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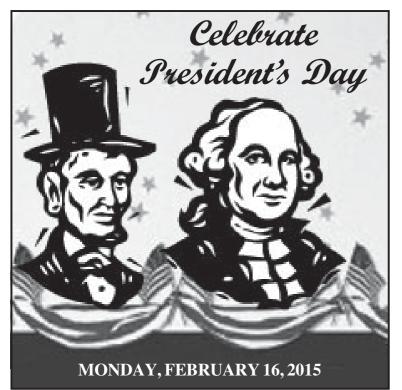
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## **News Briefs**

by Sal Giarratani

#### Romney Decides to Exit '16 Race

Recently, Mitt Romney decided to not seek the GOP presidential nomination next year. Big deal. I wasn't for him anyway. With Jeb Bush pushing forward on his own, Romney knew when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em and he folded 'em.

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, R-Texas, is right, if the GOP went with Romney or goes with Bush the Third, then the Democrats win. I like Cruz, but he isn't quite presidential material yet. I like Sarah Palin, but the media would destroy her. She has lots of fight in her and if she ran I would be very tempted to help her campaign.

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Florida, is similar to Cruz, as it's not his time yet. Chris Christie would not the best choice, but I think he could actually take on Hillary.

There is no perfect candidate out there who can actually win. I would love to see former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton run for president, but like another outsider, Dr. Ben Carlson, his chances aren't that great. Very qualified doesn't mean beanbag in politics.

## New Republican Majority Means Nothing

It would appear that with the Republicans controlling both branches of Congress, that they haven't exactly acted like gangbusters. They seem to be backpedaling, compromising quickly and acting like Democrats. They were elected in a landslide not to hide, but to stand up.

Look at some of these sad Republican types, John McCain, Orrin Hatch, Lindsay Graham, Mitch McConnell and John Boehner, they are making me sick over immigration and Obamacare.

#### To Vaccinate or not to Vaccinate?

Right now, the Washington liberal elite and media like the *Huffington Post* are trying to bash Republicans as the anti-science party. Recently,

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#### Ah, Valentine's Day!!!

## FedEx Makes a Special Delivery for Valentine's Day:

## **A Rare Northern Fur Seal**

Commander Will Meet Ursula at the New England Aquarium



Commander

Commander, a rare northern fur seal, was delivered to Boston via FedEx to meet his future mate for Valentine's Day at the New England Aquarium.

A couple of special northern fur seals will have an unforgettable Valentine's Day this year with a little help from FedEx Corp.

Commander, a nearly 300-pound 11-year-old male northern fur seal, was transported via a donated FedEx flight from Seattle to Boston. Commander will soon meet Ursula, a 16-year-old female northern fur seal, one of the species' last reproductively viable females in an American zoo or aquarium.

The number of northern fur seals in U.S. aquariums has dwindled to just nine, and the rendezvous, just in time for Valentine's Day, is part of a breeding collaboration between the Seattle Aquarium and the New England Aquarium designed to increase the population.

"Sustaining a population of northern fur seals in high profile facilities like the Seattle Aquarium and the New England Aquarium allows visitors to learn more about this amazing species, and creates the human/animal bond necessary to inspire conservation," said Traci Belting, curator of mammals and birds at the Seattle Aquarium. "Biological data collected from northern fur seals in human care contributes to the development of conservation plans for northern fur seals in the wild."

Commander was transported by FedEx in a specially

designed enclosure, and he was accompanied by his veterinarian and one of his trainers throughout his journey.

Commander will make his new home at the New England Aquarium, where he will be introduced to a community of fur seals, including Ursula.

"Commander will be introduced to our colony of fur seals well before breeding season, which begins in the summer," said Kathy Streeter, New England Aquarium marine mammal's curator. "This will give him enough time to adapt to his new home and engage in courtship behaviors with Ursula. Ursula has successfully raised two pups in the past. Hopefully, she and Commander will mate and contribute to the genetic diversity of northern fur seals in the U.S." Commander will not be able to be seen by the public until early March.

"FedEx is committed to sustainability, and is grateful for the opportunity to play a role in this important initiative," said David J. Bronczek, president and chief executive officer, FedEx Express. "We wish the best for Commander and Ursula and



Ursula

commend the work of the Seattle and New England Aquariums in this effort."

The Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut and the New York Aquarium are also part of the nationwide breeding effort.

Northern fur seals, which have some of the thickest fur of any animal in the world, were once hunted for their pelts, but are now protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act as a depleted species. It is estimated there are about 666,000 in the wild, but that number is decreasing. They can be found throughout the northern Pacific Rim, and their main breeding colonies are in the Pribilof and Commander Islands in the Bering



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# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



During these past weeks we discussed the origin of mythology, the Primeval Beings, the Titans, and then the Primary gods. Today's column highlights Apollo, god of sunlight, and brother to the moon goddess, Diana.

After her union with Zeus, the beautiful Leto, wandered over the lands until the "might one" fastened a floating island with unbreakable chains so that she might have a safe place to give birth. This blessed event produced Apollo and Artemis (Diana).

Apollo appears to have been most enthusiastically worshipped throughout the Greek world, and was one of the most versatile of the gods. Most of us know that he was worshipped as the god of light, but additionally, in this capacity, he was also the enemy of darkness. He was considered to be the god who brought prosperity to the crops, protected them against disease, and also against insects. As a god of the shepherds, pastures, and the blocks, he also guarded defenseless animals against their predators. This god was looked upon as a promoter of the health, well being and purity of mankind. As an idol of manly youth he furnished the power of endurance in boxing, was worshipped as a guide and guardian on land and at sea.

#### **APOLLO**



He cured sickness, was considered to be a healer and preserver of life, while at the same time, he was also capable of sending deadly plagues down upon mankind. He was the patron of all prophecy, while at Delphi he became the prophet who made Zeus' will known to all men. In time, Apollo also became the god of song and poetry.

Apollo became known to the Romans through Tarquinius Superbus, the last king of Regal Rome, who was the first of the Roman kings to consult the Delphic oracle. Tarquinius was also the king who purchased the Sibylline Books (early records of prophetic utterances). It was through these writings that the worship of Apollo was introduced to the Romans.

and this worship, in turn, brought about the construction of a temple, dedicated in 431 B.C. to this god of healing.

In ancient artistic representations, this god appears as a beardless, long-haired, muscular and handsome youth. There was hardly an artist in antiquity who didn't take his turn in portraying some incident described in the countless legends of Apollo. The most famous statue of him that is preserved today is probably the Apollo Belvedere, which is ascribed to Eocares. It was found at Antium (Anzio) near Rome in the early sixteenth century, and is one of the first examples of ancient sculpture to be placed in the Vatican. It personifies youthful manliness to perfection in an extraordinary elegant attitude, and is considered to be one of the world's most nearly perfect representations of the human figure. The statue was found in a damaged condition, but the arms have since been restored. It appears that Apollo held a bow or argis in his left hand, and from his stance, the experts believe he was fighting with those who threatened to storm his sanctuary. **NEXT ISSUE:** 

Artemis & Diana, Greek and Roman Goddesses of the Hunt

## Department of Revenue and Office of Consumer Affairs Join Forces to **Protect Taxpayers from Filing Tax Preparation Scams**

Choose Wisely When Selecting a Tax Preparer

Commissioner Amy Pitter joins Consumer Affairs Undersecretary John Chapman to warn Massachusetts taxpayers that following a few sensible steps when choosing a tax preparer can make a very big difference. Taxpayers are legally responsible for the information on their tax return, regardless of who prepares the return.

"Criminals who pose as tax preparers to victimize taxpayers by stealing their identity and pocketing fraudulent refunds tend to do so in the first couple of months of the tax season," said Commissioner Pitter. "We urge taxpayers to take

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they are getting one of the many legitimate tax preparation professionals."

Undersecretary Chapman noted that "Scammers come out of the woodwork this time of year, posing as tax preparers and looking to defraud hard-working Massachusetts consumers. You need to make sure the person you hire is reputable before giving them access to your personal and financial information. In the wrong hands your identity is in great jeopardy.'

At Greater Boston Legal Services, which offers low income taxpayer assistance, Luz Arevalo said they see

Mattéo Gallo

**Appraisals** 

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Massachusetts Revenue some simple steps to be sure poor families, often immigrants who can't speak English, victimized by socalled preparers who make up information or manipulate income so their clients can qualify for the earned income tax credit or the senior property tax credit.

"When our clients fall prey to these preparers, they pay a high price, not just with lost refunds, potential penalties and interest, but in mental distress and anguish," said Arevalo. "Of course I want taxpayers to take all the precautions but if I were to choose just one, I would ask taxpayers to be sure they have the preparer sign their tax return — it's really important to get the name on the return.'

The best protection for taxpayers who need help in preparing a state or federal tax return is to know who is preparing their taxes by asking questions:

#### ARE THEY QUALIFIED?

Paid tax preparers are required to have a preparer tax ID (or PTIN). Ask to see it along with proof of membership in a professional organization. You may also

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## Res Publica

by David Trumbull



### This is Washington's Birthday and I Can't Tell a Lie

with a federal holiday.

Monday is WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, a federal and state holiday to honor the hero of the Revolutionary War, the Father of His Country, and the first President of the United States. Of the 43 men to serve as chief executive of

That many persons now call the third Monday in February

the Union, only Washington

is so singled out for honor

"Presidents Day" is an indicator of our lack of discrimination and devaluing of true accomplishment and fame. To put it in perspective, Catholics believe that each of the 266 popes was the Vicar of Christ on Earth, infallible in matters of faith and morals, and yet fewer than 90 have been added to the calendar of Saints (and no less erudite writer than Dante placed some of the popes in Hell), but common American usage honors equally the great Washington and the least noble and least accomplished of men to hold the office by jumbling them all together on "Presidents Day," the equivalent of declaring each a "secular saint."

Slighting of Washington by calling his birthday "Presidents Day" also errs by neglecting the 29th of May, which by state law (Mass. Gen. Laws Chap. 6 Section 15VV) is our PRESIDENTS DAY, in memory of John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Calvin Coolidge and John Fitzgerald Kennedy, former presidents from the Commonwealth.

Virginia, home of eight presidents, including Washington, beats us out in total number. But here in the Bay State we have something the Old Dominion lacks. We have in our midst the Washington Library — About 800 books and pamphlets from George Washington's personal library at Mount Vernon given to the Boston Athenæum by a group of Bostonians in 1848. The books themselves are priceless and only serious scholars need apply for permission to use the collection. However, in 1997 the library published a catalog so the rest of us can see what sort of books the great man was reading.

Books on history and government from Washington's library include his personal copy of Common Sense, the tract by Thomas Paine that was so influential in promoting the revolutionary spirit. The General, of course, had several books on military science. Remembering that Mount Vernon was a working farm, we are not surprised to find books on agriculture and practice arts such as carpentry and horsemanship. President Washington's mind ranged beyond those necessary topics, for we also find books on religion, linguistics, and poetry.

I could lump Washington in the same group with some of the lesser men who occupied the White House — but that would be a lie.

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Lord's Prayer written by a 15-year-old Minnesota student who received an A+ for this entry.

> The Lord's Prayer is no longer allowed in most U.S. Public schools.

> > Submitted by Ed Shallow

#### **NEW School Prayer:**

Now I sit me down in school Where praying is against the rule For this great nation under God Finds mention of Him very odd. If scripture now the class recites, It violates the Bill of Rights. And anytime my head I bow Becomes a Federal matter now. Our hair can be purple, orange or green, That's no offense; it's a freedom scene. The law is specific, the law is precise. Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice. For praying in a public hall Might offend someone with no faith at all. In silence alone we must meditate, God's name is prohibited by the State. We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks, And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks. They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible. To quote the Good Book makes me liable. We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen, And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King. It's 'inappropriate' to teach right from wrong, We're taught that such 'judgments' do not belong. We can get our condoms and birth controls, Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles. But the Ten Commandments are not allowed, No word of God must reach this crowd. It's scary here I must confess, When chaos reigns the school's a mess. So, Lord, this silent plea I make: Should I be shot; My soul please take! Amen

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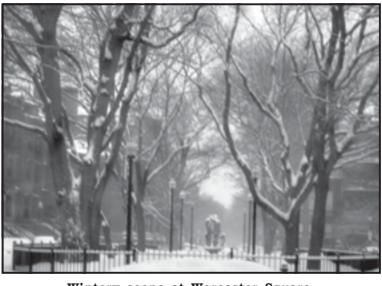
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## **CITY'S NEIGHBORHOODS**

## Blanketed in the White Stuff

by Sal Giarratani



Wintery scene at Worcester Square.

This past Sunday morning, I went back to my South End roots and remembered those snowy winters I experienced as a young kid on East Springfield Street. I always thought East Springfield Street was a lovely street with it's row houses lining both sides. The beautiful old brick buildings provided so much warmth to working-class families back some fifty or more years ago. Back then apartments went for twenty bucks a month plus utilities. Today, most of

these buildings are owner occupied with price tags that reach into seven digit numbers. This causes me to laugh.

