped Fenwick 20-12. South Boston is the Boston North Champion. The City Pointers dropped East Boston 34-6. Pope John, the Catholic Central Small Champions, held off Lowell Catholic 30-20. Minutemen shutout Mystic Valley 28-0. Boston South Champ O'Bryant shutout Latin Academy 14-0. Cathedral defeated Marian 20-7. Burke shut-down Hyde Park 30-0, and St Clement stopped Trinity Catholic 28-12. Bob Ofoedu had a pair for the Anchormen of St. Clement.

FRANK SHEA

Congratulations to former Savio Prep Basketball Coach Frank Shea, who has been named Head Basketball coach at Masconomet Regional High School. He will be joined by his former Savio

assistants Jimmy Polino and Mike DiMarino. Frank is a great human being, and having him return to the coaching ranks is a plus for High School basketball. Masco is a member of the highly competitive Cape Ann League. Frank teaches at Rumney Marsh Academy in Revere, and he also served as Athletic Director at Savio.

COLLEGE BOARD: BC OFF TO TAMPA! HOCKEY STUFFINGS!

Thanks to a good guy, I attended the BC-Maryland football game at chilly Alumni Stadium, and finally saw the Eagles win a big football game. In what seemed to be the longest game in history, the Eagles stopped the 'Terps' 28-21. Play of the game was a fake 4th down field goal TD pass from Billy Flutie (Doug's nephew) to Jordan McMichael to give BC a 21-7 lead in what ended in a pretty close game. The win sends the Eagles to the ACC Championship game this Saturday, December 6th at Tampa. Go BC!

On 'Turkey Tuesday' on the ice BU regained its hockey winning ways holding off Atlantic Hockey League foe Holy Cross 3-2.

In a couple of other 'Turkey Tuesday' games Peter Lenos OT goal was the difference as Vermont defeated UMass 3-2, and Lowell picked up their 5th Hockey East win defeating Merrimack 3-1.

On the weekend St. Lawrence tipped UMass 4-3, before falling to BU 4-1 in the game I thawed out at after the BC/Maryland Football game. BU net minder Kiernan Mallan got his 6th win in this one, and Terrier Chris Higgins assist made him the 75th member of the elite BU 100th career point club. BU goals were scored by Brendon Yip, Zach Cohen, Colin Wilson, and Kevin Shattenkirk, Northeastern fell to Princeton 5-3, but won the 'no consolation' game defeating RPI in the RPI Holiday Tournament at Troy. Dartmouth and Union kept Providence down upping the Friars by two 4-2 scores. What's up with the Friars? Union also stopped Army 5-4. Lowell defeated RIT 6-3. 13th rank Vermont cooled off Maine 3-2 and Merrimack stunned UNH 4-3. Joe Cannata had 33 saves for the Warriors. BC defeated Harvard 5-1 on a two goal night by Andrew Orpik, and up in Hanover the Eagles came from behind to tie the game at 1-1 with 38 seconds to goal, and won it 2-1 in OT.

TIDBITS

- We miss you, Mommy, and we always will.

- Birthday Best to Nicholas Verrocchi, and Johnny 'Shoes' Cammarata.

- Celeb Sightings: Eric Cardone and Mom, Frances at Sarah Brightman concert, Mrs. Ciampa, BU Professor Eugene Pasto, Councilor LaMattina's right hand man Steven Passacantilli, Al Natale, and Ralph, headed down Causeway Street

- Sunny, thank you for the apple pie!

SMILE!

VIDEO VIEWS

by Bob Morello

... more than meets the eye

THE GREGORY PECK FILM COLLECTION (6-DVD)

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Academy Award winner Gregory Peck embodies all of the traits of a Hollywood leading man: distinguished, worldly and confident. Now, for the first time ever, 6 of his most memorable films are available together in *The Gregory Peck Film Collection*. Peck stars in some of his most daring roles *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Cape Fear*, *Arabesque*, *Mirage*, *Captain Newman, M.D.* and *The World in His Arms*. Featured are co-stars Sophia Loren, Anthony Quinn, Walter Matthau and Robert Mitchum. This collection showcases Peck as one of the greatest actors of all time, at his best! (Available now).

THE FILMS OF BUDD BOETTICHER (5-DVD)

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Director Oscar "Budd" Boetticher, Jr., lived a life more amazing than any movie. Few films have been more eagerly-awaited than the spare, adult westerns he made in the late 1950s, all starring Randolph Scott, mostly written by future director Burt Kennedy, and co-starring outstanding actors as James Colburn in his film debut, Richard Boone, Maureen O'Sullivan, Parnell Roberts and Lee Van Cleef. Enjoy introductions and commentary from Clint Eastwood, Taylor Hockford and Martin Scorsese. The newly remastered films include *The Tall T*, *Decision at Sundown*, *Ride Lonesome*, *Buchanan Rides Alone* and *Comanche Station*. (Available now).

NEWSRADIO:

THE COMPLETE SERIES (12-DVD)

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Turn on *NewsRadio* and enjoy all 97 episodes of the complete series, covering seasons 1-5 (1974-1979). WNYX is the #2 news radio station in New York City, and the wacky anchors, management and behind-the-scenes crew are going to make sure it stays that way. The stellar cast includes Dave Foley, Stephen Root, Andy Dick, Maura Tierney, Vicki Lewis, Joe Rogan, Kandi Alexander and Phil Hartman. SNL funnyman Jon Lovitz joined the show the final season, as the A-list guest stars create zany antics, office politics, romances, breakdowns and outbursts. (36 hrs. 24 mins./ Available now).

THE BOURNE TRILOGY (3-DVD)

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Non-stop action, edge-of-your-seat suspense and spec-

tacular chase sequences starring Matt Damon as Jason Bourne. Bourne is an elite government agent determined to outwit and outmaneuver anyone who stands in the way of his finding out the secrets of his mysterious past. Follow his explosive action-packed adventures in three blockbuster films, from one of the most popular series of all time: *The Bourne Identity*, *The Bourne Supremacy* and *The Bourne Ultimatum*. Triple the excitement! (5 hrs. 44 mins./ Available now).

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Chowder Volume 1 features 10 stories from this delightful Cartoon Network series that tells the unimaginable tales of an energetic lad with aspirations of becoming the greatest chef in the world. In the colorful town of Marzipan City, the Mung Daal Catering Company cooks up the strangest food you've ever seen. And that's where you'll find Chowder. He works for the eccentric owner Mung Daal, his flighty wife Truffles, and the monstrous chef Schnitzel. They test Chowder's skills by concocting wild recipes as sing beans and preparing fruit that comes in a 500-piece puzzle. But Chowder has a knack for cooking up trouble, and landing the gang in a sticky situation. (1 hr. 50 mins./ Available now).

