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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

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 Khadafy'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."

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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)

PROTECTS FIRST RESPONDERS



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 Failure to comply could result in a fine of up aims to make police, firefighters, 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.

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.

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CALIGULA THE BUTCHER

during many of the gladiatorial shows and had to be fed cattle meat 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 make random selections of prisoners to be devoured. Many men of honorable rank who uttered the slightest criticism of his actions were seized and disfigured with branding irons. Some were forced to work in the mines or on the public roads and others were fed to the wild beasts. Incredible as it may sound, we are told that many of these unfortunate individuals 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 handed out to persons who would not swear by the genius of Caligula. He forced some parents to attend the execution of their sons and he actually invited one pair of parents to dine with him immediately after an execu-

Wild beasts were used tion, 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 man to be dragged from his seat and led into the arena where he was forced to fight one gladiator and then 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 grandfather, but most of his other relatives as well. Such indignities and annoyances

were heaped upon his grandmother that it is reported to have caused her death. There are others who claim that she was poisoned. He paid her no honor at death but instead watched her burning pyre from his dining room. He had his brother put to death without warning or provocation, and harassed his father-inlaw to the point where the elder Silanus slit his own throat. All of the relatives who helped this man to the throne were rewarded for their kinship and faithful service by a bloody death. With friends like this, 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 lop it off with one blow." He was unmerciful in his killings. Whenever possible it was by numerous slight wounds first. His standing order was "Strike so that he may feel that he is dying."

NEXT ISSUE: Caligula the Sexologist

Res Publica

bu David Trumbull



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 \$3.33 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 paycheck, are on the list. They are: Celia Rachel a division of Fab Industries (http://www.shopceliarachel.com/) and 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.A. Sadly for 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 job-killing 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 recession is 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's 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 50 Most Powerful Women in Boston by Boston Magazine.

Listed in the February 2011 edition of Boston Magazine, Sheriff Cabral shares the honor with local luminaries from a wide spectrum that includes politics, social justice, media, real estate, business and finance, science, sports, the arts, labor, education, philanthropy, culinary arts, and more.

temporaries of Sheriff Cabral are: Drew Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders; Gilpin Faust, President, Harvard University; Carol Johnson, Superintendent Boston Abigail Johnson, Vice Chairman/Director Public Schools; Tracy Campion, Founder and Former President of Fidelity Personal, Workplace and Institutional Services; Victoria Reggie Kennedy, Former Partner, Keck, Mahin & Cate; Diane Paulus, Artistic Director American Repertory Theater; Catherine D'Amato, President/CEO, Greater



Vaillancourt, Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Boston Red Sox, Executive Director, Red Sox Foundation; Therese Murray, Chairman, Global Corporate Practice and President, Massachusetts Senate; Carol Meyrowitz, President/CEO, TJX Companies; Barbara Lynch, Chef & Restauranteur; Barbara Lee, Philanthropist and Founder Barbara Lee Family

Foundation; Joan Vennochi, Columnist, A small sampling of those ranked as con- Boston Globe; Mary Bonauto, Director, Campion and Company, along with 35 other

> 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/.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

LAWLESS GOVERNMENT UNIONS BANKRUPTING AMERICA

by Edward P. Shallow

The governors of the various states are facing the fact there are some three trillion dollars in unfunded government union pension plans and healthcare policies.

Governor of Wisconsin proposed a bill that would close a projected \$3.6 billion shortfall by forcing public employees to pay 5.8 percent of their salary toward their pensions and 12.6 percent of healthcare premiums, up from 6 percent on average. Mr. Walker aims to cut many of the collective bargaining rights from union members, a move he says will prevent massive layoffs but which union members say will take away a basic human right.

Rather than watch the bill pass over their minority votes, 14 Democratic state senators fled Wisconsin, bringing the legislation process to a halt and giving time for union backers, including a political organization affiliated with President Obama, to rally support at the statehouse.

In an interview on Fox News, Governor Walker said, regarding the 14 Democratic senators, "They are hiding out in another state. You know, unlike the vast majority of state and local government employees, most of those employees — 300,000 — showed up for work today," Walker told Fox News' Greta Van Susteren in a telephone interview. "Unlike those around the Capitol, and unlike those 14 state senators, Democrats, who decided to hide out, apparently down in Rockford, Illinois ...? They are hiding in hopes that somehow that will test the resolve.

"If anything, I think it's made the Republicans in the Assembly and Senate stronger. They are not going to be bullied, they're not going to be intimidated," he said. "I've said all along: The thousands of people who are storming the Capital have a right to be heard. But I'm not going to let them overshadow the voices of the millions of taxpayers in the state of Wisconsin who deserved to be heard, as well.'

Governor Walker should, (if as most governors do, have the power) fire all the teachers for their contempt for the educational process and for using young children

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To kill two birds with one stone.

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Dr. Kimberly D'Eramo

Opens Wellesley Sports Medicine

A new ostheopatic sports medicine practice has recently opened in Wellesley. Under the guidance and supervision of Dr. Kimberly D'Eramo, the Wellesley Sports Medicine facility provides new options for all those suffering from pains, trauma or who just want to get their body vitality back.

For D'Eramo, the ostheopatic center's goal is to bring better health and health consciousness to her community in the greater 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 illness are indicators that the body is not getting what it needs in order to manifest its true vitality. Usually, ideal health is not experienced because the body is either not getting all it needs (sufficient nutrients, appropriate blood flow



and drainage, adequate rest and hydration to cells) or is getting too much of what it does not need. (Excessive toxin 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 DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine where she teaches Osteopathic Medicine and Emergency Medicine. A board certified Emergency Medicine physician, D'Eramo completed training in Functional Medicine 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 avid marathon and halmarathon runner, D'Eramo is the daughter of Marie and Edward D'Eramo, and granddaughter of the late Gemma (of the North End) and Dr. Edward M. Cardillo of Everett.



Sicilian Association of Greater Boston

Dinner Dance Fundraiser

The Sicilian Association of Greater Boston presents their 12th Annual Dana Farber Institute Dinner/ Dance Fundraiser on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 440, 295 California Street, Newton, MA.

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Anna C. Vivolo

nna C. Vivolo, 99, of Boston's North End, passed away Saturday, on February 12, 2011 after a briefillness in the Leonard Florence Center for Living, Chelsea, Massachusetts.

Born in Stoughton, she lived in Boston all her life and was the daughter of the late Josephine (Maderasso) and Carlo Galasso.

Devoted mother of Leonard Vivolo and his late wife Constance of South Carolina, JoAnne Ruggiero and her husband Nicholas of Lynnfield, Phyllis Cesso and her husband B. Anthony of Revere. Cherished grandmother of Carla DeSimone and her husband David, Anthony Cessa and his wife Annmarie, Lisa Cesso, Nicholas Ruggiero Jr. and Mark

Ruggiero. Also survived by three loving great-grandchildren.

Sister of Joseph Galasso and Lucy Squadrito both of Medford also preceded in death by three sisters and three brothers.

Funeral was from the Dello Russo Funeral Home, in Medford, Massachusetts followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Leonard Church, Hanover Street, Boston. Services concluded with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford, Massachusetts.

As an expression of sympathy, memorial contributions may be sent in Anna's name to the Founders Affiliate American Heart Association. P.O. Box 417005, Boston, Massachusetts

May She Rest in Peace

Financially Speaking

HIRING GAIN SIGNALS ECONOMY ON THE MEND

gain Hiring economy of the mend but its slow going. Hiring rose last month at the fastest rate since last May, but it fell below 9% for the first time in nearly two years, according to the Labor Department, saying the economy is picking up steam. The 192,000 jobs added in February edged views. The jobless rate fell .1% to 8.9%, 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 about 434,000 jobs each month. The current recovery has been buoyed by increases on business spending and consumer spending, but housing remains depressed and rising oil prices and lingering European debt woes could cause growth to slow. Stocks fell on Friday after oil prices topped \$104/ barrel on fears that Libya's turmoil could spread to even bigger oil producers in the region such as Saudi Arabia and Iran. The S&P500 could fall with the NASDAQ. If this recent price sticks, you're talking about a half point off GDP growth, according to Scott Brown, Chief Econo-

"That's not going to throw us into a recession, but it's going to make the recovery softer than we would like to see." The Federal Reserve will complete its \$600 billion bond buying plan aimed at keeping interest rates low despite some policymaker's fears that it could fuel inflation. What happens after that is unclear. Labor revised January forecasts from a gain of 36,000 to 63,000, still weak due to January's heavy snow storms. Analyst say the unemployment model view to calculate unemployment fears to under estimate hiring early in the recovery, suggesting that February's job figures could be revised up. The private sector added a better than expected 222,000 jobs last month, raising hopes that the economy will be able to stand on its own two feet as fiscal and monetary stimulus fade and state and local government's cut spending and jobs to rein in soaring deficits. Goods producers hired 33,000 workers in education 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 commodity costs. Economic news was higher than expected and the jobless rate was lower. Factory orders on Friday

signals mist at Raymond James. were also positive. Factory orders in January rose 3.1%, the best in four years. The market could gain traction, but their timing on a stock that flips 130,000 shares/day, you realize that this is a tough climate and it's more of a holders market than a buyer's market. Investors who established positions last September had a good gain, but lost 10% in January. Investors should be cautious. Fighting in Libya continues to weigh on the market and West Texas Crude Oil jumped 3%.

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker is poised to send out layoff notices to 1,500 state workers because the lawmakers did not appear to be coming back to act on budget related legislation. That would limit collective bargaining rights. Protestors left the building after a judge ruling. The legislature didn't appear to be coming back to act on budget related legislation that would limit collective bargaining rights.

Crude oil after the conflict in Libya saw prices go over \$104/barrel. Investors drove gold prices higher up \$1,200 to \$1,428 an ounce and silver settled at \$35.32 an ounce, up 3% after hitting a 31 year high. Fiber optics, mining, auto parts, Canadian oil and coal stocks made big weekly gains.

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

by Sal Giarratani

Birds, Bees, Eggs and Sometimes Chicken Too

As I read about the recent Boston City Council hearings on sexual health education in the Boston Public Schools chaired by Councilor Ayanna Pressley, I found it unfortunate that instead of talking about comprehensive sex education, too many of its advocates stress the distribution of free condoms instead in our public schools. While I agree we as a society 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 consequences of risky behavior are. The Health of Boston 2010 report shows Boston's young females between 15-19 saw birthrates dip somewhat 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 research, which reportedly 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 presented at this most recent City Council hearing. It would seem that young guys think it is not their problem. This has nothing to do with the price of condoms out there. It is a culture 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 consequences to young people who are sexually active, especially young teenage girls. Lives will be ruined by such bad choices. Before the City of Boston hands out free condoms to teens to give to their partner or, sadly, partners, I believe it behooves the school system and school-based clinics to educate young girls about the need to protect themselves absent of condoms. Condoms should not be viewed as a form of birth control because that is probably what has helped create high rates of pregnancies in recent years. When girls as young as 12 years old are now getting pregnant, I think it is time to address the lack of parental involvement. Parents need to parent their kids wisely. However, it would seem we have a whole generation of parents out there who have forgotten or minimized their role as parents and have sown the seeds for the epidemic of children having children.

The last of our priorities needed is free condoms. Getting hooked on them gets in the way of truly educating our young people, doesn't it? It would be nice for our young people to wait as long as possible before getting sexually active. Unfortunately, many young people don't do this. Teach our children to understand both their actions and consequences. If we teach good sex education, condom use will increase whether such things are free inside schools or not. Remember just because something is free, doesn't mean anything will be used.

