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“Juno” — One for the Record Book



Corner of Prince and Salem Streets during Blizzard Juno



Gassy Park along Prince Street with the Boston skyline.

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Just when it looked as though the winter of 2014-2015 would be a mild and rather snowless season, a typical New England nor'easter ripped through the East Coast like a warm knife sliding through butter. The arrival of the fluffy stuff was similar to that of an unwelcome guest at a Super Bowl party. The City of Boston was completely immobilized under 24.6 inches of snow, making the Blizzard of 2015 the city's largest January storm in 123 years

and sixth heaviest snow total in history. With ferocious winds howling down, virtually every street of the city was turned into a giant wind tunnel. The City of Worcester was pounded with 34.5 inches, equaling that city's largest total on record.

The state now begins the process of digging out and hoping we have seen the last of this wintry mess until next winter. Not a very practical expectation here in New England.

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Quote to Note

“I'll always be an outsider. That's how I understand the world. There's a real benefit to being clear about this. I know why I'm here.”

— U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren

I don't know about you, but I am not too sure I understand what she just said above, how about you? All I can think of is President Nixon proclaiming, “Let me make this perfectly clear.” When it comes to politics, none of these characters are ever clear about anything except keeping and growing their power. It is rarely about the country and always more about themselves.

Obama Hardly Churchillian

Last week, the world stopped to remember the 50th anniversary of Winston Churchill's death, a world leader never to be forgotten. His kind is no longer with us. He was a leader who never gave in to evil or overpowering force. He took both on with relish, once saying, “Never give in, never give in, never, never, never in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense.”

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Patriots Send-off to Super Bowl XLIX

Going for #4



On Monday morning, January 26th thousands upon thousands gathered at City Hall Plaza to cheer on their beloved Patriots before they headed off to Glendale, Arizona where they will attempt to dethrone the 2014 champion Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XLIX.

(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

“We really appreciate all your support; you've been here all year for us, we're excited to represent the AFC in Arizona. Be safe through these next couple days of snow, we'll be thinking about you.

We'll be back soon, and we hope to see many of you there with us. We love you Boston.”

— Bill Belichick

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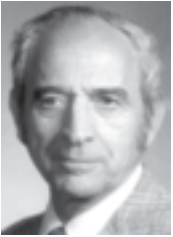
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by David Trumbull



MORE ABOUT THE VESTALS

Evidence of the luxurious lifestyle of the Vestal Virgins has been gained from the remains of the “Atrium Vestae” (House of the Vestal Virgins), with its spacious court, splendid decorations, baths, and hot air flues. They were granted the privilege of keeping horses and carriages, and when in public they were preceded by a lector who cleared their way. Their presence was expected where no other women, as a rule, might go; such as places of public amusement, the Circus, the theatre, and even the amphitheater where the best seats were permanently at their command. The only superior whom they acknowledged was the “Pontifex Maximus” who representing the kind of the ancient village, had a parental authority over them and who alone was responsible to administer corporal chastisement if any Vestal neglected her duties.

There were only two offenses which could normally be brought against them, and these were most rare. The first offense was to neglect the sacred fire, so that it became extinguished. For this kind of carelessness, the Vestal was scourged by the Pontifex. The second



A reconstruction of the House of the Vestals by Christian Huelsen (1905)

The selected candidate was immediately taken to the Atrium Vestai, her new home, properly attired, and shorn of her hair. Her time of service was set by law at thirty years; ten for learning, ten for performing and ten for teaching.

There was always a variety of ages in the household of the Vestals. There was the little girl with close-cropped head, running around the garden or up and down stairs, learning her duties in bits and pieces, for she had a long time to learn them. Then there were those in their twenties, by now well acquainted with all of this luxury, social consequence, political influence, and freedom of action. Lastly of course, there was the oldest of the group, with all of the years of accumulated honor and the distinctive title of “Vestalis Maxima”. At the end of their thirty years of service, leave was granted to lay aside their priesthood, return to private life, and marry if they desired. What else can be said, other than “Figlio maschile e cento anni” (May you have lots of male children and live to be a hundred years old).

offense was to violate her vow of chastity. Those found guilty of this act were carried on a bier to the Campus Sceleratus, near the Collins Gate, beaten with rods, and buried alive. Her seducer was also rewarded by being scourged to death.

Vacancies in the ranks of the Vestals were always filled by girls under ten years of age, and each in turn retired at the age of forty.

Every girl possessing the necessary qualifications was liable to be called on to undertake the duty, and no exception was granted, except upon very strict conditions. The age limit to qualify for selection was not less than six and not more than ten years of age, without personal blemish, of free, respectable family whose parents were still alive and residing in Italy. Twenty girls were nominated by the Pontifex, and the final selection was made by lot.

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Demeter & Ceres

Judge Obama by the Company He Keeps

In this State of the Union Address, President Obama called on Congress to give him Trade Promotion Authority in order to complete his ambitious negotiations toward a free trade agreement with several Asian nations. The deal, which will grant special privileges to the beneficiary countries, is called the **Trans-Pacific Partnership** (“TPP”). You probably haven’t seen or read much in the news (outside of this column) about TPP because, the elite in Washington and in the media know that if Americans knew about this deal they would overwhelmingly oppose it.

Let’s look at three of the nations that Obama has picked out for special favorable treatment in TPP.

Malaysia, an Islamic state, where earlier this month the highest court in the land affirmed a ban on a Catholic publication using the word “Allah.” Christian Bibles have been confiscated, also due to the use of the word Allah. Allah, is the common word in the Malay language for God, and has been used by Christians and other non-Muslim groups for centuries.


Brunei, which has been under martial law since 1962, is an Islamic state where most criminal activity is defined and punished according to draconian Islamic sharia law. According to the U.S. Department of State—

The [Brunei] Ministry of Education requires courses on Islam and prohibits the teaching of other religions. Private Christian schools were not allowed to give Christian instruction to Christian or Muslim students but could offer voluntary, Islamic instruction to Muslim students. During the year the government warned Christian schools that they or their personnel could be fined or imprisoned for teaching non-Muslim religious subjects

That same State Department report says of **Vietnam**

The Socialist Republic of Vietnam is an authoritarian state ruled by the Communist Party of Vietna. During the year the government increased its suppression of dissent, arresting several political activists. Several editors and reporters from prominent newspapers were fired for reporting on official corruption. Police commonly mistreated suspects during arrest or detention. Individuals were arbitrarily detained for political activities and denied the right to fair and expeditious trials. The government continued to limit citizens’ privacy rights and tightened controls over the press and freedom of speech, assembly, movement, and association. Violence and discrimination against women as well as trafficking in persons continued to be significant problems ...


There are nearly 200 nations in the world. The U.S. currently has free trade agreements in effect with 20 of them. Of all the places in the world the President could pick for a new free trade agreement, wouldn’t you know he would pick a repressive communist regime and two intolerant Islamic states. As they say, you can judge a man by the company he keeps.



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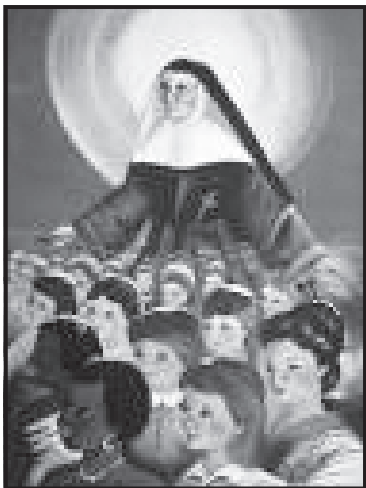
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St. Jeanne de Lestonnac

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac was born in Bordeaux, France on December 27, 1556 to a well-to-do family. Her father, Richard de Lestonnac, was a member of the French Parliament while her mother, Jeanne Eyquem, was the sister of the philosopher and humanist, Michel de Montaigne. She received a very good education growing up in a Renaissance atmosphere.

During this time, Calvinism was spreading through France, which adversely affected the unity of the

country. Jeanne's mother chose Calvinism and tried to convince her daughter to also join the Reformation. Nevertheless, Jeanne rejected her mother's pleas, remaining true to her Catholic Faith, with the support of her father and her uncle.

Jeanne married Gaston de Montferrant at the age of seventeen and had 3 children, but all three died shortly after they were born. Later she had 5 more children, 2 boys and 3 girls. She was married for 24 years before her husband died. This marked a painful time in her life where not only her husband but her father, uncle and eldest son also died.

After her children were raised, at the age of 46, she entered the Cistercian Monastery in Toulouse, where her name was changed to Jeanne of Saint Bernard. She desired this life of prayer, finding great peace in it. She spent six months at the Monastery, but had to leave due to the fact that her health could not bear the austerity of that lifestyle.

At this time, Jeanne experienced an inner vision advising her what to do next: it was about a response to many young souls in danger of being lost. Jeanne knew that Our Lady was also helping her. She formed a group of women to perform acts of charity; they served those individuals suffering from the ravages of plague.

Two Jesuit priests, Fathers de Bordes and Raymond, assisted Jeanne in founding an order to counteract the heresies spreading through France. Thus was formed the Congregation of the Sisters of the Company of Mary Our Lady. The rule and constitution of the Order were founded on those of St. Ignatius and the first house was opened in the Holy Ghost priory at Bordeaux in 1608. Jeanne and her companions received the religious habit from the Archbishop of Bordeaux. Jeanne was elected superior in 1610.

Jeanne passed away on February 2, 1640, many miracles occurred at her tomb. Jeanne de Lestonnac was beatified in 1900 by Pope Leo XIII and was canonized on May 15, 1949 by Pope Pius XII. Today her religious order is found in 17 countries throughout Europe, Africa, North America and South America. Saint Jeanne's Feast Day is celebrated on February 2nd. She is the patroness of widows, and those who have been physically abused.

