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PATRIOT'S DAY 2012

The Old North Church hosted the 237th Anniversary Annual Lantern Ceremony on Sunday, April 15, 2012 that set in motion the American Revolution — which gave us one of the most famous phrases in American history: "One if by land, Two if by sea." This year, The Old North Church honored the work of the Red Sox Foundation and Massachusetts General Hospital's Home Base Program, which assists veterans returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. The 2012 keynote speaker was General (Ret.) Fred Franks. The lantern carriers were children of soldiers on active duty in Afghanistan.



Lantern Presentation: Arthur Coviello (Chair, Old North Foundation and Executive Chair, RSA, Security Division of EMC) presents the lantern to Gen. (Ret) Frederick M. Franks, Jr.

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Can Obama Get Re-elected This Year?

Sadly, I think he can and might pull it off. According to most polls, the *NY Times/CBS* poll says, Obama's approval rate is now 41 percent. According to the *Washington Post/ABC* poll that number is even lower at 38 percent. Either way, this president should be facing the same electoral predicament that Jimmy Carter faced in 1980 but will he? For most of us with eyes to see and ears to hear, this Obama Administration can't seem to do anything right yet does a great job of spinning with the liberal media's assistance.

Personally, I think liberals would like to see all of us driving tiny little cars and drive them much less. I don't understand things in Washington. The price of gasoline goes up because we continue to be held hostage by our enemies who have oil. The only way to drive down the price is to drill for more oil on our soil and to stop being dependent on oil from countries that basically hate us. However, Obama seems to be an enemy of drilling and this creates the crisis we now see as prices soar at the pumps. When the supply is increased, the price must drop. It is called the law of supply and demand.

Perhaps, we all should just ride around on bikes or segways? Every time I hear the White House or Department of Energy sermonize about energy

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THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL

Law and Justice Day Breakfast

by Adriana Guida



**HONORABLE
EDWARD M. VIOLA**
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The Twenty-Ninth Annual Law and Justice Day Breakfast sponsored by the Commission for Social Justice of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Order Sons of Italy in America will be held on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at The Crestview, 36 Montvale Avenue, Woburn, Massachusetts beginning at 9:00 am.

The Commission is pleased and honored to announce the following recipients of this year's awards.

The recipient of the "Justice Award" is The Honorable Edward M. Viola, Ret. Judge Viola was first appointed as a Special Justice to the Natick District Court in April 1973. From that point forward, he served with distinction in courts throughout the Commonwealth, presiding over criminal, civil, juvenile, and other cases until his retirement in 1999. He also has the honor of being the first Italian-American judge appointed to the

Medford Court. Since his retirement, Judge Viola has continued his community involvement as a CCD teacher at St. Patrick's Church in Watertown.

This year's recipient of the "Law Award" is Assistant District Attorney Michael Fabbri. ADA Fabbri serves as the Chief Trial Counsel for the Middlesex District Attorney's Office (MDAO). Over the course of his two-decade long career, he has held several positions in the MDAO, including Chief of the Special Investigations Unit, Deputy Chief of the Appeals and Training Bureau, and Framingham Regional Supervisor. He has also served in the Office of the Attorney General as an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Bureau, and as Deputy Chief of the Medicaid Fraud Con-

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North End to Honor its Historical Prado and the Sculptor of Paul Revere

CYRUS DALLIN, HIS PAUL REVERE STATUE AND THE PRADO

Community Celebration:

Sunday, April 29, 2012, 12-4 PM, Paul Revere Mall, Boston's North End

Public Lecture:

Thursday, May 17th, 7:00 PM, Old North Church, Boston's North End

Boston's North End/Waterfront community will host a fair on Sunday afternoon, April 29, from Noon to 4:00 pm, at the Paul Revere Mall on Hanover Street in commemoration of the great American sculptor Cyrus Dallin, his Paul Revere Monument, and the Paul Revere Mall, designed by the famed landscape architect Arthur Shurcliff and architect Henry Shepley.

The public will have the opportunity to learn about the perseverance and vision of Dallin, Shurcliff, and other individuals who were responsible for planning and preserving this public treasure, which is among the most visited and photographed sites in America. Other historical presentations throughout the afternoon will focus on the patriot Paul Revere, and on the history of Boston's North End neighborhood.



Paul Revere Statue (Photo by Matt Conti)

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GETTING THE TROUSSEAU OVER THE TORSO

Continuing with our coverage of ancient Roman marriages, we are told that on the day prior to the ceremony the bride placed all her childhood belongings before the household gods and put on a garment called a “tunica recta” or “regilla.” This dress was worn at the wedding in addition to a “flammeum” the most important part of the wedding outfit. The name flammeum was derived from the brilliant yellow or flamelike color of the garment. It was large enough to cover her from head to toe, and during the ceremony it hid her sad expression of virgin modesty. She also wore a woolen belt or sash which was fastened in the style of the “nodus Hercules” or knot of Hercules. This was intended to promote a fruitful union because Hercules had many children. Others say that the knot was a precaution against the “malocchio” or evil eye, while still others say that it represented the true “lovers knot.”

On the wedding day the bride’s hair was arranged in six locks which were called “sex crines.” Tradition also called for her hair to be

parted by using the point of a spear, reminiscent of the old custom of marriage by capture. Lastly, the bride carried a wreath of flowers and sacred herbs which she had gathered by herself. The bride’s house was decorated with wreaths of leaves and flowers. Friends and relatives also assembled for the wedding. The solemn marriage ceremony was called “confereatio” and it was usually performed in the presence of a “Pontifex Maximus” (high priest) and at least ten witnesses. A sheep was sacrificed and then the omens were consulted. On these festive occasions, care was taken to protect oneself from evil omens. For example when sacrifices were being made, silence was commanded and the bride’s head was veiled. Music was played in order to drown out any word that might, by chance be spoken. Words of forecast, prediction, or future condition were especially avoided at this time, and if the omens were found to be favorable, then the marriage ceremony began.

The ancient Roman marriage ceremony consisted of four main parts. First

came the signing of the “tabulae nuptiales” or marriage tablet, in the presence of the “signatores” (witnesses), while the bride and groom were questioned regarding their willingness to accept the vows. The second part was the giving away of the bride, wherein a married woman in her first marriage, acting as a “pronuba” or patroness of marriage, led the bride up to the bridegroom and joined their right hands. A cake made from spelt (coarse wheat) was offered to the gods while both bride and groom sat side by side on stools that had been covered with the skin of the poor sheep that had just been sacrificed. A prayer was pronounced and directed to five of the Roman mythological gods: Jupiter, Juno, Venus, Suadela, and Diana. Next came the formal congratulations from the wedding guests and probably the “lira linea,” or parade of the white envelopes. This was followed by the “cena nuptialis” (wedding dinner) and guess who picked up the tab??? Right... the father of the bride.

NEXT WEEK:
Luna di miele

Our First, Most Cherished Liberty

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops recently published a statement on the attacks, by local, state and federal government, on religious liberty now happening across America. They cite case after case.

- The Obamacare mandate that Catholic institutions pay for medical procedures they find morally impermissible.
- The singling out of Christian student groups for expulsion from the campuses of public colleges.
- The banning, as in Massachusetts and other states, of Catholic organizations from assisting in adoptions of children.
- A City of New York “crack-down” on small Protestant churches.
- Actions in several states to prohibit Catholic, Episcopal, and Methodist churches from performing their long-recognized role of providing sanctuary for the oppressed.

Intolerance — official state-sponsored intolerance — is on the rise in America to an extent not seen since the heyday of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s or even the period of the “Know Nothings” in the mid 1800s. The bishops have characterized the Obamacare

mandate as unconstitutional. It is unconstitutional.

In the early days of our Republic Thomas Jefferson assured an order of nuns who served mostly a non-Catholic population by running a hospital, an orphanage, and schools that the principles of the Constitution were a “sure guarantee” that their ministry would be free to govern itself according to its own voluntary rules, without interference from the civil authority. Such was the law in the 19th century and such was the law through the 20th century, and into the 21st century until the Obama Administration announced that Catholic institutions would have to operate as Washington bureaucrats dictated rather than in accordance with the teaching of the Catholic Church.

The bishops have announced plans to pursue both “legislative and judicial efforts to restore respect for religious freedom in the nation.” I am please to say that Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown supports legislation to restore the religious liberty we had for 224 years until August 2011.

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MassDEP Announces “RecyclingWorks” in Massachusetts

New Assistance Program to Help Businesses and Institutions to Increase Recycling

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) announced the “RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts” program, a new initiative to provide Massachusetts businesses and institutions with the information and assistance they need to reduce waste and recycle more.

“By increasing recycling, we reduce the environmental impacts of waste here in the Commonwealth,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Richard K. Sullivan Jr., whose office includes MassDEP. “This program benefits both businesses and communities that are working to protect our precious natural resources.”

The RecyclingWorks program will be funded by

MassDEP and administered by the Center for Eco-Technology (CET), a non-profit organization based in Northampton and Pittsfield. The program provides a comprehensive set of statewide services, as well as targeted business assistance services.

“The RecyclingWorks program is a great opportunity for businesses to increase their recycling levels and save themselves money,” said MassDEP Commissioner Kenneth Kimmell. The services offered through this innovative program will put participating businesses on the path to sustainability.

“CET is excited to deliver the RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts program,” said CET Executive Director John Majercak. “We have

been helping businesses find practical and affordable solutions for reducing waste, recycling and composting for many years. This MassDEP-funded program will allow the Commonwealth to help many more businesses reach their environmental and economic goals.”

Statewide services include a hotline and e-mail address to help businesses answer their questions and either start new recycling programs or improve existing programs. RecyclingWorks also features a web site (www.recyclingworksma.com) that includes a searchable recycling service-provider database and guidance materials by material type and business sector.

The RecyclingWorks program will also coordinate the Massachusetts Waste-Wise program, a free, voluntary program that provides networking, tools and guidance to help businesses to advance their recycling initiatives.

In addition to the statewide services, the program will provide site visits, technical assistance and workshops to work with specific businesses, business sectors, and chamber of commerce partnerships. Short-term areas of focus will include increasing diversion of food waste from large generators such as supermarkets, colleges and universities, and hotels.

Mayor Menino Invites Residents to 14th Annual Neighborhood Coffee Hours

Mayor Menino and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department invite residents to enjoy free informational Coffee Hours in various neighborhood parks throughout the city. The annual series is sponsored by Dunkin’ Donuts.

The Coffee Hours give residents an opportunity to speak directly with Mayor Menino about open space and other needs in their neighborhoods. Through these one-on-one discussions and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Menino looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas and city services.

All participants will enjoy coffee and healthy breakfast treats provided by Dunkin’ Donuts. Each family attending will receive a flowering plant grown in the city’s greenhouses as a gift from Mayor Menino. Residents at the event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize package including a Dunkin’ Donuts gift basket.

Thursday, May 3 - 9:00-10:00 am. **Peter Looney Park**, 34 Union Street, Charlestown

Sunday, May 6 - 12:30-2:00 pm. **Ringgold Park**, 10 Ring-gold Street, South End

Tuesday, May 15 - 9:00-10:00 am. **Iacono Park**, 150 Readville Street, Hyde Park

Thursday, May 17 - 9:00-10:00 am. **Walker Playground**, 550 Norfolk

Avenue, Mattapan

Friday, May 18 - 9:00-10:00 am. **Fallon Field**, 910 South Street, Roslindale

Thursday, May 31 - 9:00-10:00 am. **East Boston Stadium**, 143 Porter Street, East Boston

Monday, June 4 - 9:30-10:30 am. **Billings Field**, 369 LaGrange Street, West Roxbury

Thursday, June 7 - 9:30-10:30 am. **McKinney Playground**, 74 Faneuil Street, Allston

Friday, June 8 - 9:00-10:00 am. **Fr. Buckley Playground**, 210 West Third Street, South Boston

Monday, June 11 - 9:30-10:30 am. **Rev. Loesch Family Park**, 81 Brent Street, Dorchester

Friday, June 22 - 9:30-10:30 am. **DeFilippo Playground**, 135 Prince Street, North End

Saturday, June 23 - 9:30-10:30 am. **Kittredge Park**, 2 Kittredge Street, Roxbury

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OUR POLICY: *To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.*

GUEST EDITORIAL

WHAT ABOUT DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ALL?

by Sal Giarratani

I recently went to my dentist over an aching tooth. I was sent to an oral surgeon to get it pulled.

Questioning my dental insurance coverage, I scheduled an appointment to find out the cost of this procedure. Pulling the tooth was about \$200. Knocking me out for the tooth pulling, another \$600. Of course, you're told you need an implant or your teeth will start shifting inside your mouth. Total cost of Procedure? \$2,900

Remember, then you go back to your own dentist for the crown, another \$1,600. This is all for one bad tooth. Right now I am awaiting what my dental insurance will pay. If it isn't enough, which most likely it won't, I will live with my aching tooth a little longer. I have no choice. This situation is happening every day to someone in America.

How many Americans have good dental insurance? How many have no dental insurance? How many like myself are underinsured? While everyone is talking about what the US Supreme Court will decide on Obamacare, no one is talking about the plight of dental insurance coverage in America.

I have always wondered why dental insurance has always been separated from health insurance. Isn't dental insurance about one's health or not? How many health problems are connected to bad teeth and end up being costly eventually and then covered by health insurance? If mental health care has finally achieved the status of parity in health plans and treated like any other disease by insurers, why is dental care overlooked and separated by health providers and insurers?

The crisis in health care is being driven by both hospitals and insurers and the same is obviously true about dental health care. I need this tooth of mine pulled but at the moment it won't happen if I can't afford to do what needs to be done. How many Americans live as I do?

Dental care has changed so much since the days of The Three Stooges pretending to be dentists and using dynamite to extract a tooth as Curly once did. The price of care keeps rising as both providers and insurers drive up costs and it is we and our teeth that pay dearly.