Free condoms is nothing short of throwing your hands up in the air and saying anything goes and part of a wish we could do more but mentality. The hearing was a good start but we must think deeper into this issue and talk about more than condoms.

SKATEBOARDING OVER 9/11 MEMORIAL

by Sal Giarratani

There's something very sad and uncomfortable knowing that kids are skateboarding on the 9/11 Memorial at the Public Garden. The Boston Courant newspaper just did a front rial caused by skateboardpage story on this unfortunate situation. The design company proposed some kind of fencing to stop the on

going damage to the memo-

ers. The arc-shaped granite memorial near the park's entrance at Arlington and Newbury Streets has suffered 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 damage with solvents and soft brushes but not all the stains could be removed without damaging the stone. The city has appropriated \$2,000 to install the fencing and the work will be done in the

It is a total disgrace that this monument is inscribed with 250 names of individuals from Massachusetts or had ties to this state who died on 9/11 has been used as a skateboarding ramp. This memorial was dedicated in 2004 and to think there are teens out there who seem so ignorant of this special place is in such poor taste. These kids should know better than this. A fence is needed and that is the real shame here.

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Freeway Says ...

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est ALL my readers and especially my pooch friends and their human companions. "What you don't know, you should know," it is important to protect your pet. My human companion took a walk to City Hall Animal Control and Animal Rescue League of Boston to learn more.

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

When your pooch is off your property, it must be on a leash. The purpose of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 173 and City Ordinance 16-1.9 is intended to protect people from roaming dogs. When not confined to your property either inside the house or in a secured fenced yard, your dog must be under control. A responsible dog owner does not allow their pet to be a nuisance to their neighbors, chasing cars and children, getting into trash, not to mention soiling their neighbors' yards.

While enjoying our city parks with our pets the same rules apply. We must respect to protect the public from him.

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. 2 — Stepping into a sticky situation. Clean up after your pet, it's courteous 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.)

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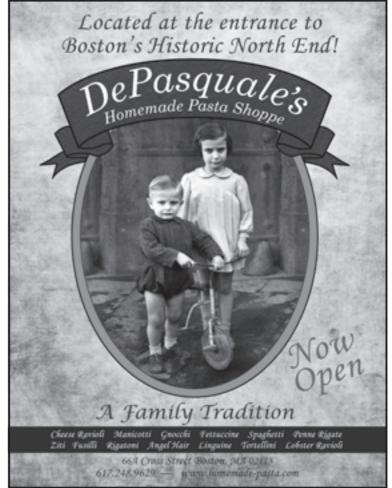
> We hear more and more complaints about dogs off a leash and not enough responsible pet owners picking up after their pet. It is your responsibility as a dog owner to keep the sidewalks and parks CLEAN ... IT'S YOUR ANIMAL, PICK IT UP. RESPECT YOUR NEIGH-BORS. If you have a neighbor that does not have their dog or 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 vour 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



STAFF SERGEANT SALVATORE A. GIUNTA

Awarded Congressional Medal of Honor



Congressional 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 Sergeant Giunta was on patrol in the Korengal Valley of to attend the ceremony. Afghanistan, when the team he was commanding was ambushed by a wellarmed 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

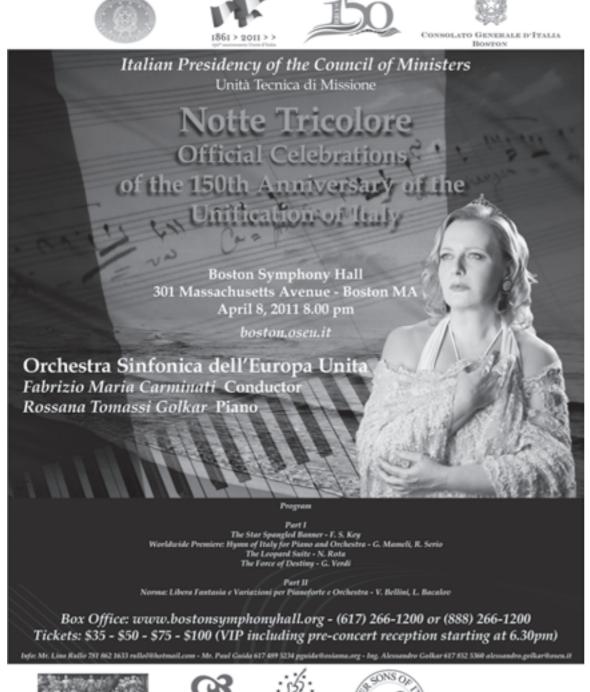
soldiers was missing. On his own initiative Sgt. Giunta advanced to a point where he saw two enemy insurgents carrying away a wounded American soldier. He immediately opened fire on the enemy combatants; he killed one and wounded the other. Upon reaching the wounded soldier, he provided medical aid and 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. Salvatore 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 Honor. In October 2007, him around the Capitol while he was in Washington

Mr. Giunta brought the greetings, congratulations, best wishes and the sense of pride that the entire Giunta family of Massachusetts 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.

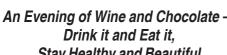
Another Massachusetts Giunta, Staff Sergeant John Giunta of Townsend, is currently serving his second tour of duty in Afghanistan.





ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo





Ciao Bella,

As I entered the elegant Back Bay College Club I felt an inviting feeling. Come, sit down, relax and indulge! That is exactly what my husband David and I did.

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the arteries from plaque formation. Maybe it should be an apple and a cup of cocoa a day ..

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So for the love of chocolate: www.BostonChocolateTours.com Buona giornata,

— Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

Read prior weeks' "All That Zazz" columns at www.allthat zazz.com. Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist and a Massachusetts distributor of Kosmea brand rose hip oil products. She may be contacted at (978) 470-8183 or mary@mary4nails.com.

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Saint Leonard Parish, Two Upcoming Events

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Leonard Parish will host to 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, Andreas 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 Langley 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

Study of Marriage and Family. Father Langley 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 experience 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 John Paul II Institute for the M.A. in Ministry from Saint

John's Seminary, Boston. He is a citizen of both Switzerland and the United States. Andreas was recently knighted in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre and is a member of Legatus, the Catholic CEO organization. He loves to spend time with his wife and son, enjoys fly-fishing, skiing and is an avid reader.

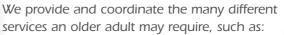
Sister Mary Karen Toomey is a member of the Sisters of Life, a contemplative active community of women religious whose fourth vow is dedicated to the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of human life. The Sisters of Life were founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor, the late Archbishop of New York. Sister is from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. She studied English Literature at the University of Virginia and was greatly influenced by the late Pope John Paul II. The Sisters host many retreats to build up the Culture of Life. Sister Mary Karen professed final vows in 2008 and is currently missioned to Villa Maria Guadalupe Retreat Center in Connecticut where she

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EAST BOSTON KIWANIS CLUB TO HONOR **BUDDY MANGINI** AS "KIWANIAN OF THE YEAR"



The Kiwanis Club of East Boston has selected long-time Kiwanian and community activist Albert "Buddy" Mangini of Winthrop as "Kiwanian of the Year" for 2010-11, and the club invites many friends and colleagues to attend a banquet in his honor.

The Kiwanian of the Year banquet will be held Friday, April 8, starting at 6 p.m. in Spinelli's Banquet Facility, 280 Bennington Street, Day Square, East Boston, Tickets are limited: no tickets will be sold at the door.

For tickets, contact any Kiwanis Club member or call Ticket Chairman George Gambale at 617-569-0991.

Mr. Mangini has been a member of the East Boston Kiwanis Club since 1994. He served as president for three consecutive years, and he currently serves on the board of directors; he also served as the Kiwanis District 14 Lieutenant Governor.

As a Kiwanian, he has been active in numerous projects, including: the Senior Picnic; the Bicycle Safety Rodeo; the EBARC Holiday Program; the Kiwanis One Day "Global Day of Service" cleaning up Belle Isle Marsh; the Student Reading Program at the Curtis Guild and James Otis schools; the East Boston High School Key Club, the Food Pantry Drive at the Grace Federated Church and the Meridian House; the Past Lt. Governors Association; and the East Boston K-Trust.

His accomplishments and activities include: Grand Marshal of the 2004 Columbus Day Parade and General Chairman for the past 25 years; the Eastie Pride Day Committee; the Salesian Boys and Girls Club; the East Boston Chamber of Commerce; the board of directors at the East Boston Social Centers; the Bay State Chapter of Freedoms Foundation; the East Boston Sempre Avanti #1600 Sons of Italy in America; the Italian Heritage Committee; the board of directors at the East Boston YMCA; the Holy Name Society of Sacred Heart Church; the St. Francis Council Knights of Columbus and the Bishop Chevrus Assembly 4th Degree; past board member of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center; the East Boston Relay-for-Life (Cancer) Committee; past president of the East Boston Fire Relief Fund; chairman of the East Boston Bicentennial Committee; and former member of the Shriners' Aleppo Temple.

He is also active in many veterans' organizations, including: the East Boston Veterans' Council; the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans; and chairman of the Military Concerts Program in East Boston.

Mr. Mangini is a graduate of Boston College High School and Calvin Coolidge College in Boston. He is the former co-owner of Mangini's Restaurant in Orient Heights. He is the father of Albert, Jr. and grandfather of Anthony Mangini.

As part of the Kiwanian of the Year celebration, the Kiwanis Club is publishing an ad book honoring Mr. Mangini. Those interested in purchasing an ad can contact Kiwanis Club Ad Chairman Bill Chisholm by calling 339-226-1029 or Kiwanis President Marisa DiPietro at 617-650-3442.



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"Perhaps when we face our maker, we will not be asked, "How many positions did you hold," but rather, "How many people did you help?"

Thomas S. Monson

Thomas J. Butler passed away on March 4, 2011. A true son of South Boston, Tommy took great pride in the place he lived in and loved so dearly. Tommy was known for many things, a loving husband of Helen (Hanc) Butler, cherished father of Jillian A. and Thomas J. Butler, devoted son of the late Daniel P. and Annie (Shaughnessy) Butler, brother to Edward Butler and wife Marie of South Boston, Donna Calnan 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, Youth Counselor and then Director of Little City Hall in Charlestown. Late Graduate of South 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 at Massport he 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 Southie 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 Dana 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.

May He Rest in Peace.

EAST BOSTON MAIN STREETS

Accepting Nominations to the Board of Directors

On Thursday March 31, 2011 East Boston erty owner is eligible to serve on the board Main Streets will hold its annual elections for the board of directors.

East Boston Main Streets is accepting nominations to the board of directors. This position is a volunteer position, which requires two to four hours per month of service to East Boston. Any East Boston resident, employee, business owner, or prop-

elections will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 146 Maverick Street, 2nd floor. All members are encouraged to vote. For more information or to make a nomination please contact the Main Street office at 617-561-1044 or ebmainstreets@verizon.net. Also visit us at www.ebmainstreets.com.

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"We are very excited," said EBNASA's coordinator and East Boston resident, EBNASA's ads will be Andrew Kenneally. "Everyone knows the power of the internet today and the power of Google, one of the premier search engines. The ability for East Boston residents to find us and access our web site will most definitely be heightened with this grant."

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St. Joseph Zeppole

March 19, marks the Feast of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus Christ our savior. For Italians it is a religious, ethnic and ritual celebration. It is a day we honor St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, husband of Mary, Patron of the Universal Church and a Happy Death, etc. It is the day that marks our people being sent rain during a severe drought when many people were dying of starvation. A day we keep a promise made by our ancestors for saving our people from certain death. On St. Joseph's Day we share with the needy an important Christian obligation. these reasons make the celebration special. Because of the love of God and St. Joseph's intercession, we have many reasons for holding the celebration.