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10th Annual CityFeast to Benefit Joslin Diabetes Center



Governor Charlie Baker; Carla Gomes, event founder and owner of Antico Forno & Terramia Ristorante, John Brooks, CEO and President of Joslin Diabetes Center pose for a photo at Antico Forno on Salem Street in the North End of Boston

On Sunday, January 25th, Governor Charlie Baker attended the 10th annual CityFeast event in Boston's North End to benefit **Joslin Diabetes Center's High Hopes Fund**. It's always tough leaving the North End without enjoying dinner, but the Governor had to skip the meal and head back for meetings and calls regarding storm preparations with the Mass Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and all entities involved in story prep and management.

The 10th anniversary of CityFeast drew a large crowd to 10 of the North End's best restaurants including **Antico Forno, AriaTrattoria, Bricco Ristorante, Lucca, Lucia, Prezza, Strega North End, Taranta, Terramia Ristorante, and Tresca**. This year's CityFeast was the most successful to date, raising \$37,000 and over the past ten years, the event has raised a total of \$287,000 for Joslin Diabetes Center.

The Yawkey Foundation Grants \$1 Million to the Essential Malden Catholic Campaign

Malden Catholic has received a \$1 million gift to The Essential Malden Catholic Campaign from the Yawkey Foundation. The Yawkey donation supports Malden Catholic's capital campaign which provides a new Learning Commons, five new science and engineering laboratories, significant renovation to athletic facilities, structural and technology upgrades to classrooms and a reserve fund to provide financial resources for needy students, faculty training and operations.

In granting the funds to Malden Catholic, the Yawkey Foundation cited the importance of the Malden Catholic capital campaign in providing a quality place of learning consistent with the Foundation's charitable goals. The Yawkey Foundation noted that Malden Catholic High School is one of the few remaining all-boys Catholic high schools in an urban area in New England, and is a highly regarded college preparatory school offering young men an excellent education, a wide variety of extracurricular activities, and opportunities to compete on varsity, JV and intramural athletic teams. The Foundation also commended the school for its ongoing support to the larger community through its numerous volunteer and campus ministry programs.

In honor of the \$1 million gift, Malden Catholic will

name its dining hall for John F. Donovan, graduate of the Malden Catholic Class of 1950. Donovan was a beloved friend of the Yawkey family and served them in his capacity as Counsel for the Boston Red Sox.

"With the Yawkey Foundation's support of The Essential Malden Catholic Campaign, we are honored to name our dining hall as a tribute to John F. Donovan, Class of 1950," said Malden Catholic Headmaster Thomas J. Doherty III. "The dining hall is the center of the community at Malden Catholic, and provides a meaningful way to recognize the dedication of Tom and Jean Yawkey and of John Donovan to academics, sportsmanship and wellness. We are truly grateful to the Yawkey Foundation and to President James Healey for this generous gift and for their significant and positive impact on the quality of school life for Malden Catholic students."

Visit www.maldencatholic.org/campaign for details on The Essential Campaign.

John Donovan graduated from Malden Catholic High School in 1950, the College of the Holy Cross in 1954, and Boston College School of Law in 1957. He was admitted to the Bar in 1957, and started a private law practice in Chelsea. Donovan was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1962 and served as a member of the House Ways

and Means Committee and Chairman of the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Donovan was Chief Counsel to the House of Representatives from 1972 until 1983.

His experience with the Boston Red Sox began in 1946 and progressed through a variety of roles integral to the team, including bat boy, clubhouse attendant (taking part in the All-Star Game and World Series for which he later received a World Series ring), Vice President of Administration and Legal Affairs, General Counsel, and Executive Vice President and General Counsel.

About The Yawkey Foundations The Yawkey Foundations were established more than 30 years ago to further serve the family's many charitable goals. The mission of the Yawkey Foundations is to continue the charitable legacy of Tom and Jean Yawkey by making grants that provide immediate, significant and positive impact on the quality of life of youth, families and the underserved, primarily in the areas which the Yawkey's called home, New England and Georgetown County, South Carolina. For additional information about the Foundations, visit their website at www.yawkeyfoundations.org.

For more than 80 years, Malden Catholic High School has maintained a tradition

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Southern Italian Folk Dance Night

Join the Dante Alighieri Society for a Southern Italian Folk Dance Night with Dr. Ornella Iuorio on Saturday, January 31st from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Dante Alighieri, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, MA.

Dr. Ornella Iuorio is an architect with a big passion for dance. She earned a diploma in Classical Ballet and Contemporary Dance in 2002 in Italy and since then she has been teaching ballet and Italian folk dance, while having performed as Tanztheater artist in several festivals joining different companies.

You will learn the style of dances coming from South of Italy as tammurriate, pizzicas and tarantella, and dance them on the amazing notes of the big Italian Tradition.

No dance experience required.

Music: Fabio Pirozzolo, percussion & Vocalist Roberto Cassan, accordion.

Light refreshments and a cash bar will be available.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Lighting the Way Towards Spring

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

As I sit to write this article, the infamous blizzard of 2015 is raging outside. Snowflakes fall furiously, like the inside of a snow globe shaken by an overenthusiastic child. Snow drifts on my windows, bathing the rooms in an eerie blue-gray light. Outside, I can hear the distant hum of the plows working steadily to clear the roads. On a day like this, spring seems years — make that *light years* — away. However, as hard as it may be to believe, spring is certainly coming! Stores brim with sparkly hearts for Valentine's Day and lush green aisles of shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day. Winter coats, though we will still need to wear them for quite a while, get pushed to the clearance bins, and brightly colored skirts and bathing suits take their place. Four o'clock in the evening no longer means darkness, but rather the hazy beams of sunset. Even holidays are now heralding the beginning of spring. As we enter into the month of February, it is important to remember that the month begins with a holiday, prevalent in ancient Europe, which marks the commencement of the season. Known as Candlemas in modern day and Imbolc in the land of its Celtic origin, this feast welcomes spring with light, fire and celebrations.

Candlemas, which occurs on February 2nd, honors the event of Jesus' Presentation in the temple by the Virgin Mary, which occurred Forty Days after his birth. The term Candlemas derives from the prevalent use of candles in the religious ceremonies marking this feast, symbolizing the metaphorical "light" that Jesus brings to the world. The folkloristic origins of Candlemas, however, predate Christianity. The pagan Celts knew this holiday as Imbolc, a date which also functioned as the first day of spring. Some scholars theorize that the name Imbolc translates to "in the belly," and observed the lactation of cattle and the birthing of lambs which occurs this time of the year. Indeed, according to traditional European customs, Candlemas functions as a decidedly spring holiday, laden with superstitions and folklore that set the tone for the season to come. Many



of these superstitions, hailing from agricultural societies, call upon spectators to observe the weather in order to glean clues about the nature of the year's springtime. A sunny Candlemas, it was said, presaged more winter weather to come, while a cloudy and chill day proclaimed an early spring. This is the root of Groundhog Day, the American holiday also celebrated on February 2nd, whose traditions were brought over by European settlers in the nineteenth century. These weather prognostications are further echoed in an Italian rhyme which declares: "*Candelora col sole, tarde primavera*," meaning "sunny Candlemas, late spring." As such, Candlemas traditions inspire us to look forward to the signs of the upcoming season as our ancestors did, cherishing the sight of newborn lambs or delicate flower shoots peeking out from under the snow.

Throughout Europe, modern visitors will find spring like celebrations on Candlemas, many of which honor the ever-growing sun. In France, the tradition food of the day is the crepe, whose round shape and yellow hue resembles the sun. In Italy, various Candlemas, or *Candelora*, festivities dot the peninsula, often absorbing other religious holidays as well. Despite their differences, these feasts share the common elements of welcoming spring with characteristic light and hope. Residents of Catania in Sicily follow their *Candelora* fetes into the celebration of their patron saint, St. Agatha, whose feast day falls on February 5th. Light displays illuminate the city streets, people parade

down the streets holding candles, statues and relics of *Sant'Agata*, and chefs display blessed loaves of bread and pastries in honor of the saint's status as protector of bakers. In Montevergine, Campania, candlelit processions commemorate gay rights and offer prayers for tolerance. *Candelora* in Naples, on the other hand, means huge street parties replete with bonfires and colorful fireworks that blossom against the dark late-winter sky, symbolizing the more prevalent sunshine to come. The day after *Candelora* is important in Italy as well. It is the feast day of St. Blaise, or *San Biagio*, an Armenian bishop who became the patron saint of throat and neck-related illnesses after he saved a boy who was choking on a fish bone. My father still remembers walking to the small church on the outskirts of Sulmona on blustery February evenings, when, after a service aglow with candlelight, the priest pressed two blessed candles against congregants' throats to ward off illnesses. These early February holidays, therefore, all feature light as a means of hope and a reminder of spring sunshine to come. This theme of light is so important that it maintains a huge role in the feast days of *San Biagio* and *Sant'Agata*, where the promise of spring is blended with healing powers (just as *San Biagio* protects against illnesses of the throat, *Sant'Agata* protects against maladies of the breast) to symbolize the seasonal purification of winter into spring.

Folk customs and holidays in Europe welcome spring around this time of the year. They know that though a bitter chill still seeps through the air and crunchy snow blankets the ground, spring will soon arrive in its brilliant, sunny glory. Candlemas constantly looks forward to the springtime and heralds the triumphant return of the season with its emphasis on newborn animals and the warmth of candles. St. Blaise's Day and St. Agatha's Day also incorporate fire symbolism while encompassing rituals of purification — a spiritual spring cleaning, if you will. Whenever we feel blue about the wintry weather outside, and whenever we feel that the cycle of cold will never end, we should look to the message of these holidays and behold the promise of spring. For when we are confident in our hearts that better days will come, our cheer and our hope will turn into forces so strong that no snowstorms can blow them away.