SMASHING PUMPKINS — IF ALL GOES WRONG (2-DVD) Coming Home Studios

In June of 2007, the reunited/re-formed Smashing Pumpkins eschewed a traditional US tour and opted for an experimental art installation in the form of two residencies in Asheville, NC and San Francisco, CA. The 19-concert tour contained two original Pumpkins: Billy Corgan and drummer Jimmy Chamberlain, now joined by guitarist Jeff Schroeder, bassist Ginger Reyes and Lisa Harriton on keyboards. Their documentary *If All Goes Wrong* traces the band from the opening note to the final chord. Disc 1 contains the documentary, and an interview with The Who's legendary guitarist and songwriter Pete Townshend. Disc 2 contains close to two hours of music, including seven of the almost 20 all-new compositions the band composed and performed exclusively during their double-location stay. Formed in Chicago in 1988, The Smashing Pumpkins have sold over 30 million albums to become one of rock's defining and most acclaimed bands. (Available now).

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THEATER

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THE BIRTHDAY PARTY - December 10-13, 2008. Two sinister strangers arrive at a shabby seaside boarding house to cart off the supposed birthday boy, turning the "party" into a nightmare. Don't miss out on this thriller performance.

THE CORN IS GREEN - January 9th through February 8, 2009. Kate Burton stars as Miss Moffat in this classic play of a schoolteacher who creates the first school in a poverty stricken, Welsh coal-mining town. For further information, ticket purchases and performance times, please call: 617-266-0800 or log on to the website at www.huntingtontheatre.org.

SOMERVILLE THEATER
55 Davis Square, Somerville, MA
AIMEE MANN'S 3rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOW - December 10th and 11th at 8:00 PM. Aimee's guests at her previous Christmas shows included talented musicians as Ben Lee, Nellie McKay and Grant Lee Phillips. Who knows who Mann will bring along with her to help cele-

brate the holidays this year. For further information, please call: 617-625-5700.

LOEB DRAMA CENTER
64 Brattle Street, Harvard Square Cambridge, MA
AURELIA'S ORATORIO - Now through January 3, 2009. Behind the red velvet curtain lies a topsy-turvy world of surreal surprises, tricks, and transformations, where dreams come to life and the impossible happens before your very eyes. Aurelia's Oratorio is an ideal holiday treat for the whole family, suitable for children 8 to 100. For tickets call: 617-547-8300 or visit: www.amrep.org.

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

MUSIC

THE REGENT THEATRE
7 Medford Street, Arlington, MA
CHRISTMAS SHOW - Sunday, December 7th at 3:00 PM Come and enjoy a musical tribute to the season we all love and cherish.

THE AMERICAN BELLES - Saturday, December 20th at 2:00 and 8:00 PM and Sunday, December 21st. The American Belles will take you on a sentimental journey through American standards, seasonal and patriotic favorites.

AN EVENING WITH SHAWN KLUSH - Saturday, January 31st at 8:00 PM and Sunday, February 1st at 2:00 PM. In just a short time Shawn Klush has officially emerged as the top professional Elvis tribute artist in the world. He is the closest thing to the King in concert.

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THE MAN IN BLACK: A TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY CASH - Saturday, February 21st at 8:00 PM. Shawn Barker takes the stage with traditional Johnny Cash greeting to his exit. Shawn truly captures the presence of Cash, not only through his music, but in his storytelling. For tickets and

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

DICK'S LAST RESORT
Quincy Market at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston, MA
DECEMBER 2008 ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP - Friday, December 5th 10:00 PM until 1:00 AM The Brink; Saturday, December 6th - 10:00 PM until 1:00 AM - Classic Trax; Sunday, December 7th - 7-10:00 PM Jonno; Monday, December 8th - 7-10:00 PM Paul Fudin; Tuesday, December 9th - 7:00-10:00 PM - Ryan Fitzsimmons; Wednesday, December 10th 7:00-10:00 PM Nate Watkins. For a more complete listing, call: 617-267-8080.

THE NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY JORDAN HALL
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A BACH CHRISTMAS - Thursday, December 18th at 8:00 PM and Sunday, December 21st at 3:00 PM. Conductor John Finney will lead the Society's acclaimed Chorus in a joyous program of Bach music. For tickets, please call: 617-266-3605.

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

Special Events

SYMPHONY HALL
301 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA
HANDEL'S MESSIAH - Friday, December 5th at 7:30 PM; Saturday, December 6th at 3:00 PM; and Sunday, December 7th at 3:00 PM. The internationally acclaimed Paul Daniel, former music director of the English National Opera will conduct the Handel and Haydn Society in its annual performance of Handel's Gem, MESSIAH. For tickets, please call: 617-266-3605.

NEAL RANTOUL VAULT THEATRE
25 Exchange Street, Lynn, MA
THE SPECIAL K's - Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 PM. The Special K's are a contemporary folk ensemble who perform easy listening songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Come, listen and enjoy. For more information, call: 508-757-8515 or visit: www.lynnrats.org.

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This holiday season, Galleria Florentia features a collection of handcrafted game sets and tables to help you find that exquisite gift for the game player in your life. For dedicated bridge and poker players, consider an Italian handcrafted inlay burlwood Playing Card Box with birch inlay accents. Galleria Florentia also carries hand-tooled leather chess boards and backgammon sets

from Florence. From the Capodimonte porcelain collection, Galleria Florentia offers a handmade game table suitable for chess, checkers and a number of other games. This unique piece has been hand-painted in Milan, Italy and includes gold-leafing, open from 11am-6pm, from Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment. For further information visit their website by logging on to www.galleriaflorentia.com or call 617-585-9200.

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

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

DECORDOVA MUSEUM
51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, MA
DECORDOVA'S FALL EXHIBITIONS - Now through January 4, 2009. Artists that are showing their exhibits are: Laylah Ali; Zea Maya,

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INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART
100 Northern Ave, Boston, MA
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DANCE

BOSTON COLLEGE ARTS COUNCIL
140 Commonwealth Avenue
Devin Hall, Boston, MA
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT December 5-7, 2008 - Featuring the University Choral and the BC Symphony Orchestra For more information call: 617-552-6004.
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - Sunday, December 7th at 3:00 PM in Gasson Hall. The program features holiday favorites performed by the University Wind Ensemble and the BC Symphonic Band. For more information call: 617-552-6004.

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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

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December 12, 2008 at 7:30 PM
REGENT THEATER
7 Medford Street, Arlington, MA
"SUGARFREE" - Sugarfree is an Italian Band with its origins in Sicily. In 2006 they came in 2nd in the Sanremo Italian Festival. Touring with much success in Europe, they would now like to make their mark here in the U.S.A. They will perform for their first time in Boston. For more information visit website www.sugarfreemusic.it

December 13, 2008 at 3:00 PM
ROCKWOOD AUDITORIUM (Old Everett High School)
548 Broadway, Everett, MA
"PICCOLO TEATRO DI ARAGONA" - The theater company has been touring all over Sicily and now will share their act here in Boston presenting "Non Ti Pago" by Eduardo De Filippo.

