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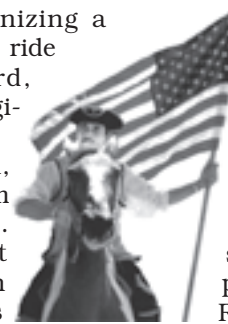
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## Massachusetts Group Making a 1,000 Mile Ride by Horse for Veterans

The Fly the Flag Project is organizing a salute to veterans with a 1,000 mile ride by three horsemen, from Concord, New Hampshire to Georgia, the original thirteen colonies.

Lead by Ron Villareale of Easton, Massachusetts who has ridden from Massachusetts to Washington, D.C. by horse, then return to ride to meet with officials at the United Nation in New York. He next rode across America carrying a proclamation from the governor of the state, to the governors across the USA. Ron appeared on radio and TV talk shows across the country. He was asked to speak at civic and veterans groups, conventions, schools and many other venues. After his travels by horse, of over 4,000 miles he was inducted into the Long Riders, an international equestrian organization's, hall of fame.

Four years ago Ron was struck with spinal cancer and spent three months at the West Roxbury Veterans Hospital's Spinal Cord Injury Unit. There he met many injured servicemen recovering from their war wounds. He decided then to find a way to help them. When he left the hospital he was in a wheelchair and could barely walk. After four years of learning to walk again, Ron



is able to walk short distances. It was time to keep his promise and help those wounded warriors he came to know. Teddy Roosevelt would have called him, "a Citizen of the Republic, the man in the arena."

The Fly the Flag Project has contacted the Veterans Affairs Commissioners of each of the states. The project now has state coordinators in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Georgia. Calls are pouring into the office from many parts of the country, said Rhonde Kunz of Norton, a project spokesperson. "We had a very strong veterans' community out there", says Peter Hammond of Cape Cod, "willing to step forward and get the job done."

The project has also heard from veterans' motorcycle groups, such as Rolling Thunder, Patriot Guard Riders, Blue Knights and others. They want to participate and escort the riders with scores of motorcycles into the major cities of the east coast, when the horsemen meet with the mayors. The horsemen will ask the mayors to fly a specially designed Veterans Pride pennant at city halls.

For additional information, please visit [www.flytheflagproject.com](http://www.flytheflagproject.com) or telephone us at 508-377-FLAG.

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### U.S. Senator Scott Brown Right Fit for Bay State?

While Democratic hopeful Elizabeth Warren is touting her working class roots and blasting General Electric for not paying taxes, she conveniently forgets to tell viewers on her latest TV political buy that she's taken campaign funds from a GE lobbyist. Warren is hoping to do what Martha Coakley couldn't do two years ago when Brown ran against her. The Democrats running the Warren for U.S. Senate campaign are trying to paint a picture of Scott Brown as part of the national right wing campaign to get Obama. U.S. Senator Brown is a Massachusetts Republican in the tradition of Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. and Edward W. Brooke. Brown votes his conscience and several times has veered off party line course. He is a moderate conservative and far more open minded than most of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the U.S. Senate.

At least Warren has softened her negative approach since it wasn't working in her favor. Brown took a recent morning tour around the Bunker Hill Mall in Charlestown guided by some pretty astute Townie political activists. He received a really good reception from many die-hard Democrats who like what he's been saying and doing since getting elected in 2010. He has the charm of a Yankee like Lodge blended with the political charisma of a Jack Kennedy. He's in the Senate to stay for a while. Elizabeth Warren meet your future and her name is Martha Coakley.

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FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC GARDEN PRESENT

## The Annual Duckling Day Parade

on Mother's Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Boston Common

Harvard University Band Leads Parents and Children through the Streets of Beacon Hill as they Retrace the Steps of the Beloved Characters from the Classic Children's Story "Make Way for Ducklings"



The Friends of the Public Garden will celebrate Mother's Day with Boston-area families during its annual *Duckling Day* parade on Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration will begin at 10:30 am and the parade will begin at noon. Based on the children's classic *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey, *Duckling Day* is an annual event where children and their families retrace the steps of the beloved characters, Mr. and Mrs. Mallard and their family of eight ducklings. Led by the Harvard University Band, the parade will begin at the Boston Common on the corner of Beacon and Park Street. Children will parade through Beacon Hill dressed like characters from the story and end in the Public Garden near the famous duckling sculptures.