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Patricia (Flaherty) Puopolo

April 1, 1926 - April 13, 2012

Patricia (Flaherty) Puopolo, 86, of Boston's North End, died on Friday April 13, 2012. Daughter of the late Edward V. and Marguerite (Harney) Flaherty, beloved wife of Arthur "Arty" Puopolo, she leaves many loving nieces and nephews. Patricia was predeceased by her brother Edward and sister Jerri Flaherty.

Funeral was held at the Boston Harborside Home, in Boston's North End on Tuesday, April 17. Visitation was from 9-10:30 am followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Leonard's Church. Interment was at the National Cemetery, Bourne, MA.

In lieu of flowers her family requests donations in Patricia's memory be made to: St. Leonard's Parish, 14 North Bennet Street, Boston, MA 02113.

May She Rest in Peace.



NEAD Raymond & Michelina Costa Scholarship Program

North End Against Drugs is kicking off their 2012 Raymond & Michelina Costa Scholarship Program. Last year NEAD gave out \$7,250 in scholarships. Children in Grammar, High School/Prep School or College/Secondary School categories are eligible to win a scholarship to help with their education. North End Against Drugs is dedicated to helping our children stay in school and earn a great education. Scholarships are selected lottery style at the NEAD Family Dinner/Nazzaro

Center Youth Concert on May 21st at the Nazzaro Center. For application information please contact John Romano.

NEAD is currently looking for sponsors to fund this scholarship. There is no minimum amount. To date scholarship sponsorships have been made by the following: Boston Police Activities League, Compass Planning (Bill & Jennifer Lane) and *NorthEndWaterfront.com*, and other donors including North End Against Drugs.

We are receiving donations on a daily basis, but would like to give more scholarships if possible. The support of the North End and Waterfront Community has been appreciated throughout the years as we know how important education is to the future of our youth. For additional information, please contact John Romano at (617) 880-9901 or by email at jromano45@gmail.com.

Checks can be made payable to NEAD. Please mail to NEAD, 30 North Bennet Street, Boston, MA 02113.

Taste of the North End

Celebrate the 18th Anniversary and Elect the Best Bite in the North End

The Taste of the North End, one of Boston's most popular festivals of food, charity, and the rich history of the neighborhood, is turning 18 this year, and with this rite of passage, is asking guests to vote for the best taste for the first time. Guests can sample from more than 35 popular North End eateries showcasing a wide array of delectable appetizers, cheeses, entrees and desserts, and sip on refreshing libations from area wine and beer distributors. There will also be a high-end silent auction with hotel and restaurant packages, Boston sporting tickets, memorabilia and more, along with a special ceremony honoring Dennis Seidenberg of the Boston Bruins for his charitable work with North End organizations.

All proceeds from the event are split between multiple non-profit organizations in the North End including elderly, education and health programs to help better the entire community; last year over \$100,000 was raised. This is the third year that **North End Waterfront Health** has partnered with the Frattaroli family to host the event.

This year's event co-chairs are **event founder Donato Frattaroli**, owner of Lucia Ristorante, and **James Luisi**, CEO of North End Waterfront Health. The Master of Ceremonies for the 15th year is KISS-108 and NECN's **Billy Costa**, who will receive a special honor for his commitment to the event.

In celebration of the event turning legal, more restaurants than ever are participating, including but not limited to: Accardi & Son, Al Dente, Albert A. Russo Imports, Inc., Antico Forno, Aragosta, Artu, Bricco, Cantina Italiana, Carmelina, Dante, Ducali, Espresso Plus, Filippo, Fiore, Il Panino, J. Pace, La Summa, Lucca, Lucia Ristorante, Mamma Maria, Massimino, Mercato del Mare, Mike's Pastry, Modern Pastry, Neptune, Pagliuca, Paul W. Marks, Pellino,

Perkins, Piantedosi Baking, Sysco, Taranta, Terramia, The Living Room, Tresca and Vito's.

The 18th Taste of the North End takes place at DCR Steriti Memorial Ice Rink, 561 Commercial Street, Boston, MA on **Friday, May 4, from 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm.**

Tickets can be purchased by calling 617-643-8105 or at tasteofthenorthend.org.

About the Taste of the North End

The Taste of the North End was founded by Donato and Nancy Frattaroli in 1993 as a benefit for Casa Monte Cassino. The Frattaroli's became aware of Casa Monte Cassino when a family from Italy came into their North End restaurant. The family was staying at the CMC while their four daughters received medical attention at Boston's Children's Hospital Boston. The Frattaroli's were touched by their story and inspired by the mission of the Casa; to provide a place to stay for impoverished families from around the world while their children receive serious medical attention in Boston. Over the next few weeks, the Frattaroli's developed the idea for the Taste of the North End to raise funds to help Casa Monte Cassino provide its invaluable services.

The Frattaroli's, with the support of the North End restaurant community, held the First Annual Taste of the North End in the basement of St. John School. That first year, guests were able to try dishes from 15 North End eateries. The success of the event has been incredible. What started in St. John's moved to the local Coast Guard Base, the New England Aquarium, and finally to the DCR's Steriti Rink on Commercial Street. The Taste of the North End currently features over 35 restaurants, bakeries and distributors. Since its inception, the Taste of the North End has raised over \$450,000 for Casa Monte Cassino and other local North End charities.

East Boston Social Centers Annual Comedy Night



Front, L to R: Joe Tozza, Sandra Caggiano, Valerie Brauer, Leticia Rave, Debra Cave, Patty Daly and John Kelly. Back, L to R: Tom Tassinari, Peter Scolaro, Christian Teja, Ronaldo Rauseo-Ricupero.

Friends and supporters of the East Boston Social Center came out in full force and enjoyed a fun night of laughs and pizza at Prince House of Pizza/Giggles for a good cause. The room was packed and everyone enjoyed catching up with friends and having a few laughs together. Board members, staff, friends and family attended the event, and many have made attending the Social Centers' Pizza and Comedy Night an annual tradition. Six comedians; Johnny Pizzi, Greg Howell, Mitch Stinson, Artie Januario, Kelly, and Tony V. really got the crowd cheering. Prince Pizza's staff provided great service and wonderful pizza, as always. Many thanks to Steve Castraberti and Mike Clark!

The raffle featured over 30 items donated by area businesses, as well as a Grand Prize of four Red Sox tickets donated by Ronaldo Rauseo-Ricupero and a 2nd Prize of two Red Sox tickets donated by Sarah Connolly! Executive Director John Kelly was assisted by Board member Valerie Brauer and Development Director Marisa Di Pietro in handing out prizes. Board member Sandra Caggiano, along with Buddy Mangini, Rosalie Petralia and Marie Zinna did a great job, working very hard selling raffle tickets. A live auction for a pair of Celtics tickets donated by Joe Ruggiero of Ruggiero Family Funeral Home was conducted by comedian Tony V. and the highest bidder was Board



Comedian Tony V.

President Debra Cave. The Social Centers would like to thank everyone who attended for their generous support of the Social Centers and its programming. We couldn't do it without all of you!

The Social Centers would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who donated raffle items and tickets: Antonia's at the Beach, Bayside Resort in Cape Cod, Continental Dry Cleaning, East Boston Diamond and Gold, Everett Cooperative Bank, Improv Asylum, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Joe Ruggiero, Jordan's Imax Theatre, Kelly's Roast Beef, Marty's Furniture, Meridian 155 Café, National Amusements, New England Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum, Polished Salon in Swampscott, Ronaldo Rauseo-Ricupero, Ringling Bros Barnum & Bailey Circus, Sarah Connolly, Six Flags New England, Spinelli's, and Tom Tassinari.

All proceeds from this event benefit the programs of the Social Centers, which serve more than 1,000 children, families and senior citizens each year. The Social Centers programs include Child Care for children ages two months to fourteen years, BYN program for at-risk youth, Summer Play-school day camp, and Senior programming. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next Fundraiser.



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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



Memories of Yesterday Onward

Well, we are now past Patriot's Day and Marathon Monday. Over in Roslindale, my family just celebrated two important birthdays, my niece Danikka (April 14) and my great nephew Jacob, who indeed is great (April 15). I recently ran into Ron McIntyre (the guy with that great hat on) over in the Roche Bros. parking lot. Ron mentioned he was a member of R.O.M.E.O., a group that meets monthly at Doyle's in Jamaica Plain. He told me the initials stand for "Retired Opinion Makers Eating Out." I told Ron when I finally put my papers in, I'll think about it.

I have been out of Roslindale almost two years now but still go back often and West Roxbury too where my sister-in-law lives. My old Roxbury friend, Stevie O'Malley from MJ Pizza, is another reason to drive up Belgrade Street. I just re-upped for another year with the Irish Social Club because I love this group as my Uncle Neal Harrington before me did.

I grew up in Boston back in the '50s and '60s and still remember the old days quite well. I grew up mostly in the South End lower Roxbury area between the Immaculate Conception and St. Philip's Church when places to live were really so affordable. The area was quite diverse and working class. I also have lived in Dorchester, Charlestown and now call East Boston home. I probably know more about the city's neighborhoods than anyone else.

I've seen the old and new and can appreciate both yesterday and today. I was downtown recently near Tufts Medical Center and memories started kicking in. When I was a kid, I remember getting off the Kneeland Street bus with my parents and little brother. We would walk into town up lower Washington Street and had to pass by numerous nightclubs, strip joints and x-rated movie houses. My father would quickly navigate the family past it all. When we approached the State Theater, we would cross the street to the Cinerama to avoid all those movie photos at the State. Back then, my father was always happy when we closed in on R.H. White's and Jordan Marsh. My brother would laugh and say "Nothing good to see here." My father would give him the look while my mother laughed.

Later on as my parents got older and my brother and I a little lazier, we would take the Kneeland Street bus from Northampton Street Station and return home on the same bus. Boston back then was a much different city. Today, Boston has grown

into a special place for the old and new but it also has priced out many families are unable to afford the steep rents. When I lived on East Springfield Street, the rent was \$25 a month for a two-room flat. The oil man would drive by with his truck, the ice man would follow. The scissor sharpener guy would blow his horn slowly driving by the street and then the guy with the horse and wagon selling fruits and veggies would yell out about his apples, bananas, peppers and onions for sale.

Jumpstart to today and much of my past is gone to history. I was given a great old photo of East Lenox Street taken over 50 years ago when I lived at number 76. No one lives on that street today nor knows its name anymore. Fenway Park is back for its 100th birthday year. Too bad, the prices I remember as a kid won't be returning for the centennial bash. I would love to pay 90 cents again for the bleachers or \$1.25 for the right field grandstands. Things that don't change are politicians and campaigning. Jimmy Hennigan just celebrated his 85th birthday. Back when I was a kid once again, my State Rep. was Charlie Iannello and Charlie and Jimmy were state reps together up on Beacon Hill. Both colorful old school pals.

As a kid, time passed by slowly but not so today. I can't believe the Big Apple Circus has already returned to City Hall Plaza for its 2012 stay. It seems like it was just being taken down last year. Now, it is back.

Speaking of political campaigns, they never change. Sometimes we get new faces and sometimes we get the next generation of the same names. Point to make, Suffolk County Court Clerk in the criminal division is Maura Hennigan who could be confused with Jimmy Hennigan. Jimmy is Maura's father and she inherited her father's political bug. Recently, Maura has been traveling all over the city and county in search of votes in the re-election bid. She is here, there and everywhere like the Beatles used to sing about.

When I was a kid, folks could buy a cup of coffee almost everywhere from small little stores. Today, we have chain coffee where the cups almost taste better than the coffee it is filled with. Recently, I found a cool little coffee shop on Bromfield Street in Downtown Boston called "Coffee Brewing" I've tried their coffee, it is real brewed coffee. The place sells all kinds of coffee from the most simple to the very yuppie stuff. The price is right too!

MARIO PEZZI

Italian Aviator-Astronautic Pioneer

— How High Can an Italian Fly —

by James DiPrima



Mario Pezzi (1898-1968)

Mario Pezzi was a young man of 40 years old, a pilot in the Italian Air Force, and soon to reach an impossible height that no man or woman had ever achieved. Mario was born on November 8, 1898. In October, 1917 he joined the Infantry and after one year he earned the rank of second lieutenant. Nine years later in 1926, he was granted a pilots license. It only took one year for Mario to rise to the General Staff followed in 1931 by entry into the Cabinet of the Defense Ministry.

On May 7, 1937 Major Mario Pezzi climbed into his biplane and took off from Guidonia-Montecello base in Rome and reached an altitude of 25,000 feet (15,655m)

in the "Caproni Ca 161 bi-plane powered by a Piaggio motor and a watertight cabin wearing a special electrically heated pressurized suit and an airtight helmet, that could be compared with today's modern astronauts.

On the ground the Caproni airplane designers were in the process of developing a



Mario Pezzi flight suit.

new version of the plane, now the Ca161bis. This design consisted of an "air tight shell, the first one built in the history of flight", as an integral part of the biplane From Guidonia-Montecello base in Rome on October 22, 1938 Pezzi was able to obtain a "new world record of altitude in a propeller-driven, piston engine aircraft **56,047 feet** (17,083m) a record height that still stands today.

Many countries

entered the competition including the Americans, British, Germans and French. In 1937, the Englishman M. J. Adam was able to approach the altitude of 53,940 feet (16,440m) with a Bristol Type 138 airplane".

Mario Pezzi rightfully can be considered an Italian pioneer in aeronautics and astronautics. In addition he was responsible for selecting **Luigi Broglio**, Italian space pioneer, to be the leader in the ITAF Ammunition Research Unit. This group led the research in rockets and missiles which would lead to future work on space exploration in Italy.

As a result of Mario Pezzi's accomplishments man was introduced to the mysteries of high flying planes, space suits, space and future ventures into the unknown world of our universe.