I noticed along my old street and Worcester Square that space savers aren't high on the priority list since most people seem to leave their vehicles buried until spring. If you never move them, no need to save a space, eh?

Mike's City Diner at the it's mine. "Don't Touch."

corner of East Springfield and Washington Streets. Back in the day, Mike's was an English-style fish and chips joint. Next door to Mike's is now a yuppie joint. Back in my day it was Smith & Sheehan's, a barroom with the nickname "Bucket of Blood.' No yuppies were obviously welcomed.

This past Sunday at Mass, the first reading was from the Book of Job, "My life is like the wind. I shall never see happiness again." He was such a downer. However, with this winter from hell thatwe are now going through, I would like to rephrase Job, "My life is like the snow. I shall never see the ground again."

As I strolled through my old neighborhood, I remembered living through so many winter snowstorms, but I can truly say, I have never seen a winter like the one we are experiencing right now. If I lived in the South End today, there would be an orange cone in my parking space when I pulled away from the curb. I wouldn't I walked around the old care what the yuppies 'hood before stopping in at thought. If I shovel a space,



The former Immaculate Conception Church on Harrison Avenue.



The corner of East Springfield Street and Harrison Avenue.

## Mayor Walsh Launches SuccessLink

### 2015 Summer Youth Employment Enrollment Now Available Online

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced Success-Link, an online tool that enables Boston youth to register for summer jobs. Registering also allows applicants to connect with the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment's full menu of services including connection to peer-led personal and career development workshops, scholarships, civic engagement opportunities, and more. The SuccessLink replaces the Boston Youth Fund's HOPELINE.

"It is time for our young people and families to start making summer plans now and we want to give them all of the tools to do so," said Mayor Walsh. "We are opening up the SuccessLink so that teens can register for employment, and we have extended registration from four weeks to nearly eight weeks to give all of our young people a chance to connect with us."

The SuccessLink application will be available until 11:59 pm on Friday, March 27th. Teens can apply 24 hours a day on the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment website, youth.boston.gov by clicking the application link.

For more than 20 years, the Boston Youth Fund (BYF) has provided employment opportunities for Boston youth in a vast array of positions at non-profit organizations throughout the city. Many of the young people employed are instrumental in assisting nonprofit organizations with outreach efforts. childcare, educational awareness, and more.

Mayor Walsh explained, "the Youth Employment Program is about allowing young people to explore opportunities, gain valuable experience, and participate in development that will help to shape their futures."

Now, young people can register for the Youth Employment Program, partake in personal and career development workshops, get connected to resources, and join in on civic engagement initiatives designed to empower youth all in one place.

Employment opportunities include positions with the Boston Police Department, New England Aquarium, Zoo New England, radio stations, Boston municipal government departments, and more.

"Through working with the Boston Youth Fund, I learned the value of community," said Nyasha Mooney-McCoy, who currently is a junior in college. "It is crucial that you establish and develop a connection to the communities in which you live and work. These lessons made my work at the Denney Center and 826 Boston worthwhile. This was an exciting opportunity to be a part of these organizations and invest in positive change. I felt empowered."

Last January, the department underwent a major restructuring combining BYF, the Mayor's Youth Council, and the Mayor's Youthline to transition to an actual "onestop shop for teens" located at 1483 Tremont Street, known as the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment.

Potential employees must apply by using Mayor Walsh's SuccessLink (formerly

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

Loving and Laughing

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



With all of the snow that blankets the ground like an overstuffed duvet, it is hard to believe that spring is on its way. However, the signs of the approaching season unexpectedly fill the corners and nooks of our world, waiting like unwrapped presents for those who search for them. Bathing suits and T-shirts and pastel summer skirts wink at me from the store aisles. The sun remains for a longer time in the sky, spreading its golden light from between the trees in my backyard. And of course, you cannot step into a shop without seeing walls of red and pink hearts for Valentine's Day. Indeed. I like to call this upcoming week an introduction to spring due to the presence of two spring holidays within its days. Valentine's Day falls on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, and Mardi Gras, the great feast of abandon that signals the end of the Carnival season, occurs a few days later on the 17th. Collectively, these holidays celebrate the beginning of spring by emphasizing the love and brightness that will carry us through the cold winter evenings into the days of bright sunshine. The ancient folklore and customs associated with these feasts, from Italy and around the world, honor the unique celebrations that define these holidays while also placing them in the more general category of welcoming spring.

Valentine's Day is one of my favorite holidays, because it is a chance to indulge in chocolate and whimsical decorations without the high-powered stress of the winter festive season. stead preferring to focus on homey touches that create a cozy and sweet holiday atmosphere. I always bake red velvet cupcakes, replete with a scrumptious cream cheese frosting, for this day, and decorate my door with a wooden heart wreath. I not only celebrate with my husband, but make sure to pass along Valentine's Day greetings to my family and friends as well. For Valentine's Day is a holiday honoring love in all of its shivering, splendid forms — by only limiting the celebra-

as homemade cards to your parents or sharing conversation hearts with your best friend. In addition to commemorating all angles of love, St. Valentine's Day also functions as a herald of spring. All of the flowers prominent throughout the festival, from scarlet roses to delicate white snowdrops, remind us of the vegetation that blooms throughout the Earth as spring approaches. In fact, Valentine's Day may have its origins in the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalia, a festival of purification and fertility celebrated on February 15th. The other origin of St. Valentine's Day also stems from Italy — Saint Valentine, or San Valentino in Italian, performed secret weddings after the Roman army forbade its soldiers to marry, thus cementing his reputation as a romantic. Other Valentine's Day folklore further emphasizes the connection with spring. A famous superstition advised unmarried girls to look for the first winged creature seen upon waking, as it offered a clue to the profession of her future spouse — a bat meant that she would marry a baseball player, while a robin heralded a sailor. According to medieval calendars, birds began choosing their mates on February 14th, a harbinger of the rebirth of the natural world to come!



Another holiday which forever excites me for the upcoming spring is Mardi Gras. Literally translated to "Fat Tuesday" in French, Mardi Gras serves as the last day for riotous feasting I always eschew fanciness and overindulgence before on St. Valentine's Day, in- the austere period of Lent begins the next morning, on an eternal spring bloom Ash Wednesday. I remember Mardi Gras parties held at my local church, where we would wear beads and masks in the traditional New Orleans colors of purple, green and vellow, and play a number of crazy games the sillier, the better! In truth, Mardi Gras is simply the last day which culminates the whole period of Carnival, the raucous preparation for Lent that begins on the Epiphany. In Italy, this period is known as Carnevale, which some scholtions to romantic love, we are speculate derives from hope, love, optimism, and, of miss out on such activities the Latin words "carne vale";

which means, "farewell to meat," since it was customarily a forbidden food during Lent. The proverb for this season states that "A Carnevale, ogni scherzo vale," or that every joke is fair game during Carnival! Carnevale in Italy is known for its gleeful abandon and its age-old celebrations that vary from city to city. In Venice, Carnevale is classy and mysterious, with participants floating gracefully in famous masks depicting characters from the olden style of Italian theater known as commedia dell'arte. The people of Viareggio in Tuscany hold a parade with floats poking fun at politicians and celebrities, a throwback to the times when dissent was only permitted through the veil of jest. In the city of Ivrea, Carnevale is celebrated with a huge orange fight that mimics an event in the town's history! My grandmother grew up in the countryside of southern Italy, and remembers quaint Carnival festivities where disguised neighbors would travel from house to house entertaining the residents with songs and jokes. She would also bake cenci — deep-fried ribbons of dough also known by appropriately whimsical names such as bugie (lies) and chiac-chiere (gossip)! Carnival feasts may have started as spring festivals to chase away the darkness of winter. Indeed, a traditional Mardi Gras food, the pancake, honors the sun with its golden color and round shape. That is why this holiday holds such a special place in my heart. It reminds me that fun and laughter is effective enough to melt even the most stubborn of winters!

This week, we have two great opportunities to welcome spring with joy, love and open hearts. On St. Valentine's Day, we can give thanks for the love which has sustained us throughout the dark winter, while staying optimistic about the arrival of spring as we glance at the flowers and hearts and birds that surround us. Meanwhile, we can chase away the winter blues on Mardi Gras, letting inside us as we lift our spirits with laughter and a zest for living. There are many small ways to honor these holidays, whether it is exchanging a card with a loved one on Valentine's Day or taking a bite of King Cake on Mardi Gras. What matters the most is that we stay attuned to the wider message of the holidays, that of accepting both the literal and metaphorical spring inside us, and welcoming each new, brighter day with unlimited course, laughter.

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## Those Who Repeat History are Condemned to Repeating it

Why is it that in the course of world civilization we often forget what was learned in the past. We seem to have a knack of just repeating bad behavior with bad responses.

Today, ISIS isn't just a regional threat, but one to the world a threat to peace. The group has set out on a caliphate to place all civilization under Islamic law. They are gobbling up real estate as I write, but their ultimate plans are much more ambitious. We have a president who keeps repeating that ISIS is neither Islamic nor a state meanwhile just the opposite is just over the horizon. The enemy is Radical Islam and it isn't an organization, it is in fact, a branch of Islam. This branch is not representing a religion of peace but quite the opposite.

The U.S. keeps saying there will be no ground troops, but the airstrikes aren't really working. The latest brutalities found two Japanese prisoners with their heads cut off and a Jordanian soldier torched to death screaming into God's hands.

The Obama White House keeps saying that the airstrikes are working, but ISIS still moves forward in their quest for their caliphate. They are not simply a regional threat, but a threat to all civil society across the globe.

We can blame President Bush for his focusing on Saddam after 9/11. We can blame Bush for his nationbuilding. We can blame Bush for lots of things, except the current "war" we are caught up in. The battle against ISIS is here and now

and we have a president that won't even identify the enemy by name. Mr. President, we have an enemy, name

Like the rest of the world, we watch in horror at the brutality of ISIS and their radical Islamic fanaticism. Blaming Bush isn't going to do any good and neither will blaming Obama. We cannot bring democracy to this part of the world, but we do have a responsibility to make sure that the evil of ISIS is stopped from spreading any further. The United Nations is useless and whether we like it or not, the United States has to step up to the plate rather than do what we unfortunately did back in the 1930's before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. We thought Hitler was getting contained. It was our battle. In hindsight, we know we should have done more to save the millions murdered by the Nazis'.

At the moment the War Against Terror is about stopping terror, and not about bringing free elections.

It is time for both Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives up on Capitol Hill to act rightly. It is time for President Obama to stand up as Commanderin-Chief and stop a world evil before it grows even stronger.

We didn't start this fight, they did. It has it's roots on September 11, 2001 and we need to remember that forever.

The vast majority of Americans don't like war, but there are times when actions speak louder than non-actions or mere words.



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## Sons of Italy Grand Lodge Charity Commission YEAR IN REVIEW

by Carol Rossi



Residents of the Casa Monte Cassino with visitors from the Grand Lodge.

The Commission began their 2014 efforts by sending Valentines to over 150 of our shut-in members. The cards were well received by the recipients, as evidenced by the many thank you messages we received in return. It expresses to these honored members that they are remembered with love and affection and that they are appreciated for their years of membership in the Order. If your Lodge has not taken advantage of this service by the Commission, we urge you to do so for the benefit of these oft-forgotten members.

The Commission has also sent many cards this year to members who were seriously ill, facing surgery, were recently confined to a nursing home or a rehab facility, or sustained the loss of a family member. This "sunshine" service was announced at the 100th Annual State Convention as a way to honor all of our local Lodge members, who have helped make the Grand Lodge successful over the last 100 years, by sending sympathy, get well, and "thinking of you" messages to all in need. If your Lodge has not availed itself of this service, we encourage you to do so, as the cards have thus far been well received. Members can submit information about a member in need via a form in the Charity Commission section of our website at osiama.org/charity or, if absolutely necessary, information may be submitted via telephone.

represented the Grand Lodge by participating in the Columbus Day Parade in East Boston. A four foot by five-foot poster showing lodges' charitable giving through the Grand Lodge for the last 10 years — totaling over \$1,000,000 - was mounted on a truck that traveled the parade route. This figure does not include monies donated for scholarships or additional monies given individually by local lodges to charities. This poster acted as a great "spokesperson" for our Order. Many people along the parade route commented on our accomplishments and many indicated that they had "no idea that we were a charitable organization." This accomplishment would not be possible without you, the members of our local lodges. We extend a big "thank you"

to all our Lodges for your generous support to our charities, both at Convention and through your own lodges.

In November, members were informed that the Charity Commission, through the Charitable and Educational Trust, is sponsoring various programs hosted by the Special Olympics. These programs include bowling, soccer, and bocce tournaments in which special Olympians of all ages compete. The Special Olympics are in need of both event volunteers and monetary sponsorships. We look forward to partnering with this organization and once again, we thank all of our Lodges for their support of these deserving Olympi-

The year culminated with two fabulous and rewarding events. The first, on Saturday, December 6th, was the annual North End Nursing was assisted by elf Mia MacLean, handed out the gifts and cookies, which were generously devoured by the residents.