Prior to the parade there will be plenty of family entertainment including a face painter, balloon artist and a magician. Mayor Menino will greet families at the end of the parade and actors from the Wheelock Family Theater will do a dramatic reading from the book.

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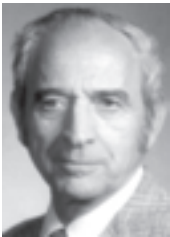
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# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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## DIVORTUM

The Roman word "divortum" generally signified a separation, a divorce, or a dissolution of marriage. Divorce was unknown in Rome during very ancient times, and the first recorded instance occurred in 233 B.C. when a marriage was ended because of barrenness. There were a number of degrees of marriage, but two of the most common being those "with agreement" and those called free marriages "without agreement." A marriage "with agreement" was a highly religious ceremony, performed with solemn rites before a "Pontifex Maximus" (high priest) and ten witnesses, which could never under any circumstances be severed. The so-called "free marriages" were dissoluble (who ever heard of a free marriage?).

The theory behind most Roman marriages made it quite easy for divorce. The love and affection of the parties was considered an essential part of any marriage

and this was necessary for its creation as well as its continuance. Either party could declare his or her intention to end the marriage and no decree or interference by any public authority was necessary. A divorce without mutual consent whereby only one party renounced the union was called a "repudium." In this case it was customary to first send a "Dear Jane or John" letter and state a reason. The letter was signed in the presence of seven witnesses and the keys were taken away as the partner was turned out of the house.

Women were not without their equal rights in the matter; either she or her father had the right to dissolve a marriage. Towards the latter part of the "Republic," divorces became very common. Cicero is reported to have divorced his wife Terentia after living with her for thirty-three years, in order to marry a young woman. That's when they

started calling him "smiling Cicero." A man named Sempronius Sophus divorced his wife because she attended public games without his knowledge. Some women in Rome kept a record of the passing years by the number of their husbands. One author mentions a woman who had eight husbands in five years and who claimed that the fruit of marriage was divorce.

Penalties were imposed on those persons who entered into divorce without a good cause and also on those whose conduct made divorce necessary. During early Christian times the right of free divorce was defined in the law, but any divorce outside of these laws was severely punished. The emperor Justinian punished divorce even by mutual consent unless its object was for both parties to live a life of chastity (perish the thought).

NEXT ISSUE:  
*Chow Down in Old Rome*

## Paul Caruccio Announces Candidacy for State Rep.

Paul Caruccio submitted his certified signatures to officially qualify as a candidate for State Representative for the 19<sup>th</sup> Suffolk District. As a result of Caruccio's highly successful signature drive, he obtained more signatures than the Secretary of State's office is permitted to accept. This was accomplished in one short month and well before the state mandated deadline.



Winthrop and Revere.

Paul Caruccio's message is nonpartisan and reflects the interests of both democratic ideals coupled with true fiscal responsibility. He is a strong advocate for term limits for all elective officials, secure communities legislation to protect all citizens (the current legislature refused to pass this legislation earlier this year) and timely improvements to our beaches and communities. Additionally, Caruccio, a Republican, advocates for tighter control over state spending which increased by 19% or \$5.6 billion over the last four years and at a time of extreme economic malaise. Paul Caruccio is also opposed to a local casino; however he is cognizant of the imperative of mitigation efforts specifically earmarked for Winthrop, as well as Revere, as a contingency.

The citizens of Revere and Winthrop deserve a voice that will represent their true values and Paul intends to deliver it.

## IF IT AIN'T BROKE, FIX IT?

by Sal Giarratani

I heard there were a bunch of college students roaming the streets of the North End to make things better for North Enders. I think they held a meeting recently on their findings and looking for our input. Talk about shutting down Hanover Street to travel is once again high up on their agenda.

Shutting down any part of Hanover Street sounds like a good idea on paper but when the tire meets the road the road ain't ready for just pedestrians. Even down on Federal Hill, the main road is open to all traffic. They do have a lovely Italian piazza with grass, a water fountain and some of

the best Italian restaurants around and it all works for them. However, Hanover Street isn't Federal Hill.

