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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Executive Amnesty Will be Costly

Apparently, under the president's recent amnesty for illegal immigrants, this group will now be getting a great gift called the earned income credit. Instead of paying bucks to the IRS, they will be waiting for Amnesty Bonus checks.

Meanwhile, in Texas

According to Texas Governor Greg Abbott, since January 1, more than 20,000 illegals have over the Mex-Tex border into America. We obviously can't have border security with porous borders.

I don't agree with everything Mike Levin rants loudly about on his weeknight radio show, but he is right about the harm that endless waves of immigrants, both legal and illegal, can do to the American culture. Think about your kitchen sink. If you turn the faucet on letting the water run endlessly, the water overruns the sink and will certainly cause damage. Endless immigration waves leave little chance of assimilation into America and without immigrant assimilation, the common shared values of a nation will be destroyed.

Jeb Bush Next to Useless

Why the Republican establishment loves Jeb Bush has less to do with opposing Obama and more to do with working with the US Chamber of Commerce and Big Business who seemingly love more immigrant workers inside the United States. It

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Mr. Mayor, WHERE DO WE PUT IT ???

Recently, there has been talk coming out of Boston City Hall concerning the raising of fines for throwing snow into the street or for not shoveling sidewalks in front of homes and businesses. Anyone reading this that lives, works or just frequents the city regularly probably has seen a street or sidewalk that is completely covered in mounds of snow. Traveling across the city's neighborhoods, there are still streets with so much snow that fire apparatus or EMS would have a difficult time maneuvering.

Residents using the age-old "space-saving" technique have made it impossible for the city to plow curb to curb except on main roads. One newspaper quoted an East Bostonian as saying before he moved his space saver that the city needed to remove the snow from his street. Another resident from Southie stated he would continue putting out his space saver no matter what the city said.

If the mayor is worried about snow being thrown into the street or the fact that many sidewalks haven't been shoveled yet, then do something about streets being so badly plowed.

One idea would be to utilize a system similar to the street sweeping program run throughout the city's neighborhoods between March-December. The city could designate a different group of streets per week and ask residents to remove their vehicles in order for plows to clear paths not only on sidewalks but also empty parking spaces rendered unusable due to plowed snow accumulations. Up in the city of Montreal, the whole city gets its snow removed not only from the streets but sidewalks too. If this is successful in Montreal, perhaps it is worth consideration here in our city as well. The City of Quincy has been doing a great job as many side streets are now fully accessible due to snow being carted away on trucks rather than pushed to the side by plows.



Public Alley - Not likely to be a Fire Lane.
(Photo by Matt Conti)

Once again, if Quincy can accomplish this, why can't a world-class city such as Boston?

What we just witnessed with the complete shutdown of the MBTA and snarling traffic cannot be repeated again. We live in an area that gets snow, this fact should not catch us off guard. A plan needs to be put in place for the future to avoid this mess. Don't let these 2015 nor'easters go down in history in vain. Let's learn from this, promising never to repeat it. The City of Boston needs a clear strategy that isn't just about fining folks for something the city hasn't done a good job of handling themselves.

The people of South Boston are right about their expectation that the snow be removed in time for this year's St. Patrick's Day parade. After all, if Boston could clear the streets of the Back Bay and Downtown for the Super Bowl Parade, they can do the same for Southie's biggest event of the year.

This city's response thus far has been poor, but going forward, the answer isn't inflicting financial pain on Bostonians, it is clearing our streets, all of them, one by one until the job is done. I'm sure the residents and businesses want to remove their snow, but the \$24,000 question is WHERE DO WE PUT IT!!!!

Madaro Wins Primary in East Boston House Race

by Sal Giarratani

The turnout in the special primary election to fill an East Boston House seat after the incumbent Rep. Carlo Basile left office for a top post in the new Baker Administration exceeded the expectations of many when 3,559 voters showed up at the polls on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Adrian Madaro won the hard-fought primary and defeated Joe Ruggiero by only 358 votes with a total of 1,498 to 1,140. Ed Deveau finished in third place with 570 votes. Also in the running were Lou Scapicchio and Camilo Hernandez. All five Democrats are well-known and active in the community. Prior to the results of the election, one political

activists told me the winner would be decided to a great extent by the ground game on primary day.

The high turnout was hardly surprising since all the candidates had pockets of support across the East Boston community.

Madaro, following his victory, told his supporters who gathered at the East Boston Yacht Club, "I am deeply appreciative of all the support I received across East Boston. I want to congratulate all the candidates who ran very strong and constructive races that focused on the issues. I am excited about the March 31st election and I look forward to earning the trust of all the

people of East Boston."

Ed Deveau praised Madaro saying, "Adrian's a great guy and I have all the faith in him as an East Boston resident. I am, sure he will do a great job." Over at Spinelli's in Day Square, Joe Ruggiero congratulated all his campaign workers saying, "The results weren't what we were hoping for, but I am incredibly proud of the work our team put in today. I want to congratulate Adrian on his success and all the candidates for their efforts today and over the last three months."

All the candidates promised to stay active in the

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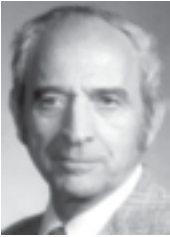
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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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HERMES AND MERCURY

Hermes was the Greek god of herds, commerce, travel, and messenger of other gods. Mercury was the name of his Roman counterpart, and both are considered to be one and the same. Trickery, cunning, inventiveness and versatility were his major characteristics. These became apparent from the moment of his birth. Stories about his escapades sound incredible, but then, that's what legends are all about.

Before noon on the day he was born, he found a tortoise shell, made holes in the opposite ends of it, and drew cords of linen through them, and thereby invented the lyre. Later that same day he stole 50 head of cattle from his brother Apollo, and then hid them in a cave before bedding down for the night in his cradle. Later, this young god was ordered to return the cattle, however, he had so delighted his brother by playing the lyre, that Apollo made him a gift of the cattle. Mercury was also made herald to the gods in addition to the guide of the dead in the lower world.

This god was also worshipped as the one who bestowed the benevolence of fertility on the herds and their pastures. Again, legend tells us that he spent a considerable amount of time in those pastures, and an equal amount of time with the wood nymphs, bestowing the blessing of fertility on them also. He became the father of many children by these nymphs, Pan and Daphnis being the most widely known. Pan, as you may recall, became a god of the fields, forests,



Mercury (front view), 1580, by Giambologna. Bronze, height 180 cm, Museo Nazionale del Bargello, Florence.

flocks, and shepherds. He was usually represented with horns, ears and legs of a goat. Daphnis became the Sicilian shepherd that taught Pan to play the flute. Daphnis was also considered to be the inventor of bucolic (rustic or countrified) poetry.

Hermes (Mercury) presided over commerce, gymnastics, thievery, and everything else that required skill

and dexterity. As the god of commerce and guardian of the roads he showed his benevolence to all men. Anything found on the roads by travelers was considered to be a gift from this god. Mounds of stones were raised in his honor at rural crossroads as every passerby added a stone. Square posts were set up in streets, open spaces, before entrances, and as mile stones along certain roads. These posts were made of wood or stone, and the head of the god was carved at the top. Some of these posts were carved with proverbs or riddles, while others contained the names of those who had fought and died for their country. This concept was also used in Rome as a decorative feature in houses, villas, and for garden rails.

As the father of Autolycus, the prince of thieves, Mercury bestowed upon his son, the gift of changing stolen goods so as to make them unrecognizable. By this gift, Autolycus became the first stolen goods "fence" in world history.

Mercury was represented in art by some of the world's greatest sculptors. Most famous, no doubt, is the form which is similar to the FTD florists' emblem. The original statue, now in the Bargello of Florence, was done in bronze by Florentine sculptor Giambologna. He depicted Mercury as a slender youth with calm features, winged hat, and winged sandals. In one hand Mercury holds a purse, the symbol of the mischievous little thief and the god of gain, while in the other hand he carries the "caduceus," emblem of his influence over the living and the dead. This caduceus, the winged staff with two serpents twined about it, is the symbol of the medical profession today.

As the gods of sleep and sweet dreams, Mercury could open or close the eyes of mortals. This is the reason why the last libation of the day was offered to him, and if forgotten, became a good excuse for just one more nightcap, salute!

Res Publica

by David Trumbull



Live Racing to Return to Suffolk Downs

Last Friday officials of Sterling Suffolk Racecourse LLC and the New England affiliate of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association ("NEHBPA") announced that they had reached an agreement for the horsemen to lease the East Boston racetrack for live racing in 2015-2016.

The two-year licensing deal is subject to the passage of enabling legislation to extend racing and simulcasting in Massachusetts. The current law sunsets March 31st. Approval of the agreement by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("MGC") is also required.

According to Suffolk Downs and the Horsemen's Association, the duration of the 2015 Thoroughbred season has yet to be determined. It may be from one live racing day up to 50 days, depending upon the MGC's final approval as well as the distribution of funding for purses from the state. The Horsemen's Association hopes to make it a full 50-day season of live racing, as do I. There's little better in this life than an afternoon at the track, especially if it is a warm, sunny Saturday in May.