This party is such a wonderful event and brings such joy to the residents, many of whom no longer have family nearby or others to visit with them. It is indeed a blessing to take a bit of time during the holiday season to brighten the lives of these dear ones. The party is open to any member of our lodges and we invite you to attend next year's party.

The last event of the year was our first-ever Christmas party at the Casa Monte Cassino which was held on Saturday, December 15. What a very exciting party this was as we visited with the five young people undergoing treatment who were there with one or more of their parents: York (16) with his mother Lisa from the Dominican Republic, Jin Lei (9) with his dad from China, Deana (14) with mother Sandy from Bolivia, Marco (10) with mother Michelle from the Philippines, and Julio (18) with mother Ana from Chile. Although none of the young people (with the exception of Julio) spoke English, there was no problem with communicating the purpose of the party or the joy of the season. We arrived with home-baked desserts, and the Casa provided us a wonderful lunch of prosciutto, fresh mozzarella, tomato and basil sandwiches! We came



Residents at the North End Nursing Home enjoying the Christmas party.

Home Christmas party. with gifts that Santa (again livened up the group with many Christmas carols and Italian melodies. Many of the residents sang along and some even sang solo! Lisa, the Activities Director, was also inspired during the singalong, serenading with Santa, played by "Ollie" Oliverio. The residents, no matter the age, look forward to Santa's visit and of course, enjoy receiving the gifts we bring. Santa



Lisa, Activities Director at the North End Nursing home, with Santa.

There were about 50 resi- played by "Ollie") distributed dents in attendance, all ea- to the residents, their pargerly awaiting our visit. DJ ents, Alpha Paradella (the Di-In October, the Charity and musician Ross Zagami rector of the Casa), Maurizio (her husband), and Ana, an assistant at the Casa. The Casa presented us with bottles of Casa Monte Cassino wine made by Maurizio. We were unable to obtain a musician for the event, but no problem - the children of Alpha and Maurizio, and Julio, one of the residents, provided us with guitar music and singing.

We came to the Casa party bearing gifts and food with the intention of spreading holiday cheer to those far from their homeland during the holidays; we left with more blessings than we brought, with more joy than we spread and with a renewed sense of awe for the Casa and its dedication to the needs of a hurting humanity.

We extend our blessings to everyone for a happy and healthy New Year.

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The New officers elected at the St. Joseph Society in the North End. Shown (1 to r) are Vice President Anthony Boyd of Revere, outgoing President Tommy Abisso of Charlestown and President Peter Bagarella of Salem. (Photo by Sal Giarratani)



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## The New England Aquarium



A group of humpback whales bubble-net feeding. This is one of the most complex social behaviors of any marine mammal.

#### (Photo courtesy of The New England Aquarium)

As Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island schools close for February school vacation in the coming weeks, the New England Aquarium is gearing up with a new 3D "Humpback Whales " IMAX film to bring these legendary animals into vivid focus as they dive and swim across the largest movie screen in New England. New fiery flame jellies have moved into their new home on Central Wharf, and penguins, fur seals, and California sea lions are frisky and ready for entertaining visitors.

Humpback whales are a major New England oceanic star, measuring up to 55 feet long and weighing up to 50 tons. For the first time, these majestic, acrobatic whales get special treatment in this new film that captures them up close and underwater in Alaska, Hawaii, and around the remote islands of Tonga. Narrated by Ewan McGregor, "Humpback Whales 3D" examines how these whales communicate, sing, feed, play, and care for their young. Nearly driven to extinction 50 years ago, humpback whales are slowly making a comeback, and the film details what researchers are learning about them as they migrate up to 10,000 miles roundtrip every year. The film opens Feb. 13 in the Simons IMAX Theatre.

Some strange but interesting new residents to the Aquarium are flame sea jellies. About 25 arrived recently, and they only live for about three months but the hope is that more are growing and reproducing.

The Aquarium's ongoing "Penguinology" program helps visitors learn about the secret lives of three penguin species - more than 80 birds - which dart and dive through the Aquarium's 150,000-gallon exhibit. With Valentine's Day approaching, it is fun to try to figure out which penguins which are mostly monogamous — are committed couples and which had chicks last summer — part of the Aquarium's successful breeding program.

The Aquarium's main feature — the four-story newly renovated Giant Ocean Tank — has more than 100 marine animal species that offer a view of drifting and swimming sea turtles, giant stingrays, eels, and brilliantly colored tropical fish. For a Boston excursion, it is surely the closest view of a Caribbean coral reef! You can stroke the backs of small sharks and stingrays in the largest touch tank in the Northeast. See the meditative qualities of jellies, and laugh at the entertaining wiles of fur seals and sea lions.

The Aquarium also offers unique get-up-close-andpersonal "Animal Encounters" experiences with the "Meet Myrtle" program to feed our most famous 80-year-old, 500-pound green sea turtle and her friends in the Giant Ocean Tank; and "Meet and Greet" the seals by helping trainers feed and play with them; or taking a behind-thescenes tour of how the animals are cared for, fed, and rehabilitated. Separate charges apply for each experience.

To plan your trip or for more information, visit www.neaq.org or call 617-973-5200. Over February school vacation, the Aquarium is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm, and on Saturdays-Sundays from 9:00 am-6:00 pm.

The New England Aquarium is located in Central Wharf in Boston with easy access to the Aquarium MBTA station near Faneuil Hall and Downtown Crossing.

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# Freeway Says ...

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

To all my pooch friends "Valentine's Day" is near and all our human companions will be getting a lot of chocolates. BEWARE! Pets raiding the chocolate supply can face needless suffering or death. Every spring, animal clinics and hospitals see an increase in visits. A bit of CAUTION can save the life of your pet. Chocolate is toxic to animals and if enough is ingested it can

create complications or even death. Symptoms from chocolate ingestion include hyperactivity, tremors, racing heartbeat, and seizures. It is risky to leave boxes of candy out anywhere in the house. As little as four ounces is enough to kill a ten-pound dog or cat. Provide pet treats to occupy your pet during the celebrations. Candlelit dinners are romantic, just make sure that pets are not left

unsupervised around flames. Give those pampered pets a new toy or pet specialty item. I would like our human companions to enjoy their special day and most importantly to keep ALL my pooch friends safe. So enjoy! Have a wonderful "Valentine's Day."

A very special "Valentine's Day to all my girls at the Post-Gazette.

That's all for now ... Life is

## ALL ON A WINTER'S EVE

at King's Chapel, February 22, 2015

Soloists from the King's Chapel Choir with Heinrich Christensen, organ, present a celebration of Boston and New England composers and their music for solo voice and organ as part of the King's Chapel Sunday Concert Series, on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm. Featured composers - many of whom are connected to King's Chapel — include Daniel Pinkham, James Woodman, Carson Cooman, Graham

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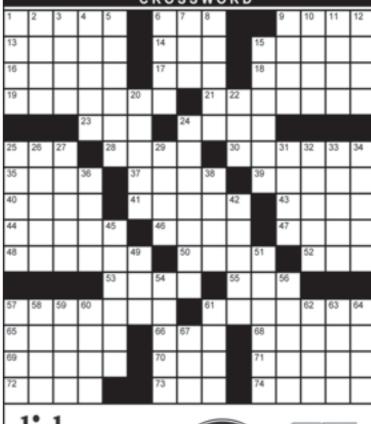
#### **ACROSS**

- 1. They can sting
- \*Oscar winner Henry Fonda to Peter
- \_ of operation 13. Traditional Inuit home
- 14. Site of 2016 Olympics
- 15. Unpleasant airport news
- 16. Beach souvenir 17. Australian runner
- 18. On or to one side 19. \*"The Theory of Everything" physicist
- 21. \*Filmed over a 12-year period
- 23. Take your pick
- 24. Wild guess 25. Bygone bird of New Zealand
- 28. Ogle or gape
- 30. School break
- 35. Great horned 37. Make-up artist?
- 39. Blind alternative 40. "I'm \_\_
- 41. Where vows are often exchanged 43. Type of track
- 44. Renaissance fiddle
- 46. Deity, in Sanskrit 47. A hair treatment
- 48. \*Yearly Oscar winner for Best Film Editing
- 50. \*Warren Beatty won for directing this
- 52. Yellow
- 53. "My bad"
- 57. Thorough
- 61. \*"The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance"
- 65. Evian, backwards 66. In the past
- 68. Like a gymnast
- 69. Step
- 70. Create with cloth
- 71. Easter's marshmallow treat 72. Church bell sound
- 73. Unagi
- 74. \*Academy Award winner, Lubitsch

#### DOWN

- 2. Turkish honorific
- 3. Boatload
- 4. "Roll Out the Barrel" dance 5. Putting on a new sole
- 6. Small amount of residue 7. Between "ready and "fire"
- 8. \*Meryl Streep was nominated for this 2008 movie
- 9. Netting
- 10. Assortment
- 11. Carpenter's groove
- 12. Gave the once-over
- 15. A seat by day, a bed by night
- 20. African antelope
- 22. Argo propeller 24. Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner,

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- 25. \*Alice actress
- 26. Had title to
- 27. Cover story 29. \*Witherspoon stars in this
- hiker's story
- 31. Photoshop option 32. Bat dwelling?
- 33. Extra tire
- 34. \*Famous march starting point 36. Leave in, as text
- 38. \*Kind of film review
- 42. Forearm bones
- 45. \*Nominee three years in
- 49. Decompose
- 51. Claw mark
- \_ of the moon
- 56. Gardening tool
- 57. In or of the present month
- 58. Created in 1949 for security purposes
- 59. Obsolete phone feature
- 60. Bad to the bone
- 61. New Year's Day game
- 62. Bearing
- 63. \*Setting for 1965's "The Sound of
- Music"
- 64. Hawk's aerie, e.g. 67. "\_\_\_ whiz!"
  - (Solution on Page 13)

## May the Most Qualified Win

Cast Your Vote on March 3rd

by Marie Matarese

A serious candidate: Chair of the Ward 1 Democratic Committee, Ed Deveau, is more than qualified to be East Boston's next State Representative.

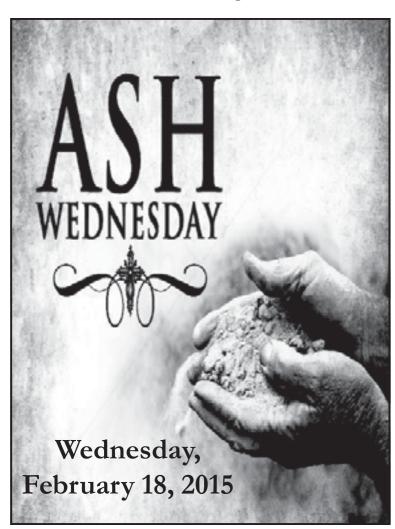
Deveau was born and raised in East Boston, and is a veteran in the world of politics, having been involved with charity work, and organizational skills most of his adult life. For 13 years, Deveau worked on behalf of East Boston as



an aide and chief of staff to Senator Anthony Petruccelli. While at the State House, Deveau drafted legislation, ran point on the budget process, and represented the community in countless negotiations with major institutions that impact neighborhoods on a daily basis. He also managed the day-to-day functions of the Committee of Community Development & Small Business and the Committee on Financial Services.

His credentials are impressive and impeccable. Deveau has received an abundance of support from the East Boston community since announcing his candidacy. Many know Ed Deveau from his decades of involvement in the neighborhoods. In 2004, Deveau co-founded Eastie Elves, an organization that has provided thousands of underserved youth with toys and food during the holidays. As former chairman of the Constitution Beach Association, he worked with businesses, non-profit organizations and residents to cut red tape and help secure state funding for a new bathhouse, playground, and concession stand at the beach. He has been involved with the East Boston Athletic Board and served as vice president on the Board of Directors of the Salesian Boys & Girls Club. Deveau also founded and organizes a popular East Boston Jimmy Fund event that has raised over \$30,000 for cancer research in honor of his brother Kenny who died of lymphoma in 1989.

Ed, his brother and sister Michelle were raised by their mother Concetta, an Italian immigrant and father Ed, a postal worker. Deveau's grandfather, Ed Deveau, a disabled WWII veteran, was a Boston Firefighter.