Do you remember when Salem Street was closed down to traffic decades ago? Planners then had the same basis idea as today's planners. Make the roads car-free and let people roam. It didn't work on Salem Street and why do folks think it could work on Hanover Street today? Getting tourists to our city to visit the North End has never been a problem. Getting tourist to Federal Hill isn't a problem either. The North End doesn't need a European plaza to survive. When I was a kid there were maybe, tops, seven or eight places to eat. Today, that

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## Res Publica

by David Trumbull



## Obama Administration Announces New Trade Agreements Designed to Kill U.S. Jobs

The Obama Administration has announced a free trade agreement with Colombia to go into effect Tuesday. U.S. import duties will go to zero. However, U.S. producers will find that their exports to Colombia will be subject to a 16% Valued Added Tax ("VAT").

Back on March 15<sup>th</sup> the Obama Administration implemented the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement. U.S. tariffs go to zero. Korea will retain a 10% VAT on imports from America.

In both agreements U.S. duties will be bound at zero for the duration of the agreement (which has no termination date). Colombia and Korea are free to increase VAT on imports from American at any time.

Aside from the debate over the theory of free trade — economists are divided on the overall benefits versus cost of global free trade — these are *not* free trade agreements. The agreements the U.S. has with Colombia, with Korea and all the agreements back to NAFTA are what my colleague George S. calls, "import maximization agreements." They are designed to bring into the U.S. the maximum amount of cheap foreign products, with resulting loss of U.S. jobs. Opening foreign markets for U.S.-made products is not a priority for our government negotiators, as witnessed by the unequal outcome (we go to zero tax on imports while our trading partners keep a 10% or 16% tax on our products).

Now President Obama is pushing for free trade agreements with Brunei and Vietnam. A round of negotiations is just now rapping up in Dallas.

According to Mr. Obama's own State Department —

*The [Brunei] Ministry of Education requires courses on Islam ... and prohibits the teaching of other religions. Private Christian schools were not allowed to give Christian instruction to Christian or Muslim students but could offer voluntary, Islamic instruction to Muslim students ... [T]he government warned Christian schools that they or their personnel could be fined or imprisoned for teaching non-Muslim religious subjects.*

That same State Department report says of Vietnam —

*The Socialist Republic of Vietnam ... is an authoritarian state ... arresting several political activists. Several editors and reporters from prominent newspapers were fired for reporting on official corruption ... Police commonly mistreated suspects during arrest or detention ... Individuals were arbitrarily detained for political activities and denied the right to fair and expeditious trials. The government continued to limit citizens' privacy rights and tightened controls over the press and freedom of speech, assembly, movement and association. Violence and discrimination against women as well as trafficking in persons continued to be significant problems.*

There are nearly 200 nations in the world. Of all the places, the President picks a repressive communist regime and an intolerant Islamic monarchy as the next beneficiaries of special trading privileges.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### VA COMES UP SHORT WHEN IT COMES TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR VETS

*by Sal Giarratani*

Two recent news stories from *USA Today* show that the Department of Veterans Affairs is working with a 20% shortage of psychiatrists when it comes to VA hospitals serving veterans in need of such health care. The Rocky Mountain VA Region only has four psychiatrists on staff, but one of those positions is unfilled now. In many cases across the country, veterans seeking psychiatric services must wait up to five weeks to begin treatment.

More than 230,000 service members have suffered traumatic brain injuries ranging from mild to severe just since 2000 and this is according to Pentagon data.

Back in 2011, the VA testified before Congress that it had the resources to handle the current patient load said U.S. Rep. Jeff Miller, (R-FL) who chairs the House Veterans Affairs Committee and Miller adds, "Now we learn from them there is a shortage. VA needs to quickly figure out what the problem is." U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, (D-WA) who chairs the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee also, is very concerned stating, "When you ask those on the frontlines of treating these veterans, they'll tell you that in many instances they are stretching just to manage the caseload, let alone treat all the veterans coming through their door."

The goal of Veterans Affairs Department is to see psychiatric patients within 14 days or less. However, in some areas of the country, the wait period is much longer. Veterans wait sometimes 37 days at hospitals in Alabama and about a month in Orlando and Miami.

Miller is frustrated with these figures and told *USA Today* that if the VA hospitals can't provide the care needed, they should recommend providers in the community who can see these men and women immediately. As Miller stated, "These are wounds that cannot wait."

Our veterans put their lives on the line for all of us and in return, we give them this?