Suffolk Downs opened on July 10, 1935. According to information on the Suffolk Downs website: "Immediately, the track became entrenched into the city's sporting and social fabric, attracting an average daily attendance of nearly 15,000 in its first year, a figure that peaked at 18,388 in 1945. Average attendance remained 5 figures until the early 1970s, when the racing schedule was drastically expanded to as many as 200 days a year."

However, over time, public tastes regarding professional sporting events changed. "In the 1920s and 1930s the sporting public's attention was divided among baseball, horse racing, and boxing. After the war, however, the field grew to include, most prominently, football and basketball, but also hockey, professional wrestling, and, eventually, soccer." — *American History through American Sports: from Colonial Lacrosse, Volume 1*, edited by Danielle Sarver Coombs, Bob Batchelor.

It is also no coincidence that attendance at Suffolk Downs began to shrink in the 1970s. In 1971 the Commonwealth instituted the Massachusetts Lottery. That, and other legal gaming opportunities, cut into the business at the track, formerly the only place to wage a legal bet in the U.S. outside of the State of Nevada.

By the late 1980's, "The Downs" was suffering and closed at the end of the 1989 season. The venerable track re-opened in 1992, but closed again at the end of the 2014 season.

The potential restoration of live racing at the 80-year-old landmark will protect hundreds of direct and non-direct Thoroughbred industry jobs in the Commonwealth while preserving the 62 breeding farms and 6,650 acres of open green space in the state-wide agricultural network.

Residential Street Sweeping Update

The Boston Public Works Department announced that posted residential street sweeping will be postponed in neighborhoods with March street sweeping until streets are cleared to the curb and gutters are free of ice and snow. In order for streets to be properly swept, a thaw and large scale melting must occur. The Public Works Department will notify residents once streets are clear enough for street sweeping to resume.

The City's Daytime Neighborhood Street Cleaning program currently runs from April 1st through November 30th for all neighborhoods **except** the North End, the South End, and Beacon Hill. The daytime program parking restrictions are not in effect during the months of December and March **except** in the North End, the South End, and Beacon Hill.

In the event that Public Works decides to cancel street sweeping and parking enforcement for weather related reasons, notifications will be sent out by e-mail to NO-TOW subscribers or you may contact the Mayor's 24 Hour Hotline for updated information at 617-635-4500.



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Once a West Ender, Always a West Ender



Impresario Joseph Alessandro, pictured with Hollywood legend Leonard Nimoy of *Star Trek* fame. Like many fans, Joe was very saddened by the passing of Nimoy this past week. Both were raised in the West End of Boston. Nimoy was a great contributor to the West End Museum, where he will be missed by all.

From the entire West End community, thanks Leonard for your help in preserving our neighborhood through the West End Museum.

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Francesco Scabin

May He Rest in Peace

Francesco Scabin of Everett, Massachusetts passed on March 2nd. Francesco was the beloved husband of Angelina (Levato). Loving father of Rosario and Robert Scabin of Everett, Massachusetts and Frank Scabin and his wife Carolann of Billerica, Massachusetts. Loving brother of Alfredo Scabin of Italy. He is survived by his five beloved grandchildren Nicolas, Monica, Steve, Jayson and Patricia.

Funeral from the Salvatore Rocco and Sons Funeral Home, 331 Main St., Everett,



American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Massachusetts on Saturday, March 7th at 9:00 am. Funeral Mass at the Immaculate Conception Church in Everett, Massachusetts at 10:00 am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting hours are Friday from 4:00–8:00 pm. Complimentary valet parking provided Friday at Main Street entrance. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett, Massachusetts.

Donations in Francesco's memory may be made to the

Dr. Joseph F. Marcantonio

January 9, 1921 - February 24, 2015

Dr. Joseph F. Marcantonio, Dentist of Walpole, formerly of Roslindale, Westwood and Harwichport, passed away on February 24, 2015 at the age of 94. He is survived by his beloved wife Clara (Itri) with whom he shared 72 years of marriage. Born in Naples, Italy on January 9, 1921, he was one of three children of James Vincenzo and Antoinette (Pisano).

He was a graduate of Boston Latin High School, Boston College and Tufts University Dental School. Dr. Marcantonio served in the Army during World War II, served in the National Guard and retired as a colonel in the United States Army Reserves. During the war he worked at MIT as a technician on the experimental radar program. He opened an office for the practice of medical dentistry in Roslindale, Massachusetts after the war and later maintained offices in West Roxbury and Harwichport.

Joe was active in many groups and charities including: Sons of Italy, Home for Italian Children, Lions Club, and Knights of Columbus. He authored a series of short articles about his early years in the North End of Boston in the 1920s for the *Post-Gazette* newspaper. Joe was on the Board of Directors at both the Roslindale Cooperative Bank and the Wychmere Harbor Club in Harwichport, Massachusetts. In the 1960s Joe and his wife Clara were knighted by the Dante Alighieri Society for their long-time support and participation.

His many interests included ballroom dancing, bowling and golfing. Joe's great-



est passion was mushroom-picking and gave occasional lectures on mycology. Often times he would combine his picking skills with a round of golf! A ball lost in the woods would often result in a healthy crop of fungi, which highlighted the many wonderful meals he loved to prepare for family and friends. "Dr. Marc" was a true people-person, known by his many lifelong friends for his humor and ability to tell jokes and stories which he shared at many special

events.

In addition to his wife Clara, he is survived by his children: daughter Carol M. Karcher-Wasilunas and her husband Vito Wasilunas of Walpole, Massachusetts; son Joseph F. Jr., and wife Marcia Marcantonio of Littleton, Massachusetts; daughter Sue and her husband Steve Zafarana of Norwood, Massachusetts; granddaughter Karen and her husband Kurt Sheppard; grandson John Karcher; granddaughters Christina and Carolyn Marcantonio; great-grandsons Billy Arruda, Tommy Sheppard and Ryan Karcher. He was preceded in death by his sisters Rose Sinopoli and Antoinette Benda. Late Veteran U.S. Army WWII.

Funeral was from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home in Norwood, Massachusetts on Saturday, February 28, 2015, followed by a funeral mass at St. Timothy's Church Norwood, Massachusetts. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery, Roslindale Massachusetts. Memorial donations in his memory may be made to the Italian Home for Children, 1125 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

2015 Innovative Italian Summer Camp Program

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cited about language learning. There are many benefits that learning a foreign language provides, from experiencing new cultures to gaining the skills needed to succeed in today's world. The camp will be full of fun activities that will prove to be a blast for all children!

The Camp consists of two main modules with breaks for snacks and lunch.

Since this Italian Camp program is new, space is limited. Enrollment is on a first-come-first-serve basis.

If you would like your child to participate, please enroll by visiting C.A.S.IT's website, www.casit.org where

you can download and fill-in the registration form to be mailed to: C.A.S.IT, 37 Water Street, Unit #4, Wakefield, MA 01880. You may either mail a check for the camp dues along with the registration form or pay on-line using the link on C.A.S.IT's website. A non-refundable registration fee will apply as part of the enrollment process.

For more information, contact Prof.ssa Maria Gioconda Motta (C.A.S.IT., Inc. President), at mgmotta@casit.org, 617-939-4216 or Rosalba Schino (C.A.S.IT., Inc. Camp Coordinator), at rschino@casit.org, 617-803-1808.

Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



A couple of weeks ago, I was in the middle of a story about one of my first vacations as a young man traveling without my parents. Sal Meli, whom I had grown up with in East Boston, Tom Aylward, a new friend who taught with me at the school and I headed for St. Thomas and Puerto Rico. We had spent a few days in St. Thomas' capital city, Charlotte Amalie, and were ready to head to San Juan, Puerto Rico. The only negative part of the trip to St. Thomas was the aftermath of befriending some naval officers. The command staff of the USS *Thresher*, an American submarine, often stayed at the Gramboco Inn, the hotel we were staying at in St. Thomas. Not long after our stay at that hotel, the sub went out on maneuvers and sank with all the sailors perishing as a result. It was not a happy time.

Once the goodbyes were over, the three of us headed for San Juan. We had a reservation at the Hotel Normandie, the oldest resort of its kind in Puerto Rico. I had a slight problem once we landed. The day before, my nose started running and by the time we reached San Juan, I had trouble breathing and had lost my sense of taste. We picked up a car, which I had reserved back in Boston, and drove to the hotel. After checking in, the guys were raring to go. I felt sick, but went along anyway. We headed for Loquillo Beach, one of the ten most beautiful beaches in the Caribbean. It is horse shoe shaped and the salt content in the water is extremely high, you automatically float. Once at the beach, I had to wrap towels around myself. I was freezing. The air temperature was about 85 degrees, but I was shivering. I think I was definitely sick.

The guys went swimming, but I was so cold I couldn't. Spotting a food stand, I decided to find out if they had hot coffee. I love Puerto Rican coffee. It is a lot like espresso. The woman behind the counter asked who my tourist friends were. When I replied (in Spanish), "How did you know they are tourists?" She replied that it was winter and Puerto Ricans don't go to the beach during the winter months. As I looked around, I saw that she was right. The only people I saw looked like tourists, not locals. When it was time to head back, I was s-i-c-k.

