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Gasoline Prices Rising Again
You knew as soon as all this trouble started happening in the Middle East that gas prices would start soaring and they have. Now it is all Khadafi's fault they say, but most of us aren't buying that one. Liberals say we all just have to go electric or buy a horse I guess. It is easy for them to say get off the oil kick, but these electric cars look like little coffins. Over in Eastie one gas station in Day Square was selling 87 octane for $3.32 a gallon. The one around the corner from there was just a few pennies cheaper. Rumor has it that by late April gas prices should be around $4.00. Ouch! Owning a large V-8 these prices are really painful.

Those Newspaper Photos Not Good
Recently, a union rally was held at the State House in support of public employees in Wisconsin. Things were pretty heated from the get go, but reportedly only got worse when members of the Tea Party showed up to counter-protest, which is within their rights. However, things started getting pretty ugly when the two sides came in contact with the other. Finally, the police had to enter the picture and close down traffic on Beacon Street. Dissent is something valued by every American who values the Bill of Rights. Scenes of protesters getting into the faces of opponents are both unacceptable and quite "uncivil," to use the new jargon of liberals. There's an old rock and roll song with lyrics that go, "There ain't no good guys. There ain't no bad guys. There's just you and me and we just disagree." (Continued on Page 8)

Do You Remember ...?
Left to Right: World Welterweight Champion Tony DeMarco, Mayor of Boston John E. Hynes and World Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano. (Circa 1950s) (Photo courtesy of Salvatore Venezia)

IT’S THE LAW ... On Thursday, February 25, 2011 two employees of Todisco Towing, East Boston, were struck in the breakdown lane of Route 24 South. Their reflective triangles were out, their lights on and a vehicle traveling in the breakdown lane struck the rear of the flatbed pinning them under the truck. Both men sustained serious injuries. These men are true professionals and did nothing careless in the situation. In Massachusetts the Move Over Law aims to make police, fire fighters, paramedics, tow truck drivers and all roadside emergency and maintenance professionals safer on the job. The Move Over Law, which took effect March 22, 2009, requires drivers approaching a stationary emergency or maintenance vehicle with flashing lights to move to the next adjacent lane if it is safe to do so, and, barring that, to reduce their speed. Failure to comply could result in a fine of up to $100.

Every year, first responders across the country are injured or killed while providing emergency help. This past summer six Massachusetts state troopers were injured in as many weeks. One trooper died from his injuries. All citizens are asked to make a personal pledge to always move over to make Massachusetts roadways safer for everyone.
Wild beasts were used during many of the gladiatorial shows and had to be fed cattle to keep them alive while in captivity. There was a time when cattle meat became expensive so Caligula's crafty mind devised a system whereby he would go to the prison camps and allow random selections of prisoners to be desecrated. Many men of honorable rank who uttered the slightest criticism of his actions were seized and dissected with branding irons. Some were forced to work in the mines or on the public roads, and many were fed to the wild beasts. Incredible as it may sound, we are told that many of the captives and their relatives were shut up in small animal cages and forced to move around on all fours before being fed to the beasts. People did not have to commit a crime in order to be punished. Some of this punishment was inflicted on persons who would not swear by the genius of Caligula. He sometimes forced some of his family relatives to attend the execution of their sons and he actually invested some of his persons to dine with him immediately after an execution, just as a friendly gesture. Those readers who are squeamish should not read this next paragraph, but if you insist, he had the manager of his gladiatorial shows beaten with chains in his presence for several days in succession, and didn’t have him killed until all were disgusted from the stench of the man’s putrefied brain. A husky and handsome young man named Colosseros was a spectator in the amphitheater. Without provocation, Caligula ordered the boy to be dragged from his seat and led into the arena where he was forced to fight a gladiator and die a second. He was victorious in both of these contests, so he was then dressed in rags, bound, and led through the streets for all of the women to view. Later, this handsome but unfortunate Colosseros was put to death because he was more desirable to women than the emperor. At different times Caligula is reported to have caused the death, not only of his half-brother, but also of many of his other relatives as well. Such indignities and annoyances were heaped upon his grandmothers, who were told by Caligula to have caused her death. There are others who claim Caligula’s own mother was put out to pasture because of her beauty. He paid her no honor at death but instead watched her with excitement. At dinner time, he had his brother put to death without waiting for him to be provoked. He also harassed his father-in-law to the point where the emperor had his own throat slit. All of the relatives who helped this man to the throne were rewarded for their kinship and faithful service by a bloody death. Who were these people? Who needs enemies? Caligula seemed to be obsessed with the power of his office which permitted him to inflict bodily harm, torture and even death upon others. Decapitation was his special pleasure. At one time he is reported to have said “I wish that all of Rome had but one head, then I could cut off with one blow.” He was unmerciful in his killings. Whenever possible, he planned and carried out slight wounds first. His standing order was “Strike so that he may feel that he is still alive.”

NEXT ISSUE: Caligula the Sexologist

TOGETHER WE CAN
(Put Americans Back to Work)

Last week, as part of the series “Made in America,” ABC’s “World News with Diane Sawyer” took on the challenge of trying to fill three rooms in a home entirely with 100% American-made products. Economists say that if every one of us spent an extra 15% on U.S.-made goods every year, it would create nearly 10,000 new jobs in this country. A list of made-in-America products found or submitted to ABC World News is on their website at http://abcnews.go.com/WN/page?id=12896382. At least two members of the National Textile Association, where I get my pocketbook, are on the list. The “Winter Special” is from Pendleton Woolen Mills (http://www.pendleton-usa.com/). As the numbers in the first paragraph show, supporting American manufacturing by buying American-made products would do much to put Americans back to work and build our national economy. Kudos to ABC World News for tracking down American-made products and putting out a list. I plan to consult it. We also need to change policies in Washington.