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## Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

snow and more snow, and it is still snowing! When we finally

got snow this winter it came with a fury! So far we've had almost six feet of snow dumped on us, and more expected for Valentine's Day. It all began the end of January when the first blizzard of the year arrived dropping over two and a half feet of snow in the Boston area. On February 1st, and 2nd yet another foot of snow fell on us, and if that wasn't enough for your nervous system more snow arrived on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> and over this past weekend, ending Monday, night February 9th. The white stuff left people exhausted and wearv from shoveling with no end in sight. From the beginning of the snow falls, it took many hours to shovel out their cars as they raced to save their parking spaces putting anything and everything out including the kitchen sink, air conditioner units, toilets, tables, chairs, barrels, etc. Then Mayor Marty Walsh made an announcement saying anyone caught shoveling snow onto the streets of Boston would receive a hefty fine. However, residents of East Bos-

Snow, snow, ton feel that Mayor Marty the Super Bowl in a nail bit-Walsh has a double standard with his rhetoric; while South Boston snow was removed right to the curve during snowstorms, this hasn't been the case in East Boston where snow is piled high along main streets, causing traffic nightmares. Parking in East Boston is especially tough. Bennington Street is a nightmare for cars, buses and trucks trying to pass one another with the huge mounds of snow on either side. Day and Central Squares, both busy business districts have cars buried under the snow, making it difficult for consumers to find places to park. East Boston residents are angry with Mayor Marty Walsh and City Hall, citing the snow removal was a huge disappointment in their section of the city!!! However, Walsh fired back telling residents of Boston, he is the first mayor in the City of Boston history to encounter this amount of snow and icy cold weather in such a short period of time making snow removal that much more difficult!!! To date, Boston has broken the 1978 snowfall record with six more weeks of winter left! ... Congratulations to the New England Patriots on winning

ing game against the Seattle Seahawks. It was one of the best Super Bowl games ever played. Patriot fans filled the streets of Boston last week despite the bitter cold to cheer on their heroes. The super star Patriots are now gone to vacation spots. It made a lot of sense for Tom Brady to hand over the MVP 2015 Chevy Colorado he won to rookie Malcolm Butler. If it weren't for Butler making that tremendous game winning interception on a Russell Wilson pass meant for Ricardo Lockette at the 1-yard line with a only 20 seconds left in the game, the Patriots would have lost. Heard it will cost Brady some money to give the Chevy to Butler ... Congratulations to Mike Rubin on receiving the Massachusetts Hall of Fame induction award in recognition of his outstanding coaching career at East Boston High School. Rubin led the Jets to two state titles and sent several of players on to college and professional basketball. One of his past players, Jermaine Wiggins, went on to play for the New England Patriots helping the team win its first Super Bowl!

... For one day forget the snow and have a happy and enjoyable Valentine's Day!

## New Exhibit Sheds Light on Shadowed West End Prison Reveals History of Leverett Street Jail

All but forgotten in the narratives of Boston and the West End, the Leverett Street Jail has an important story that merits examination and remembrance. From February 17th through April 18th, a new exhibit in the Members Gallery of The West End Museum — Walls of Stone: The Leverett Street Jail — reveals a notable and controversial history. The show reception takes place on Saturday, February 21st from 4:00 to 6:00 pm, when attendees can tour the exhibit and enjoy light refreshments. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

"The Leverett Street Jail was the epicenter of some of the most contentious social and legal issues of the day," said Duane Lucia, West End Museum Board President and Curator. "Sadly, its history has been eclipsed by the Charles Street Jail and the loss of Leverett Street to urban renewal."

Walls of Stone: The Leverett Street Jail explores the institution's connections to such hotbed issues as capital punishment, slavery and abolitionism, blasphemy, and women's rights. The Jail was infamous for overcrowding and intermingling inmates with no regard for severity of crime. Seven of ten women incarcerated there were innocent, arrested purely on the word of others for such offenses as speaking out about politics. Among the institution's most well known inmates are:

• Dr. John Webster, who was ultimately convicted and hanged for the notorious



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• William Lloyd Garrison, abolitionist leader, suffrag-

ist and social reformer who was held temporarily for his own protection against an angry mob

• Don Pedro Gibert, an early 19th century pirate who held the distinction of being the last pirate executed in

• Abner Kneeland, who preached birth control, women's property rights and interracial marriage and was the last person in the U.S. convicted of blasphemy

The Leverett Street Jail (1822-1851) was replaced by the Charles Street Jail (1851-1990; now The Liberty Hotel), which was later replaced by the Nashua Street Jail (1990-present).

Walls of Stone: The Leverett Street Jail is free and open to the public during regular Museum hours.

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With Boston streets painted white with snow, thousands of Patriots fans wearing red and blue congregated along Boylston and Tremont Streets creating the perfect backdrop for a city in which a national historic site is found around virtually every corner. But last Wednesday, the people lining the streets of Boston looked for modern day greats that, at least for one day, overshadowed individuals and monuments of the past, as the Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots hit the streets of the city with the franchises 4<sup>th</sup> Vince Lombardi Trophy.

A foot and more of freshly fallen snow did little to deflate the euphoria surrounding the Patriots 28-24 win in Super Bowl XLIX. In fact, the masses in attendance seemed to relish the conditions and use it to their advantage. Many lining the parade route positioned themselves high on top of the mounds of plowed snow. Few would ever have a greater opportunity than this to be a few precious feet away from NFL greats Tom Brady,



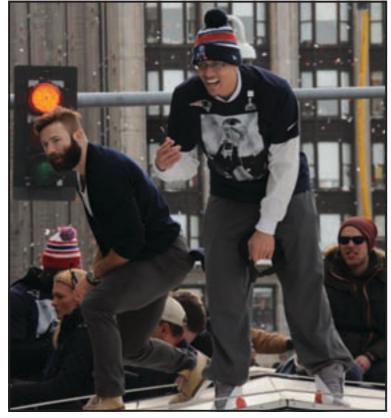
Rob Gronkowski and Julian Edelman. The team that started the city's run on titles in 2002, swiftly moved from the Back Bay towards City Hall plaza riding in duck-boats, a Boston sports championship tradition.

The players were greeted with signs celebrating the victory or beacons of defiance with the words "Deflate This" spelled out in bold letters. The star of the parade was Wide Receiver Julian Edelman, who danced atop a Duck Boat, while Running Back LeGarette Blount got off his Duck Boat to take pictures with fans. Robert Kraft, the owner of the Patriots since 1994, hoisted the current Lombardi trophy high above the crowds while a normally reserved Bill Belichick grinned passionately.

With a region reveling in this win, members of the 2014 team now head their separate ways, knowing a reunion is a mere five months away. The quest for "one for the thumb" begins.











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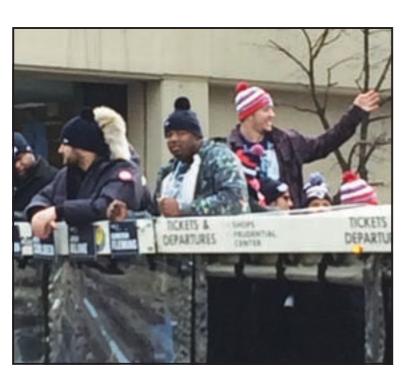
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#### **2015 GRAMMY NOMINEES** RCA Records

A 21-song collection of chart topping hits on this CD, shine with music's Grammy-nominated artists and songwriters, who vied for victory on Music's Biggest Night (Sunday). The diverse array includes, "Shake it Off" (Taylor Swift), "Fancy" (Iggy Azalea), "Sing" (Ed Sheeran), "Problem" (Ariana Grande & Iggy), "All About the Bass" (Meghan Trainor), "Dark Horse" (Katy Perry), "A Sky Full of Stars" (Coldplay), "Wrecking Ball" (Miley Cyrus), "Chandelier" (Sia), "All of Me" (John Legend), and "Take Me to Church" (Hozier). Nominees continue with "Drunk in Love" (Beyoncé & Jay Z) Winner R&B Song/Performance, a pair from Pharrell Williams — "Come Get it Bae" and "Happy" Winner Music Video, plus "Stay With Me" (Sam Hunt) Winner Record & Song of the Year, "Blue Moon" (Beck), "Raise 'Em Up" (Keith Urban/Eric Church), "Gentle on My Mind" (The Band Perry) Winner Country Duo/Group Performance, "Meanwhile Back at Mama's" (Tim McGraw/ Faith Hill), "Somethin' Bad" (Miranda Lambert/Carrie Underwood), and "Day Drinking" (Little Big Town).

#### THE ESSENTIAL DISNEY COLLECTION Silva Screen Records

A host of performers, called Stars of The London Stage, pay tribute to 19 of the very best songs from cinema's greatest animation studio, Disney, with particular emphasis on the last 25 years. Opening with the monster hit "Let it Go" (Frozen), along with "I See the Light" (Tangled), "Reflection" (Mulan), "Colors of the Wind" (Pocahontas), "A Whole New World" (Aladdin), and "Tale as Old as Time" (Beauty and the Beast). A pair from "Little Mermaid" splashes the ears via "Part of Your World" and "Under the Sea," followed by a pair from "The Jungle Book" titled " I Wanna Be Like You" and "The Bare Necessities," and from "Mary Poppins" — "Supercalifragilistic expialidocious" and "A Spoonful of Sugar," ending with "Pinocchio" favorite "When You Wish Upon a Star." Just a taste of the wonderful Disney songs that have enlightened many lives of adults and children alike!

#### **EVERLY - ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK** Sparks & Shadows

"Everly" is a film that stars Salma Hayek as a femme fatale that unleashes the ultimate vengeance against a mob boss and his army of assassins. The film's soundtrack features original music by Bear McCreary, along with his brother Brendan, and Raya Yarbrough. The music features searing electronics, intimate chamber orchestra, Japanese instruments, taiko drums and Christmas carols. A weird mix that results in very interesting tracks. The carols included have, "Deck the Halls" performed by Raya and arranged by Brendan, he also wrote and performed "A Very Merry Christmas" and "Fa La La," plus arranging and performing "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," and Raya returns to perform "Silent Night." The percussive "A Gift from Taiko" sets the pace, trailed by the mellow flute sounds of "Allies," the pounding "Fighting to Survive," along with the string laden "Dead Man." The Asianflavor of "The Sadist" is interesting, plus "Taiko," the emotional "Resolution," and finishes with the pulsating "Everly End Credits." Super!

#### GEORGE EZRA - WANTED ON VOYAGE Columbia Records

UK singer/songwriter/guitarist George Ezra has released his anticipated debut album of a dozen songs. 'Wanted on Voyage' opens with the self-deprecating "Blame it on Me," the al-bum's catchy single is "Bud-apest," followed by the pleading "Cassy O," the smooth sounding "Barcelona," the up-tempo "Listen to the Man," and marks the midpoint with the awkward encounter of "Leaving it Up yo You." Second half happenings include the threatening "Did You Hear the Rain?" the plot-planning "Drawing Board," plus the explosive "Stand by Your Gun," the mysterious "Breakaway," the insecure "Over the Creek," and Ezra has his final say with the droning "Spectacular Rival." Recently released in the U.S., "Wanted" has already sold more than half a million copies in Ezra's native UK.

#### CHICAGO FIRE: SEASONS 1 & 2 Lakeshore Records

Atli Orvarsson's talents can be found in the broad range of films from historical epics to courtroom drama to the supernatural, the Icelandic composer has set the scene for many of these diverse types of films. As a musician and composer, he has created the music for television's "Chicago Fire, Season 1 and Season 2." The soundtrack for Season 1 is a roller coaster of emotions that evoke feelings that feel so real. "Chicago Fire Suite" is a bit hectic, with powerful guitar work mixed in, "Giving Thanks" is a lengthy cut (six minutes long), Orvars-son cranks it up a notch for cuts as "Warehouse Fire" and "Rooftop Action," plus the mixture of emotion and a hint of inspiration on "Fireman Salute." Season 2 soundtrack segues Season 1 with "Borden's Retirement," trailed by the haunting "Arson Fire," the powerful action sound of "Factory Fire Call," the mood-changing "No Regrets," and more action with "Underwater Rescue," and the intrigue of "Casey and the Darden Boys." The sound of the siren is evident in the soundtracks of both seasons, Orvarsson's music creates the adrenaline rushes, and similar to those closely involved in fighting a fire!

The time has come, the walrus said,

#### TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

#### BILLY JOEL IN CONCERT

Billy Joel will be back in concert at Fenway Park for the second consecutive year. The show date is July 16th. It will hopefully be warm and sunny. Get this winter out of your head. It can't snow in July. Tickets are on sale right now. Go to RedSox.Com/Billy Joel.

#### **SNOW BIRD FRIENDS** WATCH US ON THE NEWS

A few weeks, Two-Dogs took off in his Chrysler 300 on his winter vacation to Florida. Then, Sam took off from Logan, followed by Larry and now Dickie. They're all down there together creating their own East Boston Florida. They watch the weather on TV or call me up for weather updates. I keep telling them it's still snowing but they don't have time to worry about me at the beach.

#### DEAD ZONE AT THE VA?

I recently saw that an unknown male was found dead one morning at an outside shelter on the grounds of the Brockton Veteran's Affair's facility. Outdoor shelter? Wintertime? No foul play was suspected. The Plymouth County D.A.'s office said the dead guy wasn't currently a VA client. Does that make his death less horrible?

Why are there outdoor shelters at any VA in the winter? Not exactly a safe

harbor for the homeless or homeless vets, is it?

FILE THIS ONE: Shouldn't

#### have happened! DAMN GLOBAL WARMING

Where are all those environmentalist harping about global warming? They disappeared. Maybe, they're hiding under all the snow mounds out there.

#### TRYSTS OUT AT HARVARD

Harvard University last week banned its professors and undergraduates from fooling around with each other. Shouldn't that have always been the case? The ban came about after a conduct policy revision following a review of Harvard's Title IX policy on sexual harassment. The prior policy did not fully recognize the "unequal status" between instructors and students.