Many kinds of vegetable minestras, very thick soups, are prepared and served at this celebration, no cheese is eaten on St. Joseph's Day. This is to remind us that our people were too poor to have

cheese. The spaghetti is sprinkled with a traditional mixture of toasted dry bread crumbs when fresh sardines and fennel sauce is used.

Lentils, favas, and all types of dried beans are cooked and served with escarole and other leafy veg-

etables. Pasta con le sarde (spaghetti with sardines and fennel), fresh sardines, double layers of stuffed sar-



Saint Joseph with the infant Jesus by Guido Reni, circa 1635.

dines, chunks of fresh chilled fennel, large black oil-cured olives, fried artichoke hearts, stuffed baked escarole rolls, fried cauliflower rosettes, spinach and asparagus frosce (omelets), braided bread wreaths, large navel oranges, pomegranates are all part of "La Tavola di San

Giuseppe," a meatless feast table, prepared and shared with those in need. Before Vatican II. March 19 was a meatless day in Lent.

A traditional Festa di San Giuseppe might start with chilled marsala lentil soup, spaghetti with finocchio and sardine sauce, roasted artichokes, escarole salad, St.

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Joseph's sfinge, amaretti, macaroons, roasted nuts, green almonds, fruit, caffe espresso, benedictine or anisette. Intermittently during the meal, "Viva San Giuseppe" is shouted in tribute and admiration for this great saint. The special dessert, St. Joseph's Sfinge, is made in many ways: a typical type is a large round cream puff filled with ricotta, and topped with red cherries sections of glazed and

Each region of Italy has their own unique food and desserts to mark the Feast. In Abruzzi, people eat Covezun di San Giuseppe, a tiny baked turnover of thinly rolled sweet dough filled with chopped walnuts and chocolate. Further north near Bologna, sfrappole are a March 19 specialty. They are strips of sweet noodle dough knotted, fried and sugared. In Tuscany, there are rice cakes for St. Joseph's Day. In Pappardella di San Giuseppe, traditionally cooked noodles or ferretti (spirals) tossed in

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olive oil with toasted walnuts, bread-crumbs and sugar is served. Zeppole are a puff filled with cream, a cherry and sections of glazed orange. In Sicily, Pane di San Giuseppe, a rich sweet bread is the centerpiece for the feast. The beautiful table also has a statue of St. Joseph and Christ Child, flowers and candles. A symbolic dish of uncooked fava beans are set on the table to represent the legendary famine's only available food.

Upon leaving a St. Joseph table, guests receive a sack containing a small loaf of holiday bread, an orange or some sweets to take home (an Italian doggie bag), in remembrance of Il Cesto di San Giuseppe. Brighten the dreariness of March this year and join the millions who will be celebrating this beautiful, unique Italian celebration. It is a Festa for everyone to enjoy!

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Wilkerson's Send-off was Bizzaro World Nite

Recently, a party was gekd for former Senator Dianne Love for Dianne Wilkerson at Prince Hall in Roxbury. Peter Gelzinis thought they should have called it "Lady D's Danbury Dance Party. She entered the hall to "Ain't No Stopping Us Now" looking more like a Diva Queen than a soon to be incarcerated inmate down in Connecticut. She told the crowd of supporters, "I'm ready for my time away from here."

Charles Ogletree from Harvard Law School was present talking about all the good she has done for the people over the years. I guess even Harvard professors take a swim or two in the Denial River too. No one mentioned stuffing cash into a bra, did they?

Our Fearless Leader Seems Fearful to Act

As Investors Business Daily recently editorialized, "As its responsibilities as the

the flames of freedom sweep Libya, longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi's days look to be numbered. With Wilkerson called "A Feast of the outcome still uncertain, a question arises: Why is the U.S. sitting on its hands?"

Sitting on the sidelines doing nothing is not a policy. The White House keeps calling for restraint but aside from that has been quite silent as the pot continues to boil over. Why is Our Fearless Leader appearing to be stuck in a freeze frame to the point of trying to stay neutral in this Mideast crisis. Why does the United Nations continue to have Libya sitting on its Human Rights Commission while the government is killing people in the streets?

People in the Mideast are looking for something as they battle dictators in that region and what they're looking for is U.S. support, but none is there at this time.

America cannot abdicate

world's superpower leaving a dangerous power vacuum in that area of the world. Just what is our policy, it's still unclear and that leaves the door open for new mullahs and the Muslim Brotherhood to fill it.

Jackson, Mills Top District 7 Ticket

On Tuesday, February 15 in a crowd field of candidates running for the District 7 City Council seat, the two top winners in the preliminary election were Tito Jackson and Cornell Mills. With only a 7% voter turnout, Jackson won in a landslide getting 67.3% of the total vote. Mills finished a distant second and received 9.4% of the vote.

Jackson and Mills will meet again on Tuesday. March 15 for election to the City Council for the District 7 seat replacing Chuck Turner who was recently thrown off the council after receiving a prison sentence in federal court. Mills is the son of former State Senator Diane Wilkerson, and Jackson who was the runner up in the at large city council race two years ago and endorsed by Turner to be his successor.

I've known Jackson for a few years now and he is an excellent candidate for this job. He knows politics, he knows government and most importantly, he knows the district and the needs of folks within it. He won't need any on-the-job training. He's good to go from day one. Nothing against Mills but I know Jackson and will support him on March 15.

Why Capuano Will Never Get Elected to US Senate

The stupid "bloody" remarks made by US Representative Mike Capuano public exhibit number one that Capuano ought to be glad he's still a congressman. Kissing up to protesting union guys at a State House rally, he appeared to have completely lost it when he told his friendly crowd

that every "once in a while you need to get out on the streets and get a little bloody when necessary." He now says he had wished he used different language "to express my passion and I regret my choice of words." I'm sure he does, but is it really his fault? Reportedly, he blamed this gaffe on the fact that he didn't use a script at the rally and spoke off the cuff as they say. I guess he can be only trusted when given a speech written for him to say. Don't blame me. Where's my script? Next time bring your speech writer along or have an aide ready to plaster your mouth with tap before you veer off course while speaking.

I don't know why anyone is considering him for another run for US Senate in 2012. If given the choice between US Representative Steve Lynch, US Senator Scott Brown or the former Mayor of Somerville, I would consider His Honor door #3.

The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



Enjoying The Steppingstone Foundation's recent Mad Men-themed "Crystal Ball" are, left to right, Garrett Sullivan of Newton; The Steppingstone Foundation's Alison Scheier; Craig Levy, Host Committee member; and Cheryl Bendtsen of Marlborough.

(Photo by Harriet Groppe)

"The Crystal Ball" was recently held at the Four Seasons Hotel and featured a sold-out crowd of 550 guests. More than \$100,000 was raised to support The Steppingstone Foundation, a non-profit 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 con-

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tinued 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.

Following the recent earthquake tragedy, we emailed our friend, not knowing what to expect, if anything. We were relieved to receive the following message from Stephanie: "I am OK, and my house is not too badly damaged. I am now staying at a friend's house in Rolleston (about 25K from Christchurch) because she has power, water, and phone reception. The Internet access comes and goes, but I have my cell phone with me

"Please let everyone know that I am fine — most of my plates, glasses, platters, etc., have been destroyed, but my wine and chocolate supply were unharmed! Considering that heaps of buildings are in heaps and nearly 200

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people are dead, I feel pretty lucky to be alive and unharmed. Everything else is small stuff.

"Hopefully things will return to 'normal' soon. Meanwhile, I will just put on a happy face!"

Your many Boston friends will keep you, and all the NZ residents affected, in our thoughts, dear Stephanie.

...... It's almost here! "The Boston Flower & Garden Show," a traditional favorite of "The Socially Set."

We are told that the large greenhouse at the Elm Bank headquarters of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society is buzzing with activity this week. But it isn't flowers that are holding everyone's attention: it's a hundred large cubes and cylinders in a dazzling array of shapes. Each one has to be sanded, primed and painted a specific color, and time is running out.

Welcome to the staging area for the upcoming Mass Hort's participation in the "Boston Flower & Garden Show." Called 'Blooms!', it encompasses amateur horticulture, floral design, photography and even a book store.

Blooms! is a flower show within a flower show. "The Boston Flower & Garden Show," which opens March 16, is produced by the Paragon Group, a Needham-based event marketing company. Blooms! is Mass Hort's contribution to the show.

According to Mass Hort Board of Trustees member Neal Sanders, "The amazing part is that it is done almost entirely by volunteers — 300 of them."

For example, there's Barry Needalman of Framingham, who is scraping down an enormous chair that will be the focus of Mass Hort's garden exhibit at the show. The 'big red chair' is familiar to anyone who visits the childcentric Weezie's Garden at Elm Bank. Needalman's job is to undo a season's worth of wear and tear, and get it ready to be re-painted. A software systems architect by day and a weekend sailor, he is applying his nautical skills to ensuring that the chair leaves no splinters in the thousands of children and adults who will have their photo taken in the chair during the show's fiveday run.

Many of those cubes and cylinders are destined for

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Smiling for the camera at the "Crystal Ball" are, left to right, Jaclyn White of the South End; Host Committee member Anne McGowan of the North End; Elizabeth McGowan from Charlotte, NC; and Caroline Traugott of Somerville.

(Photo by Harriet Groppe)

the two floral design competitions that draw throngs of admirers. Called 'staging', they'll hold the designs created by the extraordinarily talented floral arrangers who have signed up to compete at the show. Twenty-eight of them are the responsibility of Maureen Christmas of Acton, who is Chair of Division I which, in turn, is sponsored by the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.

Additional staging is being spruced up by volunteers under the supervision of the Division II chair, Joyce Bakski of Andover. Division II is known as the "Open Class": Anyone is eligible to enter, whether or not he or she belongs to a garden club.

The theme is "Green Spaces" and it includes classes called "Harvard Yard," "Rose Kennedy Greenway," "The Harbor Islands," "Elm Bank," "Tower Hill," "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-

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Joyce Bakshi, left, and her crew of volunteers prepare the staging for Mass Hort's "Open Class" floral entries at the upcoming "Boston Flower & Garden Show." (Photo courtesy of Neal Sanders)

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Wayne Carini of "Chasing Classic Cars"

The British Consulate-General of Boston Hosts JANE and BAMG by Nicola Orichuia



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 TV series on Discovery HD Theater, 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 Larz Anderson Museum.

Wayne Carini isn't your average car collector. His lifelong passion for old and rare cars has turned him into a sort of preservation artist with his own TV series, Chasing Classic Cars, in which he is constantly looking for a forgotten Duesenberg, a neglected Ferrari or a beaten up Ford Model A. The goal? Put those automobile beauties back on the road.

Carini explained his work model at a recent event held for car enthusiasts at the British Consulate in Cambridge, hosted by Jaguar Association of New England (JANE) and the Boston Area MG Club (BAMG). Traveling throughout the country, he looks for abandoned classic cars to ship back to his specialized repair shop in Portland, Connecticut. That's where Carini puts on his work suit and dives into the mechanics as well as the exterior of the car, returning it to life. Once the restoration work is completed, the car is then auctioned off, and Carini sets off to find the

next car to work on.