December 14, 2008 at 5:00 PM
MINUTEMAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - Elk Lodge No 2204, 959 Waltham St., Lexington, MA
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NIAF ALL-EXPENSES-PAID VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
The NIAF will sponsor its Ambassador Peter F. Secchia Voyage of Discovery Program, an educational and cultural initiative that sends more than 40 Italian-American students to Italy each year. The 10-day trip will include educational lectures, meetings with government officials and business leaders, and

visits to government offices, international businesses, museums, and other cultural attractions. The application deadline is Tuesday, January 6, 2009. Apply online www.niaf.org/voyageofdiscovery.

DANTE ALIGHIERI SOCIETY
41 Hampshire St., Cambridge, MA
FESTA DELLA BEFANA - Sunday, January 6, 2008 at 12:00 PM. Fund-raiser for the Saturday Children Italian School. Complete Dinner. Please contact Diane Basile or Michelle Dardeno for more information or for tickets. Diane can be reached at 978-456-6979 or e-mail dbasile@verizon.net. Michelle can be reached at 781-538-5859 or e-mail mdardeno@hotmail.com. For more information about the Befana party call 617-876-5160.

SPAJAZZY An evening of Jazz, Friday, January 11, 2008 at 8:00 PM. Featuring: Tino D'Agostino, Bass; Sergio Bellotti, Drums, Percussion and Vocals; Joey Vellucci, Guitar and Vocals. For more information, please call 617-876-5160.

BEL CANTO OPERA - Sunday, January 20, 2008 at 2:30 PM - presented by the Pirandello Lyceum. This Italian opera 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, Madama Butterfly, Il Barbiere di Siviglia, La Boheme and La Fanciulla del West. Members and friends are asked to make plans early to be present and enjoy eternally beautiful Italian music accompanied by the dynamic, lovely and professional Bel Canto voices. This concert is always well attended. 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. For further information, please log onto www.pirandello.com or call 781-245-6536.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE. Sunday, January 27, 2008 2:00 PM - The Consulate General of Israel, The Consulate General of Italy and the Dante Alighieri Society proudly presents **A Commemoration of Italian National Holocaust Remembrance Day**. A screening and discussion of the film Musica Concentrationaria, interviews, documents and original score in original languages with English subtitles by Francesco Lotoro. Please RVSP to 617-876-5160.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - On Saturday morning, February 23, the Pirandello Lyceum will sponsor an Italian film (to be announced) with English subtitles, at Boston's North End Library, 25 Parmenter Street at 10:15 AM caffe e biscotti. The film starts at 10:30 AM SHARP. Adults only, the film is free and open to the public. Weather advisory: If the library is open, the film will be shown.

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Wow! 56% of Americans polled said they plan to spend less on holiday travel this year. Only 6 percent said they'd spend more.

Carlo Scostumato claims Americans go abroad for three reasons: to study, to travel, and to get into trouble.

The observant Tom Analetto of Medford thinks the woman who travels light probably has a husband who carries all the suitcases.

Hundreds of Utah residents attending the opening of the Disney movie *High School Musical 3* were stunned to see the screen filled with nude men and women using sexually explicit language. The movie theater, which had been showing the R-rated *Sex Drive* the day before, forgot to switch films.

Scornato! A reluctant Japanese bridegroom has been arrested and charged with arson, after he set fire to the hotel where he and his fiancé were due to be married, Tatsuhiko Kawata, 39, later told police that he set the fire because "there were definite reasons I could not get married" — specifically, that he was already married to another woman.

Rosalie Cunio of Waltham says a bigamist is a man who has forseen the modern trend toward doubling — two cars, two television sets, two phones.

Christina DelGaizo-Quinlan of Russo Imports, thinks some men commit bigamy because they believe divorce is wrong.

Hostess Twinkies are getting downsized. Twinkle-maker International Bakeries will introduce a 100-calorie version of the snack favorite, after female shoppers gave a warm welcome to 100-calorie servings of Interstate Bakeries' cupcakes.

The White House is now spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on official portraits of Cabinet secretaries, military brass, and other appointees. Among the portraits commissioned is one of former Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld for \$46,790.

Bang! Bang! The sale of firearms and ammunition has jumped 8 percent to 10 percent in recent months. Industry analysts attribute the burst of purchases to a worsening economy, and fears that Democrats will impose new gun-control measures.

It has been said, America will never be invaded — its juvenile delinquents are too well armed.

Big spender! Barack Obama spent a record-smashing \$250 million on local, cable, and network television commercials over the past five months. He's spent more on TV ads during that time than such giant brands as Burger King, Apple, and GAP.

Poll watch. Sarah Palin is currently the third choice among Republicans looking ahead to 2012. Thirty-five percent say they'd support Mitt Romney as the next GOP presidential nominee, 26% favor Mike Huckabee, and 20% back Pailin.

Win, lose, or draw, Sarah Palin isn't going away, said Gerald Seib in *The Wall Street Journal*. Independents and Democrats may view her as unprepared and unqualified, but among the GOP base, she's already wildly popular: Three-quarters of Republicans have a positive opinion of her. Politicians usually have to work for decades to attain the name recognition and "star power" that Palin has achieved. Hers is "one of the more amazing political stories of our times."

Eating fast makes you fat! People who eat their meals in five minutes flat are three times more likely to get fat, says a new Japanese study. The research found that the speed at which we eat may be even more

important than what we eat. Gobbling down meals bypasses the body's mechanism for telling you when you're full, so fast eaters wind up taking in far more calories than they need. Modern culture, say nutritionists' Elizabeth Denney-Wilson and Karen Cambell in the *British Medical Journal*, has trained people to gulp down food, instead of enjoying meals. "Fewer families eating together, more people eating while distracted (for example, while watching television), and people eating 'fast food' while on the go all promote eating quickly," they say.

Joe Guzzo of North Billerica, says, take a lesson from the elephant: it lives to a ripe old age without ever worrying about its weight.

The notorious Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill, says, "It isn't how much a woman weighs that's important — it's where she carries the weight."

The astute Steven Sebestyen thinks it's not the minutes you take at the table that add to your weight — it's the seconds.

Steven's adorable wife Theresa, says, "Women are never satisfied: they are always trying to take off weight, put it on, or rearrange it.

Joe Antonelli of Somerville thinks too many people living life to the fullest simply means overeating.

Well, people who can't stay on a diet do the next best thing — they stay off the scales.

Some fascinating facts about food and drink. A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continually from the bottom of the glass to the top. Cabbage is 91 percent water. Lettuce is the world's most popular green. The Swedes drink more coffee than any other people in the world. Wine will spoil if exposed to light; hence tinted bottles. The average person ingests about a ton of food and drink each year. The Argentinians eat more meat than any other nation in the world — an average of 10 ounces per person per day.

The custom of serving a slice of lemon with fish dates back to the Middle Ages; the lemon was originally intended for remedial purposes rather than to flavor the fish. It was believed that if a person accidentally swallowed a fish bone, the lemon juice would dissolve it.