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We Proudly Announce the Birth of

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Congratulations to Ornella and James Farrell on the birth of their son Niall Richard Farrell, born March 7, 2012 in Los Angeles, California. Niall is welcomed by his older brother Conor, 3½. Proud maternal grandparents are Lino and Enza Rullo of Boston, Massachusetts and paternal grandfather James Farrell of Dublin, Ireland.

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1. Landing road

6. *The ___ cage protects the heart and lungs

9. Slang for heroin

13. Billy Joel's "___ Man"

14. International Labor Organization

15. Formed by running water

16. Imitating

17. Santa's helper

18. King's domain

19. *Ca or K, e.g.

21. Nightmare character

23. He played Opie on "The Andy Griffith Show"

24. Disdainful, pouting grimace

25. *When exercising, you get ___

28. Between mini and maxi

30. Metamorphic rock

35. Makes a mistake

37. Bart Simpson's sister

39. Saint in Mexico

40. Miners' passage

41. Swamp plant

43. Yelled to shoo a cat

44. Puzzle in pictures

46. "Smells Like ___ Spirit" by Nirvana

47. *A focal point in workouts

48. Type of coat

50. Dame ___, Australian celeb

52. Christian Chi-___ symbol

53. The upper one is used for ruling

55. Coffee pot

57. Allegiance

60. *E or D, e.g.

64. Former French currency

65. Ring of flowers

67. Singer Cara

68. *Some need more of this than others

69. Be in debt

70. What a jazz singer does

71. Bear lairs

72. Not pre-owned

73. Commotions

DOWN

1. Junk e-mail

2. Cone-shaped quarters

3. Often asked to "go away, come again another day"

4. Like a special circle

5. Organized persecution of ethnic group

6. Cambodian money

7. *Not well

8. Very successful

9. What victim did in court

10. Armor-___

11. USSR to USA during WWII

12. *Usually busy after the holidays

15. *Leafy edibles

20. Indigo dye-yielding shrubs

22. Where bugs are snug?

24. Improper act

25. *Ventricular beater

26. Superior's command

27. Cherokee or Hopi, e.g.

29. *Regimented eating

31. *Where green tea tradition comes from

32. Bring upon oneself

33. Cache of money, e.g.

34. Official language of Lesotho

36. Nonlethal gun

38. Wine and cheese descriptor

42. Tedium

45. Carry, as in heavy bag

49. Ladies' Easter accessory

51. 2012 Oscar-winner "The ___"

54. Stocking fiber

56. Those in organized crime relating to narcotics

57. *Your doctor usually keeps one on you

58. Like never-losing Steven

59. Greek god of war

60. "The ___" talk and entertainment show

61. Known for notebooks

62. Keen on

63. Loch ___

64. Psychedelic drug

66. Female sheep

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25th Anniversary Vietnam Veterans Clock Tower Services April 26

by Sal Giarattani



Every year in April, members of the Vietnam Combat Veterans Combined Armed Forces come together to honor those who fought and perished in that war. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Clock Tower at Marina Bay which has become a daily reminder to all who pass

it of the sacrifices a whole generation of Americans once made in that southeast Asian nation.

The service will begin at 2:00 pm sharp on Thursday, April 26 at Marina Bay in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Guest speaker this year will be Capt. Paul W. Bucha, US Army Medal of Honor recipient and past president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Prior to this service, three corners will be dedicated in the City of Quincy. At 11:00 am dedication of memorial square to Major Basil L. Ciriello, USAF at the corner of Connell and Robertson Streets, at 11:45 am dedication of memorial square to PFC David A. Pitts, USMC and, lastly at 12:30 pm dedication of memorial square to SP4 George W. Underwood, US Army.

As a former Quincy resident and someone who enlisted in the US Air Force right out of Boston English High back in 1966, I have always found myself in Quincy at this Clock Tower every April to remember all who fought and those who never came home. As the Vietnam Veterans Combined Armed Forces state: "Through us, they will live forever."

Larry Norton, a Vietnam veteran who served in Vietnam many years ago and now is a great friend of mine. He and those he works with are always there to remember all who sacrificed their very lives for the rest of us.

Each year the crowd is amazingly large and still growing all these years because as the saying goes: "No one is left behind or forgotten."

Tourists for an Afternoon

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

It was just last week, we were walking along "little Prince Street" when we overheard a tourist walking behind us exclaim how much he loved the North End and how he would love to live in it. We have often heard these words spoken but for some reason they finally registered, prompting us to a little experiment. We reasoned that living in the North End all our lives caused us to become oblivious to the obvious charms of our neighborhood so we decided, for just an afternoon, to pretend we were tourists visiting the North End for the

first time and try to see what they see.

We made our way to the steps of City Hall which is more or less the northern boundary of the North End and from there we began our little experiment. Immediately we were face to face with the dramatic Holocaust Memorial and the six columns each bearing one million serial numbers representing the six million Jews who perished under the Nazi regime. We wandered through the glass towers, said some prayers for the poor souls represented there and continued on our

tour already profoundly moved by this eloquent memorial and reminded of the fact that once the North End was a Jewish neighborhood.

We walked down Marshall Street with its collection of Colonial Buildings past the old Ebenezer Hancock House and the Union Oyster House, America's oldest restaurant and continued on to Faneuil Hall and the Quincy Market area. We were on the very beginning of our tour and already impressed by the sights that we often just breezed past but now, in our assumed role as tourists, took time to ponder.

We then walked along the Greenway where we turned onto Commercial Street, then onto Richmond Street finally to North Square and the Paul Revere House. Anchored by Sacred Heart Church, the Square is said to be the oldest public square in America.

Like the tourists that inspired us, we cut through little Prince Street and turned onto Hanover Street, teeming with life, both tourists and residents of the North End making their way past an assortment of restaurants and pastry shops all packed with customers enjoying some of the finest Italian food this side of Naples. We made a side trip to visit Saint Leonard Church and as in Sacred Heart Church took care to walk the aisles acquainting ourselves with the many saints represented.

We then headed down Hanover to Cross Street doubled back onto



ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



**Makeup Tricks
to Look Younger —
We All Need Them!**

Ciao Bella,

I have picked up many kinds of makeup this past year and the best way to use them! Here is what I found from the experts and myself. Tried and true are all these facts.

1. Using a primer after your moisturizer has set in is a must. Primer actually smoothes out your skin with a "cheese-cloth" effect making your face appear smoother! I've been using primer for years. Use alone or under foundation. Absolute magic!

2. Foundation for mature skin should be light and airy, not heavy and thick. A foam or air-brush spray foundation should be purchased. The advancement in technology of these new applications gives a flawless look!

3. A liquid illuminating high lighter (containing light-reflecting particles) should be used above blush line; on brow bone and can be mixed in with foundation to make skin look radiant and hide flaws! Truly a must!

4. Use a matte concealer under eye sweeping from inner nose to end of eye. Apply a pale yellow face powder with brush over concealer to make eyes bright and youthful. Works every time!

5. Use cream blush along the cheekbone for a dewy finish. Powder blush exagger-



ates fine lines and sits atop the skin's surface.

6. Enhancing shades of Rose lipstick give off a younger appearance. When applying lipstick, dab around the border of your lips making the edges soft not giving attention to fine lines around your mouth!

7. Use washable mascara since the waterproof is rough on removing from delicate lashes!

Well glamazons, that's just a few of the secrets to a younger and better looking appearance.

I will be giving a private Beauty Talk over lunch and will give out name brands of product I have used and love! If you are interested call me for more info! Happy Spring and keep looking marvelous!

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

—Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

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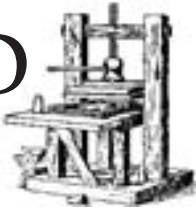
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Guido Vittiglio Honored with Achievement Award for Solidarity



Guido Vittiglio, President and co-founder of the Casa Monte Cassino was honored with the Achievement Award for Solidarity by the Consul General of Italy Giuseppe Pastorelli for his philanthropy and community service. Guido and his late brother Freddie founded the Casa Monte Cassino located at 11 Tileston Street in the North End 25 years ago. To date, the home has hosted several hundred children from all around the world who came to Boston for medical treatment. In the first quarter of 2012, the Casa Monte Cassino was host to children and their families that came from Haiti, Poland, China, the Philippines, Italy and Mexico. Shown in the photo are Peppino Giangregorio, Consul General Giuseppe Pastorelli, honoree Guido Vittiglio, George Matelli and Maurizio Cattaneo, President and CEO of Bioevolutions Inc. Casa Monte Cassino would like to acknowledge the recent donations from St. Lucy Society of Boston and the Overseas Fund for Chinese Children Inc. To donate to the Casa Monte Cassino, you may send your donation to Casa Monte Cassino or call 617-227-1613.

East Boston Harborside Community School to Hold Official GED Testing

The East Boston Harborside Community School will be offering the official GED Testing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 12, 13, & 14, 2012. Advance registration for the test is required.

You may register at the East Boston Harborside, located in the Mario Umana Academy, 312 Border Street, East Boston, MA, Monday through Thursday, from 4:00 – 6:00pm beginning Monday, April 23rd through Wednesday, May 9th. If you are in need of a different time to register, please

call the Harborside at 617-635-5115 to arrange an appointment. Examinees must be a Massachusetts resident and must show a valid photo identification card at the time of registration and testing.

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Freeway Says ...

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

How many of my readers watch “The Biggest Loser” that is on TV? Here is an interesting article should my pooch friends be on “The Biggest Loser?” Here are some tips to help my pooch friends lose weight. Maybe my pooch friends are too pudgy for their own good. More than half of the U.S. dogs, cats are overweight or obese, according to new data from the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOP). What's worse, the number of obese pets has been increasing steadily in recent years; from 2007 to 2010, the percentage of obese dogs nearly doubled to 20 percent. This is troubling because more pets will be affected by weight-related diseases, such as arthritis, diabetes, high blood pressure, and kidney disease. A little extra weight on a small dog or cat adds up more than you might think. Is your pet packing too many pounds? Try to feel her or his ribs; you should be able to easily feel them without much extra fat in the way. If you can't it's time to put Oliver on a diet. Also watch how your pet handles his daily activities he shouldn't be panting as he's climbing stairs or during a leisurely walk. Making sure that my pooch friends leads a healthy and active lifestyle is very important, so I was really upset to find out that Willy was overweight. You can look into food that is pre-portioned meals and treats kind of like Jenny Craig for your animal companions (check out petfit.com for further information). Many other pet-food makers, such as Iams and Eukanuba, also offer special foods designed to help pets lose or maintain weight.

But you don't need a special program to help your pet

lose weight. The trick is the same as it is for human weight loss: namely, eat less and exercise more. Think your pet might be *Biggest Loser*-worthy?

Think Mini Meals. Divvy up your pet's food into smaller, more frequent feedings, which will distract him or her from the fact that he or she's eating fewer calories.

What should my dear overweight pooch friends be eating?

Skip Snacks. find non-food ways to reward your pet. Think toys and cuddles, not biscuits and treats.

Scrap the table scraps. Human food is too high in calories and low in nutrients for your pet.

Take longer walks. If your dog's a couch potato, ease him into more exercise by gradually upping the length and frequency of his daily walks.

Make time for play. Encourage your kids to give your pet a workout with fun games.

1. Teach your dog new tricks.
2. Take your dog for a swim.
3. Play hide and seek.
4. Give his ball a spin.
5. Look for agility challenges.
6. Try other dog sports.

Here are other suggestions how about workouts that dogs and owners can do together.

1. Walk it out.
2. Play fetch.
3. Run with caution.
4. Do downward facing dog ... together ... Yoga with your dog.

Making time for exercise with your dog can be fun and it will enhance both of your fitness levels.

That's all for now ... remember to pick up after your dog.

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• Patriot’s Day 2012 (Continued from Page 1)



Rev. Stephen T. Ayers, Vicar, Old North Church.



The First Michigan Fife and Drum Corps gave a free concert on the Prado to kick off the Lantern Ceremony at Old North Church on the eve of Patriot's Day celebrations



Old North Church Chamber Choir



General (Ret.) Frederick M. Franks, Jr., gives Kenote Address.



Stacey Lucchino, Boston Red Sox Foundation reads Paul Revere's Ride by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

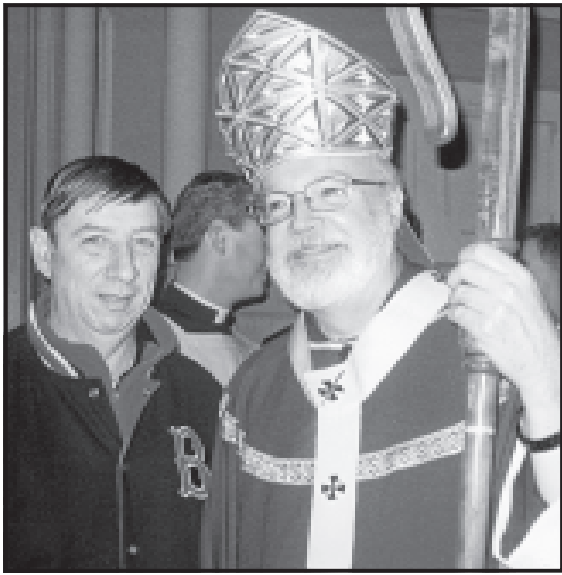


Reading Paul Revere's Letter to Jeremy Belknap are Victoria Bonney Goodwin and Joe Kearns Goodwin, U.S. Army Veteran.

(Photos by Matt Conti)



(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)



Bob D. with Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley.



The Bells of Remembrance honoring those who lost their lives on September 11, 2011 was brought to the North End each year led by Bob D.

In Loving Memory of BOBBY D.

Our Dear Friend ... We Miss You

from

North End Against Drugs, Board of Directors
and the Post-Gazette

It's been two years since we were saddened by the news of Bobby's passing on April 19, 2010 while vacationing in Cancun, Mexico.