Sal and Tom headed for the pool to check out the ladies

and I went to bed. When it was time for dinner, Sal told me to stay in bed and they would bring me back something to eat. I insisted on joining them and we got cleaned up and headed out. En route to the old city of San Juan, I was having trouble breathing. Sal changed direction mentioning that he had a friend who was a druggist who worked at a pharmacy near one of the hotels. We headed inside the drug store, and fortunately, his friend was working that evening. I explained my problem and he gave me some large pills saying that I would normally need a prescription for them, but seeing the circumstances, I needed them right away. He gave me the instructions on how and when to take them, with the added instruction of, "Whatever you do, don't drink when taking this medication."

I followed his instructions, taking one of the pills before we left the drug store. Within minutes, my breathing began to return to normal. Unfortunately, my taste buds were still on vacation and I couldn't taste the dinner I ordered once we were at the restaurant. Later that evening, we headed for a hotel where someone Sal knew was playing. Tito Rodriguez was called the Frank Sinatra of Latin America. He was short, handsome and talented. His band was one of the most popular in New York and San Juan, on par with Tito Puente and Machito, back when Salsa was the way to go. We met some girls from New York who were on vacation also. I asked one of them to dance and we mamboed the night away. Between the medication and perspiring due to my physical movements, I began to feel better by the time we headed back to the Normandie.

Back then, hotel doors opened with keys and you would leave your key at the front desk on your way out and pick it up when you returned. When I asked for our key, the desk clerk pulled a note out from the cubicle our key was in and said that I had gotten a call earlier in the evening. I read the note which came in from my father. It instructed me to call regardless of the time. A bandleader had called to see if I could play a job the night of our return and needed an answer right away. I called home. Babbonnonno answered with, "Ah-low, ooh izza dissa, pleaza?" I yelled back, "Babbonnonno, it's me, John."

He replied, "Hey, Jenny, dayza band leeda wadda call ah see iffa you canna play foh hizza banda nexa Sunday nighta. Izza dissa Ok?" I told Babbonnonno what time we were getting in and to let my father know I could make it and to have him call the bandleader to get the name of the place we were playing at. When Babbonnonno heard my voice, he asked if I was feeling well. I told him how I felt and he gave me one of his homemade remedies on how to cure a cold. I thanked him and headed to bed, but not before I swallowed another one of the pills Sal's druggist friend had given me. The next morning, I felt better, and at breakfast, discovered my taste buds were back to normal. After that, I was rearing to go.

When we turned in the key at the front desk, the manager happened to be behind the counter. He gave us passes to El Escambron, a private beach club near the hotel. We thanked him and headed for the club. Once there, we were in for a treat. There was a boxing promotion going on in Puerto Rico. The person of note leading the way was former Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis. We met him at the club and had a nice conversation with him and even had pictures taken with him. Eventually, he had to leave, but we were thrilled having spent time with the champ. Once on the beach, I continued working on that tan I had begun in St. Thomas, and as the day went on I began to feel almost normal.

Well, the days passed and I developed quite the tan. Each day we tried a different beach recommended by people at the hotel, and at night we ate native food and danced to many of the local bands. Before heading to one of the beaches, we bought a pocket-sized transistor radio for about \$4.00. We sunned ourselves at this one beach and I felt well enough to swim in the tropical waters of Puerto Rico. When we returned back to the blanket, the radio was gone. An old man approached us holding the radio. He said he was the caretaker of the beach and didn't want anyone to steal our possessions and decided to guard them, but he had developed a thirst and a nearby kiosk sold local beer for only fifty cents a bottle. We took the hint, bought him a beer and all was well once again.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani



We Can't Go Wacko Over Obama

Sometimes I get spooked when I listen to conservative talk radio and listen closely to what the hosts are sprouting and what irate listeners are actually hearing and believing. I have been a conservative-leaning Democrat going back to the days when there was actually a real moderate base in the party. Today unfortunately, both major parties continue to move to the edges of the spectrum and hand over party control to the wing nuts out. The Democrats are completely gone as a mainstream political party and the Republicans are not much better, thanks to the Tea Party, which stands up to a Republican establishment taking its marching orders from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce "greeders," as I call them.

While the Democrats keep moving over the cliff toward European socialism with central government control, the GOP establishment is looking more and more like the party of big business, big profits and cheap labor.

The Tea Party can be a bit lunatically from time to time, but at least they seem to understand the proper relationship of government and the people. We, the people, are the government, we don't work for it, it works for us. We like our democratic republic and our U.S. Constitution.

I listen to conservative talk radio to keep up with the news the mainstream liberal media doesn't always report to us. Mark Levin is on weekday evenings on WRKO 680AM. He's smart, but often too loud yelling out his opinions as if everyone

was hard of hearing. I don't always agree with them and his tone is often too angry for his own good. I listen to Jeff Kuhner often enough to be considered part of "Kuhner Country," but too often the "Boston Bulldozer" is spreading more bull%\$#@ than important news.

Last Friday (February 27th) Jeff was off and running alluding to how President Obama, the "Dear Leader," was coming across in his actions to be a clear and present danger to the democracy. Some who called in spoke about Obama refusing to leave office when his second term expires? Others talked as if the tanks are already warming up their engines to take down American democracy.

The big topic was Obama's plan to ban bullets from guns. Look out, they're coming to tear the gun out of Charlton Heston's cold, dead hands. Paranoia is setting in, getting revved up by talk show guys looking to stir up on-air controversy, all for the good of ratings.

The gun ban by the way was concerning the sale of armor piercing bullets. Most law enforcement folks want these bullets off the streets of America. This is not step one in the "War Against the Second Amendment."

I think President Obama is the most incompetent and arrogant occupant of the White House ever, however, I am not ready to be fitted for a tin foil helmet, not now or not anytime soon. Things may be bad, but not that bad. America will survive Obama, like we survived other losers in the White House in the past.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

"Queene Helene" — Going Strong Since the 1930s



Ciao Bella,

There are a zillion face remedies out there. You must find the one that's right for you, for whatever complexion malady you may face. One standby for over 75 years strong is Queene Helene Mint Julep Face Masque. I'm sure most of my audience has heard of it and may even use it. The Mint Julep Masque is one of those standby products that lives up to its name and reputation.

In the 1940s my Nana and Mom's salon not only used the product on their customers, but also retailed it. I remember it always around. The all-time favorite green masque helps to extract purities, absorb excess oil and minimize pores. Just one time after use your skin is purified and oil free with a velvety touch complexion. It works so well



on normal skin although great for oily and acne prone complexions. The best news is its quite inexpensive. I've been educating gals for years that you don't have to break the bank for good skin care.

The founder of Queene Helene, Richard Estrin, expanded his knowledge of the beauty industry by obtaining a degree in Chemistry. In New York he became a partner in Para Laboratories — a cosmetics lab. This is where Mr. Estrin launched his hair and skin line of Queene Helene, proudly named after a colleague's daughter, when a fellow sales rep referred to his baby as "Queen Helene!"

So for soft clear skin, go green today!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

— Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

Read prior weeks' "All That Zazz" columns at www.allthatzazz.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.

Saint Agnes of Bohemia

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Agnes of Bohemia, also called Agnes of Prague, was born in Prague in the year 1200. Agnes was the daughter of King Ottokar I of Bohemia, making her a descendant of Saint Ludmila and Saint Wenceslaus, patron saints of Bohemia. Agnes' mother was Constance of Hungary, who was the sister of King Andrew II of Hungary, so Agnes was a first cousin to St. Elizabeth of Hungary. At an early age she was sent to the monastery of Treinitz, where she was educated at the hands of the Cistercians.

Agnes was engaged to Henry, son of Frederick II, Emperor of Germany, when she was nine. She was overjoyed when Henry married the daughter of the Duke of Austria, as she had offered herself to God and hoped to live a life of austerity and virginity. Her brother then betrothed her to Emperor Frederick, and when in



1235 Frederick sent for her, she petitioned Pope Gregory IX to intercede. Frederick was incensed that she would

refuse him but, on learning that St. Agnes had left him to become the spouse of Christ, he is said to have remarked: "If she had left me for a mortal man, I would have taken vengeance with the sword, but I cannot take offence because in preference to me, she has chosen the King of Heaven." He released her from their engagement.

In 1236 Agnes entered the Order of St. Clare in the monastery of St. Saviour in Prague, which she herself arranged to have built. The Convent was staffed by five nuns sent by St. Clare, Agnes was named abbess soon after and became renowned for her humility, aid to the poor, and her dedication to poverty. She died in Prague on March 2, 1282. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II on November 12, 1989.

St. Agnes Feast Day is celebrated on March 2nd.

Spring Forward Gala

to Benefit the Old North Church

The family and friends of the Old North Church invite you to join them for their 2015 fundraising Gala "SPRING FORWARD" on Thursday, March 19th, from 6:00-9:00 pm, at Filippo's Ristorante, 283 Causeway Street in Boston's historic North End.

Ticket price includes substantial hors d'oeuvres and dancing. There will also be a cash bar, silent auction, and an amazing opportunity to win a week stay at Sei Stelle, a charming B&B located in Sulmona, (Abruzzo) Italy. The two-bedroom suite with private bath, is located in a 13th century home has been totally renovated to include modern amenities like air conditioning and high-speed internet access. Private art and cooking lessons can be arranged. The prize in-

cludes \$1,000 in addition to the B&B accommodations.