It only took more than 300 years for Harvard to get the right policy in place, eh?

#### MORE STUFF AT THE LYNN AUDITORIUM

Coming up on May 3rd Pat Benatar and Neil Giraido will perform with the Celtic Woman June 28th. For more info, LynnAuditorium.com or call 1-800-745-3000.

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE FOR** METHADONE TREATMENT

Major Bay State health plans covering 2.6 million folks announced last week they will cover methadone treatment by July 1st in an

effort to address the epidemic of addiction to opiate drugs. Medicaid already covers this treatment and Blue Cross Blue Shield has done so for about 10 years.

#### YOU KNEW IT WAS TOO **GOOD TO CONTINUE**

After months of watching gas pump prices fall, we all knew the drop in prices would end sometime and apparently that time is now. Prices are on the rise. Down at the Emporium gas station on Washington Street near Forest Hills Station, the price dropped to a low of \$1.93 per gallon, but is now up to \$2.15. Further down Washington Street near Roslindale Square, the price dropped to \$1.95 and has now edged up to \$2.09 per gallon. Oh, and now home heating oil will start an upward pattern too.

#### **HOW HAVE YOU GRADED** SNOW REMOVAL?

One Boston TV station rated the City of Boston an "A" for a snow removal. What do you think about that high of a grade? Personally, from driving around Boston neighborhoods, I would rate Boston no better than a high C. Even in Dorchester, no better than a C. Parts of Eastie deserve a flunking grade. With more snow falling as I write this over the weekend, this has become the winter from hell.

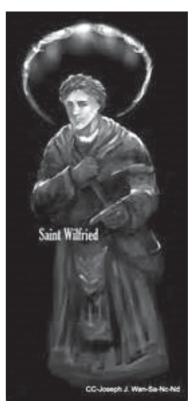
## Saint Walfrid

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

The collapse of the Roman Empire led to that period of time in European history known as the Dark Ages. Culture and civilization would be shrouded for hundreds of years with the flame of learning kept alive in monasteries and the monastic movement that developed during that period. Saint Benedict was the inspiration behind the development of western monasticism. Born at Nursia, Italy in 480, Benedict was a student in Rome prior to his calling to the hermit's way of life. Having become the leader of a group of hermits near Subiaco, he later founded the mother monastery of the Benedictine order on the hill of Monte Cassino about half way between Rome and Naples. There he formulated a cohesive and practical Rule which governed the way of life for his followers, who ultimately spread the Rule throughout

An interesting example of monastic development is that of Saint Walfrid. Walfrid or Galfrido della Gherardesca was born in Pisa, Italy early in the eight century. He was deeply attached to his wife Thesia with whom they had five sons and at least one daughter.

After years of marriage, both Walfrid and Thesia felt a call to a closer relationship with God. Walfrid had



two friends, one was a relative named Gunduald the other a man named Fortis who was Corsican, like Saint Walfrid, they were living in the world, but felt drawn to serving God under monastic discipline. Monte Verde, between Volterra and Piombino became the site of a new monastery to be named the Abbey of Palazzuolo where would live under the Rule of Saint Benedict. In addition to their own Abbey, they built at a distance of about in 1861 by Pope Pius IX, His eighteen miles a convent for feast day is February 15th.

women, in which their wives and Walfrid's daughter Rattruda took the veil. The new Abbey attracted many novices, and before long there were sixty monks including Walfrid's son Gimfrid and Gunduald's only son Andrew, who would become the third Abbott and wrote the history of St. Walfrid.

Gimfrid, who became a priest, left the monastery, taking with him, horses and papers which belonged to the community. Walfrid, greatly distressed, sent a search party after his son. On the third day, when he was praying in the midst of his monks for his son's repentance and return, he prayed that God would send Gimfrid a sign which would be constantly before him as a reminder and a warning for the rest of his life. That same day Gimfrid was caught and brought back penitent, but with the middle finger of his right hand so mutilated that he could never use it again. Walfrid saw this as the sign to Gimfrid he requested in prayer. Walfrid guided the Abbey wisely as abbot for ten years. He passed away on February 15, 765 and was succeeded as abbot by his son Gimfrid, who despite his earlier lapse became, as Andrew records, a great and good pastor.

St. Walfrid was canonized





Don't miss Whose Wedding Is It Anyway? at The Elephant & Castle Restaurant & Pub. See COMEDY section for further details.

## **MUSIC**

TD GARDEN 100 Legends Way, Boston 617-624-1050 www.TDGarden.com

NEIL DIAMOND — March 23, 2015. Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Neil Diamond will released his new CD "Melody Road," on October 21st. "Melody Road," his first album of new songs since 2008. Come March. Diamond will embark on a North American concert tour that includes dates in the Unites States. Mexico and Canada. Diamond's career began in the 1960s and continues on today with such fan favorites as: "Cracklin' Rosie," "Song Sung Blue," "Longfellow Serenade," "I've Been This Way Before," "If You Know What I Mean," "Desiree," "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," "America," "Yesterday's Songs," "Heartlight," "I'm a Believer" and Red Sox Nation's anthem "Sweet Caroline." A show not to be missed! Tickets are now on sale.

**BETTE MIDLER** — June 12, 2015. More than 40 years after her debut album. Bette Midler continues to own the stage no matter where she performs, thanks to her charismatic presence and divine voice. With several classics in her catalog including "The Rose," "Do You Want to Dance, "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," and "Wind Beneath My Wings." Seize the opportunity to see the legendary Bette Midler sing live.

**BARRY MANILOW** — June 16, 2015. From No. 1 hits to multi-Platinum-selling albums and numerous awards, this Brooklyn-born singersongwriter's skills have captivated fans around the world for decades with such hits as "Mandy," "I Write the Songs," "Looks Like We Made It," "Could It Be Magic," "Can't Smile Without You"and "Copacabana (At the Copa)." Get your Barry Manilow tickets for the next tour to experience the legendary artist live in

**U2** — July 10, 11, 14 & 15, 2015. Join U2 on their iNNOCENCE + eXPERIENCE Tour 2015. The band are heading out on the road again, playing indoor arenas for the first time in decade. The iNNOCENCE + eXPERIENCE Tour will see U2 play 19 cities worldwide with pairs of shows in each city. Special shows are being planned for Dublin for the end of next vear to benefit the U2-initiated Music Generation project and details will follow once they are finalized. "We are going to try to have a completely different feeling from night one to night two," said Bono, "and have some fun playing with the idea of innocence and experience. More to be revealed!"

#### ORPHEUM THEATRE 1 Hamilton Place, Boston, MA 617-482-0106 www.OrpheumTheatreBoston.com

JEFF BECK — April 19, 2015, Beck's career took off in the mid-1960s, after replacing Eric Clapton as lead guitarist for The Yardbirds on the recommendation of Jimmy Page. He played on several of the group's hits, such as Heart Full of Soul, Shapes of Things and Over Under Sidewaus Down, Over the years. Beck has collaborated with Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross, Mick Jagger, Tina Turner, Roger Waters, Les Paul, Jon Bon Jovi, Stanley Clarke, Herbie Hancock and Joss Stone among others. Beck has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame: once with The Yardbirds in 1992 and once as a solo artist in 2009. He has won numerous Grammy Awards, including two at the 2011 Grammy Award Celebration when he won Best Rock Instrumental Performance for "Hammerhead" and Best Pop Instrumental performance for "Nessun Dorma." both from his last studio album. Emotion & Commotion.

HOUSE OF BLUES 15 Lansdowne Street Boston, MA 888-693-BLUE (2583) www.HouseOfBlues.com

DROPKICK MURPHYS — March 12-15, 2015. The Dropkick Murphys are

going on their inaugural Celtic Punk Invasion Tour which will hit several dates on the east coast as well as going overseas to Ireland and the UK. The Massachusetts natives then will play Boston at the House of Blues on March 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th. The show on the 14th has the most expensive average ticket, significantly higher than the tour average. Luckily for fans there is an earlier show that same day for those who can not get to the evening show. After that the Dropkick Murphys head overseas to play Dublin, Ireland on St. Patricks day for the first time in

#### FENWAY PARK 4 Yawkey Way, Boston, MA www.FenwayPark.TicketOffice Sales.com

**BILLY JOEL** — July 16, 2015. Billy Joel defines consummate pop professionalism to a T. From start to finish, Joel is known for providing a reliably buoyant, bounding performance at his gigs and is eager to thrill his adoring audience with upbeat renditions of his old favorites. Joel is one of the highest grossing touring artists in the world and has a long-running franchise performance deal with Madison Square Garden. Having sold more than 150 million records over the past quarter century, he's ranked as one of the world's most popular recording artists and respected entertainers in

## **THEATER**

SHIJBERT THEATRE 270 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 617-482-9393 www.CitiCenter.org/Theatres/ Shubert

DISHING WITH THE DIVAS - A MUSICAL COMEDY — March 27. 2015. The high-energy performance surrounds the final live studio broadcast of the hit talk show "GIRL TALK" on WPMS radio. The two radio hosts and their most popular regular guest, sex therapist Dr. Lauda (think Sofia Vergara), are going out in style! The ladies love to dish about life, love, sex, marriage, relationships, friendships, motherhood, careers, food, alcohol, and, yes, men in any capacity. This show will have audiences dishing, dancing, laughing and singing from start to finish as these three talented ladies belt out hits by artists such as The Pointer Sisters, Jennifer Lopez, Carrie Underwood, Aretha Franklin, and many more!

**BOSTON OPERA HOUSE** 539 Washington St., Boston, MA 617-259-3400

www. Boston Opera House On line.com

COLONIAL THEATRE 106 Boylston Street Boston, MA (617) 482-9393 www.Boston-Theater.com

**DIRTY DANCING** — April 28 to May 10, 2015. The 1987 movie is an untouchable musical classic, and has sealed the sadly departed Patrick Swayze's place in the cult movie canon. A massive box office success at the time, it has spawned numerous imitators, a belated sequel and "nobody puts Baby in the corner" branded merchandise for toddlers. The stage version made its debut in 2004 in Australia. Adapted by the movie's original scribe Eleanor Bergstein, this North American tourroduction hews closely to the plot of the movie, packing in all its anthemic anthems (I Had the Time of My Life, Hungry Eyes) and cheesy oneliners with aplomb. It delivers everything the audiences can hope for lots of sexy dancing and rock 'n' roll. Taking on the unenviable task of replicating Swayze's charm (and hunky good looks) in this tour is Samuel Pergande (Cirque Du Soleil: La Nouba), while Jillian Mueller (American Idiot) is the Baby to his Johnny.

## COMEDY

WILBUR THEATRE 246 Tremont St., Boston, MA 617-248-9700 www.TheWilburTheatre.com

CRAIG FERGUSON'S HOT & GRUMPY TOUR: WALKING THE **EARTH** — February 14, 2015. Craig Ferguson entered the world of late night comedy following a diverse and eclectic career that encompasses film, television and the stage. On December 19th, 2014, Ferguson concluded his nine-year run as the host of CBS's "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson," which has set all-time viewer records and earned him a Primetime Emmy nomination during its run. Ferguson can currently be seen as the host of the new syndicated game show "Celebrity Name Game," from executive producers Courteney Cox and David Arquette. Ferguson recently lent his voice to the animated features "How to Train Your Dragon" and its sequel, "How to Train Your Dragon 2," as well as the Disney animated features, "Winnie the Pooh" and "Brave."

SYMPHONY HALL 301 Massachusetts Avenue Boston, MA 617-266-1492 www.SymphonyHall.com

CAROL BURNETT AN EVENING OF LAUGHTER & REFLECTION -April 19, 2015. A great evening of fun, nostalgia and true reflections, as legendary comedian Carol Burnett discusses memorable moments from her career and her classic TV show. An interactive experience where the audience asks the questions. Carol will take questions from the audience, in a format that harkens back to the legendary openings of The Carol Burnett Show where her studio audience had an unfiltered opportunity to engage Carol with questions and receive spontaneous answers. "I love the spontaneity of these evenings," said Carol. "I never know what anyone is going to ask, or say, or do, so it keeps me on my toes!" Come with your questions for what promises to be a hilarious evening with one of the country's most loved and respected performers.

THE ELEPHANT & CASTLE RESTAURANT & PUB 161 Devonshire St., Boston, MA 617-350-9977 www.ElephantCastle.com/boston

WHOSE WEDDING IS IT ANY-WAY? — February 21, 2015. You are cordially invited to a wedding you won't soon forget ... because you are the wedding planner! Along with fellow audience members, you will vote

for the theme, music and even the couple! Whether it turns out to be an Italian, Greek or Jewish affair it will be one to remember! But not everyone will live out this happy day. Murder will mar the occassion and you better plan to solve the mystery as

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

DCU CENTER 50 Foster Street, Worcester, MA 800-653-8000 www.DCUCenter.com

**MONSTER JAM** — February 13-15, 2015. Welcome to Monster Jam, an incredible family-friendly experience starring the biggest performers on four wheels: Monster Jam monster trucks. These twelve-feet-tall, ten-thousand-pound machines will bring you to your feet, racing and ripping up a custom-designed track full of obstacles to soar over - OR smash through. Monster Jam provides a massive night's entertainment tailored perfectly for your family's budget, and these colorful largerthan-life beasts are sure to capture the hearts of both young and old.