Time for some fascinating music facts from our noted musicologist Albert Natale. Beethoven was totally deaf when he composed his Ninth Symphony. No one knows where Mozart is buried. The oboe is considered the most difficult of all woodwind instruments to play correctly. The cello's real name is the violoncello. The full name of the piano is the pianoforte. The Greek national anthem has 158 verses. Ignace Paderewski, one of the world's greatest pianists of all time, was also premier of Poland. Felix Mendelssohn wrote his most famous overture, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, when he was seventeen. One more time! The song most frequently sung in the western world is "Happy Birthday to You." The song was written in 1936 by Mildred and Patty Hill, and their estate still collects royalties on it. And the popular Washington Post March by John Philip Sousa was named after a newspaper, the *Washington Post*.

Some fascinating facts about death. Undertakers report that human bodies do not deteriorate as quickly as they used to. The reason for this, they believe, is that the modern diet contains so many preservatives that these chemicals tend to prevent the body from decomposing too rapidly after death. When a person dies, hearing is generally the last sense to go. The first sense lost is usually sight. Then follows taste, smell, and touch. A recent Gallup poll shows that 69 percent of Americans believe they will go somewhere after death. And more men than women commit suicide in the United States.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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CASSATTEDI "ka-sa-ted-dee"

A Sicilian Christmas Ricotta Cheese Turnover

1 pound container ricotta cheese
2 cups flour
1 tablespoon orange rind
3/4 cups water
1 tablespoon red wine
1/4 cup shortening or margarine
1/2 teaspoon sugar
Pinch of salt
Pinch of cinnamon (optional)
2 cups cooking oil
Additional granulated sugar
10-inch Teflon skillet



Place ricotta cheese in a colander to drain.

Put flour in ten-inch bowl. Cut in shortening with knife and fork. Add sugar and salt. Mix while adding water slowly. Before using all water, work red wine into mixture. (Wine causes dough to bubble when fried). Continue mixing dough until it holds together and all flour is used. Knead dough to a smooth consistency. Separate into three portions. Roll each into a long piece. Cut roll into smaller portions approximately one-inch thick. Place in bowl and cover.

Transfer drained ricotta into bowl. Add orange rind, cinnamon and mix thoroughly by hand. With rolling pin, roll each piece of dough into paper-thin rounds. Place a tablespoon of ricotta in center of dough. Fold over (like turnovers). Press lightly around filling to allow inside air to escape. Then seal edges with crinkled pastry cutter or press edge with fork. Set aside on pastry cloth or a flour-dusted tablecloth. Makes about twenty-four Cassattedi.

Pour enough oil in a ten-inch Teflon skillet to cover bottom. Prick top of 6 Cassattedi at a time (with a pin) before placing in hot oil *top down*. When frying, turn each one with spatula until golden brown on both sides.

When any ricotta or fluid escapes into the hot oil, the liquid will splatter and burn. Remove Cassattedi from oil. Clean skillet. Add and heat new oil and continue frying remaining Cassattedi.

Place fried Cassattedi in a serving platter layered with granulated sugar. Sprinkle additional sugar on each one. Serve hot or cooled.

Leftover Cassattedi must be refrigerated.

NOTE: While I fry my Cassattedi each year with my daughters, my mind wanders back to the many times I stood with my cousins at Zia Marianna's black Glenwood stove on Charter Street. We waited patiently to sprinkle granulated sugar over our favorite Christmas treats. Then we served them to the relatives who gathered at the round kitchen table where we later enjoyed our Christmas Eve supper.

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• Editorial (Continued from Page 3)

Boston's past isn't its future. Look ahead and not behind. Together City Hall and the people have a shared responsibility to improve on our resources, making life easier for all.

The Boston Common is not a political football to be kicked around. Don't look back, look to the future where tomorrow's families can use the Common as I remember it once used to be.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Babbononno wasn't much interested in extended formal education. He felt that, if a person could read, write, and count, he could survive in life. I don't think the concept of "prosper" ever entered his mind, just the idea of survival. It all may have had something to do with the peasant Italian mentality that was brought to this country a little over a century ago.

Growing up poor meant dealing with the system which could have paralleled India with its ancient cast system, which I believe is now illegal. The peasants of Italy were the untouchables and they left for America by the thousands between 1880 and 1930. Such is the story of my family. Because the people in control, the clergy, the politicians, the landed gentry and nobility were educated, peasants made sure they didn't follow suit. They stressed learning trades, becoming craftsmen, working with their hands. According to both of my grandfathers, a man should be judged by the calluses on his hands and muscles built up from hard physical work. This was their protest against those who controlled the system.

Babbononno's generation passed this work ethic to their first born sons in the United States. As a result education beyond high school became secondary and the trades were adopted as the way to go. What no one anticipated was the uncanny ability Italians had for organization. Today many of those trades and industries entered by Italians and children of Italians, are industries dominated by and run by our ethnic group and they have developed to levels no one ever dreamed was possible.

My father's attitude was a bit different that that of his father or father-in-law. He had seen and experienced the American way of life and knew that education was a necessary direction for his family. As a result, Dad constantly expounded on the virtues of higher education. Believing that "father knows best," I followed his suggestions and got myself an education ... and here I am.

The reason I mention all of this is due to something I was part of last week. Kevin Cairra, the former state president of the Order Sons of Italy, called and invited me to a meeting at the State House sponsored by Auditor of the Commonwealth, Joe De Nucci and Dr. Carlo Cipollone, Director of Education for the Italian Consulate General's Office in Boston. The get together was to meet with the Italian representatives of FRI. SA. LI., a network of public schools throughout Italy.

The idea is to put groups of five Italian high schools together with five American high schools to establish collaborative projects of mutual interest and to exchange cultural ideas and experiences. To initiate this, about ten or twelve educators, principals and teachers, from various parts of Italy came to Boston via an invitation from Dr. Cipollone. Many were interested in inner city schools and others curious about high schools in suburban towns. This sort of mirrors the areas they come from in Italy.

Representing the American side of things were Dr. Jeffrey M. Young, Superintendent of Public Schools in Newton, Maria Motta from the Boston Public School Department, Dr. Domenic Amara, a principal in Boston, publisher Adolfo Caso and yours truly. (There were several others at the meeting and I will mention their names when I do a picture story on the event) I think I was invited because my background includes having taught technology in the Boston Public Schools for years, my present experiences as a college professor and my involvement with the Italian community in Massachusetts as a writer.

Each of the Italian guests represented the Italy of today, and as I listened to them speak, I couldn't help thinking of how different they were from that generation that came here with their hats in hand looking for a new start in life. These educators represented the Italy of today, a modern education-oriented industrialized country with the world's fifth largest economy. The Italians seemed so similar to their American counterparts the only recognizable difference was Italian accents vs. Boston accents. As a matter of fact, one of the Italian school principals stated to me in an after-meeting conversation, that our Boston speech patterns and our accents were the closest he's heard in terms of the way educated people spoke in England. I took this as a compliment.