This dream vacation would not be possible without the generosity of Anna and Filippo Frattaroli, who have graciously donated the suite in their beautiful home.

Event proceeds support the following: Old North Church Out Reach Programs such as Piccoli Regali, a resource that provides local seniors with socialization and food assistance during the long winter months. A summer internship provides paid employment opportunities for Boston area high school students.

You can purchase your tickets by calling 617-523-6676 or on line at <http://gala2015onc.eventbrite.com?s=3277302102>.

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Migliori Awards

Pirandello Lyceum President Rosario Cascio has announced this year's recipients of the prestigious "I Migliori in Mens et Gesta" award, the "Best in Mind and Deed." The Board of Governors has recognized a group of outstanding Americans of Italian descent who have made important contributions to their profession, to society and to the Italian-American community.

The I Migliori honorees for 2015 are:

Josephine Cuzzi, Management-Leadership

Senator Sal Di Domenico, Public Service

Giuseppe Giangregorio, Italian Community

Alberto Mustone, Italian Culture

Paul Parravano, Education

James F. Pinzino, International Business

Atty. Frank Privitera, Jr., Law-Philanthropy

PRESIDENT'S AWARD:

Rev. Richard C. Messina, Religion

You are welcome to attend the I Migliori Awards Dinner on Saturday evening, March 28, 2015, at the Hyatt Harborside Hotel, Boston Logan Airport on 101 Harborside Drive, 617-568-1234. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, 6:00 pm., Dinner at 7:00 pm. Proceeds from the dinner benefit the Pirandello Scholarship Fund.

For additional information, call Dorothy Maio at 781-245-6536 or Maria Capogreco at 617-567-1233. Validated parking will be available. We are pleased Mr. Frank Zarba and Mr. Ray Cavicchio will be present for your listening and dancing pleasure. And also pleased to have our 2014 I Migliori Honoree, Ms. Angela Peri, President of Boston Casting, as our Master of Ceremonies.

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Friends of the North End (South)

Celebrate 7th Annual Reunion

The Friends of the North End (South) celebrated their 7th annual reunion in Del Ray Beach, Florida on Sunday, March 1st. Seventy-two original North Enders convened at Coco Woods Community Center to dine and reminisce. Victor Passacantilli read his narrative on North End nicknames, Ron Fuccillo read his poem of what it was like growing up in the North End and Gus Pesaturo read Nick Di Masi's essay about being a camper

at Maplewood Caddy Camp. Paul Viscione and Joe Sarno recounted hilarious stories involving a couple of notorious North Enders. Gus Pesaturo reminisced about growing up on Hull Street and the strategic location of Snelling Place for the Sunday morning crap game. Special thanks go out to Camille and Louie Gilardi who started the Florida reunion seven years ago. Camille is truly the driving force behind the success of the re-

union with all the time and effort she puts in. Kudos are also in order to Diane Pesaturo, who designed the map of the North End which was set atop the cake and to Joanne and Charlie Coppola for their help with the reunion all winter long. Everyone departed yet again with a sense of nostalgia and pride in a unique neighborhood, especially Patty and Nick La Rosa who were born, bred and still proudly reside in the North End.



Richie Dinabel, Anthony Cucinatti, Peter Buonasaro, Joe Sarno, Benny De Christoforo and Joel Raffa



Jeannie La Rosa, Nancy Gaudin, Rose Musto, Lucille Capone and Marie Smith



Diane Pesaturo, Lucille Giganti, Lola Bonfiglio and Billy Settipane



Charlie Coppola, Victor Passacantilli, Louie Gilardi, Gus Pesaturo and Joe Sarno



Front, Kneeling: Nicky La Rosa and Joann Capone Middle Row: Ray Capone, Lucille Capone, Julie Raftery, Patty La Rosa, Marie Smith and Jim Smith Back Row: Bob Raftery and Pat Capone



Front: Charlie Coppola, Louie Gilardi, Camille Gilardi and Joanne Coppola. Back: Sabina Taylor and Angela Lombardozzi

• Madaro Wins Primary (Continued from Page 1)

community to ensure that East Boston continues to grow and prosper. All the candidates showed how much they love East Boston, which means that East Boston was the biggest winner

on Primary Day. Madaro will face independent candidate Joanne Pomodoro in the special general election on Tuesday, March 31st to succeed Basile's House seat.



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SANDRA O. MENJIVAR SALAVERRIA
Also Known As
SANDRA MENJIVAR

vs.

ELMAN N. ARRIAGA REYES

To the Defendant:

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Sandra O. Menjivar Salaverria, Sandra Menjivar, 1 Boland Street, Waltham, MA 02453** your answer, if any, on or before **April 7, 2015**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 24, 2015
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 3/6/15



Freeway Says ...

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

WHAT'S BEHIND BAD PET BREATH?

Just like people, some dogs and cats have stinky breath. Here's how to recognize if the stench signals a serious health problem and how to say bye-bye to bad pet breath. Bad dog breath or cat breath can certainly be unpleasant, but more importantly it could also be an indication of a health problem. Bad breath in pets is most commonly due to dental disease, including gingivitis, periodontitis, and decayed or abscessed teeth. There are other all too common factors that can cause bad breath in pets, non-medical causes include eating malodorous foods or coprophagy (eating feces). When bad breath becomes a problem in rare instances, it could be an indicator of a more serious health problem. An ammonia odor may be due to kidney disease while an acetone-type odor can be a sign of diabetes. Other pet illnesses that include bad breath include possible symptoms of: sinusitis, rhinitis, neoplasia, autoimmune disease, FeLV and FIV in cats, foreign bodies, and open fractures. Considering all these possibilities, it's best to see your veterinarian if the bad breath is lingering and persistent. You should always have your veterinarian examine your pet if you notice any odor coming from its mouth, as many of these causes are potentially life-threatening conditions. At minimum, most of these will cause discomfort for your pet.





In most, non-chronic cases, brushing your pet's teeth is the simplest way to remedy the situation. I would recommend purchasing a pet specific toothbrush. There are brushes with longer handles for big dogs and brushes that fit over your finger for small dogs and cats. If you've never brushed dog teeth or cat teeth before, you may want to start with a damp washcloth or gauze passed over teeth to get them used to the sensation. Then you can switch to the toothbrush. Concentrate on the outside surfaces of the teeth. Place the toothbrush at a 45-degree angle at the gum line and use short back and forth, circular motions along the base of the tooth and in between teeth. You may only be able to do a few teeth during these early sessions, but don't get discouraged. Most pets can be taught to accept tooth brushing if you are patient and take it slowly.

- Here are other tips that our experts recommend:
- DON'T IGNORE IT.** Since bad breath might be hiding a more serious medical condition, have a vet check it out first.
 - HAVE NECESSARY DENTAL WORK DONE.** In some instances, dental work on your pet's teeth or gums may be necessary to eliminate the problem, so don't be surprised if this is what your vet recommends.
 - RELY ON BRUSHING.** Once your vet has given the okay, you can incorporate pet teeth brushing based on the techniques explained above.
 - CONSIDER RINSES.** Certain additives to your pet's drinking water and oral rinses may be effective at reducing bad breath. Speak with your veterinarian as to which ones may be best for your pet.
 - CHOOSE THE RIGHT CHEW.** Dental chews claim to clean your pet's teeth, but most dental treats are not effective. Ask your vet what would be best to use.
- Set aside time to take care of your pet's dental needs not only for better breath, but most importantly for your pet's overall good health.

That's all for now!

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Docket No. MI15P0832GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the Matter of
RALPH G. FIORILLO
of Waltham, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by William Murray of Waltham, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Ralph G. Fiorillo is in need of a Guardian and requesting that William Murray of Waltham, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of March 27, 2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 27, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 3/6/15

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
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Docket No. MI15P0772GD
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED
PERSON PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the Matter of
EVERDENE P. KIRKPATRICK
of Watertown, MA

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Meredith S. Davison of Cambridge, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Everdene P. Kirkpatrick is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of April 22, 2015. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 25, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 3/6/15

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800
Docket No. MI15P0834EA
Estate of
SHIRLEY C. BACKALER
Date of Death December 25, 2014
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

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

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on March 27, 2015.

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

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

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

Date: February 27, 2015
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 3/6/15

LEGAL NOTICE

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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 Giaratani

ANTI-PALESTINIAN
FLIERS POSTED AT
UMASS AMHERST

Last week, fliers comparing an UMass Amherst student group that supports Palestinian rights to Hamas were found around campus and members of the group filed a complaint with police and called on the university to condemn the posters. Said the vice president of Students for Justice in Palestine, "A lot of our members feel very threatened." The poster showed two men in black masks holding guns over a hostage bearing the words "Jew Haters." The posters went up by the way during Israeli Apartheid Week criticizing Israeli policies.

Being politically correct, the university's vice chancellor of student affairs and campus life said the posters were "deeply upsetting."

Some on campus said they were worried about the fliers' extreme threatening nature and the vice president of the targeted campus group stated, "We don't want any of our members to feel threatened."

Poor babies, get a life, people don't always agree with each other. It is called a free country with freedom to speak out on issues. If this makes you feel bad, I guess you should just block your ears. Stop talking about feelings and start talking about individual liberty.