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani



EMPIRE OF THE ANTS

Last week, while flipping channels on my TV, I came across a 1977 science fiction movie called "Empire of the Ants." How I missed seeing those old, made-for-TV movies. After all these years, is something else.

The movie title caught my attention as did who played in it. There was a quite young Joan Collins from her pre-*Dynasty* days. Then there was a favorite TV star of the time, Robert Lansing, who once played "General Savage" on *12 O'clock High*. He always played strong good guys. I watched this entire movie and loved the cool 1970s wardrobes being worn in it, as well as those hairdos I once loved myself.

The movie was based on the work of HG Wells, who was a great writer and did some great stuff in his time and much of it is still quite relevant today.

This movie starts off great. Beach ants start munching on radioactive waste seeping out of an oil drum. You know nothing good can happen when ants meet radioactive treats, right?

The special effects were very good for 37 years ago and even I jumped when I saw rampaging ants, the size of an oil truck, on the kill.

As I watched the movie, even though everything was quite predictable, you still wanted to see how it ended and how the ants would be beaten. Which of course, they would have to be when you are doing a movie about giant ants.

Quickly you see this is more than a horror movie as HG Wells was much more a writer than that. The whole movie was a metaphor on the unknown dangers we all face time-to-time in life. As I watched the movie unfold, the "Canterbury Tales" by Chaucer came to mind. I felt as if I was journeying along with all the characters escaping the dangers of giant ants. Which road leads to escape? Which is a dead end?

The group that flees grows smaller. They get to know each other better. They get to depend on each other for survival. Young folks looking like they are going to a Disco and older folks headed for the last round.

The old couple were great. If I had seen the movie back then when it was new, I would probably have mocked them for their decision making powers. They didn't have any. Some things in Hollywood are pretty clear-cut. When the whole cast is running straight ahead, the last two characters should never decide to take the road less traveled. You know they are doomed. The elders in this movie head to a vacant shack for safety, you know they are goners. I laughed when the husband says to his wife, everything is quiet, we are safe now. The old guy opens the door and the screams begin. The shack is covered in super-sized ants. Fade to black.

Back then, in the Seventies, I was 20-something. Today, I am the age of the old guy, but even now I would never leave the crowd for a side road and a dinky shack.

In a great sense this was a movie about human beings acting like ants fleeing danger with little idea how to win. In the end, it is always instinct and good reason that prevails.

In this movie, if it wasn't for Bob Lansing, there would have been no movie or rescue.

When push comes to shove, when faced with danger, most of us turn on our ant-size brains and panic. This week's storm was Exhibit A. We live in Boston. It snows in Boston. Sometimes it snows a lot in Boston. However, the snow always ends and we survive until the next epic storm.

We are much bigger than ants but we run to supermarkets in a flurry of activity and act so much like a bunch of ants carrying off broken potato chips from a picnic basket at the beach.

The real ants down there looking up at us think we are so dangerous to them but in the end, most of the time we can't get out of our own way.

I can tell you this, after seeing this movie, I will never look at real ants again in the same way and nor will I so easily stomp on them either.

After-all, all of us live on the same ant hill and never know it. Even real ants don't fear the snow, only we do that ant-like thing.

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

We all are aware by now who the candidates will be in the Special Election held on March 3rd for State Representative in East Boston: Eddie Deveau former chief of staff to Senator Anthony Petrucci, and Chair of Ward 1 Democratic Committee. Joe Ruggiero who comes from a very community-oriented family and also business owner of Ruggiero Funeral home. Adrian Madaro, a graduate of Boston Latin School and Tufts University, and well-known in East Boston with a list of achievements. Also former chief of staff for Representative Carlo Basile, Lou Scapicchio, related to former District One City Councilor Paul Scapicchio. These are the names we will be hearing about. What are people saying? "Eddie Deveau has a good chance at winning. Deveau has name recognition and experience in politics, his grandfather, a firefighter, and hero also ran for office in the '50s. Joe Ruggiero, has his father's experience as community activist and has also made his mark in the community by working with youth and volunteering for various projects. Voters believe Deveau and Ruggiero will be

the front runners, but let's not rule out Adrian Madaro who also is an impressive candidate. I think it can be anyone's race ... I'm not surprised Celeste Myers isn't running. She burnt her bridges when she campaigned vigorously against a casino at Suffolk Downs, then lost her State Rep bid big time against Carlo Basile in the last election ... President Barack Obama's "State of the Union" should be renamed "State of Disillusions." His Highness, whose ears were pointed upward couldn't stop patting himself on the back about how wonderful things are in America, No terrorists, free college, free childcare, free everything for those who don't work. His speech spewed more and more propaganda. Obama believes he's talking only to his admirers, and not those who know his speech was nothing but rhetoric. He ignores the \$18-trillion dollar deficit he has put the nation in, not to speak of all his multitude of failed policies, and continues to blow dust in the eyes of the American taxpayers. The country is suffocating in debt, and in denial that we have enemies under this administration. The "King of Crap" can no longer blame George Bush for the

country's continual spiral downwards!!! ... Good news all around for Bremen Street. Besides the elaborate project financed by Joe Ricupero, Paul's Park and Fly is coming down to make room for an Excel Charter School. The structure will not only enhance the Day Square area but will allow young adults grades 9 through 12 to prepare for college. The facility is also close to the new library. Doesn't get any better than that! ... If it wasn't embarrassing enough that the United States was a "A NO SHOW" at the rally held against terrorism in Paris, Secretary of State John Kerry appeared with James Taylor to perform "You Got a Friend" in response to the "Parisian Islamic attack". You say, what's wrong with that? Well, Taylor couldn't carry his own tune and sing to the French, and Kerry was spotted tapping his foot awkwardly. Only in America and under this administration! ... Congratulations to Gina Fiandaca who was recently named Commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department by Mayor Marty Walsh. The Fiandaca family is well-known and respected in East Boston and Winthrop ... *Till next time!*

AS Roma Expands Academy Program to the U.S.

Partners with Seven Elite Clubs, Including FC Greater Boston Bolts

AS Roma announced the expansion of its renowned youth soccer academy program to the United States. The club will now have a direct, year-round partnership with seven elite U.S. soccer academies — including FC Greater Boston Bolts — with a focus on identifying and developing top-tier players.

Roma also hosted its first U.S. Academy Summit in Miami, where club ownership and executives met with leadership from each academy club.

The seven clubs, are all part of the U.S. Soccer Development Academy, are: **FC Greater Boston Bolts** (Boston, MA), **Chargers** (Clearwater, FL), **Pateadores** (Southern CA), **Real Colorado** (Denver, CO), **Vardar** (Detroit, MI), **New York/New Jersey club** (TBA) and **Pacific Northwest club** (TBA)

"We are very proud to launch our U.S. Academy program and to formalize our partnership with select top-flight U.S. clubs," said AS Roma President James Pallotta. "Player development in the United States continues to be a top priority for us. We are confident this initiative will be great for the country and club and produce many star players of tomorrow."

Added Mia Hamm, Member of the AS Roma Board of Directors: "As someone who spent their youth living in both the U.S. and Italy, there's a personal satisfaction that comes with seeing Roma in-



FC Greater Boston Bolts Executive Director of Coaching Brian Ainscough.

vesting significant resources to player development in the States. There's a lot of talent here — and it's great that the club continues to recognize that."

In creating its expanded academy Roma has built a comprehensive partnership program with the U.S.-based clubs, all with the objective of developing elite players. Elements include ongoing coaching development and exchanges, tailored physical performance programs and team training and competition in both the United States and Italy. "Since day one we have been committed not only to identifying the best partner clubs but ensuring we have constant input from them to ensure the program is successful. We have a truly unique opportunity to bring together the best of youth football from Italy and U.S. and produce fantastic results," said AS Roma CEO Italo Zanzi.

"I see this partnership with AS Roma as a great opportu-

nity for our club on many fronts," said FC Greater Boston Executive Director of Coaching Brian Ainscough. "AS Roma has local ownership, which will provide all of our youth players and coaches the opportunity to be exposed to their coaching methods and philosophy. Our goal here is to give Bolts players training opportunities with some of the top international coaches in the world, and to give our elite players consideration for playing professionally for AS Roma. We believe this is an extraordinary opportunity for our players and one that sets us apart."

AS Roma's academy in Italy is considered among the very best in Europe. The academy has nine elite teams comprised of 226 players that compete in the official championships governed by the Italian Football Federation. AS Roma's youth teams have captured numerous Italian championships, including nine Scudetto titles for its "Primavera" — the oldest youth level. Over the years, AS Roma's youth teams has produced 671 players that have competed for AS Roma's first team, 23 players currently playing in Serie A and

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Pirandello Lyceum Presents Pane e Tulipani

The Pirandello Lyceum is pleased to present the Italian film, **Pane e Tulipani**, with English subtitles, at the North End Library, 25 Parmenter Street, Boston, (617) 227-8135. The film will be shown on Saturday morning, February 7th, at 10:00 am café and biscotti; 10:30 am presentation of the film.

Pane e Tulipani

Silvio Soldino directs this gentle comedy about a housewife who temporarily flees from the grinding tedium of her household duties and drifts into a world of amicable weirdos. When Rosalba (Licia Maglietta) is accidentally forgotten by her tour bus at a roadside restaurant, she does not wait there as instructed. She decides to hitchhike home, but on a whim, she ends up in Venice instead. Quietly exhilarated at the prospect of being alone for a spell, she checks into an inn run by a kindly yet eccentric Iclander (Bruno Ganz). Her plans to return the next day are thwarted when she misses her train and does not have enough money to buy another ticket. Soon she is gainfully employed at a flower shop run by an irascible old anarchist. Though her teenage sons do not seem all that bothered by their mom's absence, Rosalba's husband grows increasingly agitated at the interruption in his routine, so he hires a bumbling detective to track her down.