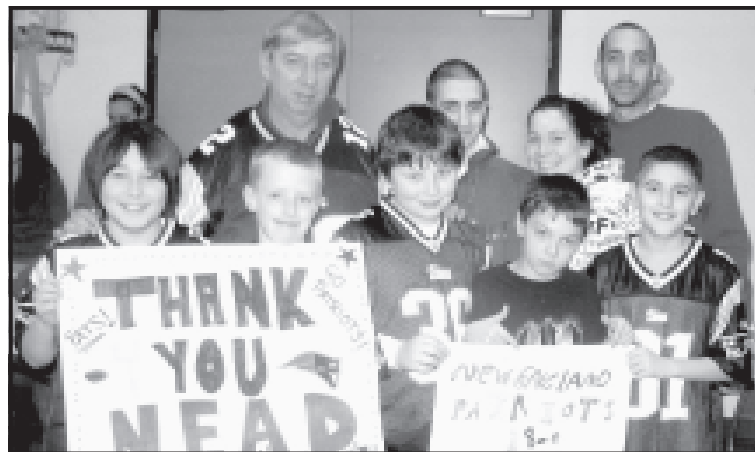
Bobby had a way of making everyone feel appreciated. Bob always said "Do the right thing" and "smile."

Bobby took pride in his weekly column "Bob D's Beat." He wrote about events and sports in our communities. He covered almost everything, including his vacations and spiritual journeys. Bob was a real faithful guy. He attended Mass every week and encouraged people to keep the faith. People also looked forward to seeing their names mentioned in his "Celeb Sightings" because in his mind everyday people he encountered were celebrities. Bob of course got to meet some famous celebs and it is not a surprise, he really got around! He got around the City of Boston and never had a car. Nothing ever stopped him.

Bobby ended his weekly column with the word "smile." Because when you smile, the world smiles with you.

Bobby is greatly missed by the Post-Gazette and the communities he loved so much. We at the Post-Gazette would like to say "Thank You" Bobby D. for the memories.

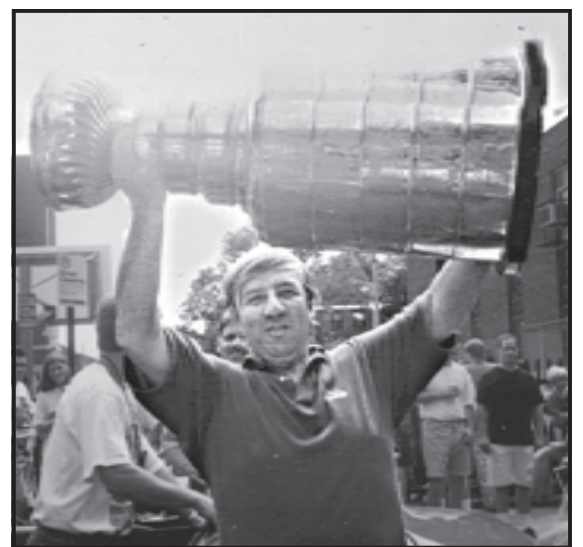
SMILE!



North End Against Drugs event with Bob D.



Playoff time at Fenway Park.



Bob with the Stanley Cup.

EAST BOSTON WARD 1 Republican Committee to Meet

The East Boston Ward 1 Republican Committee will meet on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 4:00 pm at the East Boston YMCA located at 215 Bremen Street, East Boston, MA, (near the corner of Porter Street). East

Boston voters who are registered as "undeclared" or as Republicans are invited to attend.

For further information, please call Christopher Morton at 617-569-4075.

Dr. Augusto Ferraiuolo to Discuss New Book "Religious Festive Practices in Boston's North End"

At 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 26, at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 9 Sun Court Street, North End, Dr. Augusto Ferraiuolo, will discuss his book on the North End feasts, entitled *Religious Festive Practices in Boston's North End*. Ferraiuolo is an anthropologist, and he carried out fieldwork in the North End between 2002 and 2005. He compares the feasts in Boston to each other as well

as to those in Italy. Please join us to hear his conclusions about the role of the church, religious societies, cultural symbols, and what they say about Italian-American identity in the historic North End.

Ferraiuolo is a native of Italy and a visiting Lecturer at Boston University, Department of Anthropology.

This event is FREE and open to the public.

Boston Shines 365! East Boston Main Streets Looking for Volunteers

On Saturday April 28, 2012 East Boston Main Streets will kick off the 10th Annual Boston Shines Campaign.

East Boston Main Streets is requesting volunteers and local businesses to help beautify the neighborhood. Volunteers will meet at 146 Maverick Street at 8:30 am on Saturday, April 28th to clean the streets, mulch tree pits and plant flowers. Get together with your neighbors to clean up your block and take pride in East Boston. For further information, or to volunteer, please contact us at 617-561-1044 or ebmainstreets@verizon.net. To register go to neighborhood services at www.cityofboston.gov.

Walk for Hunger Kicked-off

The 2012 Walk for Hunger was officially kicked-off on Thursday, March 29th, at the Annual Kick-off Breakfast at The Colonnade Hotel in Boston.

The room was filled with excitement as walkers and supporters were eager to kick-off this year's event, happening on Sunday, May 6th!



Norman Herr attended the first kick-off 44 years ago at the Paulist Center.

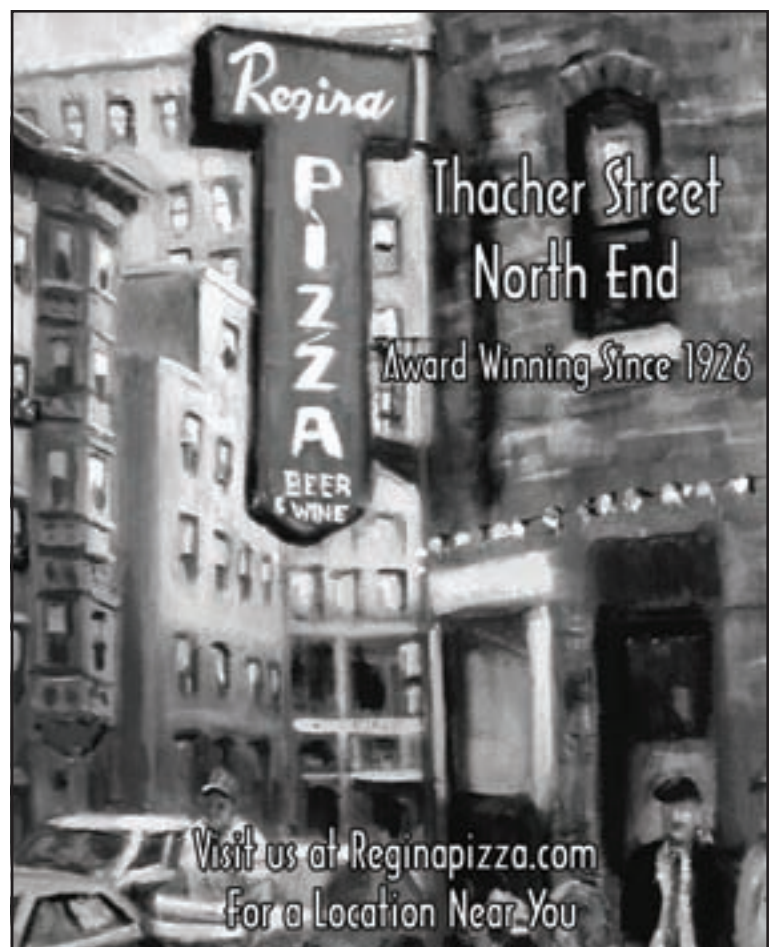
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THE THREE MUSKETEERS (Blu-ray)

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In 2319, much of Earth's civilization has been wiped out and now survives in small isolated societies. In the City of Domes, citizens live idyllic lives until they turn 30 and are led to Carousel for "renewal" — but instead are killed! When Sandman Logan 5 (Gregory Harrison) dares to question the ruling order, beautiful rebel Jessica 6 (Heather Menzies) helps him escape to the outside world. Now Logan, Jessica and their android companion Rem are on a desperate quest for the fabled utopian Sanctuary. With an elite police force in hot pursuit of the Runners and bizarre civilizations at every turn, death is always one step behind. Enjoy all 14 episodes!

BREAKING WIND: UNRATED DIRECTOR'S CUT (DVD) *Lionsgate*

Hilarity ensues when Bella's (Heather Ann Davis) life becomes threatened by the vengeful Victoria and her gang of bloodsucking newborns, and Edward and Jacob must put aside their differences in order to save Bella's life. Cast includes Eric Callero, Frank Pacheco,

Nic Novicki and Danny Trejo. A spoof film with a ton of laughs!

THE SECRET LIFE OF AN AMERICAN TEENAGER - VOL. SEVEN (3-DVD) *ABC Family*

This award-winning original drama centers on the daily life of high school student Amy Juergen (Shailene Woodley), her mom Anne (Molly Ringwald), and boyfriend Rickey Underwood (Daren Kagasoff), and features all 13 episodes from the first half of the series' fourth season. Relationships continue to shift and change as each character struggles with questions about loss, loyalty and love. In the wake of tragedy come new beginnings and ultimately new challenges as everyone must come to terms with what kind of future they want for themselves and those they care about.

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CINEMA VERITE (DVD)
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"Cinema Verite," a compelling behind-the-scenes story of "An American Family," the revolutionary 1970's PBS documentary that launched a new television genre — Reality TV. Pat and Bill Loud (Diane Lane/Tim Robbins) are approached by producer Craig Gilbert (James Gandolfini) to make television history — and become the first "real life" family to allow cameras into their home and their private lives. Cameras reveal deep-seated family issues, revolving around the marriage, the children, and the emerging ambitions of son Lance (Thomas Dekker). Plus, the ethical conflicts between Gilbert and his fellow filmmakers as they embark upon a groundbreaking, unscripted journey where no one could imagine the consequences.

• Cyrus Dallin (Continued from Page 1)



**Dedication of the Paul Revere Statue,
Paul Revere Mall (Prado), Sunday,
September 22, 1940**

Presentations will be made throughout the afternoon by event co-sponsors: the Cyrus Dallin Art Museum of Arlington, MA, the Paul Revere Memorial Association, Old North Church, Friends of The Prado, the North End Historical Society, the North End Music and Performing Arts Center and the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association. Welcoming remarks by event sponsors and elected officials will occur at 2 PM. Members of the Cyrus Dallin and Paul Revere families will also attend.

On Thursday, May 17th at 7:00 pm, the Old North Church will host a related lecture providing a more in-depth historical review of the topics and an opportunity for public discussion. The featured speaker on the 17th will be Rebecca Reynolds, formerly of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, an American decorative arts curator, author, and consultant who specializes in American sculpture. Reynolds' talk will focus on the artistic legacy of Cyrus Dallin as well as his 58 year long struggle, to erect his Paul Revere sculpture in Boston. Representatives from the North End's historic and cultural organizations including the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association, Friends of The Prado, and the North End Historical Society will also present information about the vision, history and landscape design of the Paul Revere Mall, called "The Prado" by the local community, as well as a review of the neighborhood history commemorated in the Mall, including the Paul Revere statue and thirteen memorial plaques.

The two events are intended to raise a new consciousness about the importance of the Paul Revere Mall for its historical, public and community value. The event sponsors are actively promoting investment in the Mall in order to restore the physical integrity of the space to Shurcliff's original design and to see a revitalization of the park as both a historical monument and a beautiful open space for neighborhood and visitor gathering and reflection.

With the April 29 and May 17 events, the North End/Waterfront community joins the Cyrus Dallin Art Museum and others in a year-long celebration of the 150th anniversary of Dallin's birth. Cyrus Edwin Dallin (1861-1944), known for some



Streaming Light Prado Fountain

(Photos by Matt Conti)

Boston and is a National Historic Landmark.

Friends of the Prado was formed several years ago and helped implement several maintenance programs that brought improvements to the park and its trees. One goal of the April 29 and May 17 events is to grow and strengthen the organization to partner with the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department — which has care and control of the Mall — and other supporting organizations with the mission of bringing improvement and protection to the Mall. With this mission, Friends of The Prado becomes a principal steward of the historical open space.

The Paul Revere Memorial Association actively preserves and interprets two of Boston's oldest homes, the Paul Revere House and the adjacent Hichborn House. It provides increasingly diverse audiences with a full range of educational programs and experiences based on historical issues and social history themes relevant to the sites, the neighborhood, and Boston from the 17th through the early 20th century. The Association maintains an important collection of Revere-made objects, household artifacts, items commemorating the midnight ride, and items related to Revere's life and work. Recently, the Association has been involved in major capital restoration and expansion effort.

The mission of the **North End Historical Society** is to collect and preserve the historical record and material culture of Boston's North End, to preserve, catalog, and present these resources in service of the wider community through publications, lectures, educational programs, and exhibits. The mission includes ongoing efforts to bring together scholars and individuals knowledgeable and interested in all aspects of the North End's history.

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is a private, non-profit with headquarters at the Paul Revere Mall. Its mission is to provide affordable arts-related programming to residents of the North End/Waterfront and the surrounding neighborhoods. By encouraging participation in the arts, NEMPAC's seeks to strengthen relationships with the community and enhance community life.

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Norah Jones will be appearing at the Bank of America Pavilion on July 1. Norah's debut album *Come Away With Me* was released in 2002 and sold 22 million copies worldwide and won five Grammy Awards. See MUSIC SECTION for further details.

THEATER

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

www.BostonOperaHouse.com
BEAUTY AND THE BEAST — May 29–June 3, 2012. Tale as old as time, true as it can be. Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, the smash hit Broadway musical, based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature film, this eye-popping spectacle has won the hearts of over 35 million people worldwide. This classic musical love story is filled with unforgettable characters, lavish sets and costumes, and dazzling production numbers including "Be Our Guest" and the beloved title song. Experience the romance and enchantment of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*!

CHARLES PLAYHOUSE
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617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912
www.Charles-Playhouse.com

BLUE MAN GROUP — Ongoing. This giddily subversive off-Broadway hit serves up outrageous and inventive theater where three muted, blue-painted performers spoof both contemporary art and modern technology. Wry commentary and bemusing antics are matched only by the ingenious ways in which music and sound are created. The show has recently been updated with new performance pieces and music.