Opened with a welcome message by State Senator Salvatore DiDomenico, the Boston event was also the 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 unification. During his presentation, Carini showed some short video clips of "impulse purchases," such as a \$50,000 bus bought at a West Coast auction. Right after winning the bid, Carini was unsure what to do with it. So he decided to ride it along the California coast, ending up at Jay Leno's home. Carini, by the way, did not show up at the event emptyhanded. 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 Duesenbergs, 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 Francois Sicard — a former Ferrari racing mechanic considered by some to be the foremost Ferrari expert on the East Coast and his good friend Luigi Chinetti Jr., whose father Luigi Chinetti 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 collision shop specializing in high-end and exotic automobile repair; and Carini Carozzeria, the restoration shop where Carini spends most of his time.

more than meets the eve

ROBERT KENNEDY AND HIS TIMES (2-DVD) Sony Pictures Home Entertainment

On November 22nd, 1963, shots rang out in the streets of Dallas and President John F. Kennedy fell. For some, it was the end of an era. But for Robert R. Kennedy, it was a crucial turning point. After years of fighting for his brother's vision, he was forced to become a man in his own right. Follow the Kennedy family's rise to power in a tale of tragedy and triumph. Cast includes Brad Davis, Veronica Cartwright, Ned Beatty and Joe Pantoliano. (5 hrs. 15 mins.)

MICHAEL JORDAN TO THE MAX (Blu-ray) Lionsgate

Follow Michael Jordan's final basketball season as he leads the Chicago Bulls to their sixth NBA championship. Michael Jordan to the Max provides a rare glimpse of Jordan on and off the court, featuring electrifying on-court action and candid interviews with Phil Jackson, Steve Kerr, Doug Collins, and Bob Costas. Experience some of the greatest moments in modern sports history, from one of the most dominant sports legends of all time. (46 mins.)

MY GIRLFRIEND'S BACK (DVD) Lionsgate

My Girlfriend's Back, a romantic comedy that shows how a man's perfect life can unravel when a beautiful ex-girlfriend shows up out of the blue. The journey to love can be worth revisiting if the feelings are brought to life once again in this hilarious romp through the reality and complexity of relationships past and present. Starring Malik Yoba and ex-girlfriend Tangi Miller. (1 hr. 20 mins.)

THE WALKING DEAD: FIRST SEASON (2-DVD)

Anchor Bay Entertainment

After waking from a coma in an abandoned hospital, police officer Rick Grimes finds the world he knew gone — ravaged by a zombie epidemic of apocalyptic proportions. Nearby, on the outskirts of Atlanta, a small encampment struggles to survive as 'the dead' - stalk them at every turn. The question remains, can Rick and the others hold onto their humanity as they fight to live in this terrifying new world. And, amidst dire conditions and personal rivalries, will they ultimately survive one another? (4 hrs. 52 mins.)

THE NEXT THREE DAYS (Blu-ray+DVD+Digital) Lionsgate

How far would you go to save everything you live for and love? Russell Crowe stars as John Brennan, a man whose beloved wife (Elizabeth Banks) has been arrested for murder. John three days remain before (1 hr. 25 mins.)

she is sent to prison for lie. Now, their only hope for a future together rests in a deadly race against time and impossible odds. (2 hrs. 13 mins.)

THE MAN FROM NOWHERE (DVD) Well Go USA

An ex-special agent Taeshik Cha's (Won Bin) only connection to the world is a little girl, So-mi (Kim Sae-Ron), who lives next door. Her mother, Hyo-jeong, smuggles drugs from a drug trafficking organization and entrusts Tae-shik with the product, without letting him know. The traffickers eventually find out about her smuggling and kidnap both Hyo-jeong and So-mi. Taeshik is now drawn back into the world in a frantic search for So-mi's whereabouts. In order to save So-mi, he makes an arrangement with the crime mob. Still unable to find So-mi, the police begin to chase after Tae-shik. With both the police and the mob on his trail, his search slowly begins to reveal his hidden past. (1 hr. 11 mins.)

TREME: FIRST SEASON (4-DVD)

HBO Home Entertainment

Treme, a riveting drama set in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the greatest natural disaster in American history, from the creators of the HBO series The Wire. Ordinary people — musicians, chefs, residents find themselves clinging to a unique culture and wondering if the city that gave birth to that way of life still holds a future. The four-disc DVD set includes all ten episodes, along with exciting bonus material. Don't miss 'Treme Season 2' premiering April 24th on HBO. (10 hrs. 33 mins.)

THE TOURIST (Blu-ray) Sony Pictures Home Entertainment

Frank (Johnny Depp), a mild-mannered American on vacation in Venice, Italy, is befriended by Elise (Angelina Jolie), a breathtakingly beautiful woman with a mysterious secret. Soon, their playful romantic Dalliance turns into a complicated web of dangerous deceit as they are chased by Interpol, the Italian police, and Russian hit men in this suspense-filled, international action thriller. (1 hr. 43 mins.)

ALIEN 2 ON EARTH (Blu-ray) Midnight Legacy-MVDvisual

A group of cave explorers are confronted in an underground cavern by a mysterious living rock. Little do they know that it bears more to deadly, flesh-eating creatures, intent on wiping out the entire human population? Can they survive and ultimately prevent suddenly learns that only earth's total annihilation?

Cold Noses Foundation Launch Party

Help Homeless and Neglected Animals

Please join the board members of the Cold Noses Foundation: Thalia Haseotes, Elsa Arocho, Joyce Haseotes, Andrea Chiesa, Edward Schettino and Andrea Baker at Felt Nightclub, 533 Washington Street, Boston on Friday April 15, 2011 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM to celebrate the launch of our foundation!

Cold Noses Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for homeless and neglected animals.

Join us for cocktails, appetizers, music, raffles and free billiards! Don't miss our raffle for VIP Box seats to a 2011 Patriots game!

Come enjoy a great night out and help raise awareness for animals!

Cold Noses is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, so tickets are tax deductable! Feel free to invite friends! This is a 21+ venue. We look forward to seeing

To purchase tickets or further information, please contact Thalia Haseotes, Cold Noses Foundation, Inc., at coldnoses foundation.org or call Thalia at 508-494-9303.



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THEATER

THE LYRIC STAGE COMPANY OF BOSTON

140 Clarendon St., Boston, MA BROKE-OLOGY FAMILY AT A CROSSROADS - March 25 - April 23, 2011. A stirring portrait of an innercity African-American family's defining moments, Jackson's writing contains "so much verve and pathos that passages...practically sing" (Variety). As they long for simpler times, tension builds between two brothers as their conflicting interests churn into a surprising outcome. "Jackson's characters love, laugh, dance, and argue in a way that honors their bittersweet survival." (The New Yorker)

ANIMAL CRACKERS MADCAP MUSICAL MAYHEM! - May 6 - June 4, 2011. Hilarity ensues in this classic Marx Brothers musical when Mrs. Rittenhouse's swanky house party honoring the African explorer Captain Spaulding is interrupted by the pilfering of a prominent painting. Screwball antics arise as the guests search for the thief, resulting in this "uproarious slapstick comedy" (New York Times). Visit www.lyricstage.com or call 617-585-5678 for tickets.

NORTH SHORE MUSICAL CHILDREN'S THEATRE 466 Central St., Saugus, MA

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST - Sunday, March 20th at 2pm. Don't miss Beauty and the Beast, as part of their year-round series. The theatre also welcomes Goldilocks on April 10th, the Tanglewood Marionettes Sleeping Beauty on April 17th, Pocahontas on May 15th and Jack and the Beanstalk on June 5th. All customers for the Beauty and the Beast performance will be given free tickets to Sleeping Beauty! Bring your camera for the free cast meet and greet after each show! Learn more or order tickets by calling 1-781-230-EXPO or www.kaleidoscopechildrenstheatre.com

MUSIC

JORDAN HALL

30 Gainsborough St., Boston, MA IMAGERY & INSPIRATION: KECHLEY & VAUGHAN WILLIAMS - March 19, 2011 at 8:00pm. Join Maestro Jonathan McPhee and Longwood Symphony Orchestra for

this Boston premiere by David

Kechley and Vaughan Williams' Sym-

phony No. 2 in an evening of Imagery and Inspiration. What inspires the composer's vision? What sparks the listener's imagination? In David Kechley's Wakeful Visions/Moonless Dreams (2009), Kechley found inspiration in four pieces of literature: the Bible, Japanese haiku, Shakespeare and Proust. Ralph Vaughan Williams was intrigued by the sights and sounds of his beloved city, from its Hansom cabs to the chimes of Westminster Cathedral, and depicts these in his London Symphony. For further information, call 617-667-1527 or visit longwoodssymphony.org.

TD GARDEN CAUSEWAY ST., BOSTON, MA ROD STEWART AND STEVIE

NICKS - March 30, 2011 at 7:30 PM In a career spanning five decades, with an estimated 250 million album and single sales. Rod Stewart is a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and indisputably one of the most successful performers of all time. He finished 2010 at the top of both the touring and album charts highlighted by his critically-heralded sold-out first run of concerts at The Colosseum in Las Vegas, a "Boxscore," chart-topping, 33-date European summer tour, which included four soldout dates at London's O2 Arena. Throughout his prolific career, he's garnered 16-Grammy nominations, including his current for "Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album," and sales of more than one million albums worldwide for his 2010 album FLY ME TO THE MOON ... THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK, VOLUME V. Stevie Nicks, Rock and Roll's reigning queen, will be releasing her highly anticipated new CD "IN: YOUR DREAMS" on May 3. 2011. The new album, her first album of new material in a decade, was co-produced by former Eurythmic Dave Stewart and Glen Ballard. The official release date of the single is February 3rd. Nicks is a multi-Grammy Awardwinning, multi-platinum, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee and member of Fleetwood Mac. Call 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com for tickets.

BOSTON CONSERVATORY THEATER

31 Hemenway St., Boston, MA
THE MIKADO (OR THE TOWN OF

THE MIKADO (OR THE TOWN OF TITIPU) - March 31—April 3, 2011. The Mikado has delighted audiences for more than a century, and is arguably the most popular comic opera ever written. This quintessential satire of human nature represents both Gil-

bert and Sullivan at the height of their creative geniuses. It is filled with masterful Gilbertian lyrics and magnificent Sullivanian musical "hits, conveyed with orchestral brilliance. Populated with memorable characters and colorfully exotic costumes and sets, The Mikado is wildly funny. According to Cairns, "The Mikado was inspired by Victorian England's craze for Japan. The show incorporated the contemporary audience's associations with that exotic Eastern land; and through that veil of mystique, Gilbert continued his mockery of the English system. What evokes Japan to a modern day, Western audience? Sushi? Anime? Hello Kitty? All this and more can be found down the rabbit hole in our topsy-turvy world - a kind of 'Alice in Japanland,' where we embrace the tradition of G&S by turning tradition on its head!"

THE WHO'S TOMMY - April 8 -10, 2011. A book by Pete Townshend and Des McAnuffMusic and Lyrics by Pete TownshendAdditional Music and Lyrics by John Entwistle and Keith MoonBased on The Who's rock opera, Tommy After witnessing his father's murder, Tommy is traumatized into catatonia. As an adolescent, he discovers a natural knack for pinball, and breaking through his catatonia, becomes an international pinball superstar. Directed by Boston Conservatory Alumnus Austin Regan (B.F.A.'07). F. Wade Russo, musical director and conductor. Lillian Carter, choreographer. The Boston Conservatory trains exceptional young performing artists for careers that enrich and transform the human experience. For information, visit www.bostonconservatory.edu

Special Events

SYMPHONY HALL

301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA THOMAS ADÈS - Friday, March 25, 7 p.m.and Saturday, March 26, 8 p.m.Conductor, composer, and pianist Thomas Adès makes his BSO conducting debut in a program inspired by Shakespeare's The Tempest. Making his BSO debut in these concerts, Thomas Adès conducts a thoughtfully conceived program much of which was inspired by Shakespeare's great play The Tempest. Tchaikovsky's tone poem by that name, composed in 1875, is one of his several Shakespeare-inspired works. Sibelius's rarely heard incidental music for the play dates from very late in his compositional life, 1926. Adès's 2004 opera The Tempest was commissioned and premiered by the Royal Opera, Covent Garden. This selection of scenes features the BSO debuts of Israeli soprano Hila Plitmann, English soprano Kate Royal, and English tenor Toby Spence, along with the return to Symphony Hall of baritone Christopher Maltman. Making his BSO debut is the English violinist Anthony Marwood, performing Thomas Adès's acclaimed Violin Concerto, Concentric Paths (2005). Tickets may be ordered at bso.org or by calling 888-266-1200. Discount tickets are available to those under 40.