American policy for 20 years or more has been to maximize imports and pay for them with credit. We import oil from the Near and Middle East rather than drill our own abundant supplies. We have some of the largest tracks of fertile land, yet we import food from sources so dubious that many of us do not consume raw vegetables unless we can ascertain their origin. And as for manufacturing — just go into the major retailers and try to find something — anything — made in the U.S. The American workers, President Obama shows no interest in a course correction. On March 1st the President released his 2011 Trade Policy Agenda calling for more market-opening free trade agreements. To the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with Mexico and Canada, and the agreements we already have in place with 15 other nations, Mr. Obama seeks to add free trade agreements with seven more: Brunei Darussalam (an intolerant Islamic monarchy), Colombia (where labor leaders are routinely murdered with impunity), Malaysia, New Zealand, Panama, South Korea, and Vietnam (a repressive communist regime). As someone observed, a depression only when my neighbor loses his job, a depression is when I lose my job, and a recovery is when Obama loses his job.

David Trumbull is the chairman of the Boston Ward Three Republican Committee. Boston Ward Three includes the North End, West End, part of Beacon Hill, downtown, waterfront, Chinatown, and part of the South End.

SHERIFF ANDREA J. CABRAL

Named to List of 50 Most Powerful Women in Boston

Suffolk County Sheriff Andrea J. Cabral was recently named among the Most Powerful Women in Boston by Boston Magazine. She is featured in the February 2011 edition of Boston Magazine, Sheriff Cabral shares the honor with local luminaries from a wide spectrum of business and finance, social justice, media, real estate, education, philanthropy, culinary arts, and more. A small sampling of those ranked as contemporaries of Sheriff Cabral are: Drew Bledsoe, Founder and Chairman of the Boston Foundation; Joan Vennochi, Columnist, Boston Globe; Mary Bonauto, Director, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders; Carol Johnson, Superintendent Boston Public Schools; Tracy Campion, Founder of Campion and Company, along with 35 other honorees.

To see the rest of the list or read more about the 50 Most Powerful Women, visit: http://www.bostonmagazine.com/articles/the_50_most_powerful_women_in_boston/.
A new osteopathic sports medicine practice has recently opened in Wellesley. Under the guidance and supervision of Dr. Kimberly D’Eramo, the Wellesley Sports Medicine provides new options for all those suffering from pains, trauma or who just want to get their vitality back.

For D’Eramo, the osteopathic center of Dr. Kimberly D’Eramo brings better health and health consciousness to her community in the Boston area. The philosophy behind it is straightforward, the body constantly strives for better health, doing its best to achieve the goal. Symptoms which manifest themselves as illnesses indicate that the body is not getting what it needs in order to manifest its true vitality. Usually, ideal health is not going to happen because the body is either not eating all it needs (sufficient nutrients), acquiring blood flow and drainage, adequate rest and hydration to cells or is getting too much of what it does not need. (Excessive toxins exposure, metabolic stressors such as sugar or dietary intolerance, medications which cause harm.)

D’Eramo graduated from University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2002, after which she also completed a one year fellowship in Osteopathic Medicine and Anatomy. She is currently an Associate Professor at both UNECOM and at Dublin College of Osteopathic Medicine where she teaches Osteopathic Medicine and Emergency Medicine. A board certified Emergency Medicine physician, D’Eramo completed training in an Associate Professor at the Institute for Functional Medicine and uses her expertise in conjunction with osteopathic manipulation to heal patients with varied chronic illnesses such as autoimmune disease, digestive disorders, fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue and overweight.

An arid marathon and half-marathon is the daughter of Marie and Edward D’Eramo, and was also a candidate for the 2004 Olympic Games Gemma (of the North End) and Dr. Edward M. Cardillo of Everett.

Dr. Kimberly D’Eramo Opens Wellesley Sports Medicine

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Hiring gain signals economy on the mend

Hiring gain signals economy of the mend but its slow going. Hiring rose last month to its steepest since last May, but it fell be- low 9% for the first time in nearly two years, according to the Labor Department, saying the economy is pick- ing up steam. The 192,000 jobs added in February edged views. The jobless rate fell 0.8% to 8.8%, the lowest since April 2009. The labor force held at 27 year low, but the bleaker employment picture is still 7.5 million below their January highs in 2008. We still have a long way to go, said John Canally, an economist and investment strategist with LPL Financial. “It’s not going to feel like a recovery until all the jobs are back,” he said. Following the ‘81-’82 recovery, employers on average added more than 240,000 jobs each month. The current recovery has been buoyed by in- creases on business spending and consumer spending, but housing remains de- pressed and rising oil prices and lingering European debt woes could cause growth to slow. Stock will hit even oil prices topped 8104/ barrel on fears that Libya’s turmoil could spread to even more oil producers. The 1st quarter GDP growth, according to recent price sticks, you’re region such as Saudi Arabia and Iran. The SAAP50 could fall with the NASDAQ. If this recent price streaks, you’re talking about a half point off GDP growth, according to Scott Brown, Chief Economic

SKATEBOARDING OVER 9/11 MEMORIAL

There’s something very sad and uncomfortable knowing that kids are skateboarding on the 9/11 Memorial. The Boston Courant reported that some kids from the new skate park on Newbury Streets has suf- fered surface damage over the past few years. The memorial has been cleaned and now the designer of the memorial is seeking to create a deterrent to the skateboarders. The Boston Landmarks Commission will soon review this proposal. Boston Parks and Recreation hired a conservator to remove the graphic images with solvents and soft brushes but not all the stains could be removed and damaging the stone. The city has appropriated $2,000 to in- stall the deterrent and the work will be done in the spring. The last of our priorities newspaper just did a front page story on this unfortunate situation. The design company proposed some idea to prevent skateboarding near the park’s entrance at Arlington and Central Ar. Goods producers hired 33,000 workers in edu- cation and healthcare and temporary workers. Government shed 30,000 workers all at the state and local level. Hourly earnings were flat in February versus views that inflation will stay tame as companies struggle to pay for higher gas and commod- ity costs. Economic news was higher than expected and the jobless rate was lower. Factory orders on Friday were also positive. Factory orders in January rose 3.1%, the best in four years. This is no doubt a good sign for recession, but their timing on a stock that flies 1300,000 barrels per day, it's more of a holder market. It is a big concern. Investors who established positions last September had a good run up in January. Investors should be cautious. Fighting in Libya could be even worse. A barrel of crude on the market and West Texas Crude Oil jumped 3%.