**GOD COULD NOT BE EVERYWHERE AND THEREFORE HE MADE MOTHERS.**

— Jewish Proverb

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## Appian Club Celebrates 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Dinner Dance at Angelica's Marks Historic Milestone for Stoneham Organization*

*by Nicola Orichuia*

On Saturday, May 5, the Appian Club of Stoneham celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in style. With over 250 members, friends and family getting together at Angelica's in Middleton, the organization's annual dinner dance turned out to be a huge success.

"I am extremely proud to be standing here to give the toast," President Vincent Festino said in an opening statement. "Our club is a vehicle that connects Italian Americans from different regions, but it is also a way of life. We see it in the respect with which we treat one another, and in the way we celebrate our origins, heritage and friendship. We are one big family."

As in the best of family traditions, Festino recognized his predecessors by calling up to the stage the Club's past presidents: Rocco Zizza, Charles Scioli, Jr., John Nocella, Anthony Barbarino,

Ottavio (Bill) Passanisi and Alessandro (Sonny) Caruso. Also remembered were past presidents Henry De Santis and Richard Scioli, who have passed away. Also called to the stage were the Club's current officers: Roger Janson (Vice-President), John DeLeo (Treasurer), and Anthony DePalma (Finance Secretary).

"This is one of the most active groups I have met here in Massachusetts," said the evening's special guest, Consul General of Italy in Boston, Giuseppe Pastorelli. "I have been to visit your Club in Stoneham and I saw with my own eyes the many activities you organize on a weekly basis. You do a terrific job."

Among the activities the Appian Club provides to its members, there are Italian language classes, scholarships, achievement awards, bocce tournaments, and the chance to get together twice

a week (Wednesdays and Fridays) at the Club's headquarters in Stoneham. "For me, Friday night at the Appian Club is a way to stay connected to my heritage and have a good time with friends," said President Festino. "Throughout the years we have witnessed many changes. Our club membership is constantly growing, also thanks to the Ladies of the Appian Club."

On behalf of the Ladies of the Appian Club, Barbara Sterner thanked the president for his nice words and unveiled a new Club banner—a gift from the Ladies Club. The banner reads: "The Appian Club — Where Friendship is a Story without end."

"I know our legacy will continue for many years to come," Festino concluded, as he raised his glass for a toast. "Salute and auguri to the Appians!"



**2012 Appian Club Officers: (left to right, front) Frank Federico, Charlie Ciano, Sonny Caruso, President Vinnie Festino, Tony DePalma, Rocco Zizza; (back) John Nocella, Roger Janson, Mario Pascuccio, Peter D'Angelo, Chris Marulli, John DeLeo, Ben DiCenso, Paul Marulli, Mark Ventola, Alfredo Bertorelli.**



**2012 Ladies of the Appian Club Officers: (left to right) Joanne Guarino, Angela Navetta, Annette Giusti, Mary Lou Scioli, President Barbara Sterner, Liliansa Rizza, Rosa Bertorelli, Linda DiCenso, Natalie DeLuca, Vinny DeLeo (seated).**



**(l to r) Vincent and Angela Festino, Charlie and Cheryl Ciano, Lilla, Andrea and Consul General Giuseppe Pastorelli, Sonny and Anne Marie Caruso, Michelle Caruso, John DePinto.**

# Simple *TIMES*...

by Girard A. Plante



A longtime friend will depart Boston without a whimper on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The friend has mostly gone unnoticed, unseen and unheard during six decades of unabated beneficence and reliable help far beyond one's complex medical needs were mightily tended to.

In late February, the august administrators at Boston Medical Center gathered to break bread and shutter its Spinal Cord Injury Rehab Unit. The impact of its impending absence is enormous as the future moves along without choices for newly-injured people and others years post-injury. Each person received the best treatment and care for spinal cord injury in Boston and anywhere across New England.

A rich resource outgrew its usefulness during this peculiar era of lean and mean. Bankers ruling from on high under the guise of CEO and Board of Trustees decimated a nationally acclaimed unit that helped thousands of individuals and their families rebuild broken lives. In fact, the need exists to enhance the shining star that became the marketing engine of BMC.

Offering hope is being tossed out in the cause of expediency. Gently guiding one through an uncertain future became obsolete. Being there daily to reroute a semblance of normalcy after a life-changing event is instead steered towards the bottom line. Wisdom has never looked worse.