When I spoke to the esteemed gathering, I mentioned that we who are Italian or Italian American understand what it means to be representatives of both cultures. I also played Devil's Advocate and spoke about the image we sometimes have where non-Italian Americans are concerned. I knew that our Italian guests understood about the negative stereotyping of us when I mentioned a film and a TV series. All I had to say was, "The Godfather and The Sopranos." I added that whether these programs were fact or fic-

tion, many Americans saw Italians as being different than other ethnic groups in America. I think they already knew this and were aware of the difficulties past generations had experienced trying to "make it in America." The Italians nodded in understanding.

My son Michael, had driven me to the State House and picked me up after the meeting. I described the events of the morning and then added in the comments I made to the group. Fortunately, he cannot identify with the problems that Babbononno experienced, or my father, or me early on, for that matter. He is an actor who uses his real name, Michael Christoforo, as compared to the stage names used by my father or me. My father went by Johnny Christie as a professional musician and I used Johnny Christy as an actor and musician. My son assured me that those days when you had to Anglicize your last name to appear American are long gone. When I thought about it, I reflected back on an episode of the Brotherhood, a TV series that takes place in Rhode Island.

My son Michael appeared on the show as a character with an Irish name. Up to this point, no one that saw it has made any comment about his portrayal of a person from another ethnic group. Michael assumes that my sensitivities are due to what I experienced as a younger person who was identified ethnically and treated in a different manner than, let's say, other Americans might have been.

Anyway, if Babbononno was watching from above, I think he now understands how we Italians in America feel about education and he would probably say that it was the right way because that's the way they do it in Italia.

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



Back Bay photographer, Virginia Bonesteel, whose exhibition, "Colorful Paris" is on view at the Louis duGal Salon in West Newton through January 2. (Photo courtesy of Betty Levin)

Bay Cove serves more than 12,000 individuals and their families each year at more than 100 different program sites throughout Greater Boston and southeastern Massachusetts. Bay Cove is a private, non-profit organization improving the quality of lives of the children, adults and their families who face the challenges of developmental disabilities, aging, mental illness and drug and alcohol addiction.

To RSVP for the reception and talk, please contact Lise Beane at 617-536-5045, or e-mail lisebeane@aol.com.

..... On Saturday, December 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the public is invited to discover the unique residential spaces within Downtown Crossing. "Home Sweet Home," the first-ever Holiday Home Tour, is sponsored by the Downtown Crossing Partnership (DCP).

An illustrated program book with a city map allows visitors to self-guide themselves by foot around this neighborhood of 6,000 people, stopping to see fantastic holiday decorations in almost a dozen homes, including condominiums, lofts and model units in Chinatown, the Ritz-Carlton, Temple

Place, Province and Devonshire Streets, and more. The entire tour can be accomplished within 2-3 hours.

But that's not all ... restaurants throughout Downtown Crossing will offer special Holiday Home Tour specials; nearby parking garages will extend Holiday Home Tour discounts; and the intersection of Washington and Summer street will come alive with entertainment suitable for the whole family: local artists, musicians and carolers, live animals, a full-sized carousel, and even Santa himself. Holiday trees and greenery will also be for sale in the Crossing on that day.

"Downtown Crossing has always been a festive place during the holidays, where people come to take in the lights while they shop," said Boston Mayor Thomas Menino. "Now, Downtown Crossing is also home to a growing population of full-time residents, which makes this tour an unbeatable draw for anyone interested in seeing how city dwellers live."

The Downtown Crossing Partnership (DCP) is a private, not-for-profit business association committed to the civic and economic vitality of Boston's vibrant, mixed-use district.

"This is the second home tour of 2008, creating awareness about the neighborhood as an exciting and unique place to live, shop and dine," said Rosemarie E. Sansone, DCP President.

Advance Holiday Home Tour tickets are available online at www.downtowncrossing.org, or by calling the DCP at 617-482-2139. Day-of-event tickets can be purchased at 520 Washington Street.

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

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NEWS BRIEFS

(FROM ITALIAN
NEWSPAPERS AND
OTHER PUBLICATIONS)

Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

THE ARABIAN NABOBS PREFER SICILY FOR VACATION.

A few weeks ago, in early August (2008), the King of Oman, Qabus bin Said, 68, arrived at the Palermo International Airport to spend his vacation in sunny Sicily and relax a bit. His huge yacht arrived in Palermo's harbor four days before, along with a support and supply ship (for his many cars, inter alias).

Hundreds of the King's staff were accommodated in three local luxury hotels.

When the King arrived with his luxurious jumbo jet, he boarded his helicopter to go straight to the yacht. Before leaving the Sicilian capital a few days later, he hosted all the high officials of the Sicilian Region by inviting the President of Sicily Raffaele Lombardo, the Mayor of Palermo Diego Cammarata, the President of Palermo's Provincial Government and other dignitaries of the Region. At the farewell dinner on the yacht, the King made significant donations to a local clinic, to special need children, etc. During the Royal visit, a local organization, the National Association of the Families of Mafia's Victims, petitioned the Oman's Sultan (King) to allow the organization to establish its headquarters in Oman, as a protest toward the Italian Government's policies of total neglect, and for cutting 300 million euro (@ \$420 mi.) due to the Sicilian people for their needs as required. It is strange that the National Institutions continue to stress the importance of 'national unity', but fail to demonstrably prove that 'unity' ought to indicate social and economic 'justice'. The mistreatment of Sicily, in particular, is a case in point, one that repeats itself since 1860. And there seems to be no sensible cooperation from the 'HIGHER UPS'.

NEXTREE FUNDAMENTALISM WORRIES MODERATE MUSLIMS ... AND THE POPE!

A very encouraging move has already started in the Muslim world. The Mufti (High Priest) of Syria, Ahmed Badr Al Din Hassun, is afraid that new waves of Islamic Fundamentalism may affect the harmony of human society, namely the religious cohabitation in Syria. He stated so as he recollected the subversive actions of the 'Muslim Brothers' that were financed by Saudi Arabia. He has now initiated a close cooperation with the major world religions, and has turned his attention even to Pope Benedict XVI inviting him to visit Damascus to celebrate the Jubilee honoring St. Paul's birthday's bi-millennium, in June 2009. He also stated that he will soon go to Rome to persuade the Holy Father to accept the invitation to visit Syria, a visit that would give a jolt to the movement for world peace. The Pope was invited to visit Syria a few years ago by the Syrian President, Bashir Assad. Other Mid-Eastern countries have also extended an invitation to the Pope to visit their States. The Pope has replied that he cannot personally travel so much, but he will send personal representatives. However, Syria's Islamic leader is determined to make a strong case when he meets personally with the Pope.

It would certainly be a great coup only a few years from John Paul II's visit to the Middle East. Wow!

TO MARY

by Judeann Langone

Dearest Mary,

I spend countless minutes praying to you
and simply talking to you

I am in endless gratitude for your listening —
and your answering

I know so little, and am so small,

I am astonished at the attention you pay to me
and my continuous requests

God Bless you Mary

for I am certain I would be a dead duck

without you

I am beholden to you forever!