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Brady looking pumped.

Above and beyond what has been written or said over the past week, the most important topic in the world of the National Football league is not the air pressure of balls, but in fact is the 49th edition of a game that is the ultimate diversion from the world around us. A slice of Americana, right up there with the 4th of July, the Super Bowl has become a trademark of our American culture.

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New England Patriots — Seattle Seahawks

East Coast Meets West Coast in Arizona Desert

joined with other intelligence, no pun intended, who suddenly became experts in the subject of an oval object made of pig bladder, leather and air. These sources decided to focus on this “deflate-gate” story (can our rigid society finally remove the outdated and overused “-gate” suffix from scandals and contro-versies?) rather than the main event on the NFL calendar. Even this writer fell victim to the side story, deciding to focus on Patriots Head Coach Bill Belichick’s past indiscretions.

But now it’s time to focus. We’re moving on to Seattle ...

When Super Bowl XLIX kicks off at University of Phoenix Stadium this Sunday at 6:30 p.m., the AFC Champion New England Patriots will face the NFC Champion Seattle Seahawks to determine who will take home the Vince Lombardi Trophy, emblematic of the best team in the most popular sport in the country.

Unlike the Conference Championship game versus Indianapolis, the Patriots will have their hands full in this one. The defending Super Bowl Champion Seahawks are the lone team in the NFL that can not only beat the Patriots, but are capable of leaving virtually no one surprised in doing so.

Tangling with Seattle will mean facing the number one defense in football, the “Legion of Boom,” a nickname for the units secondary, an athletic, fast and

The “Dynamic Duo” Robert Kraft and Bill Belichick.

intimidating bunch that fears no quarterback or receiver. This group is abnormally adept in potentially making even other worldly Tight End Rob Gronkowski a non-factor. “No doubt about it. The Seahawks are a very good defense. They’ve got tough mentally and physically players all over their defense at every position.” said Gronk.

Over his first five years in the NFL, no defense has been

Former Patriot Jermaine Wiggins.

singularly up to the task of matching up. Until now.

If Gronk is neutralized, Quarterback Tom Brady will need to work the ball to other options. Running Backs LeGarrette Blount, Jonas Gray, Shane Vereen and Brandon Bolden will have to be at their peak to find holes in this defense.

There will be no running over the Seahawks like they did to the Colts. The New England offensive line will need to be stellar. But most importantly, to echo a strategy from the film *Miracle*, based on the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team, unlike other teams in the NFL, the Patriots offense cannot play to defend against the Seahawks defense, they need to cleverly attack it. This is the key to beating Seattle.

Is that all that the Seahawks bring that Patriots fans should fear? No, this is a balanced team, and the other side of the football is equally dangerous. Quarterback Russell Wilson is an improviser who can beat you passing the ball, or in case you efficiently cover his targets, can devastate you with his legs. He’s the ultimate triple-threat, not afraid to lend his body in blocking. “He’s like Barry Sanders, but he can throw,” said his Super Bowl XLIX counterpart Tom Brady. Wilson’s main targets are Wide Receivers Doug Baldwin and Jermaine Kearse, with Tight End Luke Wilson working the middle. Patriots Cornerback Darrelle Revis recognizes the challenge at hand. “They’re very physical. They’re very talented; they play tough, they play hard.”

Vince Wilfork

Another dimension and the strength of the Seattle offense is running back Marshawn Lynch. “He’s a beast, he’s an old-school back that can do everything,” said tackle Vince Wilfork, “He is very, very, very tough.”

Lynch’s 1,306 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns during the regular season are further proof that the Seahawks offense is no slouch to their defense.

The Patriots best bet on Sunday will be to ask their corners, particularly Revis and Brandon Browner to lock up with a receiver in one-on-one, man coverage, thereby allowing Belichick and Coordinator Matt Patricia to stack the line in an attempt to thwart the running abilities of Wilson and Lynch, daring Wilson to

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Dan Connolly

New England Patriots Cheerleaders
(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)



The Bilingual Corner

by Orazio Buttafuoco

LO SAPEVATE CHE ...

Una vera rivoluzione chirurgica e' avvenuta di recente a Torino, all'ospedale "Le Molinette" nella citta' piemontese. Un nuovo tipo di pacemaker, di ultima generazione, e' stato impiantato direttamente nel cuore di un paziente di 83 anni seguendo una procedura non intensiva, usando un catetere guida attraverso una vena della gamba. Il nuovo dispositivo si chiama 'nanostin', non ha fili e dura oltre otto anni. Una equipe del dipartimento di cardiologia chirurgica della locale universita', e diretta dal professore Fiorenzo Gaita. Il nuovo miniaturizzato pacemaker e' grande quanto una caramella e rappresenta una significativa innovazione nel campo della cardiologia poiche' consente di evitare le principali complicazioni legate all'impianto dei pacemaker, piu' esattamente il danneggiamento e l'infezione degli elettrocateri. Nonostante queste complicazioni e' stato possibile salvare milioni di vite umane.

Lo sviluppo delle nanotecnologie ha ridotto le dimensioni del pacemaker, dai 100 grammi ai 20 - 30 grammi di quelli attuali dando inizio ad una nuova era nella terapia dell'elettro-stimolazione del cuore. Il pacemaker 'nanostin' e' talmente piccolo da poter essere posizionato direttamente nell'interno del cuore senza l'uso di fili di connessione con l'apparecchio esterno. Con tale procedura non e' necessaria alcuna incisione chirurgica della cute ne' ulteriori cicatrici. Il professore Gaita ha spiegato che quando la batteria esaurisce la carica il pacemaker puo' essere recuperate con un apposito catetere, e sostituito.

DDID YOU KNOW THAT ...

A true revolutionary surgery has recently taken place in the city of Torino (Italy) in the "Molinette" hospital of the Piedmont city. A new kind of generation of the pacemaker has been implanted right inside the heart of an 83-year-old patient in a non-invasive procedure using a catheter inserted in a vein in the leg. The new device, called 'Nanostin,' is wireless and can last more than eight years.

A group of specialists in the cardio-surgery department of the local University, headed by Professor Fiorenzo Gaita, conducted the procedure. The miniaturized pacemaker is as small as a candy, and it signifies an innovation in the field of cardiology, for it makes it possible to avoid major complications during the installation of the pacemaker, and more so the damaging effects on the electro-catheters. Despite such complications (in earlier procedures) it has been possible to save millions of human lives. The development of nano-technologies has reduced the sizes of the pacemaker, from the old 100 grams to the 20-30 grams of the new ones, starting a new era of therapy in the heart's electro-stimulation. The 'nanostin' is so tiny that can be positioned right inside the heart, without connecting wires into an outside machine. With such a procedure there is no need of any surgical incision in the skin or any lasting scar. Prof. Gaita has explained that whenever the battery is about dead, the pacemaker can be retrieved using a special catheter, and replaced.

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beat them through the air. The Patriots need to keep Wilson in the pocket, and in front of them. If he springs loose, the Patriots are in for a long day.

"I don't care about them being a top defense, they don't bother me," said a buoyant LeGarrette Blount on facing the Seahawks. "They were good enough to get here, just like we were

good enough to get here. They're not immortal. They can be beat."

After 10 years wandering in the figurative desert, searching for their fourth World Championship, the Patriots now literally return to the desert of Arizona, the site of perhaps their most disappointing loss in franchise history. Time to exorcise those demons.



SUPER BOWL — Did You Know?

WHAT'S IN A NAME...

• The term "Super Bowl" was coined by Kansas City Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt, likely influenced by a toy his daughter would play with called a Super Ball.

• The first game wasn't even called "Super Bowl". It was referred to as the AFL-NFL World Championship Game AFL vs NFL

• The Lombardi Trophy, awarded to the winning team, is named for legendary Green Bay Head Coach Vince Lombardi, who led the Packers to wins in the first two Super Bowls.

SUPER INFLATION!

• Tickets for the first game back in 1967 topped out at \$12. On average, tickets to Super Bowl XLIX are going for \$5,100.

BACK-TO-BACK

• With a win in Super Bowl XLIX, the Seahawks would be back-to-back Super Bowl Champions, joining the Green Bay Packers, Miami Dolphins, Pittsburgh Steelers*, San Francisco 49ers, Dallas Cowboys, Denver Broncos and New England Patriots. Their opponents, the Patriots are the last to accomplish the feat in 2004.

• The list of Quarterbacks to win back-to-back Super Bowls is a rather impressive one. Bart Starr, Bob Griese, Terry Bradshaw, Joe Montana, Troy Aikman, John Elway and Tom Brady. All except Brady, who is still active, have been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

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SUPER QUARTET

• A Patriots win in Super Bowl XLIX, would tie the duo of Tom Brady and Bill Belichick with the 1970s Pittsburgh Steelers duo of Terry Bradshaw and Chuck Noll for most championships (4) by a quarterback-head coach combination.

• Quarterback Tom Brady looks to tie Bradshaw and his childhood idol, 49ers Quarterback Joe Montana with 4 Super Bowl wins.

60 MINUTES IS ENOUGH
No Super Bowl has gone to overtime. The 1958 NFL

Championship game was the last to go over the one-hour mark.

REGULAR SEASON FINALE = SUPER BOWL SUCCESS?

Only 10 teams have lost the final game of the regular season and still won the Super Bowl. The Patriots, who lost their regular season finale versus the Buffalo Bills, look to become the 11th.