It's time to call your financial advisor or call me at 617-261-7777.

Birds, Bees, Eggs and Sometimes Chicken Too

As I read about the recent Boston City Council hear- ing on sexual health education in the Boston Schools, I was not surprised to find out that instead of talking about comprehen- sive sex education, too many of its advocates stress the distribution of free condoms instead in our public schools. While I agree we as a soci- ety must tackle this issue, which creates serious problems for our young people and perpetuates cycles of poverty. I think people can differ and have a right to differ with just what is the role of government. Good sex education has to be much more than free condoms. It has to be about teaching what the conse- quences of risky behavior are. The Health Department of Boston 2010 report shows Boston's young females between 15- 19 saw birthrates dip some what from eight years ago and that among the same age group, the rates of STDs are on the rise. I personally don’t buy the teen pregnancy, which reports shows that supplying free condoms to adolescents does not lead to increased sexual activity. Handing out free condoms to sexually active teens is not sex education nor the answer to the issues pre- sented at this most recent City Council hearing. It would seem that many young people think it is not their problem. This has nothing to do with the price of condoms out there. It is a cultural thing. Girls get pregnant so therefore it is their problem. Just because condoms are freely distributed, doesn’t mean they will be used or used properly. There are big conse- quences to young people who are sexually active, especially young teenagers.

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Freeway Says …

You can email your questions to postgazette@aol.com to the attention of Freeway. Don’t forget folks, Freeway is not a vet, so please keep the questions light-hearted! Thanks.

When your pooch is off its leash, its safe and it’s the law.

While enjoying our city parks with our pets the same rules apply. We must respect the rights of those with whom we share the City Parks in order to ensure a clean and safe environment. It is important to remember that the dog owner or keeper is responsible for any damage, accidents and bites caused by their pet. By not letting your pet run loose you can help prevent unwanted breeding and protect your pet from getting lost, stolen or injured.

Pet Peeve No. 1 — Dogs that don’t accessorize. Keep your pet on a leash its safe and it’s the law.

Pet Peeve No. 2 — Stepping into a sticky situation. Clean up after your pet, it’s courtious and it’s the law. City Code requires dog owners to remove and properly dispose of any feces left by their dogs. This ordinance covers waste left by your dog on sidewalks, streets, parks and in your neighbor’s yard.

When walking your dog, the law requires you to be prepared for such occurrences and be equipped with a bag or some other means of feces removal. After it is removed, it is important to dispose of the feces properly, either in a toilet or in a trash container. (After being secured in a plastic bag.) These laws are intended to protect the public from potential hazardous health conditions and prevent environmental pollution caused by dog waste.

Please remember ALL PIT BULLS must be muzzled when outside. It is a LAW.

We hear more and more complaints about dogs off a leash and not enough responsible pet owners picking up after their pet. It is your responsibility as a dog owner to keep the sidewalks and parks CLEAN. IT’S YOUR ANIMAL. PICK IT UP. RESPECT YOUR NEIGHBORS. If you have a neighbor that does not have their dogs on a leash then call animal control. Why should you get upset if a dog owner cannot respect the law? Why should dogs get into a fight because an irresponsible dog owner has their dogs off a leash? Keep our children safe. Keep your pets on a leash.

For more information contact www.cityofboston.com/. animal control.

That’s all for now. PLEASE pick up after your pet!

Quote: Dogs: One dog barks at something, the rest bark at him.

Constitutional Medal of Honor recipient Staff Sergeant Salvatore A. Giunta

On Wednesday, January 26, 2011, a reception was held at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. in honor of Staff Sergeant Salvatore A. Giunta.

Sgt. Giunta is the most recent recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. In October 2007, Sergeant Giunta was on patrol in the Korengal Valley of Afghanistan, when the team he was commanding was ambushed by a well-armed and well-coordinated enemy force. While under intense fire, Giunta sprinted towards cover and engaged the enemy. Seeing that one of his men had been wounded, he exposed himself to withering fire, raced toward his friend, helped him to cover and administered first aid. While he was taking care of his fellow soldier, Giunta himself was hit twice by enemy fire, luckily his body armor protected him.

While still under heavy fire, he tried to reach other men of his patrol, who had been separated from his squad. He then realized that another one of his fellow soldiers was missing. On his own initiative Sgt. Giunta advanced to a point where he saw two enemy insurgents carrying away a wounded American soldier. He immediately opened fire on the enemy combatants; he killed one and wounded the other. Upon reaching the wounded soldier, he provided medical aid and safety until his squad caught up and secured the area.

Because of Sgt. Giunta’s extraordinary courage, heroism, decisive leadership and selflessness, Sgt. Giunta became the first living recipient of the Medal of Honor since the Vietnam conflict.

Mr. Michael Giunta of West Roxbury was present at the ceremony honoring Sgt. Giunta. Mr. Giunta received his invitation to attend the ceremony from Senator Scott Brown’s office. Senator Brown personally welcomed Mr. Giunta to Washington and assigned several members of his staff to escort him around the Capitol while he was in Washington to attend the ceremony.

Mr. Giunta brought the greetings, congratulations, best wishes and the sense of pride that the entire Giunta family of Massachussets feels due to the courage, valor and heroism that Salvatore demonstrated on the field of battle. His actions reflect great credit upon himself, the United States Army and those who bear the Giunta name. Staff Sergeant Giunta is the latest of a long line of Italian-American soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines, dating back to the Civil War, who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Another Massachusetts Giunta, Staff Sergeant John Giunta of Townsend, is currently serving his second tour of duty in Afghanistan.
Saint Leonard Parish will host two major events during the month of April. The first event will take place at Sacred Heart Church the evening of Friday, April 1st and all day Saturday, April 2nd. It is the Boston Archdiocese Fourth Eucharistic Congress for College Students and Young Adults. The event offers the opportunity for young adults to meet new people, listen to dynamic speakers, pray in new ways, get involved with Christian service and celebrate Mass with Cardinal Sean O’Malley and participate in an evening Eucharistic procession.