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The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

OUT OF TOWN NEWS SOON OUTTA TOWN

Back in the late 60's and early 70's as a young college student majoring in political science and on the staff of the campus newspaper, I would often travel over to the Harvard Square landmark, *Out of Town News*. It appears to now succumbed to the internet and may close soon.

The iconic kiosk has been outside the Harvard T Stop since I can remember. Many people aren't buying any newspapers anymore. They seem to be reading everything online.

Back 40 years ago, I was an avid newspaper reader and would stop by there to buy a few out of town newspapers at a time or skim them real fast and save the money.

Sad news. I still love newspapers and enjoy reading them while eating or drinking coffee — the only way to enjoy the news. File this one under dire news.

COUNCILORS IRATE OVER TOLLS

The Boston City Council last week voted to call the MassPike to City Council Chambers and ask them to retain discounts for East Boston, North End, South Boston and Charlestown drivers who pay 40 cent tolls in the tunnels.

Councilor Sal LaMattina called the steep toll hike an "attack" on blue-collar East Boston and Councilor Billy Linehan said ending the discounts actually punishes people who put up with the Big Dig for 15 years.

GUY ALMOST AXED FOR IT

The guy was lucky. Police said a Dorchester guy was arrested after allegedly attacking his mother. The victim told cops he threw her dinner on the floor and pushed her into a wall. Cops saw a small hatchet on the living room table — she said it was for self defense.

The suspect was caught and charged with assault and battery, but he almost got the ax.

Look Out for the SQUEEGEE MAN

by Sal Giarratani

Remember a few years back when we had a national debate over how the world began? Was it Creationism or was it Darwin's Evolution? I think the real question to be asked is whether or not the human race is moving back in time, a form of de-evolution.

Everyday when I pull up to the lights somewhere, a horde of beggars with cans or some guy using dirty water tries to wash my windshield without even asking first. Panhan-

dlers are everywhere. They must have a strong union and obviously wear a uniform — I'll call it "rags".

I've seen old guys, women, young people and weird people vying for a prime spot at the intersection of life.

We as a society seem to have hit the ceiling and appear going down the elevator. Anyone with the audacity to succeed gets punished. The squeegee man is now on top. God save America!

Large Apartment Buildings Recycling

The City of Boston Public Works Department Recycling Program offers recycling for large apartment buildings throughout the city. If you are a Boston resident living in an apartment building with over six units and you would like recycling services in the building, **have your landlord or building manager call: 617-635-4959.**

Recyclable materials include plastic containers, glass bottles and jars, tin and alu-

minum cans and foil and aseptic packaging such as juice box containers. Recyclable paper products include junk mail, office paper, newspapers, cereal boxes, magazines, phone books, paper-back books, and corrugated cardboard.

For more information about recycling in the City of Boston, please call Beth Gardner at: 617-635-4471 or visit the website at: www.cityofboston.gov/publicworks/recycling.

• Celebrating the Feast of Saint Leonard (Continued from Page 6)

invited to other areas. He was sent as a missionary by Pope Benedict XIV to Corsica in 1744 where he restored discipline to the holy orders there, but local politics greatly limited his success

• Boston's Gentrified Neighborhoods

(Continued from Page 2)

the same time.

Charlestown has become a community of extremes. The very rich and the very poor. Everyone else struggles harder and harder to stay here but everyday someone seems to be getting squeezed out of town.

The picture for Boston is just like Charlestown's view. Neighborhoods have changed and families, especially middle class families have fewer options available to them. So they struggle to hold on.

We need elected officials with a vision for a city open to all. We need to keep the middle class here. We must ensure that all benefit from healthy neighborhoods. We can't forget our children, our elderly and our families.

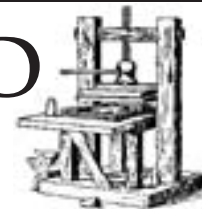
Boston in 22 years will be 400 years old. On that birthday, let us hope Boston is still that shining city on a hill and not a city going downhill.

in preaching. He returned exhausted to Rome where he spent the rest of his days. Saint Leonard was beatified on June 19, 1796 by Pope Pius VI and Canonized on June 29, 1867 by Pope Pius XI.

It would be good to become familiar with the lives of the saints. They were men and women often living lives similar to our own. Saint Francis, the son of a cloth merchant, Saint Rita,

a widow and nun, Saint Thomas More, a lawyer. They had strengths and weaknesses yet managed to rise above themselves by submitting to the Will of God. Find one who particularly resonates and try to discover what he or she did to achieve sainthood. Whether it is Saint Theresa of Avila or Saint Leonard of Port Maurice, they all have something of great value to teach us.

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

check system. As local leaders, we want the Congress to:

- Close the gun show loophole to require a background check of purchasers at gun shows.
- Require gun dealers to perform criminal background checks on all gun-handling employees.
- Close the fire sale loophole that allows dealers whose licenses have been revoked to continue to sell their inventory.
- Close the terror gap that leaves those on the terrorist no-fly list off the list of prohibited purchasers of firearms.

I am excited that President-elect Obama has endorsed closing the gun show loophole and repealing the Tiahrt Amendment to give police access to gun data. I look forward to working with

the new administration on a sensible urban agenda.

Boston is not perfect, but I'm proud of our accomplishments. Through the end of August, we've seen a 22% decrease in homicides with a firearm versus the same time period in 2007. Urban industrialized Massachusetts continues to have one of the lowest fire-arm fatality rates in the country, second only to Hawaii. Massachusetts has some of the toughest gun laws in the nation, but 60% of guns used in Boston crime come from other states. That's why national cooperation is necessary.

Working together, we can make our cities safer and put an end to the violence caused by the proliferation of illegal guns. The sooner we act, the more lives we can save.

• **Mumbai and Long Island** (Continued from Page 1)

radical Islam has not been altered. Al Qaeda is one structure through which radical Islam pursues its goals. If it ceases to function, other structures will rise and fill the gap. There will always be a radical element within Islam that believes the Koran commands it to kill infidels. This has been true since long before 9/11, and will be true forever.

That means the war on terror will never end. We may, for a time, delude ourselves into believing it's better to address the problem through diplomacy and resolutions issued by feckless international organizations. But such detours from reality only last until the next time they slaughter us too blatantly to allow us to continue turning a blind eye.

At the moment, the best our enemies can do is attack our citizens abroad, as if that wasn't bad enough. If we let our guard down or choose to indulge civil-liberties fetishists, terrorists may soon find it easier to reconstitute operational cells in our own backyard. And if we really intend to cover our eyes and ears, they may soon have friends in high places with

nuclear weapons.

Are Americans prepared to face this reality — not just for a few emotion-fueled months, but forever — and get behind the measures necessary to counteract it? The guess here is no. We're not serious people. We'll get out of bed at 4 a.m. to save \$25 on a video game console — and God help the poor soul who's standing in the way when the sale starts — but let the National Security Agency tap a phone line in an attempt to save our lives, and we demand an investigation.