THE GOVERNMENT
SHOULD PUT THE FIX
TO HIGHER TUITION?

Last week, a Boston Herald letter writer identifying himself as a grad student from Bridgewater State Univer-

sity, opined about college tuition being out of control. The writer was concerned how tuition hikes make it nearly impossible to pay off loans and keeps many students from even considering college. He thought, "It is time for the government to address the issue." Let's see we already have ObamaCare, we soon will have ObamaNet, so why not get ObamaEd as well. Too often, government is not the solution, just the problem.

INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY

This year's Boston celebration honoring the achievements of women around the world is coming up this Sunday, March 8th at 1:00 pm at Spinelli's in Lynnfield. For more information, call Francesca at 781-558-0841. Get together, make it happen.

TAKING A LOOK AT
STORE'S "RIGHT LOOK"?

Abercrombie & Fitch, a giant nationwide teen clothing mecca image is being looked at by the U.S. Supreme Court in regards to the company's dress requirement and religious rights according to the Boston Herald's resident liberal Kimberly Atkins.

The company has a "Look Policy" to protect the company's preppy all-American look. The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission claims the company violated federal anti-discrimination laws when it refused to hire a teenager back in 2008 because she wore a black hijab to her job interview. The teen was Muslim. Did the company violate Title VII of the Civil Rights Act? The

company doesn't think so and I agree with them. No company is mandated by law to offer religious-based accommodations to employees based on the applicant's look. Do they? Can Abercrombie & Fitch or Victoria's Secret be forced by government to hire workers who wear hijabs, turbans or yarmulkes?

Personally, I am no big fan of what A&F sell on their racks, but I am a big fan of individual liberty and it is still a free country. Sometimes I wonder if people try to get an unlikely job just to sue 'em.

I think it will be a cold day in hell when a Muslim female starts walking down the runway in a Victoria's Secret swimsuit.

NOTE FROM MOSSY
IN THE MISSION
HILL GAZETTE

I used to work with Mossy Martin over at the Shattuck Hospital back in my police days years ago in Jamaica Plain. Mossy is a Mission Hill guy and his column in the Mission Hill Gazette is a must read for that neighborhood.

Recently, he congratulated local tavern owner Diarmuid O'Neill and his wife Sara on the adoption of their four children from Ethiopia. O'Neill owns the Squealing Pig in Mission Hill and recently purchased the West End Pub in West Roxbury.

HOWIE CARR'S
NIGHT OF CRIME

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Good thinking! A pair of paramedics used modern technology to assist them in performing an age-old procedure. Gerry McCann and Shane Mulcahy were rushing a Congolese mother-to-be to the hospital when she started to give birth. But she didn't speak English, so the EMTs couldn't instruct her until McCann opened the Google Translate app on his phone, helping ensure a successful delivery. "I was translating Swahili into English on the side of the road between Macroom and Lissarda," McCann said. "It's something I think I won't ever forget."

Ready for this? When Ashley McIntyre heard that a young Kentucky man named Danny Robinson needed a kidney transplant, she was so struck by his story that she decided to find out if she could be the donor. The Kidney, and the couple matched perfectly. "It was clear early on that this was it," McIntyre recalled of meeting Robinson. Five months after the lifesaving transplant, Robinson asked McIntyre to marry him. "I never in a million years imagined this would happen," said McIntyre, who is expecting the couple's first child in June. "Its crazy how it all worked out"

The VP treatment, after Vice President Joe Biden put his nose in the neck and hair of Stephanie Carter, touched her shoulders and whispered intimately into her ear as her husband, Ashton, was sworn in as Secretary of Defense. One Twitter wag called Biden America's "creepy uncle."

The National Enquirer reports an Avocado a day can reduce the risk of diabetes, stroke and coronary artery diseases. People who eat avocados are more likely to have a lower body weight, and have an advantage in dietary strategy for cancer prevention. The amazing avocado even packs in plenty of fiber and vital vitamins!

It is now public, almost 4,000 blacks were lynched in the American South between the end of the Civil War and World War II according to a new report by the Equal Justice Initiative — more than 20 percent higher than previously reported.

Deadly news! One out of every five suicides in the world can be linked to unemployment, according to a new study in The Lancet Psychiatry. Joblessness was responsible for about 45,000 suicides each year from 2000 to 2011, with a noticeable uptick following the 2008 global financial crisis.

Huh? A rise in late payments on two fast-growing types of debt suggest some American consumers are "getting in over their heads," said Neil Shah in *The Wall Street Journal*. U.S. household debt tied to credit cards, mortgages, student loans, and car loans rose \$117 billion, to \$11.8 trillion, in the final quarter of 2014. There's evidence that some consumers are being more careful to pay their bills on time though, as student debt and car loans proved to be the exceptions. In both sectors, the share of debt that was overdue jumped slightly.

No longer citizens! A record 3,415 people renounced their U.S. citizenship or long-term residency in 2014, a 14 percent increase from last year's own record-breaking total of 2,999 individuals. Many are believed to have given up their ties in order to avoid U.S. taxation.

We wonder how the sitcom star Valerie Bertinelli has being doing with her weight. Last year she said she gained back weight she lost after she went on her diet. At one time she was down to 123 pounds and last year she weighed 173 pounds. Wow.

Why the rich and poor cheat. Not all cheaters are created equal, said Matthew Hutson in *NYMag.com*. Repeated studies have indicated that the rich "are often more likely" to behave unethically than poor people. But new research finds that "in certain circumstances, it's the poor who are more likely to cheat." The difference? "The rich do wrong to help themselves, while the poor do wrong to help others."

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill says, "Poverty is contagious. You can get it from your wife."

Giuseppina, cosce storte, says, "Being poor is no sin, but what good is it?"

Belated birthday greetings! The wonderful,

attractive, brilliant Barbara D'Amico who celebrated her twenty-first birthday on March 4th. Seriously, Barbara is an ageless wonder who still looks like she's still sweet sixteen.

Last week, same-sex couples wed in early-morning ceremonies across Florida, exchanging vows minutes after midnight following the end of a statewide ban on gay marriage.

The future belongs to the English language, said John McWhorter. English is rapidly becoming what the creators of Esperanto had envisioned: a language spoken on every continent, and the primary medium for communication among different nations. Today almost 2 billion people speak English in some degree, and soon one out of three people on Earth will be able to converse in it. Yes, English has taken over the world.

Interesting to note, the new Congress is 80 percent white, 80 percent male, and 92 percent Christian. That makes it one of the most diverse in history. Although 20 percent of the public has no religious affiliation, only 0.2 percent of Congress claims to be in that category.

This year's flu virus may be especially severe, warns the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, as health officials are reporting high levels of infections across 43 states. At least 21 children, 18 and under, have died from the flu as of the latest reporting period — more than five times the fatalities reported at this time in 2013.

Minimum wage workers across the country got a raise on January 1st, said Alison Vekshin in *Bloomberg.com*. After a White House effort to raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 to \$10.10 failed to gain traction in Congress, legislators in 20 states from Hawaii to Massachusetts, raised the minimum hourly pay for their workers, effective this year. Washington now leads the nation with a minimum wage of \$9.47. Overall, the 2015 increases mean that 60 percent of D.S. workers are covered by minimum wage laws that exceed the federal level.

Rest in peace Edward Brooke III. In brief, the voters of Massachusetts elected him the first black state Attorney General in 1962. Four years later, the same voters made Brooke the first African-American to ever win a U.S. Senate seat in a popular election. TV news woman Barbara Walters admitted she had an affair with the married senator — allegations of financial improprieties wrecked Brookes.

Jerre Mangione (1909-1998) was one of the most celebrated early Italian American writers. His 1978 book, *An Ethnic At Large*, explored the evolution of Mangione's identity from child of Sicilian immigrants to an American. His last book, *La Storia*, which he co-authored with Ben Morreale, is a monumental five-century social history of the Italians in America.

Our stately musicologist and show biz wiz reports what Stephen Boyd had to say about Clifton Webb. "Clifton Webb was fascinating to watch and listen to, a born wit He was his own greatest creation, his roles were all molded in his own personality. He never married, but nobody would think of bringing up that topic. However, I heard that a director once asked him, face-to-face, "Are you a homosexual?" and Webb replied, "Devout!" And Bette Davis had this to say about Faye Dunaway. "Before I ever worked with Faye Dunaway, I admired her cheek-bones. After all she was a fashion model, wasn't she? Now I can only admire her cheek. And she acts like a fusion model." For you East Bostonians, Louis Prima's dynamic drummer was Jimmy Vincent. His true name is Jimmy Faraci. And one more time! The great music manager and composer Jerry Gray's true name is Jerry Graziano. Once again! The music scale: do, re, me, fa, so, la, ti, do, was created by an Italian. The first piano was created in 1700 by Bartolomeo Cristofori who called it piano e forte.