TD GARDEN 100 Legends Way, Boston 617-624-1050 www.TDGarden.com

**DISNEY ON ICE: FROZEN** — February 13-22, 2015. The show that we've all been waiting for is finally here! Disney on Ice presents the blockbuster hit Frozen in a spectacular production that promises to delight and exhilarate fans old and young. The story of two royal sisters, kept apart by a terrible secret, Frozen is about family sticking together through thick and thin and accepting who you are. Join Elsa and Anna, with all your favorites, including the hilarious Olaf, adorable Kristoff and his trusty reindeer Sven, this is to be an astonishing show, from the worldclass talent that will be whizzing through the wintry wonderland, to the special effects that will transport you straight to Arendelle and beyond. Featuring an Oscar winning soundtrack, including the epic Let it Go and Do You Want to Build a Snowman.

BEACH STREET + CHINATOWN, BOSTON CHINESE NEW YEAR LION DANCE PARADE — Sunday,

March 1, 2015. Chinese-Americans, immigrant communities, and culture hounds celebrate Chinese culture with the Boston Chinese New Year. Each year ushers in a new zodiac animal, promising different things for dif-

ferent people depending on how the stars align. People take part in ancient Taoist and Buddhist traditions like lighting firecrackers, burning incense, and making offerings at temples throughout the city. Culture buffs can watch lion dancers at the annual Chinese Lion Dance Parade held each year in Boston's vibrant and bustling Chinatown. Boston boasts the third largest Chinese community in the country and the city's Chinese New Year celebrations feature authentic sights, sounds, and flavors. Foodies at the Chinese New Year in Boston can fill up on traditional Chinese New Year dishes while music fans soak up the sounds of ancient Chinese music. Martial arts demonstrations dazzle the crowds and live family-friendly entertainment offer something for

## **DANCE**

**BOSTON OPERA HOUSE** 539 Washington St., Boston, MA 617-259-3400

www.BostonOperaHouseOnline.com LADY OF THE CAMELLIAS — Now

through February 26, 2015. From the 1848 novel by Alexandre Dumas comes this heartbreaking ballet. First created by the iconic American choreographer John Neumeir, with a score from Chopin for the Prima Ballerina of the the Stuttgart Ballet in 1978, The Lady of the Camellias is a touching story of what could have been. based on the tragic love life of Dumas himself. You may not know The Lady of the Camellias, but you'll have heard of it's impact on popular culture, having inspired the opera La Traviata, to the high energy spectacle Moulin Rouge. It's the story of a young, impoverished artist Armand who falls for a tragically tuberculosis ridden courtesan, the beautiful Marguerite, Begging her to run away with him to the country, she yields, leaving the trappings of her luxurious life behind. But it is his own father that provides the spanner in the works, convincing the lovestruck Marguerite to leave Armand, as their association will ultimately destroy the reputation of the family. Watch the Boston Ballet interpret this beautiful tale of suffering, love and fragility.

THE CROSBY WHISTLE STOP 24 Roland Street, Charlestown, MA 978-884-7690

www.BostonSwingCentral.com

SWING DANCE EVERY FRI-DAY NIGHT — Come and check out Boston's most exciting swing dance. Conveniently located in Sullivan Square less than a five minute walk from the T. Free parking is available. A killer line up of DJ's and live bands every Friday night. A beginner lesson is included in the price of admission from 8:00-9:00 pm prior to social dancing from 9:00 pm-12:00 am. No partner or experience required. All ages and dance levels welcome.

### **MUSEUMS**

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS. 465 Huntington Avenue, Boston 617-267-9300

www.MFA.org LEONARDO DA VINCI AND THE IDEA OF BEAUTY — April 15 through June 14, 2015. In an intimate exhibition featuring master drawings by Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo, the star is a study of an angel that the art historian Sir Kenneth Clark called "the most beautiful ... in the world." Leonardo da Vinci's accomplishments in art and science find their common ground in his drawings, into which he poured the full fervor of his intelligence and creative powers. Throughout his career, Leonardo experimented with various types of drawings: scientific studies; grotesque caricatures of craggy faces; and the most beautiful faces of men and women that he could imagine. Many of Leonardo's most admired drawings are featured in this rich and varied selection of 29 sheets and a manuscript, opening on April 15, fittingly Leonardo's birthday. One revelation for visitors will be the rarely displayed Codex on Flight, one of Leonardo's most perceptive scientific explorations, with its nearly hidden self-portrait of Leonardo as a young man, a recent discovery. The exhibition features rare loans from a number of Italian public collections, including the Uffizi Museum in Florence, the Biblioteca Reale in Turin, and the Casa Buonarroti, the ancestral property of Michelangelo in Florence, which has lent eight drawings by that

master.

## **ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS**

"The Sicilian Corner" - 10:00 am to Noon every Friday with hosts Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and "The Italian Show" with Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 9:00 am to Noon. Go to www.1110wccmam.com.

"Italia Oggi" — Sundays 11:00 am to Noon with host Andrea Urdi 1460 AM. Go to www.1460WXBR.com.

"Dolce Vita Radio" — DJ Rocco Mesiti 11:00 am-1:00 pm; Sundays 90.7 FM or online www.djrocco.com. "The Nick Franciosa Show" — Sundays from Noon to 3:00 pm on

WLYN 1360 AM and WAZN 1470 AM. "Guido Oliva Italian Hour" - 8:00 am-9:00 am Sundays on WSRO 650 AM and online at www.wsro.com.

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

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

"Intervallo Musicale" — Sundays 10:00-10:30 am; Host Carmine

Guarino on WUNR 1600 AM and online at www.wunr.com.

# Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Plenty of people complained when fore-casters botched their predictions for record snowfall along much of the East/Coast. But Allen Queen decided to do something about it, filling his pickup truck with snow and driving nearly 400 miles from his home in Providence, Rhode Island, to Glen Burnie, Maryland, so that his 4 year-old grand-daughter, Sophia, could finally build her own snowman. "Everything else in the neighborhood is dry," said Sophia's father, Julius. "Then there's this random snowman in our yard.

Carlo Scostumato claims the only person who's constantly wrong and still keeps his job is the weatherman.

Giuseppina, cosce storte, says, "Weather forecasters are so unpredictable we never know how wrong they're going to be."

Teachers are often called heroes, and Kistina Buhrman is living proof. The eight-grade math teacher in Lake Alfred, Florida, was filling in for the bus driver in December, driving students to school along a busy Florida interstate. When smoke began billowing from the back of the bus. Buhrman quickly pulled over and safely evacuated all 38 kids just before the bus burst into flames. Despite her heroics, Buhrman is surprised by all the attention. "I didn't expect that anyone would care. I was just doing my job," Buhrman said. "That's what this world is all about: people helping people." Bless her!

Ready for this? When Ricardo Brown of Spokane opened a Comcast cable bill, he found his name listed as "A-hole Brown." He and his wife had recently canceled their service, and the company's "retention specialist" was apparently angry that he couldn't persuade them to stay on. The company said the responsible employee "will no longer be working on behalf of Comcast" Good decision.

Gifts, after Seattle Seahawks Coach Pete Carroll handed the New England Patriots a Super Bowl victory by calling for a pass into heavy traffic from the one-yard line, leading to a game-ending interception. If the pass hadn't been intercepted, a sheepish Carroll said, "it was really a good play."

Second acts, after reclusive author Harper Lee announced that she was publishing a long-awaited sequel to *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which will be her first novel in more than 50 years.

*Ugh.* Cockroaches, after the owner of a vegan restaurant in Australia refused to exterminate the roaches in his kitchen because "killing little insects" violated his beliefs. He paid a \$12,000 fine instead. Guess the fine bugged him.

Naming rights, after fans at the PGA Tour's Waste Management Phoenix Open had to contend with puddles of raw human waste when a row of Crowd Pleaser port-o-potties overflowed.

Unbelievable. A British woman has abstained from smiling for the past 40 year in an extreme attempt to ward off wrinkles Tess Christian, 50, told the Daily Mail that she adopted a permanent poker face as a child to prevent laughter lines around her mouth, eyes, and forehead "My dedication has paid off," she said. "I don't have a single line on my face." Although Christian never smilesnot even at the birth of her child-she insists she's a happy person. "I love life," she said. "I just don't feel the need to show it by walking around with a rictus grin on my face."

Moron? A truck driver caused a miles-long traffic jam in Alabama after he took both hands off the wheel to pull out a loose tooth and crashed his 18-wheeler. The driver was cruising along interstate 20 when he decided to perform the extraction. But as he grappled with the troublesome tooth, he lost control, jackknifed, and veered off the road. A policeman who responded to the scene backed up the driver's tale of dentistry gone wrong, noting, "He had the tooth in his shirt pocket as proof."

As a man gets older he suspects that nature is plotting against him for the benefit of doctors and dentists.

With the state already in severe drought, California had its driest January since record keeping began in 1849. January is usually Californias wettest month, but no measur-

able rain fell on many parts of the state, including San Francisco.



Huh? One in four Americans agrees with the statement that "God plays a role in determining which team wins a sporting event," according to a poll by the Public Religion Research Institute. Amen.

The lab market may be improving, but many adult Millennials are still living with Mom and Dad. The fraction of young adults between the ages of 25 and 34 living with their parents increased last year, reaching 17.7 percent for men and 11.7 percent for women, the Census bureau reports.

A recent poll reports 91% of Democrats, 78% of independents, and 51% of Republicans think the government should be fighting climate change. So reported the New York Times Stanford University.

A cure for baldness? More than half of all men are affected by male-pattern baldness by the time they reach 50. But after decades of searching, scientists may finally have found a way to reverse the syndrome. In a pioneering experiment, researchers at San Diego's Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute successfully used human stem cells to grow new hair on laboratory rats. Wow! Yes. It is good news for you baldies,

Americans plan to spend an average of \$142.31 on Valentine's Day gifts this year-about \$8 more than last year, according to a survey from the National Retail Federation. More than half of survey respondents say they plan to buy candy, while 40 percent will buy flowers, and 12 percent intend to purchase jewelry. More than 20 percent say they plan to buy a Valentine's Day gift- averaging \$25-for their pet.

Gee, we have often mentioned the illustrious Steven Sebestyen. Well, he once served as the Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles. He is a graduate of Stonehill College. It would require a few pages to cover his background and accomplishments.

Gobble this up! Americans ate 4.25 billion avocados last year — more than double the amount consumed in 2005, and nearly four times as many were sold in 2000.

So Mitt Romney has backed out for a run for the presidency. Well, his father George Romney once called me to congratulate me for the good job we were doing for the New England Rambler dealers. Yes, my ad agency at that time handled the advertising for the Rambler Dealers' Association. Ernie Boch was one of the Rambler dealers.

Quit protecting your kids from the reality of your paycheck, said Rob Lieber in The New York Times. It's not uncommon for parents to "push our children's money questions aside, sometimes telling them that their queries are impolite" Trying to protect kids "from the realities of everyday financial life makes little sense anymore, given the responsibilities their generation will face."

Let it be known, the first Italian American to receive the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor, was Luigi Palma di Cesnola, a Union General in the Civil War, who later became the first director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City

Wee bit of show biz stuff from the stately musicologist Albert Natale. Singer Frankie Laine's father wanted Frankie 10 become a pharmacist. Harry James played drums before he began playing trumpet. Perry Como had been an RCA recording artist longer than any singer with any label. Frank Sinatra crooned 73 songs on Tommy Dorsey recording dates, many of which became quite famous. A few of the songs: "I'll Never Smile Again," "There Are Such Things," "Fools Rush In," and "Delores." Despite rumors, Elvis Presley did not collect teddy bears, His collection came from fans all over the world. It inspired "Let Me Be Your Teddy Bear," a hit song in 1957. And movie actress Debbie Reynolds had a big hit with "Tammy" which stayed on the charts 23 weeks back in 1957.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME

# Recipes from the **Homeland**

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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#### BREADED CUTLETS

(Veal, Chicken or Turkey Slices)

2 pounds thinly sliced meat\* (approx. 1/4-inch in thickness)

(\*Use veal, chicken breast, chicken tenders, turkey breast, or sliced beef) 2 cups flavored bread crumbs

1 or 2 beaten eggs 1/2 cup of olive, canola or vegetable oil

3 paper plates

Place prepared bread crumbs in a bowl. Beat eggs in a separate bowl. With a fork, dip a slice of meat of choice into the beaten egg. Then place it in the bread crumbs. Thoroughly cover both sides of meat with bread crumbs. Place breaded meat in a separate plate. Continue in this fashion until all meat slices are breaded.

Heat one-quarter cup of oil in a skillet. Carefully place breaded meat slices in heated oil and cook to golden brown on both sides. Remove from skillet and place on paper plate to absorb excess oil. Continue frying in this fashion. Add more oil to skillet if needed to complete the frying.