One of the last remaining serious Americans is going into retirement on January 20. Much of America will jeer "good riddance" from their barstools, radio studios and college dorm rooms. *It sure has been a drag listening to Bush try to scare us about "terrorism," dude. Glad that's over.*

Yep. Party time! Better try to work in another round of Madden 2009, before it's your butt getting blown to smithereens. Dude.

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EXTRA Innings
by Sal Giarratani

A New Ramirez in Town

Outfielder Coco Crisp has been traded to the Kansas City Royals for reliever Ramon Ramirez. Ramon is a 27-year-old right hander who had a 2.64 ERA in 71 2/3 innings this past season.

New York Losing Mussina

Mike Mussina intends to retire and the Yankees will enter next season without its 20 game winner in 2008.

Mussina almost 40 years old would become the first pitcher to call it quits after a 20-game season since Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax who retired after his 27-9 record in 1966.

Only 30 wins shy of 300 wins, Mussina was 20-9 with a 3.37 ERA in 2008. He also was the oldest pitcher in MLB history to win 20 games for the first time.

Happy Birthday Greetings

Last week there were two big baseball birthdays (November 21st).

Hall of Famer Stan "The Man" Musial turned 88 years old and current baseball slugger and future Hall of Famer Ken Griffey, Jr. turned a mere 39 years old.

Two great baseball players. Musial played his entire career (22 years) with the St. Louis Cardinals and Griffey, Jr., played for the Mariners, the Reds and now the Chicago White Sox.

Yankees Looking to Pick Up Big Three Money Pitchers on the Open Market

The New York Yankees, aka Bronx Bombers bombed out in the American League East finishing out of the money. Now the Evil Empire is out to scoop up all the big name pitchers on the free agency list.

They lost Mussina when he decided to retire and now want to add Burdett, C.C. and D'Lo. If they do, the Yankees will be the team to beat like the bad old days.

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

the auto industry. Now, he favors bankruptcy for Ford, General Motors and Chrysler.

Romney now thinks a managed bankruptcy is the only path to a fundamental restructuring of the auto giants.

Two OUI's in One Day

A Bay State resident pleaded guilty to one of two drunk driving charges for the same day. He pleaded guilty to the first OUI stop, but not guilty to the other.

The two OUI charges happened in New York State. On the first OUI, he was arrested when he stopped at the New York State Police Headquarters asking for directions. He appeared drunk. He was released, and was to take a cab to his hotel. Instead, he returned to the State Police Parking Lot and drove away in his SUV. The cops caught up to him and arrested him again.

Next time he should just go home in a cab —

obviously not a bright surgeon.

Anderson on DiMasi

Barbara Anderson from Citizens for Limited Taxation called DiMasi's turn-about to a gas tax hike to keep tolls down nothing but an elaborate Beacon Hill ruse to hoodwink taxpayers.

She said it was all a game. First propose tolls and after everyone gets upset "they do what they plan to do in the first place, and that is to raise the gas tax."

• **Zumix** (Continued from Page 1)

together, we can meet this challenge!

Another great addition to the ZUMIX family is East Boston resident Michael Carey who will teach a new horn program at ZUMIX. Michael has toured with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra under the direction of Buddy Morrow. He has also played on several cruise ships backing up; Phil Woods, the Platters and The Crystals. He debuted

at the Regatta Bar in 2006 with New York based Bjorkestra. Michael earned his Bachelor's Degree in Music from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a minor in Music Theory. Michael also attended the University of North Texas where he studied classical and jazz saxophone. He has studied with Yusef Lateef, Jeff Holmes, Chris Mertz, Adam Kolker, Ravi Coltrane and George

Garzone. Join them for a free information session December 15th from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at ZUMIX, 202 Maverick Street to learn more.

For more information log onto www.zumix.org. Zumix wishes to thank everyone for their investment in ZUMIX's mission: *empowered youth who use music to make strong, positive change in their lives, their communities and the world!*

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P3857GM1

In the Matter Of
KAILYN MARTORILLI
Of WALTHAM
In the County of MIDDLESEX
And RACHEL MARTORILLI
of WALTHAM
In the County of MIDDLESEX

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN OF MINOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned matter, a petition has been presented praying that DEBRA MARTORILLI of WALTHAM in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed guardian of the person of KAILYN MARTORILLI of WALTHAM in the County of MIDDLESEX and RACHEL MARTORILLI of WALTHAM in the County of MIDDLESEX, minor children, to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON DECEMBER 24, 2008.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, November 19, 2008.

MARIE A. GARDIN
Acting Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 08P4955EP1

In the Estate of
MARY V. COLLINS
Late of BILLERICA
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death October 25, 2008

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MICHAEL J. REA JR. of BILLERICA in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON DECEMBER 31, 2008.

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

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, November 26, 2008.

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CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.



Massachusetts State Auditor Joe DeNucci

"We want Joe DeNucci," expressed, at the Pier Four Restaurant in Boston. At this elaborate occasion, for this wonderful spectacular event. Massachusetts State Auditor Joe DeNucci continues fighting for us, in Massachusetts. Together here, with family and friends. Sal DiMasi Speaker of the House, Former Attorney General Frank Bellotti, Secretary of State Bill Galvin, Boston City Councilor Steve Murphy, State Senator Steve Tolman, newly-elected Senator Ken Donnelly, and as always the coordinator of Entertainment, Angelo Picardi who did another fantastic job, as did singer Sharon Z.

Auditor Joe DeNucci along with his "Spectacular Office" at the Massachusetts State House, has done spectacular work, during these difficult times across our Nation. We in Massachusetts are fortunate in having Auditor Joe DeNucci.

At this full house, Auditor Joe DeNucci thanked family and friends for their support, as he prepares for his next re-election campaign in 2010. "We want Joe DeNucci!" ...

THE HEAVYWEIGHT BOXERS

There are quite a few around. Ranking the Heavyweights. About.com: Boxing.

1. Vladimir Klitschko
2. Vitali Klitschko
3. Ruslan Chagaev
4. Nicolay Valuev
5. Alexander Povetkin
6. Samuel Peter
7. Oleg Maskaev
8. Sultan Ibragimov
9. Chris Arreola
10. John Ruiz of Massachusetts
11. James Toney
12. David Haye, 22-1, 21 KO's in his first fight officially, as a Heavyweight defeated Monte Barrett dropping him five times says, to the Klitschko Brothers. "The Hayemaker by Kayol!"
13. Sergei Liakhovich
14. Alexander Dimitrenko
15. Tony Thompson
16. David Tua
17. Hasim Rahman
18. Lamon Brewster at 34-4-0, 30 KO's who fights Bruce Seldon 39-8-0, 35 KO's.
19. Jameel McCline
20. Evander Holyfield

21. Juan Carlos Gomez
22. Eddie Chambers
23. Shannon Briggs
24. Calvin Brock
25. Brian Minto
26. Ray Austin
27. Adlanier Solis
28. Kevin Johnson
29. Jason Estrada of Rhode Island
30. Monte Barrett
31. Fres Oguendo fights Gabe Brown
32. Vladimir Virchis
33. Oliver McCall
34. Sinan Samil Sam
35. Chavez Witherspoon
36. Kirk Johnson
37. Kali Johnson
38. Malik Scott
39. Luan Krasnigi
40. Andrew Golota
41. Paulo Vidoz
42. Michael Grant
43. Matt Skelton
44. Taras Bidenko
45. Dominick Quinn
46. Shane Cameron
47. Audley Harrison
48. DaVarryl Williamson
49. Cedric Boswell
50. Tye Fields.