Featured speakers at the event will be Father Roger Landry, Anders Widmer and Sister Mary Karen Toomey. Father Roger Landry is executive editor of the Anchor, the weekly newspaper of the Diocese of Fall River and pastor of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in New Bedford, MA. Father Landry is a graduate of Harvard College and received his seminary training at Emmitsburg, MD, Saint Philip’s Seminary, Toronto and the North American College, Rome where he did advanced studies at the Pope John Paul II Institute for the Study of Marriage and Family. Father Landry has lectured widely on the late Holy Father’s thoughts, particularly his writings and pastoral approach to young people.

Andreas Widmer works closely with top entrepreneurs, investors and faith leaders around the world to foster enterprise solutions to poverty and promote virtuous business practices. He is a seasoned business executive with expertise in high-tech and international business strategy with credits and achievements are too numerous to be included in this column. Mr. Widmer has worked extensively in the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. He has brought more than 100 leading-edge technology products to market. He is an author on the connection between entrepreneurship, economic development and spirituality. Andreas served as Pontifical Swiss Guard from 1986-1988 protecting Pope John Paul II. He holds two business degrees from Switzerland plus a B.S. in International Business from Merrimack College and a M.A. in Ministry from Saint John’s Seminary, Boston.

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The Kiwanian of the Year

Thomas J. Butler passed away on March 4, 2011. A true son of South Boston, Tommy was in the place he lived in and loved so dearly. Tommy was known for many things, a loving husband of Helen (Battuce), devoted son of the late John and Anne (Shaughnessy) Butler, brother to Edward Butler and wife Marie of South Boston, Donna Calman and husband Richard of Quincy. Tom was predeceased by his brothers Daniel, Richard, John Butler and his sister Ann Patricia Paige. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, cousins and friends.

Throughout his life Tommy has worked and volunteered in many capacities. He was the former mayor of the South Boston Boys Club, Young Counselor and then Director of Little City Hall in Charlestown. Late Graduate of Boston High School and Boston State College. Late Juvenile Probation Officer, Suffolk County and Director of External Affairs at Massport. Former president of the South Boston Citizens Association and member of the South Boston Irish American Society. Tommy had a finesse about him that made people feel warm and comfortable. He would be the first to offer his assistance. He was truly a kind and giving man. In his role as Massport’s first to offer his assistance. He was truly a kind and giving man. In his role as Massport’s Director of Little City Hall Tommy opened the doors of communication with the neighboring communities. He listened to everyone’s concerns with sincerity and did his best to offer solutions. He volunteered countless hours in Souihie and sought to make his community a great place. His generosity extended beyond the places he lived and worked in. He made friends with such ease and he created a sense of community wherever he went. Tommy will be forever missed.

Funeral was from the O’Brien Funeral Home, 146 Dorchester Street, South Boston with a Funeral Mass in Gate of Heaven Church at 10:00AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tommy’s memory to the Darna Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02215 or the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, 230 West Sixth Street, South Boston, Massachusetts 02127.

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Enjoying The Steppingstone Foundation’s recent Mad Grams which prepare urban non-profit organization that was raised to support The Steppingstone Foundation, a national organization that develops and implements programs which prepare urban schoolchildren for educational opportunities leading to college success.

This year in Boston, Steppingstone is serving more than 1,000 students in grades five through 12. Steppingstone has sites in Boston, Hartford and Philadelphia. For information about the Foundation and upcoming events, be sure to visit www.tsf.org.

…… After the death of "French Chef" Julia Child, her longtime assistant Stephanie Hersh relocated to Santa Barbara, California, before ultimately moving to New Zealand. So many fond memories of Julia and Stephanie! At elegant soirees and fundraising benefits, cooking classes at BU, or just chatting over a cup of coffee, to name a few.

After Julia’s passing, I continued to attend delightful foodie events at Stephanie’s invitation, specifically those sponsored by the American Institute of Wine and Food. Stephanie’s move to Christchurch, New Zealand was a happy one for her and she recently became a New Zealand citizen. In fact, I had asked her to email me some images so I could share them with her many Greater Boston Area friends.

The theme is “Green Spaces” and it includes classes called “Harvard Yard,” “Rose Garden Trail,” “The Harbor Islands,” “Elm Bank,” “Garden in the Woods,” and “The Bay Circuit Trail.”

A major component of Blooms! is amateur horticulture. Chairman Martha Clouse of Saugus oversees a committee whose responsibility this week is to remind everyone of the show’s March 14 entry day. In all, Blooms! encompasses ten distinct parts of the “Boston Flower & Garden Show.” They include Mass Hort’s garden, a 350-square-
Wayne Carini is not your average car collector. He’s a fast-paced lifestyle fan of old and rare cars, with a career as a preservation artist with his own TV series, "Chasing Classic Cars," where he takes on the challenge of restoring rare cars to their historical glory. Throughout his career, he has worked on a variety of projects, including the restoration of Duesenberg, a neglected car model at a recent event held in Portland, Connecticut: F40 Motorsports, through which he owns and operates the F40 Motorsports, a high-end and exotic automotive dealership in the United States.

During his presentation, Carini showcased some of the cars in his personal collection, including his own 1934 MG Airline Coupe, which he purchased with a welcome message by State Senator Salvatore DiDomenico. The event was also an occasion for presenting the "Tutto Italiano" project, an all-Italian car day Carini and the Italian Consul General of Boston, Giuseppe Pastorelli, are currently working on to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Italy’s reunification. During his presentation, Carini showed some short video clips of "im-pulse purchases," such as a $800,000 bus bought at a West Coast auction.

He decided to ride it along the California coast, ending up at Jay Leno's home. Carini, by the way, did not intend to ride it at the event empty-handed. With him was his own 1934 MG Airline Coupe. Carini's passion for cars started when he was a child, working alongside his father on such classics as Duesenburgs, Lincolns, Packards and Ford Model As. He experienced his first ride on a Ferrari at the age of nine, when he was taken for a spin on a 1960 Rosso Chiaro 250 SWB. Maybe it was his Italian heritage, but Carini was instantly hooked for life. He learned the art of Ferrari restoration from his mentor Franco Scard — a former Ferrari racing mechanic who considered by some to be the foremost Ferrari expert on the East Coast — and his good friend Luigi Chieffini Jr., whose father Luigi Chieffini Sr. won the 1949-24 Hours of Le Mans race for Ferrari and opened the first Ferrari dealership in the United States.