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GARTH BROOKS Hosts 'Garden Party'



Seventeen years have passed since Garth Brooks made his last visit to the TD Garden, which back then was named the FleetCenter. The name of the venue has changed, but the artist and the crowd remained the same, as Garth started off his six-show stay in Boston by coming close to blowing the roof off the Garden. The sold-out crowds came to celebrate his return, and he matched their enthusiasm with a top-shelf show. Earlier in the day at his press conference he was asked a

question about how his music had evolved. His answer was about the effect that the late country music singer/songwriter, Chris LeDoux, had on his music, and how other artists evolved by each being inspired by an earlier artist.

In Brooks' case, he stated LeDoux was his inspiration, a country artist and a former Rodeo Champion whom Garth mentioned in his 1989 debut single, "Much Too Young (To Feel This Damn Old)." LeDoux was signed to Capitol Records in 1992, on the strength of Garth's recommendation. This particular song brought a standing ovation from a crowd that could've stayed all-night and listen to Garth sing. LeDoux passed away in 2005 at 56 years old.

Brooks continues to be a bundle of energy as he tours the country in support of his album, "Man Against Machine." Released in November, it is his first album of all original material in over a dozen years. His record-breaking 'World Tour' also allowed him the chance to perform a couple of songs from his new album, and to shower his fans with the songs they wanted to hear — his multitude of hits, and their favorites!

A thundering explosion and a one-minute countdown clock signaled the start of 'A night to remember,' as Brooks opened with the title song from his new album, moving quickly into his hit list. The first note of each song brought gasps and sing-along sounds from the crowd. Culling songs from his albums, he began with those from 'Ropin' The Wind' — delivering "Rodeo," "Shameless," "Papa Loved Mama," and the moving "The River" — from his self-titled debut album. From his album 'No Fences' #1 hits dropped in the form of, "Two of a Kind, Workin' on a Full House" and "The Thunder Rolls." Brooks reacted strongly during his performance, often eliciting a look of surprise to the loud and constant applause that followed each song, taking much pleasure in engaging with the audience.

The love flowed easily between performer and his adoring audience when Brooks countered with, "The Beaches of Cheyenne," turning it up a notch for the first drinking anthem "Two Pina Coladas." The mood swings were like a roller-coaster as Garth mixed it up with "Ain't Goin' Down (Til the Sun Comes Up)," then lowering the decibels for the thankfulness of "Unanswered Prayers."

Following the coming-of-age #1 winner, "That Summer," and "People Loving People," entering stage left was the woman Garth called 'his best friend,' his lovely and talented wife — Trisha Yearwood, wearing a T-shirt that boasted 'Late Night, Loud Music, and Backstage Passes.' Together they delivered the heartwarming "In Another's Eyes," as Yearwood took over the stage. Trisha proceeded to serve up a set that included, "XXX's and OOO's (An American Girl)," from her new album 'Never Giving Up.' She knocked out the crowd via "Prizefighter," followed by the emotional "How Do I Live," and ended her set with the upbeat "She's in Love With the Boy."

Brooks returned to the stage and resumed the festivities by dialing up the infectious "Callin' Baton Rouge," and then threw all caution to the wind by unveiling the ultimate drinking song — "Friends in Low Places," with the entire audience joining in on the vocals throughout the song. This led to two encores that featured. "The Fever" from his 1995 album 'Fresh Horses,' plus the tender "If Tomorrow Never Comes," also from his debut album. Brooks put the finishing touches on his diamond performance with the sizzling "Standing Outside the Fire," taken from his 1993 album titled "In Pieces."

Is there any wonder how or why Garth Brooks has sold close to 70 million albums in the U.S. alone, and 170 million worldwide — I don't think so, and to put an exclamation point on it all, he remains the #1-selling solo artist in U.S. history. Frosting on the cake — Garth was named to the Grand Ole Opry (1991), the Songwriters Hall of Fame (2011), and the Country Music Hall of Fame (2012)! Hopefully those who missed seeing Garth on his six-show stay in Boston on his World Tour, will not have to wait another 17 years to hear his multitude of great songs.

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giaratani

I THINK ALL LIVES MATTER

Recently, City Councilor Tito Jackson was on *Boston Herald Radio's Morning Meeting Show* to discuss those recent protests that blocked traffic during rush-hour in both East Milton Square and Medford in the name of racial justice. He seemingly condones blocking rush-hour traffic on two sides of the city in the name of what? Is it a peaceful protest when you endanger public safety by shutting down the flow of traffic? It isn't always about me, me, me.

This isn't part of the legacy of Dr. King, it is about pretending you are part of the solution when you are actually part of the problem.

I agree with State Rep. Colleen Gary's proposal to stiffen the punishment if someone were to die as a result of Black Lives Matter die-ins. Endangering the public is unacceptable and not guaranteed by the Bill of Rights. Punks who do this are just punks pretending to be so much more and the only prize their eyes are focused on are front-page newspaper photos of themselves in action.

Shame on you, Tito.

FRANCESCO URENA MARCHES UP TOP BEACON HILL

East Boston guy and Boston's Veterans Affairs Commissioner, Francisco Urena has been tapped for Governor Baker's Cabinet. Urena will be serving as the state's Secretary of Veterans Affairs, becoming the second East Bostonian to join the Baker Administration. Former Rep. Carlo Basile now serves as Baker's Chief Secretary.

ANYONE WANT TO EAT OUT AT CAT CAFE?

Cats everywhere, inside cats, outside cats, long-haired cats. Did I mention cat hair? Cats on your table, cats under your feet. Once again, did I mention cat hair everywhere? Get the picture? There is now reportedly a campaign to bring a cat café within wheezing distance of all of us. Hey, I like cats but I like my coffee with milk not hairballs.

JAMES DeAMICIS FOR SOMETHING SOMEDAY?

There was a great photo in

a recent edition of the *Quincy Sun* showing Gov. Deval Patrick standing between young James DeAmicis and his mother Noreen who were among the many guests attending the official unveiling of the governor's portrait. The senior at Quincy High School loves politics and served as a State House intern. I have met him a few times while subbing at Quincy High School where he loves talking politics. We don't agree that much, except thinking that politics is an important endeavor. I can see him running for office someday in the future, you can bank on this prediction.

LIBERALS PUSHING WARREN FOR '16

The more progressive wing of the state's Democratic party apparatus is going gangbusters for U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren as their presidential choice in 2016. It would appear that many of the most liberal in the fold are getting tired of Hillary Clinton and don't want to be ready for her. If you listened to Obama at his State of the Union, his rhetoric was hers. It is all about sharing the wealth and class warfare. Hillary is now facing a struggle she never saw coming not that long ago. Most of the country is tired of Clinton-Bush over and over again.

MEANWHILE, TED CRUZ IS RIGHT

If the Republican leaders decide to push either Mitt Romney or Jeb Bush on voters in 2016, it will mean defeat so says U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas.

The voters have rejected Mitt when the election looked like it was in the bag for him. As far as Jeb Bush goes, the country will say no to Bush III. GOP Insiders just don't get it, Mitt v. Jeb is like Bob Dole and John McCain over and over again.

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East Boston resident Gina

Fiandaca has been officially appointed as Commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. Fiandaca has served as interim commissioner since May 2014. She has worked in the Department of Boston Transportation in various capacities since 1990.

Says Fiandaca, "I am grateful to Mayor Walsh for the opportunity to serve as his Commissioner of Boston Transportation. I look forward to continuing to implement innovative transportation and parking systems in the City of Boston."

ANTI-SEMITISM STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE

Look around the world and one can see that anti-Semitism is still very much alive. Look even closer too. Recently, police questioned two teenage girls accused of spray painting swastikas on a car and tree in the City of Northampton. The mayor said the city is taking the incident seriously. *MassLive.com* reported that the swastika and word "Jew" discovered early last week. According to authorities, the two girls stated they wanted to do something "shocking."

Last week, down inside the New York City Council Chamber, just as the City Council passed a resolution supportive of the State of Israel, a Palestinian flag was unfurled and anti-Semitic remarks made.

MOZART REQUIEM GREAT SUCCESS

This past Saturday, the Newton Community Chorus performed the Mozart Requiem at the First Baptist Church before a packed audience of classical music lovers. This baby boomer happens to love all kinds of music even Mozart. Good music is everlasting, isn't it? Remember, music not noise.

SPEAKING OF MUSIC NOT NOISE

I love listening to Ron Della Chiesa on Sunday nights over on 99.1 on WPLM. I love both Strictly Sinatra and the Great American Songbook. Easy listening music which prepares you for the week ahead. Listening to the "Chairman of the Board," Dean Martin, Tony Bennett, Perry Como, Peggy Lee, etc.

• Yawkey Foundation (Continued from Page 3)

of leading students to achieve academic excellence in a Catholic, familial atmosphere. Annually, 99 percent of Malden Catholic graduates attend college. The Class of 2014 applied to more than 225 colleges and universities distributed across forty states, the District of Columbia and Canada. Graduates last year received college scholarships with a four-year value of more than \$15 million. Recognized for its dedicated faculty, challenging curriculum, spiritual guidance, social outreach, and championship caliber athletic pro-

grams, Malden Catholic educates young men from more than 40 communities surrounding Boston. The school is accredited by the New England Association of Schools

and Colleges, and it is a member of the New England Association of Independent Schools. Further information on the school may be found at www.maldencatholic.org.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



The minute the snow falls, the plows begin to roam the streets in Boston and all of the surrounding suburbs, clearing the main streets and most of the side streets. When I was a young kid living on Eutaw Street, Dad was one of the few people who owned a car. As time went on, there was a problem that developed. Everyone began buying cars, and at night, they were parked bumper to bumper, as close as possible to those East Boston three-deckers we lived in. During the snow storms, the plows were indiscriminate. They cleaned the streets with the snow both covering and blocking the parked cars. As a result, we had to dig ourselves out. When we did, we created spaces that had to be protected from poachers, invaders and interlopers. Your shoveled parking space had to be declared yours, your private property.