ARTS

THE PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM 161 Essex Street, Salem, MA

PERFECT IMBALANCE, EXPLOR-ING CHINESE AESTHETICS - Now through December 31, 2011, Located in the: Chinese Art. E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation Gallery. Chinese culture is diverse. longstanding and ever-changing. Yet common ties unite. This exhibition offers an approach to understanding Chinese culture through a study and celebration of the aesthetics of Chinese art. Objects included reveal key aesthetic clues that define the art of China, and distinguish it from art produced by neighboring regions, or art made in China for the export market. These aesthetic standards prevailed with the passing of time and foreign influences. Ultimately they are a testament to the power of art. The exhibition features 30 objects that date from the Neolithic era to 2004 in a range of media including paintings, jade, textiles, and prints.

AUSPICIOUS WISHES AND NATURAL BEAUTY IN KOREAN ART - Now through March 1, 2012. Located in the: Korean Art, Yu-Kil Chun Gallery of Korean Art and Culture. Newly redesigned and reinstalled, the museum's Yu Kil-Chun Gallery of Korean Art and Culture features a new exhibition – Auspicious Wishes and Natural Beauty in Korean Art – exploring the use of symbols and natural materials in Korean aesthetic tradi

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS

"The Sicilian Corner" 11:00AM to 1:00PM every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and "The Italian Show" w/Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10AM to 1PM www.1110wccmam.com.

"Italia Oggi" Sundays 1PM to 2PM with host Andrea Urdi 1460 AM www.1460WXBR.com.

"Dolce Vita Radio" DJ Rocco Mesiti 11AM-1PM Sundays 90.7 FM or online www.djrocco.com.

"The Nick Franciosa Show" Every Sunday at 12 Noon to 3PM on radio stations WLYN 1360 AM and WAZN 1470 AM.

"Guido Oliva Italian Hour" 8AM - 9AM every Sunday on WSRO 650 AM in Framingham and online at www.wsro.com.

"Don Giovanni Show" Saturday mornings from 6AM-8AM and Sunday evenings 5PM-7PM on 950 AM WROL. www.dongiovannishow.com.

Tony's Place on MusicAmerica WPLM FM 99.1 - Every Sunday night from 9 to 10pm on MusicAmerica host Ron Della Chiesa presents Tony's Place on WPLM FM Easy 99.1. During the hour Ron will feature recordings by his good friend Tony Bennett. You'll hear all your Bennett favorites from his early hits to his latest Grammy winners. www.MusicNotNoise.com

PARAMOUNT THEATER 560 Washington St., Boston MA COMPAGNIA TPO TO LIGHT UP

BOSTON WITH 'FARFALLE' - May 10-15, 2011. Italy will be represented in this year's Celebrity Series of Boston by Compagnia TPO's Farfalle (Butterflies), described as "visual theatre of the senses, an immersive experience that brings together theatre and contemporary art and creates an innovative, magical relationship between children and performers. The event is co-presented by ArtsEmerson.The technological centerpiece of the show is the CCC or "Children Cheering Carpet," a special sensor-covered mat which interacts with dancers and the audience in real, enchanted time. The wondrous, other-worldly "sensory gardens" of Farfalle, take audiences on a magnificent journey through a literal and symbolic story of a butterfly's life cycle. In Butterflies the audience is immersed in the many folds of this life, "told" by two dancers moving inside a sensitive environment made of music and digital images. With Butterflies TPO continues its experiments in the expressive potential arising from the use of new digital languages (computer graphics/interactive technologies) associated with dance, music and movement. In this work the company has a sound/image interactive system based on Max/ Msp software with Jitter. This system makes use of various types of sensors, which interact with the movements of the dancers and the public in real time. For tickets log onto www.artsemerson.org.

SPINELLI'S FUNCTION FACILITY 282 Bennington St., East Boston

CARNEVALE 2011 - Thursday, March 10th, 2011 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. This event is sponsored by Italia Unita. Carnevale which means "goodbye to meat" has been celebrated in Italy throughout its 150 years as a unified sovereign nation. Please join us to celebrate the tradition of Carnevale in Italy and the 150th Anniversary of Italy's Unification! The evening will consist of Music by DJ Mike Lavecchia, presentations on "Carnevale" held in various regions of Italy, including Sciacca, Sicily where Italia Unita member Pascal Gangi hails from, Pascal and his group will present a replica of traditional floats from his home town along with other towns, made of paper mache. The Beverly Richard dancers will perform to a few traditional Carnevale songs. So bring your masks or dress up in Carnevale mode or simply join us in your business casual attire for an evening of fun and Italian culture. Admission also includes a buffet dinner. For ticket information please call 617-561-3201 or log onto www.italiaunita.org

VENEZIA RESTAURANT BOSTON 20 Ericsson Street, Boston, MA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

- Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 12:00 PM. Donne 2000 invites you to celebrate "Festa delle Donne" with an exquisite brunch, entertainment and The Donne 2000 Scholarship Award Presentation. Proceeds to benefit the scholarship for a woman in college studying the Italian language and or culture. Donne 2000 has raised

money and awareness for many charitable causes including breast cancer over the years. For further information, please contact Rita Susi at 617-742-7337 or E-mail: ritasusi@aol.com.

SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB

400 Soldiers Field Rd., Boston, MA ROBERTA GAMBARINI - Friday, May 13, 2011 - 8 p.m. will be in Boston this spring to present her latest work, So in Love. Roberta Gambarini,born in Torino, Italy, into a family where jazz was much loved and appreciated, she began listening to this music as a child and started taking clarinet lessons when she was twelve years old. By the time she was 17. she began singing and performing in jazz clubs around Northern Italy and at the age of 18, she decided to move to Milan to pursue a career as a jazz singer. On February 12, 2008, Roberta made her major label debut with You Are There (Groovin' High/ Emarcy), a collection of 14 hauntingly beautiful melodies, with the legendary pianist, Hank Jones. The music was recorded in one afternoon; Roberta and Hank had no concept for the album - just 25 tunes they liked and thought would be interesting to record. "There were no isolation booths, no headphones, no over dubs," Gambarini remembers. "The sound would be just what you would hear had you been in someone's living room playing among friends." That is the magic of Hank Jones. Please call 617-562-4111 or log

APPIAN CLUB OF STONEHAM 42 Pleasant St., Stoneham, Ma.

and more information.

onto www.scullersjazz.com for tickets

ADULT ITALIAN CLASSES - An eight week beginners class on Tuesday evenings will start on April 5th. Come join us for an adult beginners Italian class sponsored by the Appian Club. Instructor is Tiffany Bistocchi, graduate of Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA (2003) with a major in Italian and a Master's in Italian from Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont (2006). She has lived in Italy for three years and has traveled the country extensively and is currently teaching in the Burlington school system. The class is casual, interesting and the experience will be enjoyable and fun. If you are traveling to Italy this summer or just want to relive your heritage roots, this class is for you. You'll learn the basics starting at the beginning. Advanced classes will be offered to further your progress along. The class is sponsored by the Appian Club of Stoneham, a non-profit social, charitable organization whose mission is to promote Italian culture and heritage. Contact coordinator John Nocella at 781-438-5687 or preferably by email, john02180@yahoo.com.

BOSTON SYMPHONY HALL 301 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA

NOTTE TRICOLORE - April 8, 2011 at 8:00PM. Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Unita Tecnica di Mssione presents Notte Tricolore an Official celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Unification of Italy. Orchestra Sinfonica dell'Europa Unita. Fabrizio Maria Carminati is the Conductor. Rossana Tomassi Golka on Piano. The program consists of Part I The Star Spangled Banner, Worldwide Premier: Hymn of Italy for Piano and Orchestra, The Leopard Suite, The Force of Destiny. Part II Norma: Libera Fantasia e Variazione per Pianoforte e Orchestra. Don't miss this fabulous event. It will be a night to remember. For tickets please call 617-266-1200 or 1-888-266-1200 or log onto www.bostonsymphonyhall.org.

ARTIST'S BOSTON STUDIO 450 Harrison Ave, #223B, Boston MA

MARIAN DIOGUARDI PRESENTS TEN NEW PAINTINGS - Every first Friday of the month, Artist Marian Dioguardi invites people to visit her Boston studio at 450 Harrison Ave, Studio 223B, from 5 to 9 PM. Ten new 'Laundry Line' paintings based on Burano, Venezia, will be showcased in tonight. Marian Dioguardi was born and raised in the Italian-American neighborhood of urban East Boston. She pursued her childhood ambition, art, only after a more traditional career in education gave way to more colorful careers including undercover investigations and gem stone buying. For more information on Marian Dioguardi please visit her website at www.mariandioguardi.com

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

So what's new? Graphic designer Lydia Leith 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

Speaking of weddings, my marriage was made in heaven! It was filled with thunder and lightning! Ha! Ha! Ha!

A former aid of Sarah Palin wrote a book that contains hundreds of her e-mails, including one in which she says, as governor of Alaska, "I hate this damn job." Palin, it was also revealed this week, maintains a Facebook page under an assumed name, "Lou Sarah," in which she praises and "likes" whatever Sarah Palin says.

You may get a kick out of this! A 9-yearold boy has been suspended from his New York City school for sticking a "Kick Me" sign on a classmate's back. Principal Darryl Alhadeff informed the boy's parents that the classic prank, a feature of schoolyard life for generations, is now "classified as "infraction A37" — engaging in bullying behavior" and carries an automatic two-day suspension.

Puffing news! Mayor Michael Bloomberg last week signed into law a bill that would ban smoking in city parks and on public beaches, as well as in pedestrian plazas such as Times Square. The law which takes effect in May, calls for a \$50 fine on violators, but enforcement will be left largely to park rangers, rather than police, while also relying 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 people's civil liberties."

Carlo Scostumato, says, "Don't smoke in bed if you don't want to make an ash of yourself."

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill says, "It's better for a person to be smoking here on earth than in the hereafter."

Despite reports indicating she would make the final cut, Sarah Ferguson was not invited to the royal wedding, said People.com. Though a member of the royal family, the Duchess of York, 51, won't be among the 1,900 guests witnessing the nuptials between Prince William and Kate Middleton. Ferguson was filmed last year soliciting a bribe from an undercover reporter in exchange for access to her ex-husband, Prince Andrew. "She will not be attending," says a spokesperson for Ferguson. "She never expected to be invited."

Speaking of fish, Tom Analetto of Medford, claims, more big fish have been caught with words than with hook, line and sinker.

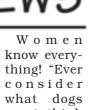
Wow! A Chinese man who complained of headaches has had a 4-inch knife blade removed from his brain. Li Fu, 37, was attacked and stabbed by a knife-wielding robber in 2006, but was apparently unaware that the blade of the knife had snapped off in his brain until a routine X-ray revealed it. Surgeon Luo Zhiwei said Li's survival was "a medical miracle. The knife was almost intact when we removed it."

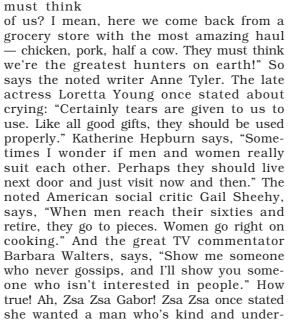
Weather report! In Nowata, Oklahoma, it was minus 31 degrees and snowy on February 10; a week later, it was a balmy 79 degrees — a swing of 110 degrees.