Dr. Ravin Davidoff, the Chief Medical Officer at BMC, made a startling revelation in the Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Boston Globe*: "The decision was not motivated by immediate financial concerns, he said, noting that the program does not lose money." Whoa!

As a member of the BMC-affiliated Community Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Board, I attended the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting in the South End hospital's newly renovated 19<sup>th</sup> century building that included Dr. Davidoff and two of BMC's top administrators. Peculiarly absent was CEO Kate Walsh.

True to character the recently minted chief also refused to meet with a woman

who simply desired to ask her the rationale for closing the SCI Rehab Unit. The prominent Boston-based disability rights activist has had a vested interest in BMC's SCI Rehab Unit ever since she rehabbed there 27 years ago after sustaining a high-level injury. But no, a phone call will do, Walsh replied.

Citizens living with spinal cord injury are outraged by BMC's administrators' misguided decision. Some of them reside in close proximity to BMC. They thrive from the treatment and care and excellent education they receive at the only SCI Rehab they've known. Because they lack resources they're the least likely people to have options to visit other rehabs.

A decade ago, Boston Medical Center replaced Boston City Hospital. Their mission has for 113 years answered the clarion call to serve the unserved, underserved, uninsured and underinsured. BMC's tag line "Exceptional Care. Without Exception" is now a ruse. The administrators believe it best to exclude the population of residents living with spinal cord injury in Boston's South End and its environs.

Some folks with spinal cord injuries created *The Decision* as a moniker akin to a creepy thriller straight out of Hollywood. Boston Medical Center is not Hollywood oozing with drama replete with a cast of characters created to play roles of cheap humor, dastardly deeds or feigned heroism. It is reality.

The characters are real-life human beings whose lives are turned upside down. And the stars are the people who superbly treat and care for their newly-injured patients. They're well-trained and highly skilled RNs, personal care aides, physical therapists and occupational therapists.

The high-octane team includes physicians specializing in the complex world of spinal cord injury. They're rigorously trained and must be certified. Then there's the supporting cast being educated and receiving hands-on training at the world renowned Boston University School of Medicine.

Sadly, all of them must go elsewhere. Training the next generation of physicians to specialize in spinal cord injury at BUSM will cease, too.

At that April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, I listened to three administrators of one of the oldest and largest hospitals in Boston's vast and richly historic medical establishment attempt to explain away their decision to shutter an in-patient unit that works! They came well-scripted. But their hackneyed explanations failed miserably.

They looked like politicians. They definitely did not fool the members of the Advisory Board with spinal cord injuries who bore in with piercing questions and right-on biting statements as only we can. Two doctors who serve on the Advisory Board laced the administrators with blistering comments. Their words proved powerful because rarely do doctors criticize each other — particularly not in front of 20 people!

After the meeting concluded, I bid 'good evening' to four fantastic women who will lose jobs they capably held a collective seven decades. And while strolling across BMC's campus, dotted with a mix of newly-built shiny glass structures and 19<sup>th</sup> century red brick buildings that warmly welcomed the ill and sick citizens and soldiers and proud new parents from another era, the balmy breezes of spring and scent of the ocean refreshed me. Suddenly, emptiness that only death of a loved one brings, hit me.

Humanity is in decline in our throw-away society. The honor roll of integrity and recognition for a rock solid work ethic is fading. Such irreplaceable resources are easily expendable. The lean and mean business dealings of layoffs so the head honcho can increase revenues for his/her friends.

Don't expect to pay your respects at BMC's SCI Rehab Unit's wake and funeral. Not even those time-honored rituals received consideration for the July 1<sup>st</sup> death of a 60-year-old Boston gem.

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# THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giarratani

## Setting the Record Straight

Many readers of my "Thinking Out Loud" column have accused me of being overly both Republican and really conservative. I am neither a registered Republican nor a far right conservative. Growing up I lived in a Democratic household. My father was a conservative Democrat until George McGovern and the 1972 presidential race when he started voting Republican. My mother's side of the family was all liberal Democrat. My brother ended up being a very conservative Republican while I became a self-identified Reagan Democrat who often votes but not always for Republicans.

Back in my first foray in politics during the 1960 campaign when Richard Nixon and Jack Kennedy ran against each other, I remember helping to organize a group of 10-to-12-year olds. We made up homemade signs and did a neighborhood walk-thru for Kennedy. Coming from Boston's Ward 8, we had politics in our blood from birth. We did however slightly look like the "Little Rascals" but we weren't fooling around. To buttress my claim to Democrat status, I also supported Lyndon B. Johnson when he ran against Republican Barry Goldwater when I was 16 years old and Hubert Humphrey over Richard Nixon when I was 20 and still too young to vote.