Parla Come Mangi! (Speak as You Eat!)

by Alessandra Sambiasi



Benvenuti! This month we will visit Piemonte which translates literally as the "land at the foot of the mountains". This second to the biggest Italian region borders France to the north. Its alpine high peaked mountains, beautiful valleys and glacial lakes along with natural mineral springs give this region its uniquely beautiful mountainous charm. White truffles from Alba, chestnuts, cardoons, wild game, cheese like Castelmagno and Gorgonzola, rice like Arborio, Carnaroli and Vialone growing in the Po valley are signature food products of this region. Piemonte is home for excellence in chocolate and confectionary: among many are the rich and velvety gianduiotti chocolate, still hand made in local artisan chocolate stores. Cuneo, city in Piemonte, is home to the Ferrero factory, producer of brands like Nutella. To this very day, pane e Nutella (bread and Nutella) is the number one snack for Italian children. Barolo, Barbera, Nebbiolo, Barbaresco and Dolcetto, regional wines of certified origin and outstanding quality as well as the herb-flavored Vermouth produced in Torino, are widely appreciated in the U.S. This week's recipe is a great example of Piedmontese influence on French cooking and illustrates the exchange of gastronomic ideas between France and Italy that dates back to the time when Piemonte was part of the Savoy kingdom (including France, Switzerland and Italy) and the Savoy dialect, a variety of French, was spoken. Bagna caòda (hot bath) is a vegetable fondue or dipping sauce. Vegetables are quickly dipped in a hot sauce of garlic and mashed anchovies and eaten along with toasted bread. Very traditional and popular throughout Piemonte.

Bagna Caòda (serves six)

4 Tbsp butter	¼ lb anchovy fillets
5 cloves of garlic, thinly sliced and without the hearts	Assorted fresh vegetables like celery, carrots, fennel, cauliflower, bell pepper, cardoons
1 cup extra virgin olive oil	Slices of toasted Italian bread

Preparation: wash and cut the vegetables in bite-size pieces and arrange into a serving platter. Melt the butter in a pan and sauté the garlic. Gradually add the olive oil and stir in the anchovies to obtain a creamy consistency. Simmer for about 30 minutes and transfer into an (electric or a traditional) fondue pot. Bring to the table and keep the temperature on simmer. Dip the vegetables in the bagna caòda and enjoy them along with some toasted bread. If you don't have a fondue pot, use a pre-heated terra cotta bowl in order to keep the bagna caòda at a constant hot temperature. Buon appetito!

Bagna Caòda (Serve Sei)

50 g di burro	Verdure fresche assortite come sedano, carote, finocchio, cavolfiore, peperone, cardi crude o scottate
5 spicchi d'aglio privati dell'anima e sminuzzati	Fette di pane tostato
250 ml di olio extra vergine di oliva	
100 grammi di filetti di acciughe sott'olio	

Preparazione: taglia le verdure a strisce o a pezzi monoporzione. Adagiale su un piatto da portata. Sciogli il burro in un tegamino e aggiungi l'aglio. Gradatamente aggiungi l'olio e le acciughe, mescolando in modo da ottenere una consistenza cremosa. Fai sobollire per circa 30 minuti e trasferisci in una pentola per founduta (elettrica o tradizionale). Porta in tavola mantenendo la temperatura costante e molto calda. Intingi le verdure nella bagna caòda e accompagnale col pane tostato. Se non hai una pentola per founduta, usa un pentolino di terracotta precedentemente scaldato in modo da mantenere la bagna caòda a temperatura costante a tavola. Buon appetito!

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JANETT YVONNE JONES
Date of Death February 20, 2013

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Estate of
LOYD RANDEL ROGERS
Date of Death December 27, 2004

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means more cheaply paid janitors, dishwashers, etc.

At this point, I see Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell seemingly playing politics when it comes to immigration and the president's executive order. I hear folks like US Senators John McCain and Lindsay Graham sounding like they are trying to play both ends against the middle. These RINOs seem to be more concerned about their political image than actually doing something about the problem. At election time, they sound like Barry Goldwater but post-election, they turn into George McGovern. A more modern analogy might be either Ted Cruz or Charlie Schumer for the millennial generation.

The Return of Susan Rice

National Security Adviser Susan Rice is back again. Recently on Charlie Ross' PBS show, she blasted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's scheduled March 3rd address to Congress as "destructive of the fabric of our relationship" between Israel and the United States.

Netanyahu, like Winston Churchill before him, is worried about the gathering storm surrounding his country. Back in the 1930s, it was Nazi storm troopers across Europe. This time it is Radical Islam and the threat of Iranian nuclear weapons. Israel is one of our strongest allies and the only free, civilized and stable nation in the Middle East. The prime minister is coming to America to warn Congress of the mortal threats his country, as well as and ours, face if we don't stand up together and stop empowering the forces of evil. The national security of civilization hangs in the balance.

CPAC Nonsense Every February

The Conservative Political Action Conference has become an annual event for conservatives across the country. It takes place every year and showcases the best conservative stars of the previous year as well as giving attendees a chance to see all the up-and-coming future

prospects of both the GOP and the conservative movement.

It's a chance to hear the latest conservative blabber and see some of the biggest names in the news. There are dinners, guest speakers, programs, hustlers, all pushing campaign buttons for sale and workshops for local folks to take back home with them.

Many of those attending are conservative Republicans or Tea Party activists. All are there to energize the movement and themselves. Back in the 1970's, I attended CPAC and it gave me a chance to see activists from across America and also a good chance to see Washington, DC. U.S Rep. John Ashbrook was the big star when I attended. Conservatives loved him, some even wanted to see him in the White House. I was young, so I thought he was much too old, he was probably 48 years old at the time.

Today, I can't even remember which state he represented in Congress. I did, however, buy plenty of neat campaign buttons.

Who's big this year? Scott Walker, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Rand Paul and trendy Sarah Palin. Who's not? John McCain, Mitch McConnell, and most of all, Jeb Bush. Recently, Mark Levin called Jeb Bush, the "Dumbest Bush" on his weekday talk show. Ouch! Oh, I forgot Rick Perry. I still like him even though he imploded on stage back in 2012 answering a softball question. Perry is my Pat Buchanan this year.

Bottom line, the Republicans are screwing up on Capitol Hill after their November landslide. The Democrats are still messing with them and seemingly winning the game. We have less than two years to go and who is the frontrunner for the GOP? Jeb Bush? Many Republicans can't stand him. If he goes up against Hillary, we can expect another Clinton in the White House.

What's a good conservative to do but whine at the moment?

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GLORIA JEAN HILL
Date of Death February 11, 2011

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Estate of
DANIEL LEE PRIDGEN
Date of Death May 26, 2012

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Estate of
DOROTHY MAE WOODS
Date of Death May 25, 2003

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Estate of
J.B. PATTERSON, JR.
Date of Death February 19, 2004

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NURSE JACKIE: SEASON 6 (Blu-ray)

Lionsgate Home Ent.

The twisted and darkly funny 'Nurse Jackie' returns for a sixth season with Edie Falco as Jackie Peyton, a role that has earned Falco her fourth consecutive Primetime Emmy nomination. Jackie realizes sobriety is the ultimate cover for getting high, and now she's saving lives at work, taking care of her kids, and her boyfriend is loving the new her. Everyone's fooled, but what goes up must come down!

OLIVE KITTERIDGE (DVD)

HBO Home Ent.

'Olive Kitteridge' tells the poignantly sweet, acerbically funny and devastatingly tragic story of a seemingly placid New England town wrought with illicit affairs, crime and tragedy, told through the lens of Olive (Frances McDormand), whose wicked and harsh demeanor mask a warm but troubled heart and staunch moral center. The story, which spans 25 years, focuses on her relationships with her husband, Henry (Richard Jenkins); and their son, Christopher (John Gallagher, Jr.).

THE AVIATORS (Blu-ray) Cinedigm

Join 'The Aviators' in this thrilling and patriotic tale based on an incredible true story. When life on a peaceful farm is disrupted, a brave group of carrier pigeons and their quirky mouse friend (Jeff Foxworthy-voice), team up to defeat the enemy. Following their fearless — and feathered — leader (Brad Garrett-voice), the unlikely heroes work together to save the lives of American soldiers.

GAME OF THRONES: FOURTH SEASON (DVD)

HBO Home Ent.

In the suspenseful fourth season the Lannisters' control over the Iron Throne remains intact, the question is, can they survive their own egos as well as the ongoing threats around them? While an unshaken Stannis Baratheon continues to rebuild his army on Dragonstone, a more immediate danger comes from the south, as Oberyn Martell, the Lannister-loathing "Red Viper of Dorne," arrives at King's Landing to attend Joffrey's wedding. At the Wall, the Night's Watch seems overmatched against Mance Rayder's advancing army of wildings, which in turn is being trailed by an even more formidable foe. Non-stop excitement provides thrilling scenarios, not to be missed!

LAGGIES (Blu-ray)

Lionsgate Home Ent.

Keira Knightley and Chloe Grace Moretz shine in this feel-good comedy about two unlikely friends: Megan, a

28-year-old who's not ready for adulthood, and Annika, a 16-year-old who wonders if there's life after high school. As their paths intertwine in surprising and hilarious ways, Megan and Annika help each other to stop lagging ... and start living!

THE EASTER PROMISE + ADDIE AND THE KING OF HEARTS (DVD)

CBS+Paramount

Two inspiring tales of tradition with this Mills family double feature! Addie Mills is a spunky and sharp-minded young girl who takes life's lessons to heart and enjoys adding fun and variety to the lives of her stern and serious father James and her quirky Grandma. In 'The Easter Promise,' Addie befriends a famous but down-on-her-luck actress and encourages her to give back to the community by hosting the school fashion show and having dinner with one of her old schoolmates -- James! Love is in the air in 'Addie and the King of Hearts,' as Addie copes with her father's new girlfriend and develops a crush of her own during the Valentine's Day dance. With each heartwarming adventure, we are reminded of the importance of kindness, community, and family.