The astute Rosalie Cunio of Waltham, says, "The weatherman can never be sure about the weather, and we can never be sure about the weatherman."

The charming and brilliant Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston, says, "This is a free country: if you don't like the weather where you live, you can go elsewhere and not like the weather there also."

Ah, Robyn Waters! The attractive and brainy Robyn will be celebrating her birthday on March 24. This we do know, Robyn was born on a Tuesday at 7:51 P.M. Sorry, we cannot reveal the year. Be assured, Robyn will be celebrating her birthday with her wondrous husband Paul and her handsome and brilliant son Kyle. Happy birthday dear daughter!





standing. "Is this too much to ask of a

millionaire?"

Heading for Los Angeles? Be sure to visit The Hollywood Museum. Located in the Max Factor building, this is simply one of the most remarkable entertainment museums on the planet. Here you will discover many of Marilyn Monroe's possessions. For example, her refrigerator. Other treasures, W.C. Field's famous top hat. The golden curls of silent screen legend Mary Pickford. A large, Roman canopy bed from the movie, Gladiator. Boxing gloves, signed by Sylvester Stallone, from the 1976 Oscarwinning film, Rocky. A suit worn by Leonardo DiCaprio in Romeo and Juliet. The actual bathroom from actor Roddy McDowall's home. And more fascinating stuff! In Pigeon Forge, Tennessee is the Debbie Reynolds Hollywood Motion Picture Museum. Reynolds has amassed one of the world's largest collections of Hollywood memorabilia. Here is where you can see Marilyn Monroe's white dress made famous in The Seven Year Itch. Gee, you must be

This summer be sure to take a trip to the National Monument to the Forefathers located on Allerton Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts. Erected in 1889, it is the largest solid granite monument in the United States. it was dedicated to honor the virtues of the Pilgrims: Faith, Liberty, Law, Education, and Morality. Forefathers Monument is also the orginal prototype for the Statue of Liberty.

The stately, noted musicologist Albert Natale who is at times called New England's Lawrence Welk wants you to know in Strasburg, North Dakota is where you'll find the amazing Lawrence Welk Homestead. In brief, Lawrence Welk, who would grow up to be one of America's favorite bandleaders, was born on March 11, 1903, in the woodsided sod house that still stands on the family farm site near Strasburg, North Dakota. The son of Russian immigrants, Lawrence left home on his birthday in 1924 to pursue his musical career. Thirty-one years later, on July 2, 1955, he made his debut on national television, with a program that would be produced for the next 26 years. Many of the original furnishings have been placed in the sod house along with other antiques from the 1920s. Restored outbuildings, including the summer kitchen, carriage house, and blacksmith shop, are much as they were when Lawrence Welk was growing up on the farm.

For the record, Albert A. "Al" Natale, the youngest of 12 Natale children was raised at 11 Sheafe Street in Boston's North End. The Natale home is still there and it includes a plaque identifying, as the home of the Natale family. Al Natale is today recognized as a philanthropist and a dedicated public servant. Bless him! Yes, 11 Sheafe Street is now a historical site!

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME

Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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NONNA MARY'S RICE AND PEAS in Tomato Sauce

- 1 twenty-eight ounce can of crushed tomatoes
- 1 medium onion chopped
- 1 garlic clove chopped (optional)
- 1/3 cup vegetable, canola or olive oil
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 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 to be 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 and cover. Allow cooking until rice and peas are tender to your liking. Serve with a tablespoon of remaining heated sauce. Serves

Optional: Instant rice can be used in this recipe by substituting tomato sauce for water in preparing the rice. Stir, cover and cook the instant rice in the sauce the length of time directed on the package. When using instant rice, allow peas to cook in the tomato sauce for about ten minutes prior to adding the rice. Remove from burner and set aside. Heat before serving.

NOTE: This is a meatless meal served frequently during The Depression. Enough was prepared for family members to have second helpings. Nonna Mary's favorite saying to our children was "Rice is nice." 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.

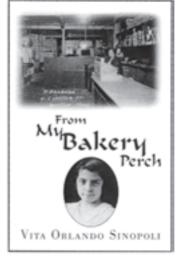
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• St. Leonard Parish (Continued from Page 6)

serves the comunity as local will take place in Sacred superior.

The second event will take place on April 3rd, once again at Sacred Heart Church. The Saint Patrick Family Players will be performing "Resurrection", a Cantata/Music Drama by Jeffery Leech. The Cantata, now in its eleventh year, is an annual event that has played throughout the Archdiocese of Boston and beyond, with performances in Ireland and Italy in past seasons. The performance

Heart's upper church and will be followed by light refreshments in Saint John Hall where concert goers will have the opportunity to meet members of the cast and the Corrigan Family, the driving force behind the inspirational musical. Admission is free, 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.



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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo



A Nostalgic Remembrance

Ash Wednesday took place this week. In the Christian religions, it is the beginning of Lent, the forty days before Easter. In the Catholic traditions, a celebration is held during the week that precedes Ash Wednesday. The French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian cultures go overboard making merry before the solemn days that follow. The French call the festivities, Mardi Gras, the Spanish and Portuguese, Carnival, and the Italians Carnevale. The celebrations are party time for the folks who participate, and in the past, I have been one of them, experiencing the festivities in cities like New Orleans, Rio de Janeiro, Caracas, San Juan and as a musician, Boston.

The famous New York restaurant, Mamma Leone's opened in Boston back in December 1972, on the first floor of a parking garage located above the Mass Pike, just off Copley Square. After the Leone family sold the original restaurant located in New York's theater district, the corporation that bought it decided to expand and Boston was one of the locations. Just before lent in the early spring of 1973, the management decided to offer Carnivale entertainment at the Boston restaurant and called Uncle Nick, who at that point in time, was the vice president of the musicians' union in Boston. They wanted four small bands to stroll among the tables of diners during the week that preceded Lent. My uncle put the whole thing together due to a business meeting with the executives of the Boston operation. He then called for a meeting at his office with the 20 musicians who 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 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 musician playing washboard, Dad playing washtub bass and yours truly playing kazoo and a toy friscoletto, a plastic flute with a push pull handle that gave the instrument its tones. Another band would be led by a guitar player and a fourth by a violinist. Each of the bands would feature Italian music ranging from excerpts from opera (only Italian, of course) to Neopolitan street songs. We were to stroll in consecutive order at given intervals and serenade the diners while they ate. We began about a week before Ash Wednesday and things worked out rather well. There were a couple of changes made to instrumentation and personnel, but nothing major.

As part of the contract, we were to be fed, seeing that most of the playing surrounded the late afternoonearly evening hours. Uncle Nick made arrangements with the management that a lower-level room be set up as a dressing room with tables in place for 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, salads and an assortment of Italian pastries. An urn of coffee and an assortment of sodas accompanied the food. Uncle Nick was happy with this type of treatment partly because this wasn't often the case and partly because we were being paid a very handsome sum, way over union scale.

There was one problem, though. The food was awful. Although it was Italian in appearance the taste left a lot to be desired. After the second day of employment, we all complained to Uncle Nick. He hadn't tried anything except the coffee. On the third night, after listening to 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 I could tell by the 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 had a meeting with the management. They wanted more entertainment and he agreed to provide it. He also mentioned the food which they assured him 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 didn't want to push the issue in fear that he would insult them. After listening to my uncle detail their 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 arrived at the restaurant, he told the head chef that the food was too heavy for the musicians and they couldn't perform as well as they should. He asked if they could illuminate the pasta, meat and fish dishes and substitute cold cuts and sliced bread instead. He 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. Phrased that way, the kitchen staff was more than happy to accommodate us especially after Uncle Nick slipped the head chef a large tip.

That night, some friends arrived at the restaurant to partake of the food and Carnevale entertainment. Most of them complained to me before they left. They loved the entertainment and hated the food. Considering they were mostly Italian, I thought about how everyone loves their own gravy better than anyone else's and let it go at that with- out saying anything. The next night, some friends — fellow teachers — came in for dinner. They were African American and loved the entertainment but complained about the food. This time I spoke to Uncle Nick about it on the way home

Uncle Nick had another business meeting with the management at the end of the week. They told him that their patrons loved the music and Mardi Gras festivities. He thanked them assuring them that it would continue for the forth coming last week of the Carnival season. They then asked him why he had requested in a change of menu for the musicians. As diplomatically as he could, he tried to tell them about the complaints surrounding their food. The head man gave my uncle every excuse he could about how large the portions were and how well the waiters served each course. He decided not to push the issue as the man didn't seem like the type who could handle constructive criticism very well. On the way home that night we talked about the complaints my friends had and he added in that several of his friends who had eaten at the restaurant had the same complaints. The verdict was in ... the food was not good.

Well, we finished performing on the Tuesday night before Ash Wednesday and the job came to an end. After that week, they had Uncle Nick book a small group 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 restaurant. Thank God for places like La Summa, Lucia's and Filippo's in the North End, and may God Bless America.

ST. JUDE AND ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. St. Anthony, most loving protector and wonder worker, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day and by the 8th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. My prayers have been answered. Favor received.

• The Socially Set (Continued from Page 9)



Suffolk University will premier "Car Talk: The Musical!!!" at the Modern Theatre March 31-April 3. Actor Nael Nacer, front left, plays Rusty Fenders, a hapless owner of a terminally ill '93 KIA, who falls in love with character Miata C. LaChassis (actress Tiffany Chen, right). Seen in the background, left to right, are actors Ryan Gonor, Adrian Brendel and Isaiah Rotondi-Gray, who play the Mechanics Trio of "Mike, Mick, and Mook." For tickets, call 800-838-3006, or visit www.moderntheatre.com/performance. (Photo by Stratton McCrady)

foot garden. In addition to the 'big chair', Mass Hort's exhibit will also include a vegetable garden, with the theme, 'From Garden to Table'. There will be handouts on building a home garden and on Mass Hort's educational programs.

There are talks and demonstrations every day of the flower show, but Mass Hort provides the programming for Thursday, March 17, on both the demo stage and the lecture hall. A total of 15 speakers will talk on subjects ranging from garden photography to floral design. There will be two sessions,

morning and afternoon, on container gardening.

Visit MassHort.org to learn more about its mission and educational programs. For information about the Show, visit www.thebostonflower show.com.

Enjoy!

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

American Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts to Offer Free Training on "Gabrielle 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 Gabrielle 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
 Harwich Community Center, 100 Oak Street, Harwich, MA 11am
- Wellfleet Public Library, 55 West Main Street, Wellfleet, MA 2pm To register, go to EasternMassRedCross.org/savealife.

Training will last approximately 45 minutes, and will include instruction in hands-only CPR, controlling external bleeding and managing shock. More information and a complete list of communities participating in the event can be found on the event website at www.redcross.org/savealife.org.

"The tragedy in Tucson is a reminder of how important it is for everyone to know first aid and CPR," said Deborah C. Jackson, CEO of the American Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts.

The Red Cross is able to provide this free training through the generous support of Walgreens and Safeway.

Also on March 19, the Red Cross is premiering a special set of videos to teach CPR and first aid skills. Those unable to attend a Save-a-Life Saturday event can also visit *www.redcross.org/savealife* to see life-saving skills being taught. The public can also contact their local Red Cross chapter to find out when full CPR and first aid classes are offered at other times.



News Briefs

(FROM ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS)

Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET: IT GETS EVEN BETTER. It is a frequent occurrence that we keep reading about healthy eating "ad nauseam"! We also keep reporting on 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.