Nowadays, Carini holds a personal collection of 38 cars and is the owner and operator of three companies in Portland, Connecticut: F40 Motorsports, through which he buys and sells vintage and classic automobiles; Continental Auto Ltd., a connection shop specializing in high-end and exotic automotive repair; and Carini Carozzeria, the restoration shop where Carini spends his time working on to celebrate the "Tutto Italiano" project.

Wayne Carini receiving a citation from State Senator Salvatore D. DiDomenico. From left to right: Wayne’s daughter Lindsay Carini, Wayne Carini of the Chasing Classic Cars series, President of the Boston State Senator Salvatore D. DiDomenico and Boston area MG Club President Kurt Steel, who was the host of the evening from the British Consulate and Michael Iandoli, President of Larson Aviation Museum.

Wayne Carini of “Chasing Classic Cars”

The British Consulate-General of Boston hosts JANE and BANG

by Nicola Orichu

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Help Homeless and Neglected Animals

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So what’s new? Graphic designer Lydia Lethig began selling royal wedding sick bags, for those who might not be able to stomach the coverage of the upcoming wedding between Prince William and Kate Middleton. The first edition of the sick bags sold out quickly.

Speaking of weddings, my marriage was just featured in People.com. Palin wrote a book that contains hundreds of her e-mails, in which she praised lynching territory as a state of Alaska, “I hate this damn job.” Palin, it was revealed, also had a Facebook page under an assumed name, “Lou Sarah,” in which she praises and slanders. “You may get a kick out of this! A 9-year-old boy has been suspended from his New York City school for sticking a “Kick Me” sign on a classmate’s back. Principal Darryl Mendez, a nonsmoker, said, “I think we’ve reached a new low.”

Mendez added that the law which takes effect in May, calls for a $50 fine on violators, but enforcement will be left largely to parents. The children rely on social pressure from New Yorkers themselves. Citizens are divided on the law’s merits. City council member Rosie Mendez, a non smoker, said, “I think we’ve taken a step too far today in curtailing parental rights.”

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Pulling news! Mayor Michael Bloomberg last month announced that smoking would be banned in smoking in city parks and on public beaches, as well as in pedestrian plazas such as Times Square. The measure, which takes effect in May, calls for a $50 fine on violators, but enforcement will be left largely to parents. The children rely on social pressure from New Yorkers themselves. Citizens are divided on the law’s merits. City council member Rosie Mendez, a nonsmoker, said, “I think we’ve taken a step too far today in curtailing parental rights.”

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Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill says, “It’s better for a person to be smoking here on earth than to be smoking in heaven.”

Despite reports indicating she would make the final cut, Sarah Ferguson was not invited to the royal wedding, said a spokesperson for Ferguson. “She is the best. We cannot reveal the year. Be assured, she is the best.”

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W o m e n know everything. C o n s i d e r what dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul: chicken, pork, half a cow, and a hundred eggs. We must think we’re the greatest hunters on earth!” So says the noted writer Anne Tyler. The late actress Loretta Young once stated about smoking, “If the吸点生物, 1/14 cup vegetable oil, 1/2 cup celery, carrots or avocado oil or olive oil, 1/2 cup pearl onions, 1/2 cup copped garlic, 1 cup uncooked rice, 1 cup frozen, fresh, or canned green peas.

Heat oil in a saucepan. Add chopped onion, garlic, and basil. Simmer until onion is opaque. Garlic should not brown. Add crushed tomatoes and stir thoroughly. Add half a cup of water if mixture appears too thick. Cover and bring to a slow boil. Simmer for about twenty to thirty minutes over medium/low heat. Check frequently.

Two cups of tomato sauce will be needed to cook one cup of uncooked rice. Set remaining tomato sauce aside. In a separate saucepan, add rice to two cups of simmered sauce and stir. Cover and cook slowly for ten minutes. All the liquid will be absorbed in cooking the rice. Check frequently. Add more sauce or a little water to the rice if needed. Add frozen, fresh or canned peas. Stir, cover and allow to cool.

Allow cooking until rice and peas are tender to your liking. Serve with a tablespoon of remaining heated sauce. Serves two.

Optional: Instant rice can be used in this recipe by substituting tomato sauce for water in preparing the rice. Stir, cover and allow to cool. Serve with a tablespoon of remaining heated sauce. Serves two.

NOTE: This is a meatless meal served frequently during The Donald Duck show. It is prepared by family members to have second helpings. Nonna Mary’s favorite saying to our children was “Rice is rice.” It always was when she prepared this recipe for the family, though our children sometimes balked about eating rice. When requested, she regularly had extra sauce available to add to her servings.

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Recipes from the Homeland

NONNA MARY’S RICE AND PEAS

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St. Leonard Parish

The second event will take place on April 3rd, one month after the first event, at the Sacred Heart Church. The Saint Patrick Family Players will be performing “Resurrection”, a Cantata/Music Drama by James Leech. The concert will be held at the United Church of Christ in Titusville. The performance begins at 7:00pm on Sunday, April 3rd. For further information on both events please call Saint Leonard Parish office at 617-523-2110.

Great as Gifts

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Ash Wednesday took place this week. In the Christian religions, it is the beginning of Lent, the forty days before Easter. In the oldest Christian traditions, a celebration is held during this period, preceding Ash Wednesday. The French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian cultures go so far as to sing and make merry before the solemn days that follow. The French call the festivities, Mardi Gras, the Spanish and Portuguese, Carnaval, and the Italians, Carnevale. The celebrations are party time for the folks who participate, and in past years, me of the likes of New Orleans, Rio de Janeiro, Caracas, San Juan and as a musician, Boston.