SHEAR MADNESS — Ongoing. This hilarious Boston-set whodunit, where the clues change every night and the laughs come fast and furious, is a worldwide phenomenon filled with up-to-the-minute spontaneous humor and quicksilver improvisation where the audience becomes part of the action and gets to solve the crime.

AMERICAN REPERTORY THEATER
Oberon, 2 Arrow St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, MA
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www.AmericanRepertoryTheater.org

THE DONKEY SHOW — Ongoing. Bringing the ultimate disco experience to Boston, this crazy circus of mirror balls, feathered divas, roller skaters and hustle queens tell the story of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* through great '70s anthems you know by heart.

MUSIC

TD GARDEN
Causeway Street, Boston
www.TDGarden.com

NEIL DIAMOND — June 23, 2012. Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and 2011 Kennedy Center Honoree, will take his greatest hits on the road on a much-anticipated North American tour. Neil Diamond has had numerous hits including: "Forever in Blue Jeans," "Cherry, Cherry," "Sweet Caroline," "I'm a Believer," "Girl, You'll Be a Woman Soon," "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," "Red, Red Wine," "America" and many more. Neil's musical career spans nearly five decades.

AEROSMITH — July 17, 2012. America's greatest rock and roll band, will start your summer sizzling and have you dancing around the fires of rock n' roll again. After blowing away audiences in South America and Japan, the Bad Boys from Boston are back to rock America's soul, with The Global Warming Tour. The band celebrated their fortieth anniversary in 2010 and shows no signs of slowing down anytime soon. This quintessential live act truly defined rock and roll as we know it, bringing their heart-pounding sound and millions of fans to their feet over the past four decades. Aerosmith are a living piece of American music history, having sold over 150 million albums worldwide and been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. **Cheap Trick** will open the show.

BANK OF AMERICA PAVILION
290 Northern Ave., Boston, MA
www.LiveNation.com

AN EVENING WITH YANNI UNDER THE STARS — Sunday, June 10. Of the artists who rose to popularity as part of the new age music boom of the 1980s and '90s, few (if any) enjoyed greater or more lasting success than Yanni. Composing and performing instrumental music with a pronounced sense of drama, dynamics, and romanticism, Yanni broke through to a significantly larger audience than his peers, thanks to adult alternative radio airplay and a commanding performance style that attracted fans through frequent appearances on public television as well as world-wide concert tours.

NORAH JONES — Sunday, July 1. Norah Jones has set a May 1 release date for *Little Broken Hearts* (Blue Note/EMI), her stunning new album produced by Danger Mouse (aka Brian Burton). Jones has also revealed the album cover and track listing of the 12-song set, which features original songs co-written by Jones and Burton. Jones first emerged on the world stage 10 years ago with the 2002 release of *Come Away With Me*, her self-described "moody little record" that introduced a singular new voice and grew into a global phenomenon, sweeping the 2003 Grammy Awards and signaling a paradigm shift away from the prevailing synthetic pop music of the time.

COMCAST CENTER
885 S Main St., Mansfield, MA
www.LiveNation.com

BRAD PAISLEY, Sunday, June 3. After wrapping the first leg of the highly successful *Virtual Reality World Tour* an additional 43 dates were announced. Continuing on the tour will be reigning ACM and CMA *New Artist of the Year* and contenders for the 2012 ACM *Vocal Group or Duo* **The Band Perry**, reigning *American Idol* and current nominee for the 2012 ACM *New Artist* **Scotty McCreery** and Mercury Records recording artist **Easton Corbin** joins the tour on select dates. If ever an artist has earned the right to title an album *This Is Country Music*, it's Brad Paisley. It's not because he's the Country Music Association's reigning Entertainer of the Year or because his H2O Tour was 2010's top country trek in attendance or because he's sold more than 12 million albums and scored 18 #1 hits at country radio.

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DAUGHTRY — Monday, April 23. Daughtry has scored four No. 1 hits, garnered four Grammy nominations, sold over seven million albums and played sold out concerts around the world in less than four years. Daughtry's self-titled debut was the fastest selling rock debut in Soundscan history and its follow up *Leave This Town* marked the quintet's second consecutive No. 1 album. Daughtry's latest album *Break The Spell*, which was certified gold in 4 weeks, builds on the band's reputation for melodic hooks and anthemic choruses while providing a powerful showcase for Chris Daughtry's emotionally resonant voice.

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EARTH WIND & FIRE — June 12. The legendary band embark on their first concert dates of the 2012 "Guiding Lights" summer concert tour. Earth, Wind & Fire's music continues to be among the most plays songs in the world. The group's new single, "Guiding Lights" is currently 30 on the Billboard Urban Adult Chart. Earth, Wind & Fire has performed live to sold-out audiences on every continent and is led by founding members, Philip Bailey, Verdine White and Ralph Johnson.

Special Events

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HOME COMING FIGHT FEATURING IRISH JOE MCCREEDY AND SEAN EKLUND — May 9, 2012. CFC Promotions presents *Home Coming Fight* with local boxers Irish Joe McCreedy fighting for the USBO title and Sean Eklund will be taking on Joey Ortega on the undercard. Reserve your tickets early because this is sure to be a sold out event. To reserve tickets call (978) 761-8374 or email IrishJoeMcCreedy@gmail.com or visit www.IrishJoeMcCreedy.com or by contacting the Lowell Auditorium.

DANCE

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

www.BostonOperaHouseOnline.com
DON QUIXOTE — April 26 through May 6, 2012. Rudolph Nureyev's acclaimed production of Don Quixote was last performed by Boston Ballet in 2006. The production was originally staged on Boston Ballet by Nureyev

himself in 1982 when Nureyev danced the leading role of Basilo, first in Boston and then on a tour of the U.S., Mexico and Europe. He first choreographed his version of Don Quixote in Vienna in 1966 and it would later become one of his greatest successes. Nureyev's Don Quixote is based on the Marius Petipa-Alexander Gorsky production familiar to him from his days with the Kirov. The focus is not on Miguel de Cervantes' hero but on the romance between two of the novel's minor characters, Basilo and Kirtri. The production is danced to the score by Ludwig Minkus, arranged by John Lanchbery with sets and costumes by Nicholas Georgiadis.

FANCY FREE — May 10 through May 20, 2012. Fancy Free is headlined by Jerome Robbins' *Fancy Free*, and includes Peter Martins' Barber Violin Concerto and Harald Lander's Études. Robbins' *Fancy Free* was the master choreographer's first ballet, premiered on April 18, 1944. It would become one of his greatest successes and be one of the most popular ballets in American history. The work marked the emergence of both Robbins' talent as a choreographer and the talents of a young composer, Leonard Bernstein. *Fancy Free* follows the story of sailors on shore leave getting into a bit of romantic mischief. The one-act ballet has been referred to as "an homage to classical ballet training." The work begins simply with dancers at a barre and ends with a sequence of thrilling choreography.

COMEDY

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ALL THE SINGLE LADIES — Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. The latest production from Boston's award-winning Improv Asylum, is perfect for groups of ladies looking for a wild night of comedy, dancing and a whole lot of excitement! During your night out, you will watch four friends set out for one last wild night out before one of them gets married. After a few drinks, old feuds and new secrets threaten their good time, and only some songs and dancing can help them work through it. The performers interact and dance with all the guests! Guests who are at the show to celebrate something will also be included in the show and may get more than they bargained for! This interactive dance party is a hilarious high-energy night from start to finish. "All the Single

Ladies" will have you laughing, singing and dancing with all your BFFs and maybe leave with some new ones! This event is a 21+ show.

MUSEUMS

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CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF FENWAY PARK — April 22, 2012. Following a screening of *Rooters: The Birth of the Red Sox Nation*, **Peter Nash**, baseball historian and author of *Boston's Royal Rooters*; **Richard Johnson**, curator of Boston's Sports Museum; and **Thomas Fitzgerald**, grandson of Boston Mayor "Honey Fitz," discuss the building of the park and its passionate fans, including then-mayor John Francis Fitzgerald. **Ken Casey** of the Dropkick Murphys closes with a rendition of "Tessie."

A CONVERSATION WITH MADELEINE ALBRIGHT — April 26, 2012. Albright discusses her memoir, *Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948*, with Ambassador **Nicholas Burns**, professor at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

ALAN BRINKLEY ON JFK — May 15, 2012. Alan Brinkley, the Allan Nevins Professor of American History at Columbia University, discusses his new biography in The American Presidents Series, *John F. Kennedy: The 35th President, 1961-1963*, with historian **Ellen Fitzpatrick**.

LBJ: FROM SENATE MAJORITY LEADER TO PRESIDENT, 1958-1964 — May 16, 2012. Pulitzer Prize winning-author **Robert Caro** discusses the fourth volume in his biography of LBJ, *The Passage of Power: The Years of Lyndon Johnson*, with Pulitzer Prize-winning *Boston Globe* writer **Mark Feeney**.

A CONVERSATION WITH CONAN O'BRIEN — May 24, 2012. Conan O'Brien discusses the art of comedy. Seats are limited to two per person.

POVERTY IN AMERICA — June 4, 2012. On the 50th anniversary of the publication of Michael Harrington's *The Other America*, historian and Harrington biographer **Maurice Isserman** joins **Peter Edelman**, author of *So Rich, So Poor*, to discuss the politics and persistence of poverty in the U.S.

DAVID MCCULLOUGH ON AMERICANS IN PARIS — June 7, 2012. David McCullough discusses his latest book, *The Greater Journey*, about prominent 19th-century Americans formative years in Paris.

ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS

ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS

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AN EVENING OF ITALIAN ROMANCE featuring **MICHAEL AMANTE** and **MARISSA FAMIGLIETTI** — Saturday, June 9, 2012. Michael Amante is affectionately known as the "People's Tenor." He has been crowned the "Prince of High C's" for his ability to hit and sustain with ease, one of the highest notes of a tenor's voice. With Michael's long history of singing popular Rock and Gospel music, coupled with extensive classical Bel-Canto training, he is able to sing even higher with a strength and mastery rarely heard anywhere in the world. Being able to produce these notes consistently within the

context of a moving line and in conjunction with a beautiful sound, requires not only talent, but skilled use of technique. The most prolific tenor of all time, Luciano Pavarotti, the "King of High C's," once described the feeling this way: "Excited and happy, but with a strong undercurrent of fear. The moment I actually hit the note, I almost lose consciousness. A physical, animal sensation seizes me. Then I regain control." Amante experiences this thrilling sensation as well.

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www.Berklee.edu/Events

PINO DANIELE LIVE IN BOSTON — Saturday, June 9, 2012. Pino Daniele is an influential Italian jazz-fusion guitarist. From the beginning of his career, it was evident that his passion lay in rock and blues. His solo debut, *Terra Mia*, sung in Neapolitan, was the first example of what Daniele called "taramblù," a combination of tarantella, rumba, and blues. In 1979 his self titled record was released, followed by *Nero a Metà* in 1980. In 1989 Daniele took a step toward greater commercial success with the release of *Mascalzone Latino*, followed by 1991's *Un Uomo in Blues*, 1993's *Che Dio Ti Benedica* (which had two tracks produced by Chick Corea), 1995's *Non Calpestare I Fiori Nel Deserto*, 1997's *Dimmi Cosa Succede Sulla Terra*, and 2000's *Medina*. Two years later the singer teamed up with fellow Italian stars Francesco DeGregori, Ron, and Fiorella Mannoia for a tour, captured on the appropriately titled *In Tour*. In 2005 Daniele released *Iguana Café*. Between 2005 and 2010, Daniele released three more studio albums: *Il Mio Nome è Pino Daniele e Vivo Qui*, *Ricomincio da 30* and *Electric Jam*. In 2010, Daniele released his 13th studio album, *Boogie Boogie Man*.

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Stash worth of money! When Michael Rorrer found a stash of comic books in his great-uncle's Virginia home after his death, the 31-year-old thought they were "cool" — but he soon discovered that some of them were among the rarest issues ever published. The collection, which fetched about \$3.5 million at auction, includes Action Comics No. 1 (1938), which introduced the world to Superman, and Detective Comics No. 27 (1939), which marked the first appearance of Batman. "The scope of this collection is, from a historian's perspective, dizzying," said comic's publisher J.J. Vaughn.

Hollywood stuff! Diane Sawyer is furious over Julia Roberts' shockingly intimate relationship with her husband, director Mike Nichols! The Oscar-winning actress, 44, flirted openly with the still dashing 80-year-old during a recent interview for "Vanity Fair" magazine, calling Nichols "a father figure." Huh?

Gas prices hit a record high, all but assuring that surging fuel costs will be a key issue in the presidential race. Republican presidential nominees blamed President Obama for the soaring prices. "His politics have done everything they can to slow down energy production," said Rick Santorum. The White House said tensions in Iran and an unusually cold winter in Europe had caused the price of oil to surge to \$106 a barrel.

Now exposed! Tippi Hedren has mixed feelings about her mentor, Alfred Hitchcock, said Geoffrey Macnab in the London *Independent*. The director, then in his 60s, groomed the young Hedren for stardom and gave her the leading role in his 1963 classic, *The Birds*. But he was so infatuated with the glacial blonde that, when she refused to sleep with him, he kept her under contract at \$600 a week but stopped her from working for almost two years. "It was an extremely difficult time. To be the object of someone's obsession is horrible," says Hedren. "I demanded to get out of the contract, but he just said, 'Well you can't. You've got your daughter to raise and your parents are getting older.' I said, 'No, I want to get out. The people who love me do not want me in this situation.'" Yet Hitchcock's obsession with Hedren had its upside. "He was such a fabulous drama coach," she says. "He gave me an education in filmmaking. He had me sit in on meetings at every phase of making a motion picture." Now, 82, she chuckles affectionately when recalling Hitchcock's penchant for reciting dirty limericks. "He ruined my career," she says, "but he didn't ruin my life."