One day as 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 at 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 healthy Omega oil and proteins, and then we can 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 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 protein. 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 breading, 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 micronutrients, a class of substances that have been shown to exhibit chemo-preventive and chemo-therapeutic activities. In the current study the effects of "resveratrol" (100 ad 200 microM), a phitoalexin found in grapes, and the ethanolic extract of "propolis" (50 and 100 micro ml), a natural honeybee product, were tested in androgen-resistant prostate cancer cells (DU 145), a cell line resembling the lost stage of prostate carcinoma.

A comparison between the activity of these micronutrients and "vinorelbinc bitartrate" (Navelbine), a semisynthetic 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 integrity (Lactate dehydrogenase release), cell redox status (nitric oxide formation, reaction oxygen species production, reduced glutathione level (l), genomic DNA fragmentation (COMET assay), with special attention on the presence of apoptotic DNA damage (TUNEL test), and possible mitochondrial transmembrane potential alteration (deltapsi). The results point out the anticancer activity of resveratrol and popolis' extract in human prostate cancer, exerting their cytoxicity through two different types of cell death, or necrosis and apoptitosis 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.

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The time has come, the walrus said.

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

WHERE SHOULD WARREN STATUE STAND?

There's a battle brewing over where a statue of Revolutionary War hero Dr. Joseph Warren should stand. Up until the late sixties or so, it stood on Warren Street in Roxbury not far from Dudley Station. It was removed to storage for a while before folks at Roxbury Latin School asked if that school could place it on their property since 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 was back 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 where Dr. Warren died an American hero in the Battle of Bunker Hill. During that battle, he not only fought the Redcoats, he was also the doctor on call for the wounded rebel forces.

I believe the statue should return to Roxbury, perhaps to Dudley Square, which could use a piece of American history with direct links to the Roxbury neighborhood. Make the statue a visual presence to people of Roxbury passing by him.

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 and great dancing this is the place to be.

HARD TO BELIEVE IT HAS BEEN A YEAR SINCE ...

A good friend of mine for many years Mike Bare from Southie passed away last March 10th. I met him through former City Councilor Michael Flaherty. He was a consummate political operative. He always gave 110%. He was a man who loved South Boston and relished in it and its history. His funeral was held last St. Patrick's Day at a packed St. Monica's Church.

Mike, thank you for sharing your journey with so many of us. We will never forget the example of your life HAPPY BIRTHDAY CUZ

My cousin Karen Gorman
elebrated another birthday

celebrated another birthday last month on the real Washington's Birthday. Yes, she is the one and same. "Karenlee Gorman of Arundel, Maine" who penned that recent letter to the editor here at the Post-Gazette over my recent opine on mad bicyclists who seem to avoid all traffic rules while biking around town. She gently offered a countering opine and that was awful nice of her. Karen is not a mad bicyclist nor has she ever been one. She often rides in fundraising bike runs to raise money for various causes.

Thanks for sharing your opinion Karen and happy birthday once again.

BENNETT RUNNING FOR DISTRICT 3 COUNCIL SEAT



It is now official. Doug Bennett who ran for a citywide City Council seat two years ago is now a candidate for Dorchester's District 3 City Council seat. Bennett has left the Waterfront and is now living in Dorchester. Currently, the seat is held by District Councilor Maureen Feeney from St. Brendan's Parish. Doug Bennett says he has fresh ideas and common sense solutions and is out there looking for one of your four votes on September 27. Two years ago, Bennett was one of the hardest working city council candidates hustling across the city knocking on doors everywhere. Then, he was riding his motor scooter from one end of the city to the other. Today, he's probably still riding the same scooter from one end of Dorchester to the

ST. FINBARR TO HOLD GRAND BANQUET & DANCE

The Knights & Ladies of St. Finbarr, the oldest Irish

England founded in 1904 will be holding a Grand Banquet and Dance at the Nonantum, A.L. Post 440 on April 9. Music by Erin's Melody with special guest Michael O'Connell, Lord Mayor of Cork. For more information, call Anna Vendola at 781-391-5335.

DINING FOR A CAUSE

County organization in New

Join the Charlestown Mother's Association (CMA) at the 99 Restaurant at the Bunker Hill Mall for Dining With A Cause on Tuesday, March 15 between 5-7pm. Whether you stay for dinner or take it home, 15% of the proceeds will go to CMA. Don't forget to bring your voucher, which will be needed that night. For further information, go to Jennifer.m.rossl@gmail.com.

SULLIVAN'S IS BACK AT CASTLE ISLAND ONCE AGAIN

Sullivan's over at Castle Island re-opened for the 2011 season on February 28 and will be celebrating their 60th anniversary. Sullivan's is open seven days a week from 8:30 am until sunset. Sullivan's website is www.sullivanscastleisland.com.

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11P0823EA

In the Estate of REGINA R VISELLI Late of MALDEN, MA 02148 Date of Death March 17, 2005

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 of Malden, MA or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO,

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON APRIL 4, 2011.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 7, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 3/11/11

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI11P0770EA

In the Estate of HAZEL H GRUGAN a/k/a HAZEL GRUGAN Late of FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701 Date of Death February 1, 2011 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR

PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that SUZANNE GRUGAN of Framingham, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve

Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON MARCH 29, 2011.

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

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• Editorial (Continued from Page 3)

as pawns in their illegal cent put their children in actions.

The 14 legislators should be held in contempt for betraying their oath of office, and the good people of Wisconsin should insist they pay the price for their betrayal.

On February 17th, Rush Limbaugh exposed the real reason union bosses in Wisconsin are in a panic: the new law will allow Wisconsin employees to opt out of joining the union rather than continue to be forced to pay union dues without a choice.

Consider another concern for the union bosses, and they are aware of the revelation:

80% of Union Member Agree, Right to Work is Best Policy, on 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 the Right to Work which allows individuals to freely choose whether to belong or pay fees to union.

Here is the question Luntz' pollsters asked union members across the country: Please tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with the following statement: "Workers 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."

Government Employee Union Members: 80% agreed - 15% Disagreed - 6 $^{-}$ % do not Really Care.

Another point of interest that parents need to be aware, in a recent Washington Times article, titled: "Public schools no place for teachers' kids."

Nationwide, public school teachers are almost twice as likely as other parents to choose private schools for their own children. In some cities, nearly half of the children of public school teachers have abandoned public schools.

In Philadelphia, 44 per-

private schools; in Cincinnati, 41 percent, Chicago, 39 percent, Rochester, N.Y., 38 percent, and the list goes on, to many for this piece.

I maintain it is time to privatize the entire public school system in the nation.

In their editorial of February 18, The Wall Street Journal, "Athens in Mad Town" is noteworthy in its content, I quote in part:

For most Americans who do not think the welfare state riots of France or Greece can happen here, we recommend a look at the union and Democratic Party spectacle now unfolding in Wisconsin. Over the past few days, thousands have swarmed the state capital and airwaves to intimidate lawmakers and disrupt Governor Scott Walker's plan to level the playing field between taxpayers and government unions.

Mr. Walker's very modest proposal would take away the ability of most government employees to collectively bargain for benefits. They could still bargain for higher wages, 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 made herein, I conclude with the Journals' closing declaration:

The battle of "Mad Town" is a seminal showdown over whether government union power can be tamed, and overall government reined in. The alternative is higher taxes until the middle class is picked clean and the U.S. economy is no longer competitive. Voters said in November that they want reform, and Mr. Walker is trying to deliver. We hope Republicans hold firm and that the people of Wisconsin understand that this battle is ultimately about their right to self-government.

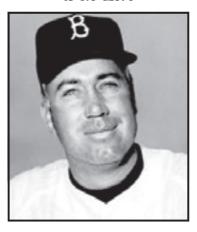
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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



The "Duke of "Flatbush" is No More



Baseball Hall of Famer Center Fielder Duke Snider, one of baseball's best players of the '50s died on February 27 at age 84. Snider still tops the Dodgers' all-time leader in home runs (389) and RBIs (1,271). He was one of those storied "Boys of Summer" who helped bring the Dodgers their elusive and only World Series crown. Snider often said, "I was born in Los Angeles. Baseballwise, I was born in Brooklyn. We lived with Brooklyn. We died 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 L.A. He was an 8-time All-Star. Ebbets Field was filled with stars like Pee Wee Reese, Roy Campanella, Gil Hodges and Snider. They all played on that 1955 championship season. They were all members of the "Boys of Summer" and Snider is also remembered in a 1950s song "Talkin' Baseball" where the refrain goes, "Willie, Mickey and the Duke."

Number 4 Duke Snider was often called New York's third best center fielder after Willie Mays of the Giants and Mickey Mantle of the Yankees. That era is often still remembered as the city's golden age of baseball. Willie Mays re-acting to the news of Snyder's passing stated, Duke was a fine man, a terrific hitter and

great friend, even though he was a Dodger. It was great playing center field in New York in the 50s, along with Mickey and Duke."

Snyder himself once said, "The newspapers compared Willie, Mickey and that was their thing. As a team, we competed with the Giants, and we faced the Yankees in the World Series. So we had a rivalry as a team, that was it. It was an honor to be compared to them, they were both great players." Mantle died at age 63 in 1995 and Willie Mays is still hanging around in there at age 79. Don Zimmer just noted that the "Duke was a great outfielder. He was a great player." Former Red Sox Manager Don Zimmer also noted that "Duke never got the credit of being the outfielder that Mays and Mantle were."

Back in his heyday in the '50s the Duke hit at least 40 home runs in 5 straight seasons and led the NL in stolen bases 3 times. In that championship 1955 season, he hit .309 with 42 homers and 136 RBIs. That October in the World Series, he hit 4 homers, drove in 7 runs and hit .320 as the Dodgers took down the Yankees in 7 games. After always saying, "Wait till next year" forever and going down bad to the Yankees in the 1941, 1947, 1949, 1952 and 1953, they finally took down their crosstown post-season rivals. A generation later, they were lauded in the "Boys of Summer" by Roger Kahn.

Another great slugger Willie McCovey, who played the outfield with Mays on the Giants noted, "The Duke was a first-class guy, that's all." He and the Duke played together with the San Francisco Giants in 1964, the Duke's last season of baseball. He ended his career with the Dodgers in 1962. He played 1963 back in New York with the hapless Mets and finished his career with the Giants in 1964.

Sadly, it took him 11 tries to get into the Hall of Fame in 1980, which should have been seen as a baseball felony. He was one of the best sluggers of the fifties and often never got the respect he deserved. Waiting so long for induction into the hall was just the final insult for a great player who was often and sadly overlooked.

The "Duke of Flatbush" is gone, long live the Duke!

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Sealed General Bids for MPA Project No. L932-C1, EAST BOSTON/CHELSEA BYPASS ROAD IN EAST BOSTON, MA, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011 immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT, SUITE 209S, LOGAN OFFICE CENTER, ONE HARBORSIDE DRIVE, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02128-2909 AT 11:00 AM LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011.

THE WORK OF THIS CONTRACT CONSISTS OF FURNISHING ALL LABOR, MATERIALS, TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: CONSTRUCTION OF FULL-DEPTH BITUMINOUS CONCRETE PAVEMENTS FOR AT-GRADE ROADWAYS, CONSTRUCTION OF RETAINING WALLS, INSTALLING GRANITE CURB AND REINFORCED CEMENT CONCRETE BARRIERS; CONSTRUCTION OF CEMENT CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND WHEELCHAIR RAMPS, INSTALLING FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM, INSTALLING ELECTRIC AND COMMUNICATION DUCTBANKS, STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS, INSTALLING A STORMWATER PUMP STATION, STREET LIGHTING. DRAIN. SEWER AND ELECTRIC MANHOLES. CONDUITS. AND ALL OTHER UTILITY APPURTENANCES; INSTALLING TRAFFIC SIGNS AND GROUND MOUNTED GUIDE SIGNS AND SUPPORTS; INSTALLING PAVEMENT MARKINGS; PROVIDING EARTHWORK FOR FUEL PIPELINE THAT WILL BE INSTALLED BY OTHERS, INSTALLING GUARD RAIL, AND COMPLETING ALL OTHER APPURTENANT WORK. ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DETAILS SHOWN ON THE CONTRACT DRAWINGS, AS SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND AS DIRECTED BY THE AUTHORITY.