The famous New York restaurant, Mamma Leone’s opened in Boston in December 1972, on the first floor of a parking garage located next to the Boston Garden, just off Copley Square. After the Leone family sold the original restaurant in 1980, but in New York’s theater district, the corporation that bought it expanded and Boston was one of the locations. Just before lent in 1973, the management decided to offer Carnivale entertainment and Mamma Leone’s in Boston. They wanted four small bands to stroll among the tables of diners during the week that preceded Lent. My first band was formed and thing together due to a business meeting with the expected expansion. He then called for a meeting at his office with the management shortly after and he would be part of the 4 bands and everything was laid out in detail.

Uncle Nick, himself would lead the first band of five who would be dressed like chefs: checkered pants, white shirts, white aprons, and tall, white chef’s hats. The other three bands would be dressed with black pants, white shirts, red and white and green sashes around our waists and caps with Italian flags on the front. I was to lead a novelty band. It included an accordionist, a mandolinist, a tuba player, a washboard, Dad playing washtub bass and yours truly playing percussion. We went overboard making merry before the concerts order at given in-opera (only Italian, of course) as a dressing room with a buffet style dinner. When we were on our breaks, we could choose what we wanted for dinner and help ourselves. Each afternoon, the buffet table was set up for us with everything from antipasti, pasta courses, meat and fish courses, vegetables, and an assortment of Italian pastries. An urn of coffee was an abundant accompaniment to the food. Uncle Nick was happy with this type of treatment partly be cause this wasn’t often the case and partly because we were five bands and there was a very small sum, way over union scale.

There was one problem, though. The food was awful. Although it was Italian in appearance the taste was a lot to be desired. After the second day of employment, all complained to Uncle Nick. He hadn’t tried anything except the coffee. On the third day after hearing everyone in the bands complain, he sampled the dinner offerings. My band was on a break at the same time that he sampled the food and he could not look on his face that he was in agreement with us ... bad tasting food.

That evening, after the restaurant closed to the public, Uncle Nick was working with the management. They wanted more entertainment and agreed to provide it. He also mentioned the food which they assumed was the same as they were serving to the public. When I drove my uncle home, he told me about his meeting and their reaction to his comment about the food. He did not want to push the issue in fear that he would insult them. After lunching to make their detailed responses, I came up with a possible solution. He liked my idea and decided to present it to the head chef. The next day, when we were at the restaurant, he told the head chef that the food was too easy for the musicians and they couldn’t perform as well as they should. He asked if it were possible to make antipasti, pasta, meat and fish dishes and substitute cold cuts and sandwiches instead. We explained it that way, adding that the bands could make sandwiches and partake of the already served salads which might be better on their stomachs when they performed. Praised that way, the kitchen staff was more than happy to accommodate us especially after Uncle Nick slipped the head chef a large tip.

As part of our arrangement, right when we arrived in the restaurant to partake of the food and entertainment. Most of them complained to me before they left. They loved the entertainment and were happy with the food, although they were mostly Italian. I thought they all loved their own gravy better than anyone else’s and let it go at that, saying about the next thing. Nothing more.

At the last, some friends arrived at the restaurant to the food. They were African American and loved the entertainment but complained about the food. This time I spoke to Uncle Nick about it on the phone.

Uncle Nick had another business meeting with the management and in the same way as the forth coming last week of the Carni-val season. They then asked him why he had requested in a change of menu for the musicians. As diplomatically as possible, I explained it that we were every ounce he could ask about how large the portions were and how well the waiters served each course. He de-cided not to push the issue any further like the type who could handle constructive criticism very well. That night we talked about the complaints my friends had had and several of his friends who had eaten at the restaurant the same day. The verdict was in ... the food was not good.

Well, we finished performing on the Tuesday night before Ash Wednesday and the job was to an end. After that week, they had Uncle Nick book a small special to stroll during the weekend dinner hours, but that was short lived. Mamma Leone’s went out of business. I guess New York corporate executives couldn’t run a good Italian restau-rant. Thank God for places like La Summa, Lucia’s and more that are part of Boston’s North End, and may God Bless America.

American Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts to Offer Free Training on “Gabbriele Giffords Honorary Save-a-Life Saturday”

The Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts will offer free CPR and first aid training on Saturday, March 19, as part of Gabbriele Giffords Honorary Save-a-Life Saturday.

Classes will be held on March 19th as follows: • American Red Cross, 139 Main Street, Cambridge, MA – 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm • Mashpee Public Library, 64 Steeple Street, Mashpee, MA – 10am • Hanwich Community Center, 100 Oak Street, Hanwich, MA – 11am • Wellesfield Public Library, 55 West Main Street, Wellesfield, MA – 2pm to 5pm. To register, go to EasternMassRedCross.org/saveaife. Training will last approximately 45 minutes, and will include instruction in hands-only CPR, controlling external bleeding and managing shock. More information and a list of the participating sites can be found on the event website at www.redcross.org/saveaife. The Red Cross is offering free CPR and first aid training day after day this Saturday, March 19th. They are offering an event at all locations. There will be代言人, and everyone is welcome to attend. The event will be held at the Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts on Saturday, March 19th from 10am to 1pm, at the Red Cross headquarters, located at 139 Main Street, Cambridge, MA. For more information, please call the Red Cross at 617-547-7474 or visit www.redcross.org/saveaife. Festive Italian cuisine, music and entertainment await you! Enjoy!
The Mediterranean diet: It gets even better. It is a frequent occurrence that we keep reading about healthy eating “ad nauseam!” We also keep hearing about healthy eating in general, but also about what the entire world seems to get increasingly interested over the diet that is universally known. The Mediterranean one.

Once a day I was jotting down a few notes about a variety of topics, suddenly something flushed in my mind. It was the pyramid. This was a concept that I would apply to discuss food. What follows is the outcome of my thinking! Before I get into the dissertation about the idea, I would like to urge you to take a few notes and keep them handy for future referral.