For the record Sir Alfred Hitchcock passed away from a heart attack in Beverly Hills, in 1980 at the age of 80. Hitchcock was cremated and his ashes were scatted. Where? That's a mystery!

The funeral of "The King," Clark Gable who passed away on November, 16, 1960 was perhaps Hollywood's greatest idol ever, was held with closed casket because he had said, "I don't want a lot of strangers looking down at my wrinkles and my big fat belly when I'm dead." He is interred next to his third wife, Carole Lombard.

More deadly stuff! Judy Garland (1922 - June 22, 1960) is at the Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale, New York. One of the great superstars of all time. Her vitality and poignancy touched millions from her first starring role in *The Wizard of Oz* (1939) to *Judgment at Nuremberg* (1961). "Your wife will be the star of Ferncliff," the cemetery representative told Garland's fifth and final husband, Mickey Deans, when he selected her mausoleum.

One more time! Marilyn Monroe (1926-August 5, 1962) is at Westwood Memorial Park, Los Angeles, California. Monroe's life was lived on the front pages, but after death from a drug overdose her devoted ex-husband Joe DiMaggio, determined that she would have a dignified funeral. In making arrangements he barred crowds and restricted guests to a few close friends, insulting not a small number of Hollywood celebrities who thought they belonged in that category. Marilyn was buried in a flowing sea-green Pucci dress. According to biographer Eunice Murray, DiMaggio "bent down and kissed her on

the forehead murmuring 'I love you, I love you, I love you.'"

Ah death, "Death is not a period but a comma in the story of life."

Wow! Chicago really is the nation's most corrupt city. Since 1976, 1,531 public officials in the Chicago area have been convicted of corruption, the most of any jurisdiction.

Useless Information: Actor W.C. Fields kept \$50,000 in Germany "in case the little bastard wins." When the *Titanic* sunk, there were seventy-five hundred pounds of ham on it. More than 150 people were tried as witches and wizards in Salem, Massachusetts, in the late 1600s. The earliest recorded case of a man giving up smoking was on April 5, 1679, when Johan Katsu, sheriff of Turku, Finland, wrote in his diary, "I quit smoking tobacco." He died one month later. When John Wilkes Booth leaped on the stage after shooting President Lincoln, he tripped on the American flag. It is estimated that within twenty years of Columbus discovering the New World, the Spaniards killed off 1.5 million Native Americans. Speaking of Columbus, Boston's annual Columbus Day Parade will take place in East Boston in October. Construction of the Leaning Tower of Pisa began on August 9, 1173. There are 296 steps to the top. Christianity has more than a billion followers. Islam is next in representation, with half this number. And remember, Pope Paul IV, who was elected on May 23, 1555, was so outraged when he saw the naked bodies of the Sistine Chapel that he ordered Michelangelo to paint clothes on them. Amen.

Results of polls! Americans rate Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton as the best presidents of the last 40 years. 69% say Reagan will go down in history as "above average or outstanding," and 60% say the same about Clinton. Richard M. Nixon and George W. Bush were rated the worst presidents.

Mona-Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston, says, "In a democracy people are both elected and appointed; we, the people, elect the President; his critics appoint themselves."

Time to do some reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. In 1956, *Metronome Magazine* named "Swinging Lovers," by Frank Sinatra, one of the Best Jazz Albums of the Year. Al Jolson's first recording was for Victor in 1911. The song, written by George M. Cohan, was called "That Haunting Melody." Arranger/conductor Gordon Jenkins also wrote a number of pop songs. They include: "P.S. I Love You," "When A Woman Loves A Man," and Benny Goodman's closing theme, "Goodbye." Bandleader Isham Jones had more than 70 big hits, most of them hitting the top ten, prior to 1932. Number one hits included "Wabash Blues," "On The Alamo," "Swingin' Down The Lane," and "I'll See You In My Dreams." It was Isham who turned Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust" into a romantic ballad. Tom Jones has been a construction worker, singing nights in working-men's pubs billed as "Tiger Tom," and later as Tommy Scott and the Senators, making a fair living with his type of big, rich voice, favored by the Welsh. Frank Sinatra's "My Kind Of Town" was first sung in the movie "Robin and the Seven Hoods" in 1964.

We learned the famous big band era trumpeter and bandleader Al Natale will be appearing with his popular 16-piece Classical Swing Band in the North End this summer. Stay tuned for more swinging details. We all look forward to the concert to relive the big band era listening to the original music arrangements of Glenn Miller, Harry James, Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey, and other famous big bands. It was the music that captured the hearts of young Americans from 1936 to 1945. Yes! The noted vocalist, handsome Jim Bramante, will be singing some of the big hits of that great era which of course includes some of Frank Sinatra's memorable hit songs. We'll keep you posted! Stay tuned! **AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME**



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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BRACCIOLI

Served in Tomato Sauce

4 thinly sliced beef steaks Romano cheese
¾ cup flavored bread crumbs 1 tablespoon olive oil
1 small garlic clove chopped White thread
1 tablespoon of grated

In a bowl, mix bread crumbs, chopped garlic and grated cheese. Add olive oil to slightly moisten the bread crumbs. Take one beef slice at a time. Spread some bread crumbs in the center of meat. Leave sides of meat about half-inch clear of bread crumbs. Gently roll from long end of meat, gradually folding in the sides so bread crumbs won't fall out. Roll the meat to the end. Squeeze the rolled meat in your hands. Take white thread, and wrap around the roll and sides of meat to secure ends from opening.

Brown on all sides in a skillet before adding to your tomato sauce. Cook in sauce about 45 minutes. Before serving, remove Bracciori from sauce. Let stand in platter a minute before removing thread. Then slice into ½ inch portions and serve separately or with cooked pasta.

NOTE: I learned to make Bracciori from watching my mother and mother-in-law. Patience and experience are needed but are well worth the effort.

In my childhood, I remember going to Moscardino's Meat Market on Salem Street. The butcher cut the beef for Bracciori for the customer as we watched. Today, supermarkets have taken the place of personal butcher shops in many cities. We depend on finding thinly cut beef steaks packaged and on display. Occasionally I have purchased a bottom of the round roast and carefully sliced thin steaks myself to make my Bracciori.

• Tourists for an Afternoon (Continued from Page 6)

Parmenter Street passing more restaurants and specialty stores and turned onto Salem Street, where once again we were confronted with more Italian restaurants and life that spilled out onto the street. We walked up to the legendary Old North Church, glanced across the Prado at Bulfinch's wonderful Saint Stephen's Church then turned onto Hull Street and spent time in the Old Granary Cemetery reading the worn inscriptions on tombstones dating back to the Revolutionary War.

It was now late afternoon and, we had spent more time on our impromptu tour

than expected, we decided to end our tour at Columbus Park. We walked along Atlantic Avenue and the wharves admiring the apartments that look out onto Boston's Inner harbor and made our way over to Christopher Columbus Park which was just coming into bloom, ending up on a bench where we sat for a moment to consider the dizzying variety of sights and sounds that make up the North End, all packed into little more than one square mile. We saw, what we consider our little village in a new light and felt lucky to have lived in it our entire lives.

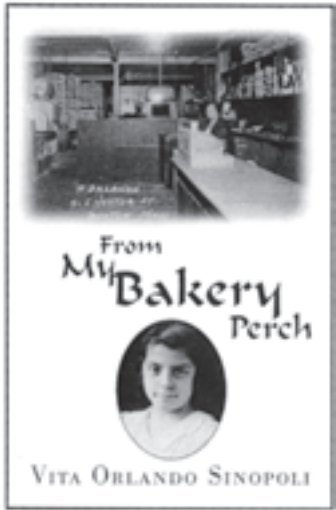


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by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Nanna and Babbononno's generation wasn't much on eating out. The old time men figured, "If she couldn't cook, why did I marry her." But this thought wasn't necessary. Nanna's generation was taught to cook by their mothers and grandmothers, a tradition that went back to when the Italian population yelled, "Hail Caesar." It's a bit different today. Most Italian females work for a living and cooking is secondary. As a result, either the men in their lives cook, you order takeout, or you head for a restaurant for dinner. I'm guilty of two and three. Back in the day, when Babbononno came home from work, his first stop was in the bathroom to take a shower and get the sawdust off his skin. By the time he emerged dressed for dinner, it was ready for him. Nanna would have spent the afternoon hours preparing the evening meal for her family, and usually, something different every day. It was expected and that was her job in the family. My mother's generation (the first born in America) did pretty much the same thing. When Dad came home from teaching school, he took a nap, got cleaned, ate his dinner, dressed in a tuxedo and headed out to play with his or another band. When I came of age, I followed in the family business and Mom had dinner ready each night. What it came down to: Dad was the head of the family and Mom was the center of it. Enough to say it was a traditional Italian family, only living in America.

Well, those days are gone. Instead of Italian girls standing next to their mothers to be taught how to cook and clean, they are educated and take their place in the business world at large. And because of schedules, cooking takes a back seat, so here we are.

I tried to explain this to Aunt Dorothy several times when she had negative comments about the relationship between Nanna and Babbononno. If you remember, Aunt Dorothy was the wife of Uncle Nick, Mom's middle brother and my Godfather. Aunt Dorothy was from an Anglo culture that went back almost to the Mayflower. Her upbringing differed greatly from that of the Italian American people. She considered Nanna a slave to Babbononno and resented the fact that my grandmother cooked and cleaned for him and the family with nothing more to look forward to. Aunt Dorothy couldn't understand or didn't want to understand the ways of the old timers and as a result condemned it. She was educated and working in Boston's leather industry when she met Uncle Nick. After they were married, she continued with her profes-

sion as did Uncle Nick, who played with many of Boston's society orchestras every night of the week.

Well that was a long time ago and, as I've said, times are different today. As a result, the restaurant industry is one of the largest in the United States. If I could make a comparison ... Italy has thousands of restaurants throughout the country, but most of them are Italian. We in the U.S. have thousands of restaurants also, but they are as diverse as the American population. Every ethnic group living in this country has a restaurant that offers the specialties of their particular country. If you add in restaurants that offer American food including fast food places, it might sound like there is a restaurant on every street corner. As a matter of fact, my last statement might be true.

We eat out a lot. This goes back to when the kids started school. When they did, my wife returned to teaching, and after school, the kids were involved in sports. My kids were jocks going all the way back to grammar school and we, in spite of our schedules, were at every baseball or basketball game they played in. As a result, we ate out most of the time. The kids have long been out on their own, but Loretta's schedule and mine cause us to have to go to a restaurant several times during the week. The question is quite common during the week, "What do you feel like tonight, Italian, Chinese, Mexican, Indian, Japanese, or just a steak and salad?" We will make a joint decision and then head to a restaurant that both of us have agreed on. And, for the most part of those five ethnic restaurants I mentioned, we wouldn't have to drive for more than a mile or two to find them. The only other country I've ever seen that many offerings is in England, and only in London.

The latest types of restaurants have become popular in the northeast recently are Latin American and Brazilian. Italian and Chinese food was considered exotic a couple of generations ago, but more so than most other ethnic foods, have been accepted by the American public. As I said, Brazilian and Latin American food are the latest offerings to hit the restaurant scene.

Last week, as an example of what I've been talking about, Loretta and I teamed up with dear friends, Joe and Mary DeMaina, and headed to a place called La Casa De Pedro.

Located at 343 Arsenal Street in the complex that had been the Watertown Arsenal, back in the day. It proved to be close enough to head to for a quick meal. I didn't know what to expect,

was it Mexican, Cuban, Spanish or food from some other country south of the U.S.? I wasn't sure. They just advertised, "Fine Latin Cuisine," which could mean anything. There is little similarity between, let's say Cuban and Mexican food. Cuban is closer to European Spanish and Mexican is closer to Latin American Indian food.

The four of us entered La Casa De Pedro, were welcomed and seated. The menu turned out to be very eclectic when it came to the offerings. I saw Mexican, Spanish, Cuban and Venezuelan dishes, and as a result, each of us ordered something different with the intent of sharing. My wife ordered a roast leg of pork surrounded by sweet plantains and black beans with white rice ... a traditional meal found in Cuba and Venezuela. Friend Joe ordered a fish dish that was Mexican, and when I sampled both the pork and fish, wondered if I should have ordered a combo of the two. Joe's wife, Mary and I both ordered Paella (pie-aye-yah), the national dish of Spain and a special dish of several Latin American countries. Paella is a bed of saffron flavored rice surrounded by mussels, clams, pieces of fish, pieces of chicken and Spanish sausage.

Our only mistake was to have two orders delivered to the table. One would have fed Mary and me with enough left over for doggy bags for the both of us.

I happen to be a paella lover, having sampled the dish in Spain and almost every Latin American country south of the U.S. What I tasted at La Casa De Pedro ranked as one of the best paellas I've ever sampled. It contained everything I mentioned, with just enough saffron and subtle spices to bring out the taste of the meats and seafood.

For dessert, we all ordered flan, custard with burned caramel liquid dripping down the sides of the cylindrical pieces. I added in a double espresso to finish off my desert and thought I was in gastronomical heaven.

I'm out of space, but would like to know if this type of meal appeals to you. If it does, then you have to try La Casa De Pedro in Watertown. Ask for Mark Lyons, the manager and tell him I recommended the place, and he will take good care of you. See you next week, and may GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

conservation, solar power, wind turbines or algae, I just want to barf. For over 40 years now, we have known the problem and do little to change the status quo. We need to be energy independent and we can't do that by banning the drilling of US oil. We have it and we just need to get to it and the sooner the better.

Getting back to Obama, the Republican candidates keep looking pitiful and despite the President's horrible leadership on numerous fronts and despite his poor rating from the American people, he could sneak back in and make matters that much worse in a second term. If anything can beat him, it will be higher and higher gas prices at the pump. He can spin lots of things but he can't spin the high price of gasoline. He should be a one-termer but that old adage stands, "You can't beat somebody with nobody."