In 1972, I had trouble when the McGovernites took over the Democratic infrastructure and have many times voted either Republican or Third Party in presidential races. I liked Reagan twice, Nixon once with a clothespin, Dukakis once, Gene McCarthy once and finally, Ross Perot. Oh, yeah, I used two clothespins twice for George W. Bush.

My first political campaign was for Frank Bellotti when he ran for governor in 1970 when I was 22 years old. Over the past 40 plus years, I have worked for far more Democrats than Republicans. This year like 2008, I am troubled. I did vote for John McCain simply because he wasn't Barack Obama which is the worst of all reasons to choose a president but what else could I have done under those dire circumstances?

This year, former Gov. Mitt Romney was my least favorite Republican running for president in the GOP primaries and once again faced with the Obama alternative, I am caught between a rock and a hard place. If Ralph Nader were to run again, he might actually get my vote finally.

Meanwhile, as far as my core values go. I believe the minimum wage is currently too low. I'm not a supporter of additional tax breaks for the rich. Republicans call them "job creators" but the only thing most of these rich executives are thinking of aren't us but lining their own pockets with more wealth. When I think of Romney, I think of Bain Capital, I think of tax-free investments. Keep moving, no altruism here! You can't run government solely like a business because the bottom line in government is the well being of its citizens and not making as much money as you can.

Someday, we might get a real candidate who really understands what America stands for and has the know-how to reach that goal. Meanwhile, most of us are faced with the prospect of voting for the lesser of two evils because when we do that, we are still choosing evil, aren't we?

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## East Boston Main Streets Spring Breakfast with Congressman Capuano



**Congressman Michael Capuano speaking to a large crowd at the recent East Boston Main Streets Spring Breakfast.**

*(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)*

East Boston Main Streets recently hosted its Spring Breakfast sponsored by *First Priority Credit Union*. Congressman Michael Capuano spoke to residents and businesses on a number of is-

ssues including deficits, spending, taxes and the war in Afghanistan.

Congressman Capuano also spoke about the lack of will for compromise in Washington and how proposed bud-

get cuts will affect programs locally. The congressman then took questions from the audience.

EBMS would like to thank all those who attended this semiannual event.

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The World at War, 1812-1815, a lecture by Lieutenant-General Jonathon Riley, Director-General and Master of the Royal Armouries UK.

In 1812, the United States of America declared war on Great Britain, a country already at full stretch with war against France. It was a total war, from which only one side would emerge intact. During the war years, 1812-1814, Great Britain's highest priority, therefore, was not the enemy across the Atlantic Ocean, but the one across the English Channel.

How did the demands of other theatres of the Napoleonic wars affect British military strategy and operations in America? To what degree was the War of 1812 a sideshow? What was the context of coalition and world war in the Napoleonic age?

Lieutenant-General Jonathon Riley CB DSO PhD MA, Director-General and Master of the Royal Armouries, will discuss these and other questions by putting the War of 1812 in a global context. Lieutenant-General Riley is one of Britain's most senior generals having held military commands of British operations in the Balkans as a battalion and brigade commander, in Sierra Leone as Joint Task Force Commander, in Iraq as Divisional Commander, and in Afghanistan as Deputy Commander of all NATO forces. He is a military historian with an MA and a PhD in history and has published fourteen books on military history, most recently the

biography of Sir Isaac Brock, the British Field Commander in Canada in 1812: A Matter of Honour. In 2009, General Riley became the Director General and Master of the Royal Armouries, the award winning home of Britain's national collections of arms and armour.

**June 16, 2012**  
**All Day**

USS Constitution Museum Old Ironsides 1812 Discovery Center Exhibit Opening & Flag Day Celebration.