Let’s now talk about the “food pyramid,” which you may have observed in the past. As you visualize the “geometric solid,” to compare to the Egyptian ones, you see that the base is quite large. Let’s place the base, the many elements that everyone can eat in abundance, such as: greens, vegetables, fruit and leguminous products, such as lentils, fava beans, kidney beans and chick peas. Next level: fish, as a source of health benefits and proteins. And on the upper place there chicken, which is also rich in proteins. On the next upper level we have: whole wheat pasta and bread, which are excellent food items. As we move higher on the pyramid, we find food items we should be cautious about: red meat, the kind of meat that people who are afflicted with cardiovascular issues should not eat to even touch. We also would like to suggest to use daily, if possible, extra virgin olive oil, lemon, red wine vinegar (no other substitute), garlic and onion. To help digest everything, especially after a big holiday meal, a good glass or two of red wine, particularly a strong one from Sicily. We are not hesitant to suggest eating eggs and low-fat milk, very good sources of proteins. Time to stop: I’m already salivating over the good stuff I have just mentioned. I better get my lunch ready!

New revolutionary therapies can stop human prostate cancer. Serious studies conducted at the University of Catania have led many scholars to believe that the day to stop prostate cancer is imminent. We have been breathing, for quite some time, how effective are honey and red wine as well as fruit and vegetables in preventing several kinds of cancer because they contain micro-nutrients, a class of substances that have been shown to exhibit chemopreventive and chemotherapeutic activities. In the current study the effects of “revesoral” (100 ad 200 microM), a phthaloxin found in grapes, and the ethanolic extract of “propolis” (50 and 100 microM), a natural anti-tumor bee product, were tested in androgen-resistant prostate cancer cells (DU 145), a cell line resembling the last stage of prostate cancer.

A comparison between the activity of these micro-nutrients and “vinorelbine bitartrate” (Navelbine), a semi-synthetic drug normally used in the therapy of prostate cancer, was conducted. Several bio-chemical parameters were tested, such as cell viability (MTT assay), cell membrane damage, genomic DNA fragmentation, apoptosis induction (Ơ/L test). The results point out the anticancer activity of revesoral and popolis’ extract in human prostate cancer, exerting their cytotoxicity through two different types of cell death, or necrosis and apoptosis respectively. The data obtained suggest the possible use of these micro-nutrients both in alternative to classic chemotherapy, and in combination with very low dosage of vinorelbine (5 microM). We hope to add to the above some more, and soon. This is exiting news we welcome any time. We trust that our readers do too.

LEGAL NOTICE
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
288 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02145
Docket No. M11P0707EA

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that KIMBERLY GOODMAN, Administratrix of said estate, be appointed administrator. On OR BEFORE TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON APRIL 11, 2011, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A PREFORMANCE OF OBJECTION TO THIS PETITION.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that REGINA R VISELLI, of Framingham, MA be appointed Administratrix of the estate of HAZEL H GRUGAN, a/k/a HAZEL GRUGAN, Late of FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701 Date of Death March 17, 2005.

In the Estate of
HAZEL H GRUGAN

A Petition has been filed in the Probate Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in and for the Probate Court of Middlesex Probate and Family Court located in the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts requesting probate of the will and appointment of REGINA R VISELLI as the administratrix to the estate of HAZEL H GRUGAN, a/k/a HAZEL GRUGAN, Late of FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701.

You are hereby notified that on APPEARANCE OR AT CASTLE ISLAND.

The time has come, the walrus said, TO TALK OF MANY THINGS of shoes and ships and sealing wax and cabbages and kings
by Sally Gardner

WHERE SHOULD WARREN STATUE STAND?

There are two loving heroes where over a statue of Revolutionary War hero Dr. Joseph Warren should stand. Up until the late sixties or so, it stood on Warren Plaza. But as the neighborhood near Roxbury Station not far from Dudley Station. It was removed to storage for a while. Many believe it belongs to the Roxbury Latin School asked that school could place it on their property. So when he graduated from Roxbury Latin and later taught there. Back when Warren was alive, West Roxbury was a part of the Town of Roxbury, so those folks think he belongs with them. However, he actually lived closer to where the statue is now, but when I was a kid growing up not far from it at Orchard Park.

Charlestown, by the way, has a great statue by the Bunker Hill Monument. This was a concept that I would apply to discuss topics, suddenly something flushed in my mind. It was the pyramid. We actually lived closer to where the statue is now, but when I was a kid growing up not far from it at Orchard Park. Bunker Hill, the way, has a great statue by the Bunker Hill Monument. This was a concept that I would apply to discuss topics, suddenly something flushed in my mind. It was the pyramid. We actually lived closer to where the statue is now, but when I was a kid growing up not far from it at Orchard Park.

Aries Party

There will be a free Aries Party on March 26 from nine until midnight at the Carver Den on Talbot Avenue in Dorchester. If you’re looking for a cool party with lots of food, this is the place to be.

Hard to Believe It Has Happened

A good friend of mine for many years Mike Bare from Dorchester, where Dr. Warren died an American hero in the Battle of Bunker Hill is off the Redcoats, he was also the doctor on duty for the wounded rebel forces.

St. Finnbar to hold Grand Banquet and Dance

The Knights of St. Finbar, the oldest Irish

County organization in New England founded in 1904 will be holding a Grand Banquet and Dance this Saturday, April 23 at the Bunker Hill Mall for Dining With A Cause to benefit St. Finnbar.

ST. FINNBAR IS BACK AT CASTLE ISLAND

Sullivan’s over at Castle Island re-opened for the 2011 season on Friday and will be celebrating their 60th anniversary. Sullivan’s is open seasonally and will be holding their Annual Meeting at 8:30 am until sunset. Sullivan’s website is www.sullivanscastleisland.com.
as pawns in their illegal actions.

The 14 legislators should be held in contempt for betraying their oath of office, and Wisconsin voters should tell them they can vote for other pawns who are not their own children. In some communities, about 80 percent of union members are Wisconsin employees to opt out of joining the union, rather than to continue to be forced to pay union dues without a choice. For some, they are a tax for the union bosses, and they are aware of the reality.

80% of Union Member Agree, Right to Work is Best

City of Milwaukee, Wis., February 2, 2011, by NRTW Committee Staff, when asked: workers choose freedom, even union workers.