RI Wants to Ban Smoking at Public Beaches and Parks

State Rep. Richard Morrison, (D-Bristol) down in Rhode Island is hoping to reduce waste by making the Ocean State the first to ban smoking at all public beaches. The law would also apply to other public areas and also include pedestrian plazas. The Bristol Democrat says, "The state has the right to protect the health of our citizens. I'm not trying to take away anyone's rights but we no longer allow smoking in the workplace, in restaurants, or on buses. I don't think it's a good idea to allow it where families and young people are."

Here in Boston, there is an agenda to ban smoking in private dwellings too. When politicians or anti-tobacco groups say they aren't out to curtail anyone's rights, actions speak louder than words. If tobacco is so unhealthy you need to ban it at the beach, why is this product still legal? Prohibitionists tried it long ago with alcohol and it didn't come close to working. Government also speaks out of forked tongue on the issue. At the same time they try to ban the stuff, they reap in millions on taxes from smokers. You can't have it both ways or can you?

Listen, I hate smoking. I never have. I watched my father die a long and agonizing death from COPD caused by decades of smoking cigarettes. I wish he never smoked. Toward the end, that became his wish too. However, in this country people have rights to make choices. Sometimes they are not always the best choices.

Do we now ban individuals making their own choices and have government tell us everything we should do?

As much as I think smoking tobacco is bad for you, I am not about to tell someone what to do with their own life. Each of us lives or dies with the choices we make. Keep it that way or outlaw the product.

Remember Robin Hood?

One night recently, I watched a DVD called "The Adventures of Robin Hood" a motion picture from 1948. We all know the story of Prince John, a Norman ruling over the Saxons like a murderous despot, while his brother Richard the Lionhearted was held prisoner during the Crusades. The following morning, I saw the TV news story concerning the attempt by the Scottish people to become a free and independent Scotland. Scotland and England have been united since 1707 as Britain. Back in 1972 — 40 years ago — I was traveling in Europe and on Sunday, January 30, 1972, I was riding a tour bus in Derry, Northern Ireland past the sight of the "Bloody Sunday" massacre that saw, I believe, 13 innocent and unarmed Irish Catholic civilians gunned down by British soldiers. As someone with maternal ancestors from West Cork, I thought it was time for Northern Ireland to break-away from Britain and reunite with the Republic of Ireland. I still think this today.

As an American, I can identify with Britain through common heritage. There is no country in the world we are more like than the English. Our political roots, our belief in constitutional government and our belief in democracy will always tie us together. However, I think it is high time for the Scottish people to have its own country again. I also hope that the Irish people from both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland find a way to put aside sectarian differences and see all that unites them together as one people.

Getting back to Sir Robin of Sherwood, the fight he fought is still being fought today. It was a fight over despotism and the rights of free men. It was a fight over the likes of Prince John and all the Prince Johns who still rule in this world of ours today. The world was bad enough when it was the Normans versus the Saxons but compared to today, that was a piece of cake.

Finally, if you really want to get metaphorical, I saw a lot of Tea in Sherwood Forest too.

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Sono pronti a lasciare un paese, l'Italia, che sta diventando un paese di vecchi. In dieci mesi dell'anno scorso, il 2010, oltre 65 mila giovani italiani si sono trasferiti all'estero. Tutti erano sotto i trent'anni d'eta', convinti che era meglio trovare un lavoro altrove.
E' un fenomeno in crescendo. Infatti tra il 2000 ed il 2007 gli italiani laureati che lavorano in paesi della comunita' europea sono aumentati del 40%. Se fossero rimasti in Italia avrebbero aumentato la disoccupazione giovanile al di sopra del presente 27.8%.
E' intelligenza ed energia che vengono sottratti al futuro del paese. Le ragioni? Sono molte. Una e' l'ostilita' dell'ambiente italiano, ostile al 'merito' ed all'indifferenza ai problemi dei cittadini, soprattutto i giovani. Un'altro problema serio e' l'indifferenza anche del governo italiano che destina all'istruzione solo, il 4.3% del PIL contro il 5.6% della Francia ed il 5.4% del Regno Unito. Un'altro problema ancora e' che non arrivano cervelli stranieri a sostituire quelli italiani andati via. L'Italia poi non attrae talenti stranieri. Esiste un rimedio? La prima semplice risposta e' che ci vuole un impegno collettivo del paese, e servono regole chiare che alimentino la concorrenza, dare spazi al merito, e superare il conflitto tra generazioni, un serio problema da risolvere in Italia. Purtroppo chi lascia il paese e trova un lavoro all'estero pensa di ritornare dopo i primi mesi di lavoro. Ma subito si rendono conto che e' meglio professionalmente rimanere dove si trovano perche' si sentono apprezzati..

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...
It has now become a constant exodus to anyone looking for a job, success and an income. They are ready to leave a country, Italy, which is becoming a land of old people. During a ten-month period in 2010, more than 65,000 young Italians have moved abroad. Everyone was under the age of 30, fully convinced that it was better to find a job elsewhere.
It is a growing phenomenon. In fact between the years 2000-2007, Italian college graduates, who work in European countries, have increased by 40%. Had they remained in Italy, they would have increased youth unemployment above the present 27.8%. It is intelligence and energy that the country is losing. The reason? There are many. One is the hostility of the Italian environment, reluctant to recognize 'merit', and the indifference to the needs of the citizens, mainly the young. Another serious problem is the failure of the Italian Government that "helps" education with a meager 4.3%, as compared to France (5.6%) or to the United Kingdom (5.4%). There is also another problem: the inability to get foreign talent, to replace the Italian (gone away).
Italy doesn't attract foreign talent. Is there a remedy? The first simple answer is a collective commitment of the country, and clear rules that affect competition, recognize merit, and resolve any conflict between generations, a serious problem, for Italy, to solve.
Those who immigrate to and find work abroad contemplate coming back during the first few months. Some, however, realize that it is professionally convenient to stay where they are, for they feel that their work is appreciated.

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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

LaMATTINA'S FUNDRAISER DRAWS 200 SUPPORTERS

On Thursday, April 5, City Councilor Sal LaMattina hosted a fundraiser at Ecco. Some 200 people stopped by during the gathering to support Sal. Among those present of course was Dave Modica from Ecco. Among celebrants also were Patti and Jimmy Satori, members of the afternoon division of Knights and Ladies of Dunkin' Donuts down on Bennington Street.

SALESIAN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, JUNE 21

The 4th annual Salesian Boys & Girls Club Community Breakfast will be held on Thursday, June 21 at Suffolk Downs at 7:30 am. The East Boston event is sponsored by Suffolk Downs and The Fields Family Foundation. Rep. Carlo Basile once again will serve as host and M.C. Carlo is an alumnus of the club back in his youth. For more information call Stephen Fielding, director of development and communications at 617-567-0863 or email to stfielding@salesianclub.com.

CUTBACKS HIT YANCEY 2012 NEWSLETTER?

City Councilor Charles Yancey's latest constituent newsletter was only eight pages. It contained only 22 photos of which Yancey was seen in 11 of them. Everybody is cutting back these days, huh?

I did appreciate the nice story within it on Jim Hennigan's 85th birthday bash. There was a great photo of Hennigan and Yancey shaking hands before Hennigan cut into his giant birthday cake. If you take a real close look at Yancey's eyes, it appears his right eye is glued to the birthday cake. I heard the cake was really yummy and that Hennigan looked like a surgeon slicing it up for folks.

3rd ANNUAL WOMEN FOR AYANNA FUNDRAISER ON TAP FOR APRIL 26

Plans for the Annual Women for Ayanna fundraiser are in full swing. Each year it grows bigger than the previous one. It is an opportunity for those attending the fundraiser to celebrate all that has been accomplished since they last gathered together.

Recently, *Boston Magazine* named City Councilor Ayanna Pressley one of the "50 Most Powerful People in Boston." The time will be held at the Omni Parker House on Thursday, April 26. For further information, visit infoayannapressley.com or call Ayanna at her City Hall office.

RADIO MY WAY WITH RON DELLA CHIESA

Ron Della Chiesa says his obsession with radio began as a little kid living in Quincy and listening to his father Aldo singing like Caruso. It has been said of Ron, "Della Chiesa may be 74, but he is as charismatic and energetic as ever. The

consummate music lover has been in radio for over 50 years."

Ron can bring music to life and feed it into your soul. This ability is truly a gift from God. His Sunday night "Strictly Sinatra" and "Music America" shows are heard weekly on WPLM 99.1 FM from 7:00 pm until 2:00 am. You can also go to the web at musicnotnoise.com. His book, *Radio My Way* is a great read and takes you on a journey through Ron's life in radio.

He told me he'll keep doing what he's been doing for as long as he can. He also quoted to me something Frank Sinatra said and is also written on his grave stone, "The best is yet to come."

I cannot thank Ron enough for his radio career. Often when driving home late on a Sunday night, I turn on his program and he becomes a passenger sitting next to me making my ride home so much easier. There is nothing like great old music that never sounds like noise.

THOSE ANNUAL ROXBURY REUNIONS UPDATE

I received an e-mail recently from Joan Marie Ellis who grew up in St. Patrick's parish in Roxbury who read a recent mention of the Roxbury Reunions held annually for folks mainly from St. Patrick's parish. She wanted to know how she and her brother could attend the 2012 reunion. I have passed her information on to Stevie O'Malley from MJ Pizza in Roslindale. You can stop by the pizza parlor on Roslindale's Belgrade Avenue.

HIGH SPEED TROLLEY SERVICE SLOWING DOWN SOON

The MBTA has announced a reduction in service on the High Speed Mattapan trolley line starting July 1. Between the hours of 6:00-10:00 am and 8:00 pm until 1:00 am, the trolleys will be spread out to every 23-26 minutes instead of every 11-13 minutes. The streetcars route will remain the same passing down the middle of a cemetery.

PRESSLEY CAMPAIGN

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MANAGER NAMED TOP MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Jess Tauber, a top aide to City Councilor Ayanna Pressley was recently named "local campaign manager of the year" and picked up a "Pollie Award" from the American Association of Political Consultants at a recent conference in Austin, TX. Jess has since returned to Pressley's City Hall office. I worked with her during Pressley's campaign last year where she helped guide the Pressley re-election campaign to a great first place finish. Many political experts pegged her as vulnerable and were shocked at the final election outcome. I was not surprised because I know Jess and how she runs campaigns.

PATRICK SAYS HE WILL STAND HIS GROUND ON "STAND YOUR GROUND" LEGISLATION

Gov. Patrick says he will veto any "Stand Your Ground" legislation that reaches his desk for signature. Talking on WTKK 96.9 FM, Patrick stated, that this gun bill would not "get past my desk." The governor also said that we don't need such a law in the Bay State and was also not sure why Florida needed it either. The bill (S 661) is currently in the Joint Committee on the Judiciary up on Beacon Hill.

The governor has used the Trayvon Martin case as a reason for his opposition to the bill but while I haven't made up my mind on his stance I am not even sure that the "Stand Your Ground" law was even in effect at the time of this tragic shooting.

"UPS AND DOWNS" LOOKS LIKE IT IS GOING DOWN

"Ups and Downs," an infamous watering hole and club next to the Neponset Bridge in Dorchester is going, going, gone since reportedly the lawyer for this place has stated the bar's owner is looking to transfer the liquor to the Boston Tea Party Museum in the Fort Point Channel area. This bar has been at this site for nearly a half-century and originally was called the "Pony Room."



• **Talk of Many Things** (Continued from Page 14)

A Febuary 23 melee leaving seven people stabbed led to the bar's latest trouble. This place has been legendary to folks in both Neponset and Quincy where last call is earlier than Boston. Late at night you could always count on the place filled with folks from across the bridge in Quincy.

**ROC DISCO BENEFIT
ON APRIL 28**

The same folks who just coordinated a successful fundraising Disco Party to benefit the Nazzaro Community Center are putting together another one to benefit ROC Teen Saturday which provides activities for local teens through the efforts of Steven Virgilio, aka Virgil.

For seven years now, this teen program has been taking youths out of the city on Saturdays. The program also includes Movie Night in the Gassy and also at Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park during the summer months.

Said Virgilio, "We help kids in school, court, job search and other resources. We do so much for so many for years and yet at grant time we are unknown." He hopes people will go to the upcoming second Disco Party to support ROC and "to reach out to friends and help make the event a great one."

The Disco Party will be held at the Fisherman's Club on Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. Adults Only. Music will be by DJ Virgil. For more details, call Roseann Romano at 617-306-0181.

**OUT OF CONTROL
IN SPRINGFIELD**

Springfield, out in western Massachusetts, is apparently out of control when it comes to birth control. Stats for the city show that it is number one statewide for teen pregnancies. So what is the city's response? Free birth control in public schools to students 12 and older with parental consent. Can't parents be responsible for their children without handing the problem over to the schools? Holy Cow, parents in Springfield don't need free birth control.

Could it be that the teen pregnancy rate is caused by parents who don't know how to be parents? Sometimes the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. In the end, all that free stuff handed out to 12 year old teens won't even put a dent in the high teen pregnancy rate in the state's second largest city. Just watch and see!

**BUMPED INTO FRANK
CIANO THE OTHER DAY**

I was attending an open house for the new *Boston Herald* offices and newsroom over in the Seaport District on Fargo Street and bumped into attorney Frank Ciano who was also among those

invited to this event. I wished him a Happy Birthday. He just celebrated his.

Frank also told me he's running for Middlesex Register of Deeds. This is his first attempt at public office. I wished him well and will be supporting his candidacy.

MEANWHILE, IN...

Maura Hennigan is running for re-election of Clerk of the Criminal Court this fall. Other candidates were reportedly interested as the deadline approached. Meanwhile, Maura seems to be everywhere. West Roxbury one day, Winthrop the next and I recently met her in East Boston or was that South Boston? I don't remember. Maura's been my friend for over 30 years and was always a great city councilor before moving into her current county job.