**FOR BAKING:** To use less oil and avoid frying, spread a small quantity of oil on a cookie sheet. Place the breaded meat slices on the cookie sheet. Sprinkle a small portion of oil over each meat slice. Cover with aluminum foil and place in heated 350°F oven. Check after fifteen minutes. Turn over slices as bottoms brown and cook uncovered until fork tender. Depending on thickness of meat, some meat slices may take longer than others.

NOTE: I remember Mama making use of the remaining bread crumbs in the plate by adding them to any leftover beaten eggs. She then shaped the mixture into one or two bread patties.

When I was a child, I stood at the stove watching with a watering mouth as she fried the cutlets and the bread patties. I waited for her to give me the bread treat to enjoy before supper. Today I smile quietly when I see one of my grandchildren standing beside me, waiting for that special treat before supper.

#### • SuccessLink (Continued from Page 3)

known as BYF's HOPELINE) in order to be considered for a position this summer.

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   \*\*\* If interested applicants
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sition with SuccessLink does NOT guarantee a job, but young people can take steps to increase their chances of employment. The department will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Teen Job Fair at the BCYF Recreation Center at Madison Park on Saturday, February 21 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Participants will have an opportunity to meet potential summer employers, win prizes, interview for positions, and more. Interested applicants can also apply directly to sites to increase their chances of employment.

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## Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



It's funny how the things we grow up with usually have positive effects on us later in life. As we get older we tend to fear new inventions or innovations, claiming that we don't understand them or by condemning them as experimental and not proven.

Nanna and Babbononno grew up with the Victrola

era. Beginning in the late 1800s, some type of an Edison machine reproduced recorded sound, first on cylinders and later on discs called records. My grandparents were young when this luxury became a practical source of home entertainment. Babbononno investigated the concept of the machine, watched and listened to demonstrations of the invention and then bought one for his young family to enjoy. Their Victrola was a product of RCA and had a logo of a little dog listening to a recorded sound coming from a cone-shaped external speaker. The caption underneath this logo read, "His master's voice.'

The entire mechanism was fastened inside a beautiful dark mahogany cabinet that was about four feet high. The top lid opened to allow access to the record player. There was a turntable that could be set at various speeds, in case a record was made that didn't conform to the new 20th century standard speed of 78 revolutions per minute. A tone arm that swiveled from the back could be manually lifted onto the record and a steel needle hanging down from the front of the tone arm would fit into the grooves of a record and reproduce the sound that was recorded. Below the entire mechanism was a speaker that magnified the sound mechanically. I say, mechanically, due to the fact that this machine wasn't electric. It was a wind-up record player. Outside on the right was a crank handle with a carved wooden spindle at the end, when turned 360 degrees in a clock-wise direction, the handle would wind an internal spring which operated the turn table. This was the machine that Babbononno brought home one day, the machine on which my mother and her brothers first heard symphonic music and Italian grand opera.

When I came along a generation later, the Victrola was old and all but abandoned. Mom and Dad had a floor model Philco radio with a record player built in, but it was electric and the sound was much clearer and could be amplified. Their music leaned more in the direction of the big bands, Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and a dozen others that were popular at the time. When I stayed with Nanna and Babbononno, I explored the things in their den that seemed old, including their Victrola. The only records left in the storage compartment at the bottom of the cabinet were ancient, Italian arias sung by Enrico Caruso or Beniamino Gigli, along with other operatic recordings. On the other side were stored classical albums recorded by the great European and American symphony orchestras. I learned to enjoy symphonic music due to being allowed to play with the Victrola at a very young age. Once this type of machine was replaced by an electric one, Babbononno lost interest in buying records. Another invention took its place in his world, the radio. He succumbed to its possibilities in the 1930s and bought a table radio with a shape that looked like a Gothic church window. With this modern convenience that was simple to operate, he could listen to Italian programs, the latest news and his kind of music. He was satisfied.

In the 1940s, my father was the second person in the neighborhood to buy the latest invention in entertainment, the television.

The first to make the purchase was the landlord of the three-decker we lived in, Ralph Manfredonia. He bought a small Dumont TV in 1948. Dad bought a Philco in 1949. I think the price was about \$500, a big piece of change in those days. Before Dad decided to buy the Philco, we headed to the Manfredonia home a couple of nights a week to watch the shows of the day. Nanna, Babbononno, and the Manfredonia mother-in-law would sit and watch with us, but they would talk back to the characters performing on the screen, not understanding the concept of TV. They thought that the performers could see into the house as easily as they could see the performers. Regardless of what anyone would say, the old-timers never could grasp the concept of television.

Around 1950 or so, Dad and my uncles got together and bought Nanna and Babbononno a TV for their anniversary. They could never get the hang of operating it and were constantly calling to tell their children that the machine was broken. Usually, a touch of a dial made it brighter or darker. Another dial stopped the picture from scrolling up or down or heading off slanted. The dials were explained, but my grandparents never understood how the mechanism worked and tolerated it, at best. They never gave up the idea that they couldn't be seen by the performers. I even caught Babbononno arguing with Edward R. Murrow during one of his broadcasts one evening.

A generation later, I experienced the same phenomenon, only this time it was my parents and the machine

was called a computer. They didn't understand it, and as a result, they feared it. Dad, who through his day job with the Boston Schools, was a pioneer in audio-visual education, condemned the concept as a passing fancy that would fade into the sunset. My mother wouldn't even go near a computer. When it became necessary for Loretta and me to buy a computer to make life easier, Dad refused to even try to learn the simplest of functions. The internet was a few years away, but we used our new toy for data entry, processsing and storage. When the kids were in school, my parents (Nanna and Papa) helped them with their homework when they babysat. The kids tried to show them how to do homework electronically and print it out, but my parents drew the line at that point and just watched the kids with this new "toy."

A year or two before my mother passed away, I tried to show her how to use the internet, due to the fact that it had become more user friendly as time went on, but it was totally beyond her and she never gave in.

I sometimes wonder if the things our kids grow up with will cause us to react the same way. I think so. My kids have MP3 players and IPods, tiny devices, half the size of a cigarette pack that hold thousands of recorded songs. We rented a car during a stay in Florida and it had an MP3 player built in. I experimented with it and lost the fear I had of the unknown. As a result, I'm thinking of having one installed in my car so I can listen to do-wop from the '50s, Sinatra and the Rat Pack at the Sands and old-time radio programs, all without commercial interruption. I wonder what my parents, and Nanna and Babbononno would have to say? GOD BLESS AMERICA!

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI15D0116DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
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ERIKA F. COLON VASQUEZ
aka ERIKA F. VASQUEZ

NOEL COLON ORTIZ

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Erika F. Colon Vasquez aka Erika Vasquez, 25 Olney St., Apt. 3, Watertown, MA 02472 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: 2/13/15 • Tax Preparation Scams (Continued from Page 2)

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Docket No. SU522787
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR TERMINATION
OF A GUARDIAN OF AN
INCAPACITATED PERSON
AND/OR CONSERVATOR

In the Interests of DORTHEA J. REILLY of BOSTON, MA RESPONDENT

Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filed
by Patricia McVey-Ritsick of Pleasant Hill, CA
in the above captioned matter requesting that
the court: Terminate the Guardianship and/
or Conservatorship.

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of February 26, 2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 22, 2015

Ann Marie Passanisi, Register of Probate Run date: 2/13/2015 est method for processing returns and the quickest way to get a refund. Whether filing electronically or by paper, never sign a blank return. Before you sign your return, review it and ask questions. Make sure you understand everything and that you are comfortable with the accuracy of the return before you sign it.

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## DID THE TAX PREPARER SIGN YOUR RETURN?

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Taxpayers can find a printable checklist on choosing a reputable tax preparer on the Department's website, as well as a related video series on YouTube. To report any tax preparation scams or questionable preparers, please contact the Office of Consumer Affairs hotline at 617-973-8787 or toll free in Massachusetts at 888-283-3757.

Taxpayers can also take advantage of free tax preparation services such as DOR's online WebFile for Income. Volunteers trained by the IRS and DOR also staff libraries, senior centers and other sites in Massachusetts to help you prepare your taxes and safely transmit your return to the IRS and DOR based on your income and age eligibility. To find the site closest to you visit free tax filing information at www.mass.gov/dor.

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## News Briefs

(FROM ITALIAN **NEWSPAPERS AND** OTHER PUBLICATIONS)

Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

HOW POPE FRANCIS ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF THE **CHURCH.** At a meeting of the Church's Governing Body the Curia — the Pope asked each member of this executive group to outline the standing of each department and present a general picture on the needs of the Church. Pope Francis listened closely to each Cardinal so that he could fully realize what problems, if any, concern each and any congregation and the Pontifical Councils too. At this particular meeting there was, on the agenda, no particular issue to address but rather an opportunity to monitor what is taking place within each executive "Dicastero" (executive department). The meeting underscored the important role of a "factotum" (a problem solver) working close to the Pope himself, namely Monsignor Lorenzo Baldisseri, Secretary of the Bishops' Conference as well as of the Council of Cardinals, and who acted as the Secretary of the Executive meeting, while Cardinal Giuseppe Bertello acted as Coordinator.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN BEACHES IN 2013. To the surprise of the "non-residents," 17 beach spots have attracted an increasing number of visitors, mostly foreign, during the past year. These places were identified as the cleanest of all: unpolluted coastal areas along the entire peninsula. The Regions of Toscana and of Sicily were mentioned each for three magnificent beaches. One very special spot, as described by "Legambiente" (environmental agency) was the "Spiaggia dei Conigli" (the rabbits' beach), located off the island of Favignana (in Western Sicily), which is yearly visited by ever large throngs of tourists from all corners of the world; it is also located in a protected area in front of which the island of rabbits is visible. The island is impervious to a visitor: too rocky! Of course, both the beach and the island are a national reserve where marine turtles deposit their eggs. The #1 Italian beach was found to be the "Cala Bianca," in Camerota, in the coastal area of the province of Salerno. Of course, the beautiful beaches, of the 17, we have indicated above are a wonderful corollary to all the magnificent, artistic heritage we all admire in Italy, and offer to the astonished visitors. Have a great trip!

THE AMERICAN MARKET AND THE MADE-IN-ITALY **PRODUCTS.** The timid signs of an economic recovery are somewhat encouraging. Americans seem to be increasingly attracted by the quality of Italian manufactured goods, especially, it goes without saying, food items. With a justified cautious optimism, many manufacturers predict for the new (2014) year, a profit in excess of 15 billion euro (@ \$21 billion), even though the exchange euro-dollar leaves something to be desired. Of course, New York remains the principal reference point. There are now five cities, like New York, including the resuscitated Miami, Florida, out of the picture for a while, but now ready to accommodate all kinds of Italian manufactured goods to satisfy the increasing demand. Let's hope for the best.



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both Chris Christie and Rand Paul were talking about vaccines and parental rights.

My favorite radio conservative guy, Jeff Kuhner. seemed to be siding with Paul and Christie. I am provaccine. I remember the fifties as a little kid when polio was scaring the country and childhood diseases like the measles, chicken pox, mumps and sometimes whooping cough were spreading like wildfire. As soon as a polio vaccine came out, parents had their kids lining up for the shot.

Parents wished for vaccines for all those childhood diseases, but there weren't any at that time. I can remember getting everything but the whooping cough and I can remember my brother catching all three from me.

My mother, like most mothers back in the day, must have felt like she was a nurse. I caught them all in school and my pre-school little brother got them from me. It was a long six weeks for my mother and then it was over for good.

The reason polio disappeared and that childhood diseases vanished was vaccinations. Today, they are all coming back to society. Mostly because many parents think vaccinations cause autism, which has been proven a falsehood or because the diseases are arriving in this country through the unvaccinated.

Conservatives for the most part are pro-vaccines. It is the liberal wackos who are the truly anti-science folks. Just look at the editorials of the Huffington Post over the years. They were clearly anti-vaccine for the longest time. As were many Hollywood liberal types.

#### Obama and "This Organization"

Last week after ISIS decided to burn alive a captured Jordanian soldier, President Obama spoke of this terrible action by "this organization" committing such a barbaric crime against humanity. We have a president who it would seem cannot come to use the term on everyone else's lips, Radical Islam. His use of "this organization," is making ISIS like the Rotary, the Elks, the Moose, the K of C or the American Legion. We are talking about a radicalized

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. 15W0126 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

KELLY DOS SANTOS, Plaintiff(s)

MICHAEL MAHONEY, Defendant(s) To the above named Defendant(s):

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Kelly Dos Santos, seeking sole legal and physical custody of the child Savannah Alicia Mahoney

You are required to serve upon Kelly Dos Santos - plaintiff - whose address is 109 Antrim Street, #3, Cambridge, MA 02139 your answer on or before March 19, 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 in the office of the Register of this Court at Cambridge

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge this 5th day of February 2015.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 2/13/15

sect of Islam plain and simple. Don't take my word, take theirs. They know who they are and proudly proclaim it, but Obama shuts off his eyes and ears to reality. He is truly the worse foreign policy president this country has ever seen.