There were a couple of ways to protect your parking space. The most common method was to leave an old chair or two in the middle. If that wasn't possible, an ash barrel would do, or maybe two barrels with a two by four sitting horizontally from one to the other. Everyone in the neighborhood knew whose barrels or chairs were out there to protect the spots and they respected the unwritten rule, "You don't take someone's shoveled parking space."

Dad had to drive to work both day and night and when he, or we, dug his car out, an old barrel and a broken chair was placed in the spot and everyone knew that you didn't park in that spot. Dad would leave the shoveled out spot each weekday morning and head for the Sumner Tunnel. I would put the chair and barrel in the open space before I went to school. When he returned in the afternoon, his spot would be waiting for him. A short nap, dinner and a change of clothes later, Dad would lug his bass violin down the three flights of steps, situate the instrument in his car, pull out of the spot and I would, once again, place his markers out.

If anyone not knowing the routine tried to park in Dad's dug out location, neighborhood spotters would inform the rogue that they couldn't park there. Everyone respected this unwritten rule of winter parking, that is, until a new family moved in next door. They weren't from the neighborhood and were told about the parking situation. This didn't phase the man who headed up the family. He, finding a parking space with identifying chairs or barrels protecting them, would remove them and take the parking space. He was told not to continue this practice in a nice way, not once but three times. He claimed that if the spaces

were vacated, they were up for grabs. After the third time, the men in the neighborhood told him that he had been warned. He laughed it off.

A couple of times, anticipating Dad's return home, Babbononno would stand in the spot puffing on a stogie. If this renegade tried to park there, my grandfather didn't move. I heard Babbononno yelling at the guy in Italian one afternoon and ran outside to see what was going on. I had to explain to my grandfather that the man wasn't Italian and had no idea what he was saying. He switched to fractured English and yelled, "Dissa spot she riserva foh mi genero, my son-a-law. You no canna parka la machina, you carra in dissa place." The neighbor started to give my diminutive grandfather an argument, but he stood his ground and the man pulled away.

Well, the spot was saved for my father and he was told of the incident when he returned home later that afternoon. A couple of hours later, he was dressed in his tuxedo and headed on his way to play with his band. I put the barriers out, as usual, and headed back upstairs. Later that night, when Dad arrived home, that neighbor's car was in Dad's spot and he had to drive around the neighborhood for an hour or so until he found a spot to park in that was not reserved. I heard him coming up the stairs as did everyone else in the house as he was swearing in several languages.

The next morning, the neighbor got in his car, pulled out of the spot and never made it to the middle of the street. The car's engine started clanking, made a large popping sound and stalled. The man tried to restart it but to no avail. No one would help him and he had to call a tow truck. By the time the truck arrived, all of the men in the neighborhood were standing on the sidewalk watching the car being towed away. No one said a word. After the car was out of the way, two of the neighbors put Dad's barrel and chair back in the empty spot.

We learned, a day or two later, that somehow, the man's car was drained of all of its engine oil and the gasoline had become contaminated with sugar and sand. That was the last time we saw the car. No one ever said anything but, one night, the man got into an argument with his wife and you could hear her yelling at him telling him he deserved what he got. No one ever took credit for the happening and nothing was ever said about a car that leaked all of its oil, and somehow, received a supply of gasoline

that contained sugar and sand.

For the remaining years that we lived in East Boston, everyone respected the unwritten rule about parking spaces that were reserved for the people who dug their cars out of the snow. When we moved, it was to a one family house in Belmont with a driveway that could handle our cars. By this point in time, I had a car, too. I was teaching in Boston, going to grad school and playing music at night. There was no problem parking, but something was missing, the thrill of living in an East Boston three-decker with parking adventures every time there was a snow storm.

Well, that's the way it was. Every time I'm back in either Eastie or the North End during the winter and see a parking space in a snow bank with an old chair or a barrel in it, it brings back memories of the old days.

Before I go, I would like to answer a question. Several people who have seen me since my hair has turned white ask me where I get my hair cuts. Well, I go to a shop in Arlington at 824 Mass Ave. Charlene Smith, the owner of Charlene's Barber Shop near Arlington Center has been cutting my hair now for a couple of years. So, if you like the way I look, give her a call and tell her I recommended you. In the mean time,

GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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Middlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
East Cambridge, MA 02141
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Docket No. MI15P0076EA
Estate of
LUSUNDRA MADDOX
Date of Death February 25, 2009
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Vivian Scurry of Delray Beach, FL. Vivian Scurry of Delray Beach, FL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Docket No. SU14D1953DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
ALFRED KETTER
vs.
MARY KETTER
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown of the marriage pursuant to G.L. c. 208 Sec. 1B.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party.
SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Alfred Ketter, 12 South Bremen St., #32, E. Boston, MA 02128-1010** your answer, if any, on or before **March 26, 2015**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 7, 2015
Ann Marie Passanisi, Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI15D0030DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
MARIA DARKAUI
vs.
ANTHONY BAHRA
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Desertion/Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party.
SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **José Joaquim Macedo, Esq., Law Office of José J. Macedo, 392 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, MA 02141** your answer, if any, on or before **March 9, 2015**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 22, 2015
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/30/15

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for **MPA Contract No. AP1522-C1, FY15-17 AUTHORITY-WIDE TERM CAULKING/SEALANT REPAIRS, BOSTON, BEDFORD AND WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015.

The work includes **PROVISION OF LABOR, INCIDENTAL MATERIALS, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO MAKE CAULKING/SEALANT REPAIRS INCLUDING ASSOCIATED CONCRETE REPAIRS AT ALL MPA FACILITIES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS OVER A TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015.**

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

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **WATERPROOFING.**

The estimated contract cost is **FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000).**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS P. GLYNN
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

THE HISTORY OF ANIMATION:
Disney's New Direction

Animation was becoming less and less of a priority for Walt Disney after the war years. In part this was due to cost, as it would take the studio some time to regain revenue lost during the war (and many of the package features produced from the mid to late 40s failed to garner much of a box-office reward). Live-action was cheaper and Disney found he could still make riveting pictures with it such as *Treasure Island* (1950) and *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* (1954). His early experiments with considerable use of live-action footage (*Song of the South*, *So Dear to My Heart*, e.g.), proved to be good practice.

For a man who built his name, fortune, and never stopped reminding the world that it was all started by a mouse, Walt transitioned to live-action with relative ease. If there is one word, after all, that best describes Disney the man it's his ambition and desire to grow, which preceded any sentimental attachment to the art form that built his company. True, cartoons made him a household name, but they simply weren't enough to keep his studio afloat, especially as he was considering expanding.

In truth, Disney's live-action features reached neither the critical or blockbuster stature of the animated features, but because they were made at a considerably lower cost than the cartoons, they did return a profit, some, such as *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* and *The Parent Trap* (1961), having become family favorites.

Besides financial considerations, Disney also had ambitions beyond the animated



Walt Disney introduces his TV fads.

drawing or even film for that matter. The first was, in hindsight, a natural step forward: nature films.

Documentary shorts were already well established by the time Disney made *Seal Island* in 1948, a short capturing the life of seals in Alaska's Pribilof Islands. It was the result of a 1947 partnership between Disney and wildlife photographers Alfred and Elma Milotte, which won the Academy Award for Best Short Subject and launched the *True-Life Adventure* series, which brought wild footage to audiences in a way the movies had never done before. The most impressive of titles in the series, *The Living Desert*, *The Vanishing Prairie*, *Secrets of Life*, *The African Lion*, and *White Wilderness*, have stood the test of time. The cuddling presentation of some of nature's less pleasant aspects (predation, most of all) caused pause even then, but in terms of pure primal awe, the series was a trail-blazer.

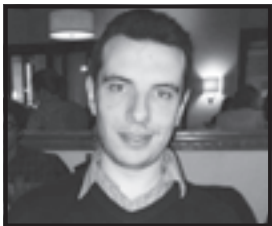
But Disney had two bigger things brewing beyond the big screen. Ostensibly, one sounded smaller, moving to the small screen. But the *Disneyland* TV show captivated millions in the way Disney hadn't since the release of his first animated features. Starting in 1950,

the show (and its later incarnation *Walt Disney Presents*) was something of a revolution for a medium that was then becoming a commodity. Walt was often the host, taking viewers behind the scenes at the studio offering sneak peeks at upcoming films and specials or exploring a new area of discovery, often using old footage of the studio's early works, keeping the memory of the studio's glory years alive. *Disneyland's* claim to television history was pioneering color TV with *Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color*, but Disney solidified a strong television audience with *The Mickey Mouse Club*, *Davy Crockett*, and *Zorro*.

What no one saw coming was Walt's venture into the amusement park arena, and Disneyland changed the nature of parks forever. Anaheim, California, once a sleepy industrial town, was never the same as, indeed, was the concept of theme parks. Disneyland, I think, more than anything, is the true shrine to Walt Disney's mind, imagination, and ambition, the four lands in which the park is divided each encompassing a part of Walt's psyche. Fantasyland, distinguished by the iconic Cinderella's castle, is a tribute to his beginnings as the founder of an animation empire and work with fairytales. Adventureland to his fascination with nature. Frontierland to his most popular TV series (*Davy Crockett*) and love for classic Americana. And Tomorrowland, a testament to his dreams and foresight for the future.