DIGIMON FUSION: SEASON ONE (DVD) Cinedigm

A human boy and his two best friends are transported into the Digital World where they encounter a strange group of creatures called "Digimon" who engage in epic battles for control of their empire. Mikey Kudo and his friends, Angie and Jeremy, meet a feisty Digimon called Shoutmon and his formidable but quirky companions. Brave Shoutmon longs to be the King of the Monsters and asks for the kids' help to achieve his goal. Mikey agrees to help but Evil forces threaten annihilation, and Mikey is charged with leading the Fusion Fighters against the evil Bagra Army, putting the fate of Digital World in the hands of one human boy, before being deleted once and for all!

POWER RANGERS SUPER MEGAFORCE: THE SILVER WARRIOR (DVD)

Lionsgate Home Ent.

As the fight against evil Prince Vekar's alien Armada gets tougher, the Power Rangers Super Megaforce find themselves receiving help from the Legendary Samurai and Jungle Fury Red Ranger! The odds are further evened when the Rangers are joined by an unexpected new ally from another planet, -- Orion the Silver Ranger! Witness more action, more teamwork, and more Legendary Rangers than ever before, in these four epic episodes.



History of Football in Boston Part I Boston 1860's



Monument on Boston Common commemorating the Oneida Football Club with surviving members in 1925.



Drawing of an Oneida match on Boston Common.

With the Civil War occupying headlines and the minds of the century old republic with the nightmarish notion of separation, a group of Boston area preparatory school boys met on the pastures of Boston Common to play a game. At this time the "game" lacked any real rules, and was quite chaotic and frankly disorganized, symbolic of the nation it was being played in. This would change when a student from the Latin School, Gerrit Smith "Gat" Miller decided that he had had enough of this violent and messy affair. Miller, the grandson of well-known New York abolitionist Gerrit Smith, wanted to fashion a game that would follow a specific system of rules and sought out to organize and produce a less violent, more gentlemanly game.

This was an era before the evolution of the forward

pass, so Miller blended running, a precursor to rugby, and kicking, from the ever-popular sport of soccer, to create what historians refer to as the "Boston Game", a hybrid of the two sports.

During the summer of 1862, he and about 15 other boys formed a squad, the Oneida Football Club.

Wearing simple gear consisting of a red silk handkerchief tied around player's heads, between the years 1862-1865, it is chronicled that the Oneida's never lost a match or surrendered a point. The objective of the game was to cross the opposition's goal line, (sound familiar?) while taking part in a continuous play, until one team had accomplished the feat twice. This could last hours.

The most famous game in Oneida history came in a November 7, 1863 meeting versus a combined squad from Boston Latin and English schools. After nearly three hours of mostly non-stop action, the Oneida's triumphed as they would throughout their three-year existence.

This new way of playing the sport was soon adopted in area colleges, most notably at Harvard University



Ball used by the Oneida Club during its November 7, 1863 match versus the inter-school squad of Boston's Latin and English schools.

(Courtesy of Historic New England, 141 Cambridge Street, Boston)

during the 1870's. Harvard would stay with the Boston style while other Ivy League Universities such as Yale and Princeton continued to use the traditional kicking game. This in turn put Harvard University on the path to playing rugby, primarily versus the MacGill School in Montreal, Canada. These interactions would lead to other U.S. schools joining in on the fun.

Although it was far from the game that Tom Brady has played to perfection with the New England Patriots, a solid case can be made that the birth of the game we love today began in the city of Boston.

Gray Humor at Kowloon



Pictured (L-R) Agent Sean Stellato, Kowloon owner Andy Wong, New England Patriot Jonas Gray and myself

It's not every night that a person has the opportunity to sit back with a drink, take in a delicious meal, all while hearing standup from a Super Bowl Champion football player. But that's exactly what unfolded at the Kowloon Restaurant on Route One in Saugus last Saturday night.

With NFL star Jonas Gray headlining the evenings pro-

gram at the Restaurant's second floor Komedly Club, a packed house had the first rate privilege of seeing the lighter side of a sports celebrity.

Gray quickly got the crowd going when he fired a jab at himself, "Speaking of being late..." a reference to his unfortunate tardiness which led to his benching and sub-

sequent back-seat role on the Patriots running back depth chart. "People ask me 'How do you miss a practice?' but just to clarify, I was late to a meeting and then I also happened to miss practice." Gray humorously brought those in attendance into the world of the New England Patriots, in particular Head Coach Bill Belichick. "The worst part of the situation was having to face Coach Belichick. Explaining it to Bill was like falling asleep at the wheel of a car. You know you're in for imminent danger."

Gray shared the stage with Chris Zito, formerly of 103.3 WODS and local comedian Mark Scalia who each did their part in filling the room with laughter. "Looks like Jonas is running a little late. Bad news is he may not make tonight's show, good news is that LeGarette Blount will take his spot

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
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Docket No. MI15P0444EA

Estate of
MICHAEL R. SCOTTI
Date of Death November 15, 2014

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Lynn D. Scotti of Winchester, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Lynn D. Scotti of Winchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Middlesex Division
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Docket No. MI15P0497EA

Estate of
MARGARITA AGUILAR
Date of Death September 25, 2011

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Felipe M. Aguilar of San Antonio, TX**.

Felipe M. Aguilar of San Antonio, TX has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Docket No. MI15P0541EA

Estate of
JOAN E. ARCESE
Date of Death January 2, 2015

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Linda M. Finkle of Winthrop, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Linda M. Finkle of Winthrop, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
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Docket No. MI14P6206PM

CITATION FOR
ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

In the Matter of
ELLEN H. CAHN
Formerly of Belmont, MA
Now of Cambridge, MA

To all interested persons:

A petition has been filed by **Elizabeth C. Weiss** of Lexington, MA requesting the allowance of the Temporary 1st and final accounts of **Elizabeth Weiss** and **Henry Cahn**, 1st - 3rd accounts of **Elizabeth Weiss** & **Henry Cahn** & **Andrew Errato**, 4th - 10th accounts of **Elizabeth Weiss** & **Henry Cahn** & **Andrew Errato** as rendered by **Elizabeth Weiss** & **Andrew Errato**.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on March 19, 2015.

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

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 12, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 3/6/15

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
East Cambridge, MA 02141
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Docket No. MI15P0583EA

Estate of
GARY PARHAM BROWN
Date of Death February 10, 2011

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Valerie D. Brown of Rose Hill, NC**.

Valerie D. Brown of Rose Hill, NC has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Hamilton Says He Recently Relapsed

Los Angeles Angels outfielder Josh Hamilton reportedly had a relapse with cocaine. Hamilton met with MLB officials last Wednesday for what was reported as a disciplinary issue.

A report said Hamilton had confessed to going on a binge a couple of months back. There are no indications that he had failed any drug tests.

Hamilton had recent surgery on his right shoulder in early February.

The 2010 AL MVP is entering the third year of a five-year, \$125 million deal. So far through two seasons with the Angels, he has batted just .250 with 31 homers and 123 RBIs. Disappointing is the word.

He has had a history with drug addiction and alcohol abuse. I am rooting for him to get back on track. He's a good, but troubled guy.

K-Rod Signs Back with Brewers

Francisco Rodriguez has decided to go out to the pen again for the Milwaukee Brewers. The closer and team agreed to a \$13 million, 2-year deal after he tested free agency. Last season he was 44 of 49 in save opportunities.

Mission Hill Big Leaguer

Did you know that Tom Earley is the only Mission Hill athlete to make it to the big leagues? Earley graduated from Mission High in 1936. He pitched for the Boston Braves from 1938 to 1942 under Manager Casey Stengel. After WWII, he



Babe Ruth returned to Boston baseball when he signed with the Boston Braves on February 26, 1935. His glory days with the Bronx Bombers were over. He did have one three home run game with the Braves, but he no longer resided on the infamous "Murderer's Row" in his aging days at home plate. In this photo taken on April 9, 1935, you can see Charlie Dressen, Babe Ruth and Billy McKechnie.

played one more season and then retired in 1945.

Beltre Reworks Deal

Adrian Beltre and the Rangers have reworked the

final two years of the third baseman's \$96 million, six-year contract, eliminating the team's conditional right to void his 2016 salary. Beltre, batted .324, with 19 homers and 77 RBIs in 2014.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
Docket No. MI15P0773PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
CONSERVATOR OR OTHER
PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

In the matter of
Everdene P. Kirkpatrick
of Watertown, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Meredith S. Davison of Cambridge, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Everdene P. Kirkpatrick** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before **10:00 AM** on the return date of **April 22, 2015**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 25, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
Docket No. SU15P0303EA

Estate of
CLAIRE MARIE AMBROSINI
Also Known As
CLAIRE M. AMBROSINI
Date of Death October 29, 2014

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Vincent T. Ambrosini of Boston, MA**.

Vincent T. Ambrosini of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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• Gridiron

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here next Saturday." said Zito prior to Gray's arrival on stage.