#### I Love Mark Levin

show nightly. He is spot on when talking about ISIS, which he refers to as "subhuman cockroaches." He is right on when it comes to our immigration policy which now seems non-existent. He goes after pols like Jeb Bush who has been calling for more temporary work visas. How many millions of these visas has the United States handed out in recent years, millions? How many of these immigrants ever go home when their visas expire? They simply, for the most part, go into the shadows until Obama clears their shadows for them.

Did you know that some 20 percent of households in America speak another language other than English at home? Did you know that 20 percent of U.S. residents are now foreign born? Did you know that nearly 30 percent of California is now foreign born?

taking in wave after wave of immigrants and assimilation is falling behind. We are a nation of immigrants. My grandparents were immigrants, however, they made efforts to assimilate much faster than we are seeing today. We are endangering our national identity if we instead of being a melting pot, become Balkanized.

Brian Williams from NBC News Must Go

The recent revelation that office supply chains.

I listen to this guy's radio

Our nation is constantly

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI15P0303EA

LEGAL NOTICE

Estate of BARBARA G. HICKIN Date of Death December 13, 2014 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by Thomas R. Maher of Winchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the tition. And also requesting that **Thoma** Maher of Winchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on March 23, 2015.

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

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

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,

First Justice of this Court Date: January 26, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/13/15 Brian Williams has been reportedly peddling a lie going back to 2003 is unbelievable. He finally had to come clean last week and apologized to his viewers. He made himself out to be a war hero who risked his life covering the conflict in Iraq back in 2003. Now we find out the helicopter shot down by Saddam's forces was not the one he was on. Apparently, he was on the next helicopter an hour later. That's now pretty clear thanks to Stars and Stripes, the military newspaper for blowing up this farce of a story.

Brian Williams and NBC News are now in a bind. How can Williams or NBC News be taken seriously if you can't trust Williams to tell the truth? I think he should be booted quickly. He wasn't under fire back in 2003, but certainly is under fire today.

#### Shaheen Gets Kudos from Me

I agree with Shaheen's quote above. Why should U.S. taxpayers be funding oil paintings of bureaucrats and politicians? I say the same thing here in Massachusetts about our politicians up on Beacon Hill.

#### Radio Shack Goes Under

Radio Shack Corp., around for 94 years starting off right here in Boston, has filed for bankruptcy closing all 4,000 sites which will now be turned into Sprint locations.

#### Staples and Office Depot Merging?

As many as 1,000 Staples and Office Depot store closings are expected if federal regulators sign off on the planned \$6.3 billion merger of the nation's two largest

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI15P0353EA Estate of

JEANETTE A. CIAMPI Date of Death August 31, 2013 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons A Petition has been filed by Vincent D. Ciampi of Everett, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that Vincent D. Ciamp of Everett, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2015.

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

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WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 2, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/13/15



## **EXTRA** Innings

by Sal Giarratani



#### Remembering Billy Monbouquette

"Those were my most enjoyable years. I loved pitching at Fenway and loved pitching for the Red Sox." — Billy Monbouquette

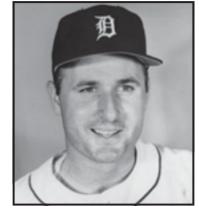
Back before the birth of Red Sox Nation, baby boomer baseball fans had little to be happy about. During the '50s and '60s the Red Sox stunk most of the time. We had great players, but no real team. In the sixties the highlight of any game was the possibility that Dick Radatz would walk to the mound from the bullpen to save a game for us.

Some of my favorites back then besides Radatz was Earl

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Wilson, Dalton Jones, Gary Geiger, Lou Clinton and Billy Monbouquette from nearby Medford.

Monbouquette recently passed away on January 25th at 78 years old. Back in his prime, he was one of the best right-handed starters in baseball. During his 11-year career, Mombo was 114-112 with 1,122 strikeouts and a 3.68 ERA. He came up with the Boston Red Sox. His MLB



debut was July 18, 1958 and most of his wins came with Boston. He finished out his

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**NYANDRAK GYATSO** 

To the Defendant:

career with the Tigers, Yankees and Giants. He was a 20-game winner for the Sox in 1963.

He was a finesse pitcher with changing speeds and great control. The Sox signed him up in 1955 and he came up with the Red Sox in 1958 and soon became the ace of the staff. He won at least 14 games between 1960-63. He pitched a no-hitter against the Chicago White Sox winning 1-0 on August 1, 1962. He also threw three one-hitters and struck out 17 in a game against the Washington Senators in 1961.

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Docket No. MI15D0157DR

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KRISTIE A. HANSFORD

SCOTT A. HANSFORD, SR.

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce

equesting that the Court grant a divorce for

retrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been en-

ered in this matter preventing you from taking

any action which would negatively impact

the current financial status of either party

You are hereby summoned and required

to serve upon Kristie A. Hansford, 12 Victoria

Lane. Stoneham. MA 02180 your answer, if any

on or before March 9, 2015. If you fail to do so,

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adjudication of this action. You are also required

to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,

of the Register of this Court.

First Justice of this Court

Date: January 22, 2015

SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

To the Defendant:

On September 25, 1965 in a game against the old Kansas City Athletics, he was the starting pitcher versus 58-year-old Hall of Famer Satchel Paige. He threw a complete game victory and also made history by becoming the last strike out victim of the legendary Satchel

After going 96-91 in Boston, he was traded to the Tigers for the 1966 season. From there it was the Yankees and finally the Giants where he finished his career on September 3, 1968.

Monbouquette was elected to the Red Sox Hall of Fame in 2000 and also ended up a pitching coach for Detroit's Single A team, the Oneonta Tigers.

For almost seven years he fought his biggest battle with cancer and in the end. He was a survivor who always fought his way through adversity. He lasted longer than many but now in the end is at peace. He fought the good faith, he finished the race and the game has ended for him.

#### Victor Martinez Having Knee Surgery

Tigers' slugger Victor Martinez had knee surgery earlier this week to repair a tear to the medial meniscus in his left knee. He was injured in the off-season during his workout program for the second time in four years. He missed the entire 2012 season the first time. This time it is a different

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Division 208 Cambridge Street East Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI15P0261EA

Estate of ANNA S. KANE Date of Death March 29, 2014 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Stacey C. Kane of Belmont, MA.

Stacey C. Kane of Belmont, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Suffolk Division** Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 Docket No. SU15P0153EA

Estate of ARTHUR EMIL SHEA Also Known As ARTHUR E. SHEA Date of Death December 30, 2009 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Margaret Donovan Shea of Boston, MA. a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Margaret Donovan Shea of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representatives of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Represen tative 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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The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for rretrievable 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 current financial status of either party SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Stephen Samuel Brown, Esquire Law Office of Stephen S. Brown, LLC 448 County Street, Second Floor, New Bedford, MA 02740 your answer, if any, on or before March 17, 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: February 3, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/13/15

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI15P0349EA

Estate of STEVEN F. MICKLE Date of Death September 2, 2014 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by Debora Mickle of Ayer, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And ing that Debora Mickle of Aver

MA be appointed as Personal Representa-

tive(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety

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

Court before 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2015. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 2, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/13/15

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Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI15P0351EA Estate of

FRANCES B. SCHMITT Date of Death October 24, 2014 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by Michael J Delaney of Waltham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested tition. And also requesting that Michae J. Delaney of Waltham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2015.

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

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

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 2, 2015

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injury to the same knee.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI15P0302EA Estate of GEORGE W. RINGLER

Date of Death September 26, 2006 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by Robert J. Ringler of Arlington, MA requesting that the Court enter

a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition and also requesting that Robert J. Ringler of Arlington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond. You have the right to obtain a copy of the

Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on February 23, 2015.

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

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

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 26, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/13/15

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI01P0310EP

Estate of ANNA L. DUBOIS Date of Death November 26, 2000 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by Christine M Howard of Acton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order that Christine M. Howard of Acton, MA be appointed as Successor Personal Repre sentative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on March 3, 2015.

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

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

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR. First Justice of this Court

Date: February 3, 2015 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 2/13/15

## LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 (617) 768-5800 Docket No. MI14P4754EA Estate of

ESTELLE M. SPENCER Date of Death September 13, 2000 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by Philip C. Spencer of North Reading, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the tion. And also requesting that Philip C Spencer of North Reading, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate

to serve Without Surety on the bond. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on March 3, 2015.

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

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WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court. Date: February 3, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

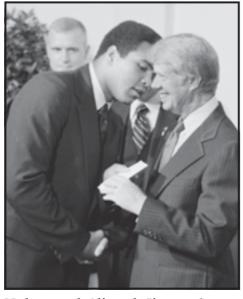
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## **Happy President's Day**

to All of My Boxing Friends

In honor of President's Day I have gathered some photographs of boxers with some of the Presidents of the United States. I hope you enjoy them and I wish all of you a very Happy President's Day



Muhammad Ali and Jimmy Carter



Richard Nixon, Rocky Marciano, John F. Kennedy



George H.W. Bush and Floyd Patterson



Ronald Reagan and Muhammad Ali



Bill Clinton and Muhammad Ali



Ronald Reagan and George Foreman



Tony Janiro and Harry S. Truman



John Ruiz and George W. Bush



Joe DiMaggio, Dwight Eisenhower, Rocky Marciano



Theodore Roosevelt

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

A TIMELY LEGACY — It was a strategy that won games, of derision from fans of the Arizona where he played team that found itself trailing two seasons and was listed in the closing moments to as a pre-business major in basketball powerhouse North his official athletic depart-Carolina.

was little action, just passing the ball around from teammate to teammate on the perimeter as the precious minutes and seconds ticked away on the clock, bringing victory ever closer. It was the "four corners" offense, a tactic employed as the game neared its conclusion.

That's what it was like to and obtained a diploma. play North Carolina when it was led by Head Coach Dean legend and Hall of Famer who died February 7th at the age the plains of Kansas, he al- ing eligible to play football. ways played within the rules, regarded players as family center around the high and never used profanity in school and college faculty practices or games. In his 36 years at the helm, his program was never accused a student pass the classes of any violations by the taught by those faculty mem-NCAA. Some 97 percent of his bers? Indeed, how could a players graduated.

But woe to the opponent who fell behind the Tar Heels Arizona without reading any in a tight game with less than books at all? five minutes or so remaining. Then, if North Carolina regained possession, a classic members and the adminiscontest could abruptly be transformed into a passing who now must attempt to drill on the perimeter as explain how a student could Smith ordered his squad to somehow meet their stanhold the ball rather than seek dards without reading a book another shot attempt.

could get the ball back nation, but we doubt one will under such circumstances was to foul an NC player or Smith's teams knew the drill well, carried it out almost Smith's career win total by successfully employing it.

The shot clock, introduced into men's college basketball in 1985 (45 seconds from 1985 through 1993, 35 seccorners" impractical.

strategy in the game's closing moments leaves a legacy that probably will last as long game with Dallas as the Stars as the game itself.

Rob Gronkowski said on The loss also meant two vital national television that he points went by the boards as had not read a book since the the race for the two wild cards ninth grade, it was a statement that generated many ence grew tighter. questions.

attended Williamsville North High School for three years year.

After obtaining his diploma from Woodland Hills (we frustrated opponents and refuse to say graduated), he often resulted in vocal calls enrolled at the University of ment biography. He was If done to perfection there drafted by the Patriots in

> Since, by his own admission, he has not read a book since the ninth grade, we wonder how he passed his sophomore and junior year classes at Williamsville. An additional question is how he successfully completed his senior year at Woodland Hills

We wonder what his scores were on the SAT exam. We Smith, a basketball coaching also wonder how he was able to gain admission to Arizona and then pass two years of of 83. A man who grew up on classes there, thus remain-

Another question should members who had Gronkowski in class. How could such student pass two years of classes at the University of

This sad situation doesn't reflect well on those faculty trators of those institutions since the ninth grade. We The only way an opponent would love to hear an explabe forthcoming.

A FOOTNOTE FALLS — It (rarely) intercept a pass. Dean was a minor statistic, but it did stand for something. It meant that the Bruins had to perfection and increased not experienced the most significant embarrassment that can occur on a power play.

For as the B's entered the contest against the Dallas Stars at the Garden on onds since then) effectively February 10th, no team had ended "four corners" as a scored a shorthanded goal realistic strategy. The tactic against the Black and Gold wasn't outlawed. But now, this season. In fact, the any possession is limited to Bruins had a singular disno more than 35 seconds, tinction in that category. As rendering the use of "four the B's started their 54th game of the season, every So, every time you see a other team in the NHL had college game on television allowed at least one shortand the shot clock runs down, handed tally during the you'll think of Dean Smith, a course of the 2014-2015 cambasketball immortal whose paign. The singular exception was the Bruins.

That changed during the found the range for not one NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF but two shorthanded scores — When Patriots tight end in a 5-3 victory over the B's. slots in the Eastern Confer-

Now they face a challeng-Gronkowski grew up in the ing five-game road trip. By the Buffalo, N.Y. suburbs and time they return to Causeway Street on February 24th for a game against Vancouver we before transferring to Wood- should know what shape land Hills High School (out- the Bruins will be in for the side Pittsburgh) for his senior home stretch of the season in March and April.