Bid documents will be made available beginning on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2011.

The estimated contract cost is \$12,950,000.

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority's Capital Programs printed copy of the Proposal form.

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

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

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

This contract is subject to a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that **not** less than fifteen percent (15%) of the Contract be performed by disadvantaged business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in Article 84 of the General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

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

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

> MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY THOMAS J. KINTON. JR.

CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 3/11/11

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11P0760EA

In the Estate of CARMELLA M MERCURIO a/k/a MILDRED MERCURIO Late of BELMONT, MA 02478 Date of Death December 12, 2010 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR

PROBATE OF WILL To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be oved and allowed and that DAVID C CIOMMO of Belmont. MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve

Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO. YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON MARCH 29, 2011.

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

First Justice of this Court. Date: March 1, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 3/11/11

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI11P0776EA In the Estate of

MARY LOU ACKLEY a/k/a MARY L ACKLEY Late of WESTON, MA 02493 Date of Death February 2, 2011 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will and codicil of said decedent be proved and allowed and that ROBERT A NOLAN of Weston, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO. YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON MARCH 28, 2011.

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

First Justice of this Court. Date: February 28, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 3/11/11

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGAL NOTICE

Plymouth Probate and Family Court 52 Obery Street, Suite 1130 Plymouth, MA 02360 Docket No. PL11P0234EA

In the Estate of PAMELA J RAINEY-AXON Late of HANOVER, MA 02339 Date of Death December 27, 2010 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that DONNA M FANTASIA of Hanover, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve

Without Surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT PLYMOUTH ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON MARCH 21, 2011.

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

First Justice of this Court. Date: February 25, 2011

Robert McCarthy, Register of Probate Run date: 3/11/11

CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

March 12th is Time to **Rumble in the Jungle!** in Plymouth. "I'll See You at the Fights!" March 16th at the Royale in Boston. Irish Joey Mccreedy Fights Joe Gardner in a Battle! Fighters: Why Did "You" Become a Fighter? March 15TH is the Next Pugs Luncheon, at 11:00 AM. Ring Hall of Fame Banquet at Florian Hall on April 10TH.



Sean Eklund pictured with his cornerman Irish Micky Ward.

down and "Rumble in the Jungle!" at the Jungleplex in Plymouth. You'll see 12 professional and 11 amateur mixed martial arts matches. 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 lightheavyweight Irish Joey **McCreedy** (11-5-2, 6 KO's) of "Fight City" Lowell, fights 7-1-1, 1 KO Joe Gardner. Both duking it out for the New England light-heavyweight title, that is held by Joe Gardner. In the near-feature, Sean Eklund (8-4, 1 KO) of Lowell, the nephew of Lowell fight stars Irish Micky Ward and Dick Eklund. You know and remember these two great fighters. They inspired the **Academy Award** winning great film "The Fighter!" They'll be working the corner of Sean Eklund. Sean will be battling in a rubber match with **Eddie** "The Puerto Rican Sensation" **Soto** (12-2, 4 KO's) of the answers received: Rhode Island. "Who'll win this time? I do know this? They're going to give you plenty of action. In a showdown at High noon, Derek Silveira (3-0, 1 KO) of Salem and Jose Angel Ortiz (3-6-1), of Springfield, duel. Maceo Crowder, Roxbury (2-0, 1 KO), and tough Aleksandra Magdziak Lopes (4-1, 1 KO) Marshfield. She's got talent. Johnathan Vazquez (3-0, 3 KO's) and Frankie Trader (7-0. 2 KOs) will each fight opponents to be named. April 10th, the Ring 4 Hall of Fame Banquet features all-star world renowned fighters and guests. This year, Ring 4 will

On March 12th come on



Happy March 11th Birthday to Joey DeGrandis.

honor World lightweight Champion great Carlos Ortiz, at this Ring 4 Hall of Fame Banquet, at the "Florian Hall Dorchester." There's great service, and it's easy to get to.

WHY DID YOU BECOME A FIGHTER?

"Yow!" Why did you choose to become a fighter? It's like this? Myself. I become a fighter because I could sing and dance. "Hey!" "Yow!" Why does anyone choose to become a fighter? Gentlemen and ladies. Why did you choose to become a fighter? Hey Danny, Mike, Bill, Joe, Ronnie, Rich, Mugsy, Jordan, Tommy, and all you other guys. "Why did you guys become fighters?" Is the answer because you couldn't sing or dance? Some "I was short in stature, and I had to defend myself;" — "I was influenced by the Stivaletta Brothers;" — "I saw beauty in it, and it was elegant." — "I wanted to be a somebody." — "A challenge that's a lot harder than it looks." — "Someone **started** a fight with me in Junior High School. I beat them up." - "I started on a bet. The more I learned, the better I liked it." — "Being around my father, uncles and friends when they watched the fights on the Cavalcade of **Sports**." — "That peaked my interest." — "My older brother took me to the gym,

where I developed an interest in Boxing." — "I was in High School, with a couple of guys who won the Golden Glove tournament. One a professional." — "I looked up to them." — "I went to the gym, and started Boxing.'

Me myself, Reinaldo, saw punks picking on good harmless people. These punks somehow picked on me too. Having a scarred up face from being hit by a car at eight years old prompted others to think I was a chump. I tried to get along with others. I thought I was a nice guy. I guess others got the wrong impression of me. I stood out of the limelight, because of facial scars. They picked on me anyway. They'd soon find out to not judge a person by how they look. I like being friendly with others and getting along with everyone. Some see that as a sign of weakness and think: "I'm a victim." I am not a victim. "I am not weak." I'm a strong and capable person. Capable of being and doing anything I want to. Most fighters are that way. That is why fighters have the courage to go into a Ring. "Ding!" Oh well. Back to dancing. I thought I had some pretty good dance moves on the floor. I recently went and danced at a nightclub on the North Shore, a few months ago. I think I've still got some pretty good dance moves left. I was the only one doing the "Twist." I guess the Twist hasn't made it up here yet. Oh well. Back to the question. A reason I became a fighter was? To learn to "defend" myself. I developed my own style called "X-treme Boxing!" I'm looking forward to introducing it to the Ultimate

What are you guys up to? Some of the best of the Fight Family: Thomas Lee, Jimmy Farrell Jr., Michael Parente, Joann Livermento, Paul Doyle, Scott Ploof, Rick Kielczweski Sr., Joey DeGrandis, Vinny Paz, Chris Traietti, Sean Eklund, Richie LaMontagne, Nicolas Cvr Jr., and Bob Trieger up too? You are what fighting is all about.

Rick Glaser asks a very interesting question, on thoughts of the Cotto-Mayorga fight? Hmm. That's going to be a very interesting battle.

Upcoming Battles

March 12th on HBO from Foxwoods: Sergio Martinez fights Sergei Dzinziruk.

Ryan Kielczweski battles Rob Diezel, with Andy Lee vs. Craig McEwan.

CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY at the fights AT THE ROYALE

279 Tremont Street, Boston IRISH JOEY MCCREEDY battles JOE GARDNER featuring a fabulous undercard For tickets call (401) 724-2253 or (401) 724-2254

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

PORTENT OF THINGS TO concluded the recent sixgame road trip with a perfect 6-0-0 record, it marked the first time the B's had posted such a mark on a six-game trip since 1972 — the last year the B's won the Stanley Cup. So we wonder if this was a positive omen of good things to come later this spring.

FIGHTING FOR GOALS — Of the 23 NHL players who have scored 25 or more goals this season, B's left winger Milan Lucic is the only one with five It was stated that Dr. Charles or more fighting majors.

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 that date. They had a 5-5 record in games that ended in the five-minute skating overtime and were 5-3 in shootouts. Those eight overtime losses loom large down 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.

was what provided the excitement as the New Jersey Nets downed the Toronto Raptors March 6. The thriller enabled the Nets to sweep the twogame series, the first NBA regular season games to be played in Europe. The lowly were eight games out of the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff slot as of you never know.

INTERESTING STATS — 4 mark in those games. In are interesting. games where the B's led afgames fell to a lowly 5-13-4.

March 8.

MILESTONES — In the played in his 1,636 NHL game, sixth place on the team's alltime games coached list.

piece in the March 7 edition back as soon as possible.

of the New York Times that fo-COME? — When the Bruins cused on NBA players who take afternoon naps on the day of a night game. Of 24 players interviewed all indicated that they took naps.

> "In the NBA LeBron James swears by his siesta. Derrick Rose sleeps three hours before every night game. Kobe Bryant checks into a hotel before home games for his pregame nap," noted the article.

No members of the Celtics were mentioned in the piece. Czeisler, the director of the Division of Sleep Medicine at Harvard Medical School and chief of the sleep medicine division at Brigham and Women's Hospital, has been brought in for consultations with the Celtics as well as several other NBA teams.

He indicated that players who got nine hours of sleep were more likely to play better, remember plays better and have better health maintenance.

REGULAR SEASON CHAM-PIONS — Boston College TRIPLE OVERTIME — That closed out the Hockey East regular season with a pair of victories over New Hampshire, giving the Eagles the 137-136 in triple overtime regular season conference across the pond in London on championship. BC finished with 41 points, three ahead of UNH. BU was third with 36 while Merrimack was fourth with 35.

What really matters more, Nets have been starting to is the Hockey East Tournawin some games of late and ment, which will be under way by the time you read this. The semifinals and finals are set for March 18 and 19 at the March 7. The odds are Garden. The winner receives against them making it but an automatic berth into the NCAA Tournament. While the top teams may not need Entering the game with it since most will qualify Montreal on March 8, the based on their records, a Bruins had earned points in number of teams play know-41 of the 45 games in which ing that winning the tournathey led at some juncture in ment is their only chance of the contest. They had a 37-4- moving on. Thus, all games

The Hockey East regular ter two periods they had an season included 135 games excellent 25-0-1 mark, and lasted 148 days, with the meaning that when they've first league games coming on led going into the third, October 8 and the last ones they've been a virtual lock to being played on March 5. win the contest. But when Some of the best hockey is they trailed after the second played in Hockey East with period, their record in those four men's national champions coming from the league The Bruins have played since 2001. This has the nine opponents so far this potential to be another good season who have played a year for the conference. game the night before. Catch- The post season that is now ing a team on the second half under way will stretch about of a back-to-back has worked a month, until a national out well for the B's. They were champion is determined 6-1-2 in those games through at St. Paul, Minnesota on April 9.

By the way, it's been quite game against Pittsburgh at a while since the Frozen Four the Garden on March 6, vet- has been in our region (2004 eran winger Mark Recchi at the Garden). And we're going to have to wait a while moving him into sixth place longer. The 2012 event is on the league's list of all-time headed to Tampa, Florida games played. In addition, while in 2013 it goes to Pittscoach Claude Julien was be- burgh followed by Philadelhind the B's bench for the phia in 2014. That leaves 311th time, moving him into 2015 as the earliest. Our region is a hotbed of hockey and deserves to have the national CAUGHT NAPPING — championship event more There was a very interesting often. Let's hope it comes