The best line of the night wasn't even in jest as Gray spoke of the team's 2014 success saying, "The Patriots are a Championship team, because we have Championship fans."

If you missed the show, you'll have another chance to catch it on Thursday, April 30th when Jonas Gray will host an NFL draft party at the Kowloon, additional details to follow.

A special thanks to Kowloon ownership, the Wong family for hosting an evening that Patriots fans will never forget.

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LEONARD NIMOY

The Vulcan with a Cauliflower Ear



Fr. Callahan (Richard Rober) and Kid Baroni (Leonard Nimoy)

Leonard Nimoy, who was born and raised in Boston's West End, passed away recently. While Mr. Nimoy was never a boxer, and is best known for his role as Mr. Spock in the *Star Trek* TV series and movies, boxing did have a part in shaping his acting career.

I was never a big fan of *Star Trek*, but I have always found Leonard Nimoy to be a very fascinating man outside of the role he is famous for. He led a very interesting life and was active in many different art forms. Not only was he a TV and movie star, he also spent time on stage, was an accomplished photographer, poet, narrator, and even released a record album.

I viewed a 2014 documentary, *Leonard Nimoy's Boston*, his son Adam made about him. Mr. Nimoy and Adam spent time reminiscing and walking through the areas of Boston where Leonard grew up. The stories are wonderful to listen to, tales of selling newspapers, working for a vacuum dealer, and selling greeting cards, it brings us back to a very different Boston than the one we know now, before urban renewal destroyed a vibrant neighborhood and displaced many poor, but happy families.

The old West End was a lively neighborhood where many immigrants first settled when they came to this country. Leonard's parents arrived here from the Ukraine and were Jewish. There were many Jews in the area and also a huge population of Italians along with many other ethnic groups. The West End was a beautiful representation of the American Melting Pot.

The Nimoy's lived at 87 Chambers Street, which has since been covered over by the Charles River Park luxury apartments. Three doors down from their building was a synagogue where the Nimoy's would worship. The only remaining Jewish House of Worship from that period is the Vilna Shul on Phillips Street. A number of years ago, Nimoy narrated a documentary about the Vilna Shul in an effort to raise money to restore and preserve it. Towards the end of the film the camera zooms in briefly on a golden pair of hands that appear to

be giving the Vulcan sign of greeting. Mr. Nimoy in interviews has said that it was his memories of seeing this ancient symbol while worshipping that gave him the idea for it in the *Star Trek* series. He remembered seeing worshippers using it while he was at the synagogue and thought it was a beautiful gesture, and seeing that Earthlings of all backgrounds make some gesture towards each other when first meeting, be it a handshake, bow, salute, or something else, he thought it would be fitting for Vulcan's to have such a thing. Seeing as it was in a Boston synagogue that the young "Spock" first saw this, I think Boston can take some credit for what has become a gesture of peace known throughout the galaxies.

Leonard got his first taste of acting at the Elizabeth Peabody Community Settlement House at 357 Charles



Referee (Harvey Parry) and Kid Baroni

Street. While there he was spotted by a priest who was so impressed with his talent that he offered to fund 50% of a scholarship for him to attend a summer acting program at Boston College, an offer the young Nimoy jumped at. It would take years before he found success in the world of acting. While working to get by, he told a story of the time he was driving a cab in California when a young Jack Kennedy hailed him. They had a wonderful conversation in which they compared the commonalities in politics and acting. Kennedy told him that while there were many competing for leading



Poster for movie.

roles in both professions, "There was always room for one more good one."

So, where does boxing fit into all of this? Well, it turns out the first major film role Mr. Nimoy had was as a boxer in the movie *Kid Monk Baroni*. I watched the movie recently and it is pretty good. The future Mr. Spock plays



Angelo (Jack Larson) and Kid Baroni

the lead role of Monk Baroni, an angry young man with a disfigured face who finds an outlet for his anger in the boxing ring. It is appropriate that a priest leads him in this direction as that mirrors his journey to acting in his own life. The movie follows the usual boxing movie formula with the leading man finding success in the ring and love outside of it only to squander both, but to be led back to a good and meaningful life by his friends who never lost faith in him. Jack Larson, who portrayed Jimmy Olsen in the *Superman* TV series, plays Monk's best friend Angelo. Bruce Cabot is Monk's manager Mr. Hellman. Cabot is best remembered for his role in the original *King Kong* with Fay Wray. The entire movie was filmed in nine days and Nimoy was paid less than a thousand dollars for the part. It did receive decent reviews and was shown at the Bowdoin Square Movie House where the marquee proudly proclaimed "The West End's Own Leonard Nimoy Starring in *Kid Monk Baroni*."

Mr. Nimoy has said that the role did not lead to fame and fortune, it would be many more years before that happened, but it did something very important for him. He said it gave him the confidence that he could do the work. This confidence would serve to motivate him to keep sticking with it until he finally made it. He had the determination of a championship boxer. Oh, and he also showed some good footwork and hand movement in the movie. I have not been able to find out if he ever actually spent any time in the ring outside of the movie, but he certainly showed ability in the scenes I saw.

In 2012, Mr. Nimoy was given an honorary degree by Boston University. In his speech he said to the graduates, "You are the creators and curators of your own life and work. Give us your best. We crave it, we hunger for it." Leonard Nimoy always gave us his best and we are all the better for it.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



It's the stretch drive for the Bruins as the local team seeks to make the playoffs over the course of the final weeks of the regular season.

The NHL trading deadline came and went in the Bruins offices with management electing not to disturb the core of the team. That means that the team that has basically been in place since the start of the season will finish it, either remaining in the wild card slot it has occupied for weeks or slipping out of contention and into inactivity come the middle of April.

It's true that Jordan Caron is gone, traded to the Colorado Avalanche for center Maxime Talbot. But Caron was a utility player, the ultimate yoyo man on the B's roster since he shuttled between Providence and the Hub over the years as needed while never earning a permanent spot in the Boston lineup. However, timing is everything and Caron was on a Duck Boat in the 2011 B's Stanley Cup victory parade as the vehicles wound their way through the downtown streets of the Hub.

The Bruins also acquired Brett Connolly from Tampa Bay in exchange for draft picks. He was a first round selection in the 2010 draft and could be a positive addition as the B's make a run for the playoffs.

We've said it all along and we'll say it again. The 2014-2015 Bruins are a playoff team — when everyone is healthy and all players are firing on all cylinders. Unfortunately, there have been gaps in the season where the team has sagged and they needed to fight to right the ship.

But the B's, of late, have seemed to catch fire at just the right time. However, they may no longer be in full control of their own destiny. A victory, for example, does not necessarily mean putting additional distance between the B's and their fellow playoff aspirants.

A recent case in point came on the last day of February when the B's scored a pretty good victory over Arizona at the Garden. The B's came away with two points from that win, but didn't move a bit in the standings. Why? Because Florida, the B's nearest rival for a playoff berth, had won earlier in the day, meaning the B's had not been able to widen the four-point margin in the standings. So things remained as they were — with one less game to go in the regular season. In essence, the day for both teams was a tie.

Still, the B's played impressive hockey and sent the signal that they are ready to essentially defend their possession of their wild card playoff berth from all comers. And it may well be Florida, the team that picked up B's fan favorite Shawn Thornton last summer that poses the biggest challenge.

Indeed, the most referenced NHL team in the Hub outside of the B's may well be the Panthers over the next few weeks. "How did Florida do today" was heard up and down press row during the B's game with Arizona. Expect such queries to grow exponentially as the season enters its final fling.

As this was being written, Florida had narrowed the gap with Boston and was only two points behind the B's for the second wild card slot, with Philadelphia five points out and Ottawa six. What makes the situation with Florida especially interesting is that through a quirk in the schedule the Panthers and the B's will face off against one another three times in the closing weeks of the regular season.

The first will come at Florida on March 21st, while the second will be a matchup on Causeway Street on March 31st. The third will be at Florida on April 9th in the next to last game of the regular season. Two nights later the B's close out the campaign by playing at Tampa Bay. The Bruins also have two games at Ottawa — on March 10th and 19th while they also play at Washington (the team ahead of them in the wild card standings) on March 15th and April 8th.

"We have to continue to play like we did recently," offered Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chara. "We are gaining more confidence. We have about 18 games left and we know where we're at. It's going to be a fight until the end. A lot of teams are going to be fighting for those last spots and we just have to continue to play like we did recently (finishing February with back-to-back victories)."

Brad Marchand feels that the B's may well have turned the corner and are headed in the right direction. Thinking back to earlier in the season, he recalled "it just seemed that when things were going wrong, we still played good hockey, but still wound up with a loss. There were other years, like last year, when we didn't always play our best, but seemed to find a way to win. We're very happy with how we're progressing now. We're turning the corner and we're playing good hockey right now. We're going to continue to build on it and continue to get better."

Marchand expressed the growing confidence that the Bruins felt as February became March. "We can beat any team in this league on any given night. We know that, especially when our team is healthy. We're going to work and do the best we can."

The big question, though, is whether the Bruins "playing their best" will be enough. It could, especially with the showdown games that are looming with Florida, Ottawa and Washington. Opportunities to be gained or lost with the season on the brink.