**THE GUY WHO KNOWS
EVERYONE'S NAME IS
COMING TO THE SEAPORT**

Thomas Kershaw, owner of the Hampshire House and 75 Chestnut as well as two Cheers locations, is planning to open a waterfront restaurant as part of the Liberty Wharf development. Said Kershaw, "We're anticipating we'll do a good business in the summer and hang on in the winter."

Kershaw said it will be a neighborhood establishment with a full menu and full bar. The Seaport District has created a life of its own. The Northern Avenue location will certainly benefit the Seaport's increasing number of residents and continue to add to the number of eating and drinking spots down by the water.

**BUCKY RETURNS THE
LONG KNIGHT IS OVER**

Bucky Spartaro has returned to Eastie from his Florida vacation. Winter has officially ended. Also back is Richie Spartaro with chess set in hand. Only one left down in Florida is Sam M. The Knights of Dunkin' Donuts is all but completely back with meetings to resume at the round table. Evan still drives to the nightly Knights gatherings. Gail also drives there but in her own vehicle. Carpooling loads appear to be over. Johnny "Two dog" and Larry held the fort on Easter Sunday night until I arrived. At the stroke of midnight, we emptied the place.

**N.E.A.D. LOOKING FOR
NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

John Romano tells me that North End Against Drugs is still looking for a couple of new board members. You have to live in the North End to be on this board. J.R. is looking for some young parents with kids to fill out the board of directors' seats. Contact John Romano; you can always leave him a note at the Nazzaro Center.



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



**Little League Parade
and Bar-B-Cue**

Great Day for the Kids

Saturday, April 7 was a perfect day for the annual Opening Day East Boston Little League Parade. All, the kids had a great day marching through East Boston and carrying their team banners before settling down once again as Jim's Auto sponsored the cookout. This kind of kids event is what makes East Boston a great place to live and raise children.

**Red Sox Start Off Bad But
Not as Bad as Last Year**

Last year under Tito Francona, the Red Sox slide out of spring training as if they had fallen on a banana peel. They lost 10 or 11 out of their first 13 Games. This year, they are 1-4 after one roundtrip through the starting rotation. The best showing was Jon Lester who should have won Game 1 of the 2012 season. Josh Beckett, Clay Buchholz and David Bard didn't pitch well at all. Beckett was especially bad going five innings, serving up five home runs and earning all seven runs he gave up. Buchholz stunk too. David Bard thinks he should have won that game apparently and Bobby Valentine seemingly thinks he pitched well enough to win. According to Bobby V, "His pitches were good, very good. Not quite the results we were looking for and he's a little disappointed." I think it is the fans who are a little disappointed. He did pitch well

enough to win but didn't. Lester did that on Opening Day. He truly deserved to win but didn't ... By the way, doesn't Dave Ortiz look like a new man with his weight loss. He can actually attempt to steal a base. I wonder if losing weight was a clause in his new contract. Oh, did I mention that Carl Crawford is hurt again? Alfredo Aceves finally pitched his first inning of baseball and picked up a save. Meanwhile, Francona has no intention of celebrating anything to do with Fenway's 100th Anniversary. Like I care less.

Gillen Gets

Five Day Suspension

Recently, Ozzie Gillen, the new Miami Marlins manager who is from Hugo Chavez's Venezuela told *Time Magazine* that he both loved and admired Cuban dictator Fidel Castro which did not go over well with folks down in Miami's Little Cuba.

He had to apologize for those dumb remarks of his, especially since most Marlins fans are Cuban Americans. Nobody in Miami cares if he loves Hugo but don't go loving Castro and expect nothing but what happened. He says he really didn't mean what he said, so why did he say it? File this one as a victory for Marlins Nation fans.

**Houston Colt 45s
Returns to Mound**

Former pitcher Bob Aspromonte, an original member of the Houston Colt 45s recently threw out the first

pitch as the Houston franchise celebrates its 50th anniversary of its very first game. Major League Baseball trying to be politically correct initially objected to having the pistol remain as it was on the original uniforms. Last month, MLB relented after much protest and the Houston Astros were allowed to pistol up again. The throwback uniforms will be worn often this year in tribute to the team's roots.

**Dodgers Sold
for \$2 Billion**

La Dodgers owner Frank McCourt agreed to sell the bankrupt team for \$2 million to a group that includes Lakers' great Magic Johnson. McCourt paid \$430 million in 2004 to buy the team, Dodgers Stadium and 250 acres of land from the Fox division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. The team's debt stood at \$579 million as of January 2012. Oh, Happy Birthday to Dodgers Stadium. With the sale, I'm sure there's ice cream and cake arriving soon. The new owners are called Guggenheim Baseball Management.

Quiz:

Test Your Baseball Smarts

How many Major League stadiums use artificial turf? Who was the first Latino in the Baseball Hall of Fame? Who was the first Little Leaguer to be elected president of the United States? See how much you know about America's favorite pastime by taking this quiz. aarp.org/bbquiz

• **Law and Justice Day Breakfast** (Continued from Page 1)

trol Unit. ADA Fabbri serves as a faculty member of the National College of District Attorneys, and is the creator of the *Criminal Law Update*, a well-respected legal guide for Massachusetts criminal law codes.

The "Public Service Award" will be given to Dr. Karen Panetta. Dr. Panetta is a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Tufts University, and serves as Director of the university's Simulation Research Laboratory. She is the Co-Founder and Chief Research Scientist at BA Logix Inc. Dr. Panetta's dedication to involving youth in engineering and the sciences inspired her to found the Nerd Girls Foundation, which enables young girls to pursue their interest in math, science, and engineering, while working to break down the negative stereotypes of

women in these fields. She has served as the Women in Engineering Committee Chair as part of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), and is an IEEE Fellow.

The Commission will also be granting a "Distinguished Service Award" to Officer Robert DeNapoli. Officer DeNapoli became a reserve police officer in the Woburn Police Department in October 1994, and was appointed as a full time officer in the patrol department in June 1997. He served in this role until September 2011, when he was wounded in the line of duty. Since that time, and despite suffering serious injuries, he has worked toward returning to full duty in the department. Officer DeNapoli was known in the department for organizing charity softball tournaments, including one in

honor of Officer John B. "Jack" Maguire, a fellow officer killed in the line of duty in December 2010.

The Commission for Social Justice acts as the anti-defamation arm of the Order Sons of Italy in America and its purpose is to ensure equal concern, respect, treatment and opportunity for all Italians, Italian-Americans and those of other ethnic origins. Keeping within the focus of their purpose, the Commission is extremely proud to be able to recognize these outstanding individuals who have proven themselves as leaders within the community, the state and in the preservation of their Italian Heritage.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, please contact the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts at 617-489-5234.

• **Res Publica** (Continued from Page 2)

His Democratic opponent, Elizabeth Warren, says that makes Senator Brown "extreme." The voters can settle that one in November.

In the meantime, the bishops have suggested that

the fourteen days from June 21 — the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More — to July 4, Independence Day, be dedicated as a "fortnight for freedom" and

have urged Catholic institutions to work "in cooperation with other Christians, Jews, people of other faiths, and indeed, all who wish to defend our most cherished freedom."

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by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

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Missy "The Fury" Fiorentino



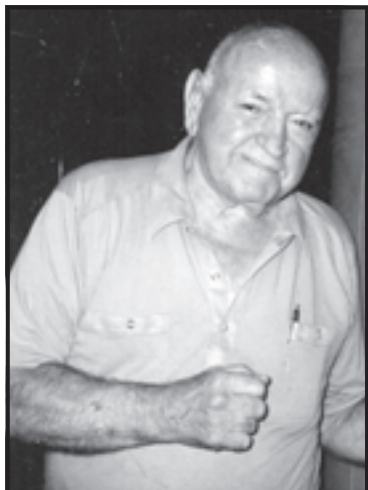
Wilbur "Skeeter" McClure, Joey DeGrandis and Danny Long



Tony DeMarco, Carlos Garcia and Carlos Ortiz



Jaime "The Hurricane" Clampitt



Marine Peter Santoro. A fighter, awarded two Purple Hearts at Iwo Jima.



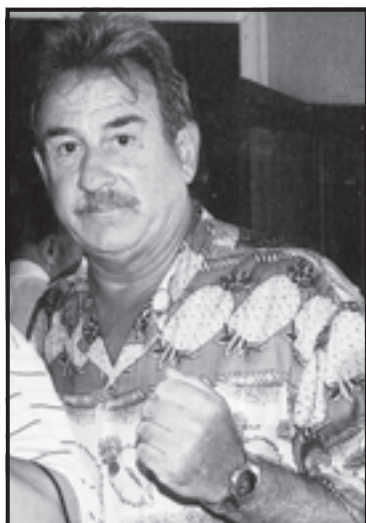
Irish Micky Ward



Juan "Butcher Boy" Botta and Vito Antuofermo



Tony Petronelli, Goody Petronelli and Peter Marciano



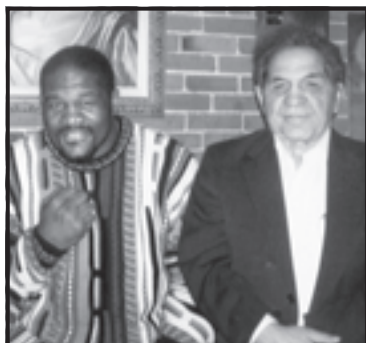
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Donnell Wigfall and Chris Sarno



Joey DeGrandis



Riddick Bowe and Tony DeMarco.



John O'Brien



Richie "The Mountain" LaMontagne.



Jimmy Farrell, Dan O'Malley and Charles "Babe" Wood



Vinny Paz



Jimmy Manning and Sean Creegan



Promoter Jimmy Burchfield and Paul Poirier

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Just where did he come from, this person out of the red, white and blue? What about this goalie who seemed to hold the Bruins at bay in the early games of the Eastern Conference quarterfinal series with the Washington Capitals?

Braden Holtby, the substitute netminder who kept Washington in the first three games of the series with Boston, was born and raised on the Canadian prairie, a long way from the political capital of America.

Lloydminster, Saskatchewan is a small city of just under 28,000 people on the provincial border with Alberta. Somewhat isolated and rural, it is the perfect incubator for a potential career in hockey. Far from the bright lights of a large population center, local hockey becomes the centerpiece around which all else revolves. It's also the hometown of Garnet "Ace" Bailey, who won two Stanley Cups with the B's and died in the September 11 attacks.

Holtby would be introduced to big time crowds when he began playing for the Saskatoon Blades of the Western Hockey League, the only team continuously operating in the league since the WHL's foundation in 1966. The Blades play their games in the 15,195 seat Credit Union Centre, a facility that would rival many arenas in the U.S.

The 2006-2007 Season was far from stellar as he posted a 3.21 goals against average and an unimpressive .895 save percentage over the course of 51 games (17-29-3). Those are not numbers that will bring NHL scouts to your door, that's for sure.

The next year (2007-2008) was somewhat of an improvement statistically wise, as he went 25-29-8 with a 2.84 GAA and a .908 save percentage. Washington took a chance on him, selecting him in the fourth round (93rd overall) of the 2008 NHL draft.

Such a move apparently did wonders for his confidence as he went 40-16-4 in his final season with Saskatoon with a 2.62 GAA and a .910 save percentage.

He then split his first season in the Caps organization between the South Carolina Stingrays of the ECHL and the Hershey Bears of the AHL. He went 25-8-2 with Hershey with an improved 2.32 GAA and a .917 save percentage. He represented the Stingrays in the ECHL All-Star game.

The Bruins were a part of a big day in Holtby's life. That would be November 5, 2010 when he made his NHL debut at the Verizon Center with 10 minutes remaining in the game and the score tied at 3-3. Replacing Michal Neuvirth, he stopped four shots by the B's as the Caps scored twice to claim the victory.

It also didn't take long for Holtby to become associated with overtime. Two nights

later he made his first NHL start against the Philadelphia Flyers, a contest the Caps would win in the extra session. Overall he would go 10-2-2 in 14 games with the Caps that season, finishing with a 1.79 GAA and a .934 save percentage. He also played 30 games with Hershey, going 17-10-1, 2.29 GAA and a .920 save percentage.

The regular season that just ended was more of the same, with Holtby playing in only seven games. But when Neuvirth and Tomas Vokoun went down with injuries near the close of the regular season, the Caps had really no choice but to turn to Holtby.

It has been the classic story of the sub getting his opportunity and making the most of it — at least in the early games. Holtby shut out the B's in regulation in game 1, allowing the winning goal by Chris Kelly with just over a minute into the first overtime. It was Boston's first 1-0 overtime playoff victory since March 23, 1935. Yes, you read that right — 1935.

The second game was more of the same as he allowed the B's only a single tally as Washington won 2-1 to even the series at 1-1. Through two games this third-stringer had stellar stats — a .083 GAA and a .973 save percentage. Boston had six 20-goal scorers in the regular season but Holtby seemed to have put them in hibernation. Was he about to pull a Doug Flutie and dislodge the regulars ahead of him now that he had been given his chance?

Game three arrived and the B's came away 4-3 winners to take a 2-1 series lead. Holtby's goals against average went up to .177 — still excellent but not off the charts. For example, B's goalie Tim Thomas was better at 1.47 through three games.

As the series turned toward game four there was a sense that the Bruins had perhaps "figured out Holtby." But there was also the reality that the series had been close — the first three games had all been decided by one goal and neither team could claim the upper hand. If you believe in series stats then the B's had history on their side — they are 19-6 all-time in best-of-seven series in which they lead 2-1 in games.

When the series opened several members of the media were concerned about Washington, focusing their thoughts on Alex Ovechkin and Nicklas Backstrom. But then out of nowhere came Holtby and suddenly there was a new situation to contend with — the hot goalie.

It may well be that the Bruins will prevail and move on to the second round. But one had a feeling as the series progressed that the advancement was not a given and that the play of Holtby — whether stellar or average—would loom large as a factor as to whether the Bruins would play into May.