Of course, Disney never fully let go of animation. How could he after being immortalized as the creator of Mickey Mouse? Interestingly, his animated features from the early 50s were a return to fantasy but, after *Cinderella*, he demonstrated a particular attachment to British literature (*Alice in Wonderland* and *Peter Pan*). Only with *Lady and the Tramp* in 1956 did he return to the American small town. His cartoon shorts were coming to a close but even then he was trying new things and in shorts such as *Melody* and the Donald Duck vehicle *Working for Peanuts*, he cashed in on 3D animation. He was experimenting with these shorts as a warm-up for *Sleeping Beauty*, which he envisioned as his ultimate animated opus.

When *Sleeping Beauty* was finally released in 1959 it won plenty of praise for its use of Cinemascope and innovations but, as his costliest animated film thus far, it proved a box-office bomb, forcing Walt to once again reconsider the time and money devoted to animated films, partly explaining the slump in animation in the decade to follow.



Recipes from the
Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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MAMA'S HOMESTYLE PIZZA

DOUGH:

1 cup lukewarm water
1 package dry yeast*
2 tablespoons oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
2 cups flour
*If using Rapid Rise Highly Active Yeast, follow direction on the package.

PIZZA TOPPINGS:

1 pizza baking tray approx. 14" x 16"
8 ounces shredded mozzarella cheese
14 ounces crushed tomatoes
4 tablespoons Romano grated cheese
3 tablespoons oregano
1/4 cup olive oil or oil of choice salt

DOUGH PREPARATION: Place lukewarm water in a bowl. Sprinkle yeast over water and mix until dissolved. Add oil, sugar, salt and stir. Gradually add flour until all water is absorbed. If dough is too soft, add additional flour until it is the desired consistency. Spread a little oil in bowl before placing dough in bowl. Cover with a clean towel and set aside to rise. Put in a warm place. Dough will be ready for spreading when it doubles in size.

PIZZA: Spread some oil over bottom of baking tray. For ease of spreading dough in tray, flatten and spread dough in tray, moisten both hands with oil. Spread dough in tray to thickness desired.

TOPPINGS: Sprinkle mozzarella over dough, followed by topping with crushed tomato. Spread grated cheese and oregano over tomato. Sprinkle olive oil over contents and along inside edges of pizza. Other toppings of choice like chopped mushrooms or vegetables of choice can be added. Salt to taste. Bake in preheated 400°F oven for about twenty minutes. Thickness of dough and the number of toppings may vary time of baking. Bottom of pizza should brown.

To increase recipe, guideline is one cup of water for two cups of flour, except when using cake flour. When using cake flour, additional flour may be needed for one cup of water.

• AS Roma (Continued from Page 5)

three FIFA World Cup champions (Francesco Totti, Daniele De Rossi and Bruno Conti).

In March 2012, Roma entered into a multi-year agreement with Disney Sports to become the official professional football club of the renowned Wide World of Sports amateur and pro sports complex in Orlando. The complex hosts the Disney Soccer Showcase presented by AS Roma — a top U.S. youth football soccer tournament. Roma's top Italian academy club, Primavera, participated in the competition last month.

AS Roma is currently in second place in Serie A, the top-tier professional league in Italy.

Off the pitch, AS Roma is planning a new 52,000-seat stadium and surrounding

entertainment development — Stadio della Roma — that will serve the club and city of Rome as the pre-eminent sports and entertainment district in the world. Further information is available at www.stadiodellaroma.com.

Founded in 1986, FC Greater Boston Bolts is the oldest soccer club in Massachusetts. The Club boasts a top level, professional coaching staff, recognized and respected nationwide. Bolts players come from throughout Massachusetts, southern New Hampshire and Rhode Island. The club is made up of almost 700 premier soccer players, and Bolts players and alumni have represented numerous colleges and universities across the country, the U.S. National Teams and Major League Soccer. For more information on FC Greater Boston, visit www.fcbolts.com

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Docket No. MI14P6330EA

Estate of
GEORGE FRANCIS McPHERSON
Also Known As
GEORGE F. McPHERSON
Date of Death September 10, 2014

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Sheila M. Perrault of Tyngsboro, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Sheila M. Perrault of Tyngsboro, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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Docket No. MI15P0075EA

Estate of
SUSAN ANN CLAYTON
Also Known As
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Date of Death December 19, 2008

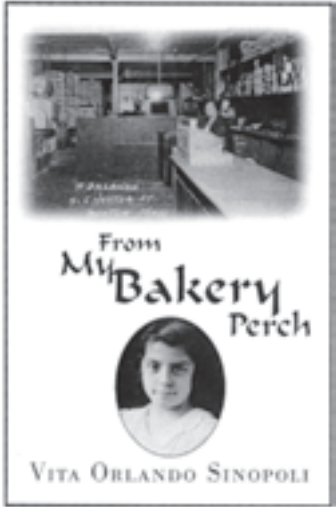
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Elton Clayton of Morrice, MI a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Elton Clayton of Morrice, MI has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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• News Brief (Continued from Page 1)

Can Jeb Rescue the Middle-class?

Jeb Bush is offering policy prescriptions to boost the country's middle-class as he gets closer and closer to announcing a run for president. He wants to overhaul immigration and public education. He wants to increase job training programs and ease regulations on energy and growth. He seems ready to separate himself from Mitt Romney, who is also looking like he wants to take the 2016 dip. Can Bush win the nomination in 2016? Can he win over the Tea Party wing, which isn't going away anytime soon?

I think Ted Cruz is right, nominate either Bush or Romney and watch defeat happen once again.

Feds Finish Ferguson Shooting Inquiry

The FBI has finished its investigation into the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri and it appears that Officer Darren Wilson will not be facing federal charges in the shooting. Following that announcement, gangs of looters caught on video ransacked an African-American owned business in retaliation for no charges being filed. To date, I have yet to hear this act of looting condemned by Rev. Pain in the #@&, have you?

The State Of Our Union

We have turned the page

on terror ... The crisis has passed ... the union is strong ... these policies will continue to work ... We are demonstrating American strength and diplomacy ... We have halted Iran's nuclear program ... We are united when we don't demonize each other ... No more campaigns ... God bless America.

The state of union has turned into an afternoon soap opera. Everything is doublespeak. Nothing makes sense.

Democrats Revolting Over Iran Too?

Now that the Republicans have taken over both the House and Senate on Capitol Hill, the Democrats are already using its new playbook about the evil Republicans trying to mess up President Obama's agenda especially when it comes to Cuba and Iran.

The latest strategy is to attack the Republicans on criticizing an easing of sanctions on Iran as proposed by the Obama White House. One liberal columnist referred to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell as "Bomb, Bomb Iran" McConnell. However, there are a number of Senate Democrats upset with Obama over Cuba and Iran including U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez, D-New Jersey, and he is not alone. Twelve Senate Democrats support sanctions against Iran.

Obama has threatened to veto new Iran sanctions in a bill that soon may reach his desk. This isn't Harry Reid's Senate any longer. What happens if Menendez and his 11 Democratic senators vote to override a veto? What happens if the U.S. Senate pulls off an override vote?

Obama could have a rough two years left in his term and perhaps the country can start pulling itself together again. We can only wish, eh?

Low Information Voters Can't Win

Following the Republican landslide in November, when the Obama Agenda got walloped by the opposing party, Obama seemed to go into instant denial saying that he still spoke for all those people that depend on him, but who didn't vote. Last time I heard, if you don't vote, you don't get counted and your opinions are meaningless.

America is at a crossroads. When those that "get" out number those who "pay," our democratic republic and Constitution become meaningless. Soon if we don't change course, America will turn into one of those European socialist dumpsites.

It is time to get politically active. It is not just enough to mimic the character Howard Beal in "Network." Opening up a window and screaming out-loud that you are "mad as hell and won't take it anymore," isn't enough. We need to get more than angry, we need to get smart. Get involved and find candidates and get them elected. We can change the course of human events. Believe like Churchill in fighting and not giving up.

Low information voters get away with things because those of us who know better refuse to fight. Either we run government or it runs us. We need to pick sides because we are the people and must never forget it.

LEGAL NOTICE

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Walsh's Patriots Super Bowl Send Off Rally

This past Monday, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh hosted a Super-Bowl send-off rally for the Patriots at City Hall Plaza. Everyone was there in celebration and to wish the team well in Arizona this coming Super Bowl Sunday.

Even the team's mascot, Pat Patriot, was all pumped up for the Super Bowl and reportedly said nothing would deflate the fans' hopes for another title. Apparently the national press and those NY tabloids who keep hammering away at the Patriots amount to nothing more than about two pounds of hot air.

Scherzer, Nationals Agree to \$210 Million Deal

Cross off another prospective Red Sox starter now that Max Scherzer becomes the highest paid right-handed pitcher in baseball history. He agreed to a \$210 million pact for 7 years with the Washington Nationals. It also included a record \$50 million signing bonus. Washington is now a 4-1 favorite to win the 2015 World Series.

The 30 year old's contract is the second largest for a pitcher only behind the LA Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw's \$215 million, 7-year deal.

Scherzer was 18-5 with a 3.15 ERA in 2014 for the

Tigers and now joins one of baseball's best starting rotations in years.

Cardinals' Honor Taveras

The St. Louis Cardinals' will wear No.18 patches on their uniforms this upcoming season to honor the late Oscar Taveras, the rookie outfielder killed in a terrible car accident in the Dominican Republic this offseason.

Joe Castiglione Honored

Red Sox radio announcer Joe Castiglione was recently elected to the Western Massachusetts. Baseball Hall of Fame and was inducted earlier this week out in Springfield. Others inducted were Pittsfield's Art Ditmar who pitched in 287 games and the late Vic Raschi from West Springfield, who spent 10 seasons in the Majors, mostly with the NY Yankees during the '50s, where he was a big starter.

Steve Sweeney Headlines Parkway Softball Fundraiser

Stand-up guy Steve Sweeney will be standing up at this year's Parkway Girls Softball League fundraiser which is scheduled for Friday, February 6th at 7:00 pm at the Irish Social Club on Park Street in West Roxbury.