Others named and in upcoming matches are:

December 5th Sabastian Kober versus Dieter Roth

On Showtime, December 5th Travis Kauffman fights Malachy Farrell

December 6th HBO/PPV we've Oscar De La Hoya in a battle, for it all with Manny Pacquiao in Las Vegas

Then on December 13th on HBO Vladimir Klitschko versus Hassim Rahman for the IBF/WBO Heavyweight Title

Versus TV on December 13th James Toney versus Tony Thompson

December 19th Paolo Vidoz versus Matt Skelton

December 20th Nikolay Valuev versus Evander Holyfield for the World's WBA Heavyweight title

ON A SAD NOTE

Al Brooks noted all around athlete, boxer recently passed away. He was born, in Springfield, Massachusetts. This veteran of 30 professional fights fought John Dennis, for the New England Heavyweight Title, and Jose Roman. He also served as a sparring partner for the "Could of Been Champ" Jerry Quarry.

RECENT HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

November 24th Joe Dias and Bobby Covino.

November 26th Johnny Otto and Peter Manfredo Jr.

December 6th Joey Archibald, RIP former World Featherweight Champion, who was born in Providence, Rhode Island.

December 10th we have Paul Doyle

December 13th Dan Cuoco, and also Louie DeCicco.

Happy Birthday to you all.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss

THE SOLDIER OF THE CELTICS

She wore a wide-brimmed hat which could well have been taken as a symbol for her ever-widening circle of friends, her ever-expanding interest in a variety of topics and her never-ending inquisitiveness in the world around her.

She just had a way about her when she entered the media dining room — as she did for just about every Celtics home game over the course of many years.

Sometimes she would sit with people she had known for decades, at other times with ones she had not known five minutes earlier.

Whatever, once present in the room there was no mistaking that Helen Heinsohn was in the house.

Heinsohn. Now there's a Boston basketball name if there ever was one. But Helen had a way of letting her own personality shine through. And though her more widely known husband Tom, a basketball Hall of Famer and current Celtics broadcaster, would almost always be on hand, Helen had her own distinctiveness that would not be overshadowed.

For all who have been diagnosed with a serious illness there is the time before and the time following. For Helen, the word would come in July, 2002. It would be a familiar one to many people — the word was cancer.

Some would say it was misfortune or perhaps a very cruel twist of fate. Others might say it was a most unfortunate part of the lottery of life. Some might just have given up. Helen's response was one of determination. In her own way, by setting her own example and by living life on her own terms, not on the terms of the opponent within her, Helen Heinsohn had become The Soldier of the Celtics.

Night after night she would be there in the media dining room — sometimes before treatments and a number of times after as well. She would smile and joke and engage in lively conversation. She was living life to the fullest. She was soldiering on.

And then after each game would come the long walk. Down the corridor past the press conference room and the Celtics locker room would come Helen and Tom all smiles and arm in arm, looking for all the world like a newlywed couple just exiting the church after their nuptial ceremony.

If life is indeed a canvas, then surely Helen Heinsohn painted it with her own brush strokes. Even near the end, when most would have considered their journey completed, Helen had saved one personal action as an expression of how she chose to live life on her own terms. She formally embraced Catholicism and was baptized in the hospital.

At her funeral Mass at

St. Bartholomew's Church in Needham the day before Thanksgiving, family, friends, representatives from the Celtics front office and those informally known as the Celtics game night family came together to celebrate and reflect upon the life of Helen Heinsohn.

The venue was most fitting for a person who had spent a good portion of her life around athletes and places where athletic competitions were conducted. Across the street lay the green acres that comprise the playing fields of St. Sebastian's School — looking nearly as inviting on a late November day as they might to a certain woman wearing a wide-brimmed hat on a lazy, hazy day in summer.

It was noted during the sermon that Helen had developed a relationship with a woman she called "The Lady" — The Blessed Mother. In that spirit she had what could easily be called her own personal apostolate of the Green Scapular — a small rectangular piece of cloth upon which the image of The Lady was prominently displayed.

During the Celtics championship run last season it was not uncommon for Helen to arrive in the media dining room with a small bag of these — and to distribute them individually as the evening proceeded.

If it had been anyone else, somehow it would have seemed out of place, the dining room on game night not exactly being known as a venue for ecclesiastical practices. But somehow, with Helen in charge, it fit right in and seemed a natural extension of herself.

Helen's efforts to extend awareness of and devotion to the Green Scapular were most impressive. At the time of her passing it was noted that she had distributed over 10,000 — an indication not only of her faith but of the very active life she led despite her illness. Once again, she was leading by example. She was soldiering on.

Eventually, faced with an opponent that would not yield, her illness gradually gained the upper hand in the biological sense. But it was a shallow victory. One confined to biology and to the medical limitations of the early 21st century. In spirit, determination and true grit Helen never was defeated.

During the homily at Helen's funeral it was noted that the word death is simply a series of letters that when spelled out mean "directing every action toward heaven." Following that theme, one can envision that Somewhere Else a woman wearing a wide-brimmed hat has walked down a corridor and entered a room. A welcoming party has begun.

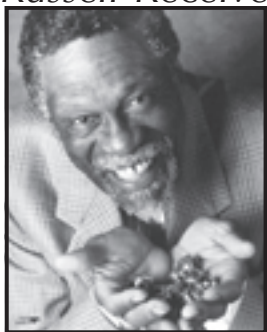
Helen Heinsohn — The Soldier of the Celtics — is in The House. God bless you, Helen. God bless you.

Third Annual "We Are Boston" Event Honors Outstanding Contributions to Boston's Diversity

Celtics Legend Bill Russell Receives Leadership Award

Mayor Thomas M. Menino and the Mayor's Office of New Bostonians held the third annual "We Are Boston" awards ceremony and dinner at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC). Boston Celtics legend Bill Russell was honored with the We Are Boston Leadership Award, while other outstanding individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to embracing Boston's diversity were also recognized.

"Boston has always been a gateway for immigrants and I am proud that Boston is a beacon of hope, tolerance and opportunity for so many people throughout the world," Mayor Menino said.



Several hundred people representing the many different cultures of the City of Boston attended the event.

Leadership Award winner Bill Russell's almost endless accomplishments on and off the basketball court embody the spirit of diversity and inclusion that We Are Boston promotes. In 1967, Mr. Russell broke the color barrier, becoming the **first African-**

American Coach in American major league sports. He has been an advocate for civil rights and diversity and has served as a **Global Ambassador of Basketball** by partnering with the **NBA** and the **U.S. State Department** to bring the sport to over 50 countries and on the continent of Africa.