In Frank Luntz recent poll, 80% of union members chose to work for a company which allows individuals to freely choose whether to become a member of the union or not. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, or strongly disagree with the following statement: “Work- ers should have the right to decide whether to join a union. They should never be forced or coerced to join or pay dues to a union as a condition of employment.”

Another point of interest that parents need to be aware of, is in a recent Washington Post article titled, “Public schools no place for teachers’ kids.”

Nationwide, public school teachers are almost twice as likely to have their own children choose private schools for their own children. In some cases, teachers report 90% of the children of public school teachers have abandoned public education.

In Philadelphia, 44 percent put their children in private schools; in Cincinnati, 41 percent, Chicago, 39 percent, Boston, 36 percent, and Cleveland, 33 percent, and the list goes on. This is a trend, and I maintain it is time to privatize the entire public school system in the United States. In their editorial in February 18, The Wall Street Jour- nal, “Athena: The Case Against Mad Science,” in its content, I quote in part for Americans who do not think the welfare state rots of France or Greece can have it both ways. We spend a look at the American and Democratic Party spectacle now unfolding in Wisconsin. Over the past few days, thou- sands have swarmed the state refer and airwaves to intimidate lawmakers and disrupt Governor Scott Walker’s plan to legalize playing field between tax- payers and government unions.

Mr. Walker’s very modest proposal would take away the pension benefits of emp- loyee’s hope that the government would take more risks, but future wage increase would be capped at the federal Consumer Price Index, unless otherwise specified by a voter referendum.

The editorial, makes many of the points of contention between the Governor and the Jour- nals’ closing declaration: The battle of ‘Mad Town’ is a seminal showdown over whether government union power and the status quo will be maintained by the people of Wisconsin. Mr. Walker, who from my point of view is speaking for the people of Wisconsin about our right to self-government.

Baseball Hall of Famer Parker Duke Snider, one of the greatest players of the ‘50s died on Feb- ruary 27 at 84. Snider tops the all-time leader in home runs (389) and RBIs (1,271), was one of those boys of summer who helped bring the Dodgers back to respectability and only World Series crown.

Snider often said, “I was born and raised in Brooklyn. We lived with Brooklyn. We grew up with Brooklyn.”

Snider batted .295 lifetime with 407 home runs, played in six World Series and won two World Series rings, one in Brooklyn and another in LA. He was known as Duke All-Star. Ebbets Field was filled with stars like Pee Wee Reese, Roy Campanella, Gil Hodges and Snider. They all played that on 1955 championship Dodgers.

In an interview after the September 2010, I asked Duke Snider why were some members of “the Boys of Summer” and Snider also is still remembered as the city’s golden age of baseball.

Number 4 Duke Snider was often New York’s favorite baseball player af- ter Willie Mays of the Giants and Mickey Mantle of the Yankees. We lived with Brooklyn: “The newspapers compared Mays and Mantle were.”

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And so, it saddens me to see my hero has left us. Another great slugger that made the rounds with the outfield with Mays on the Giants and the Dodgers, the Duke was a great one. He had a great hitting field. He was a great player.”

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On March 12th come on down “Rumble in the Jungle!” at the House of Blues in Plymouth. You’ll see 12 professional and 11 amateur mixed martial artists. I look forward to seeing Joe Lamoreaux vs. Dab McGuane. You’ll be entertained by a total of 23 matches. The Pugs Luncheon is on March 15th at the Florian Hall in Dorchester. Pug Ring Leader Tommy Martini promises you another great time. You never know who you’ll see here. You’ll see a gathering of great pugs. Then on March 16th come on down to the Fights at Club Royale in Boston. The now light-heavyweight Irish Joey McCready (11-5-2, 6 KOs) of “Fight City” Lowell, fights 7-1-1, 1 KO-Joel Gardner. Both dueling it out for the New England light-heavyweight title, that is held by Joel Gardner. In the feature, Richie LaMontagne, the nephew of Lowell, the nephew of Lowell fights star fighters Irish Mickey Ward (27-1, 12 KOs) and Johnathan Vazquez (3-0, 3 KOs). The Mayorga fight? Hmm. That’s an interesting question, on fighting Cotto, interesting question, on whether to become a fighter? It’s like Is it easy to get to. There’s great service, and it’s easy to get to.

PORTENT OF THINGS TO COME? — When the Bruins concluded their recent game trip with a perfect 6-0-0 record, it marked the first time the B’s had posted a mark on a six game trip since 1972 — the last time the B’s won the Stanley Cup. So we wonder if this was a positive omen of good things to come later this season.

FIGHTING FOR GOALS — Of the 23 NHL players who have scored an NHL goal this season, B’s left winger Milan Lucic is the only one with five on the season.

OVERTIME — Through March 7, the Bruins had played 18 overtime games, including four in a row and seven in their last nine games as of March 8. They had a 5-5 record in games that ended in the five-minute sudden overtime and were 5-3 in shootouts. Those eight overtime losses loom large defensively, as the stretch. If just a few more had been converted into wins, the B’s might have been leading the Eastern Conference in early March.

TRIP OVER TIME — That was when providence the excitement as the New Jersey Nets downed the Toronto Raptors 123-106 in triple overtime across the pond in London on March 6. The thriller enabled the Nets to sweep their 2 game series, the first NBA regular season games to be played in Europe. The Nets have been on a roll and have the Eastern Conference playoff slot as of March 7. The oddsmakers are against them making it but you never know.

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REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS — Boston College closed out the Hockey East regular season with 18 wins and 33 points, a 10-victory surge over New Hampshire, giving the Eagles the regular season and conference championship. BC finished with 41 points, three ahead of second-place Merrimack, which finished the season with 35.

All that really matters more, is the Hockey East Tournament, which will be under way as this is being written. The semifinals and finals are set for March 18 and 19 at the Garden. The winners of those matches will get an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. While this makes picking the winner easier, it since most will qualify based on their records, a tournament whose outcome depending that winning the tournament is their only chance of making it to the Frozen Four. All games are interesting.

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