Visit www.parkwaygirlssbl.com for more information or tickets.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. AP1511-C1, FY 15-17 PERIMETER FENCE REPAIRS - TERM CONTRACT, ALL AUTHORITY FACILITIES, BOSTON, BEDFORD, AND, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015.

The work includes PROVISION OF LABOR, INCIDENTAL MATERIALS, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN ALL PERIMETER FENCE SYSTEMS AT THE AUTHORITY'S PROPERTIES IN EAST BOSTON, BEDFORD AND WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS AS REQUIRED FROM TIME TO TIME ON AN "AS NEEDED/ON CALL" BASIS FOR A TIME PERIOD OF TWENTY- FOUR (24) MONTHS.

Bid documents will be made available beginning THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015.

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

The estimated contract cost is ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00)

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

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

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000). Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

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

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

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

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS P. GLYNN
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. AP1522-C1, FY15-17 AUTHORITY-WIDE TERM CAULKING/SEALANT REPAIRS, BOSTON, BEDFORD AND WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015.

The work includes PROVISION OF LABOR, INCIDENTAL MATERIALS, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO MAKE CAULKING/SEALANT REPAIRS INCLUDING ASSOCIATED CONCRETE REPAIRS AT ALL MPA FACILITIES ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS OVER A TWO (2) YEAR PERIOD.

Bid documents will be made available beginning THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015.

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

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of WATERPROOFING.

The estimated contract cost is FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Carnera vs. Baer

Part II



Baer stands over Carnera.

At first, it looked like Max Baer was on his way to a quick and easy win over the Italian giant. With knockdowns in the first and second rounds it appeared there was no way Carnera could last very long, never mind retain the title. But, things tightened up in the middle rounds. I know most people wrote Primo off as a manufactured champion, one who rose through the ranks as the beneficiary of fixed fights and hand-picked opponents, and that now that he was finally in there with a real fighter who was not handcuffed he was being exposed as the bum he really was.

I would argue this fight did not prove Primo to be a bum at all. Instead, I believe it showed him to have the qualities of a very decent and courageous fighter. First off, if this fight is scored on a rounds basis, which it would have been back then, it was very close going into the final round with some saying the champion was even slightly ahead. Yes, the rounds Baer won he won big, but the other rounds were a different story. As I mentioned in part 1 of this column, Carnera was landing an effective jab on Baer and even hurt him a couple of times with jarring uppercuts. Was this because Baer was tired and catching a second wind for his final assault on Carnera? Possibly, but I think Primo earned Max's respect by absorbing his best shots and still carrying the fight to him. The right hand that Baer landed flush on Carnera's jaw in the first round would have left most men out cold on the canvas. Primo not only took it, but also showed more hurt was down to his pride than his physical being.



Baer and Carnera grapple to the canvas.

It also should be noted that there is credible evidence, as I cited in my previous installment, that the champion was fighting with a broken ankle and torn ligaments in his right leg. As I watched the clips of this fight I did notice that Carnera was unsteady on his feet at times, but it was not the unsteadiness of a fighter that was hurt from being hit. His movements were consistent with a person suffering from an injured ankle. If this is taken into consideration, it is not only amazing that he was able to continue as far as he did, but that he was also able to make a fight of it. A man that size with a damaged ankle in against a power puncher such as Baer had to have incredible courage and pride to carry on the way he did.

As the fight moved into the tenth round it was getting interesting. If it was true, as Commissioner Brown had charged, that Baer had not properly trained for the fight, then it could just be possible that Max would not have the endurance to last the final six

rounds against his much larger opponent? Well, no, even though Primo started off the tenth round in winning fashion, Max had gotten his second wind and launched another furious assault on the champion, decking him three times in the last half of the round. The end was now near. Going into the eleventh round Max sensed victory and unloaded on Primo. He dropped Carnera twice and when Primo rose from the second knockdown, referee Arthur Donovan stopped the bout. Some people say that the champion signaled to the referee that he had had enough because of the way he gestured towards him, but I believe Primo did not cede the fight, and instead was complaining about Max hitting him on the back of the head.



Baer visits Carnera (recovering from injured ankle) in the hospital after their bout.

It is often reported that Max Baer dropped Carnera a total of eleven times during the bout, but that number is in question as that would include the times the two boxers went down together while grappling. In those days there was no mandatory eight count, so there is no signal from the referee calling these knockdowns. I will say that at no time did Carnera think about not getting up. As a matter of fact, he let his pride get the better of him by not staying down and taking a count in order to more fully recover.

Whatever you may think of Primo Carnera's ability as a boxer, and I would argue that while he certainly does not rank up there as a great fighter, he has not been given the credit he deserves, he certainly had the heart of a great champion. He deserves much more respect than he has been given. He never quit in a fight, was always in great shape, and always came to win, and while he is often mocked for later going on to become a professional wrestler, I have been told by wrestling experts that he was a world class grappler. Again, he gave his all when he committed to doing something.

Primo is the only undisputed heavyweight champion not in the International Boxing Hall of Fame. I have been told this is because of the shady circumstances surrounding some of his fights and because of the characters that handled him. Well, if being around questionable characters disqualifies a champion from the Hall of Fame, then they better start removing people from it. After all, Don King is an inductee. Need I say more?

Primo Carnera was not a great champion, but he was a man who, despite the people around him, carried the championship with dignity. He is also the only title holder between Tunney and Louis to have defended the title more than once. Schmeling lost it in his second defense, Sharkey in his first, Baer in his first, and Braddock in his first. So, for those of you who judge fighters by the numbers, Primo, with two defenses before losing it, had the best record out of the whole gang. He was also the first and only native Italian to hold the crown. He deserves to be in the Hall of Fame.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss

Although he coached a team from another city, he was, in a long ago era, truly a Boston coach, immediately familiar to those in the Hub and throughout New England.

For many, it had become a Sunday ritual, to return from church and then settle in to listen or watch how the fortunes of the New York *football* Giants played out on any particular fall weekend.

It was the decades when New England lacked an NFL franchise, when the nearest team was in New York City and the names of players on that team based in Manhattan were as familiar as those of the Patriots today.

But the times, they were a-changing, and in 1960 the American Football League was formed, awarding the Hub a franchise in the process and sowing the seeds for a shift in allegiance that would gradually become a reality over the following decade.

But first, there would be one last glimmer of greatness from the Giants, led by coach Alli Sherman, a former pro quarterback who stood all of 5-10 and had weighed only 165 pounds while playing quarterback for the Philadelphia Eagles in the 1940s.

Sherman, who died January 4th in New York City at the age of 91, assumed the helm of the historic New York franchise in 1961 and promptly won three consecutive NFL Eastern Conference titles with players who were known throughout our six-state region. Those included the quarterbacks Charley Conerly and Y.A. Tittle, backs Alex Webster, Kyle Rote and Frank Gifford plus a defensive unit that featured Sam Huff, Andy Robustelli, Roosevelt Grier and Dick Modzelewski.

Over the course of those three memorable campaigns, the Giants lost only eight regular season games with Sherman being selected as the NFL Coach of the Year in both 1961 and 1962.

But just as the good times rolled, they retreated and were replaced by a new reality that was less than positive. In 1964 the Giants fell to a 2-10-2 record. Hope held out for a few more years but Sherman could never turn the corner to success again. He was fired just before the start of the 1969 season, leaving with a career record of 57-51-4. Although only in his 40s, Sherman would never coach football again at any level.

But the passage of time never really dimmed the brightness of those three terrific seasons. The Giants and Sherman (all 5-10 of him) really stood tall in those years. They were a most successful swan song for New York's last "Boston coach," a man long remembered for what he inspired his team to accomplish in 36 months of football greatness.

MR. CUB — If there ever was a baseball player who deserved to play in the postseason, it was Ernie Banks, the star shortstop of

the Chicago Cubs, who toiled for 19 years in the Windy City but sadly was always on the sidelines when the World Series came around.

Banks, who died January 23rd at the age of 83, and came to the Cubs from the Negro League Kansas City Monarchs in September 1953, remained enthusiastic about the game all his life. He loved the routine of those who play the diamond game, performing on warm sunny days before large crowds. Of course, he was probably used to crowds long before he got to the Majors. Growing up in Dallas, he was one of 11 children in the Banks' household.

That positive attitude was captured in 1969 when he stated: "It's a beautiful day. Let's play two." Over the years, that became shortened into the trademark saying of Ernie Banks: "Let's play two today."

Over the course of his career he connected for 2,583 hits, drove in 1,636 runs, hit 512 homers and had a lifetime batting average of .274. He was the National League MVP in 1958 and 1959, won the Golden Glove Award in 1960, was named to the All-Star team 11 times and was elected to the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility (1977). A statue depicting him in his batting stance was placed outside Wrigley field in 2008. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2013.

The downside for residents of the Hub is that they never had the opportunity to see Banks play in Boston because he joined the National League franchise after the Boston Braves moved to Milwaukee. There weren't any interleague regular season games in his era.

Sadly, the classic saying ("Let's play two today.") is a declining reality in Major League baseball. What Banks was referring to was a classic doubleheader with the second game starting about 20 minutes after the first one ended. There are very few of those today and the vast majority come near the end of the season when teams are seeking to make up rained out contests.

Much more common is the day-night doubleheader — where one game ends and everyone leaves with a second game starting several hours later. This allows for separate admissions and thus more revenue for the teams. In Banks' day, the classic doubleheaders were regularly scheduled events played on major holidays — Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day. They drew vast crowds.

It would be a fitting memorial to Ernie Banks if all teams hosted a classic doubleheader during the 2015 season. In the spirit of Ernie Banks, the enthusiastic words would literally come to life once more: "Let's play two today."