Travel back in time and fight for free trade and sailors rights on the high seas! Learn what life was like as a US Navy sailor two hundred years ago at the USS Constitution Museum, where every day the stories of the War of 1812 come to life. On June 16, 2012 join the Constitution Museum and Keith Lockhart, Boston Pops conductor, for a ribbon cutting to open the NEW exhibit, Old Ironsides 1812 Discovery Center. The Discovery Center will teach the causes and consequences of the War of 1812 through the lens of USS Constitution offering hands-on interactive exhibits and programs. Also on June 16 at 12 pm witness a spectacular patriotic display in the Navy Yard. Three 90 x 45 foot flags presenting the United States, Great Britain and Canada will be unfurled as a reminder of the 200 years of peace between the nations that fought during the War of 1812. The giant flags will stretch across the Navy Yard, from the Constitution Museum towards "Old Ironsides" — 12:00 pm (Museum open from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm).

Special thanks to support from: Raytheon Defense Systems, Liberty Mutual, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Tawani Foundation and Toursim Cares.

Events are free and open to the public.

For more details, call (617) 426-1812 or visit [www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org](http://www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org).

The USS Constitution Museum is located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston, MA. No RSVP required. Parking available at Nautica Garage. MBTA & MBTA water shuttle encouraged.

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*(for Mary)*

*by Judean Langone*

*You need now,  
The soft touches of  
tenderness.*

*The all-encompassing,  
Encircling lights of  
understanding.*

*The spoken and silent hands  
of human kindnesses.*

*The light, the flames,  
The heat of the heart  
of hope.*

*And in the end you must  
know that love endures;*

*Beyond our words, our  
touches, our movements.*

*Because love can sing its  
own sweet song,  
in spheres unknown to  
simple mortals.*

*For love is the essence of  
our foreverness.*

*And its mind is eternal, yes  
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## Dante Alighieri Society Music & Politics



**Soprano Lisa Correnti**

An evening of music and lecture will be presented at the The Dante Alighieri Society, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts on Friday, May 11, 2012 at 7:00 o'clock. Guest Lecturer will be John Alcorn from Trinity College in Connecticut. Musical Interlude will be performed by Pianist Bradley Pennington and Soprano Lisa Correnti.

Musical Prelude will be GIUSEPPE VERDI (1813-1901) - *Passione Morale e Politica per l'Unita d'Italia*. The aries to be performed are: *Va' Pensero* -

*Nabucco, Caro Nome - Rigoletto, Libiamo - La Traviata, Addio del Passato - La Traviata, Ah! Forse e Lui? - La Traviata and Sempre Libera - La Traviata.*

Mr. Alcorn, Principal Lecturer in Italian studies from Trinity College in Connecticut will present a lecture titled "Dante and Politics." Mr. Alcorn has earned four degrees from Columbia University: Bachelor's, Master's, M.Phil. and Ph.D. Professor Alcorn organizes Trinity's "Inside the Music" series of workshops/concerts by contemporary artists. John Scofield, Soulive, Medeski Martin & Wood, Gov't Mule, and the Derek Trucks Band have appeared in the series.

Mr. Pennington has served as vocal accompanist and coach for innumerable recitals and opera concerts throughout metropolitan Boston. A voice and piano graduate of The Boston Conservatory (1984-1986; Summa Cum Laude, Pi Kappa Lambda), Indiana University (1970-1972), and Murray State University in Kentucky, he has taught on the faculties of Indiana University, The Boston Conservatory, and Northeastern University. Mr. Pennington is the founder and artistic director of Boston Bel Canto Opera.

Lisa Correnti is a coloratura soprano and currently performs with Boston Bel Canto Opera. At a recent gala concert in Cambridge, her rendition of "Caro nome" from Verdi's *Rigoletto* (included in today's performance) brought cheers and a standing ovation from the standing-room only audience. Until 1998, Lisa was best known for her musical theater performances with local groups such as Quincy Community Theater, Gaslight Players, and The Company Theater. Her credits include the title role in Roger and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*, "Julie" in *Some Enchanted Evening*, and "Audrey" in Menken's gothic comedy, *Little Shop of Horrors*. Lisa made her transition into classical music in 1999 where she started her solo career in oratorio as a member and soloist of the Braintree Choral Society. She created and directed the highly successful women's cappella group "Purely Vocals". Lisa's first operatic performance was the role of "Pamina" in a semi-staged program of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* (2001) with South Shore Conservatory's *Opera by the Bay*. In 2002 she was introduced to Bradley Pennington and began her vocal study in the "bel canto" style. She is now a leading soloist with the Boston Bel Canto Opera Company and has appeared for the last six years in the annual Luigi Pirandello Lyceum Italian opera concerts sponsored by BBCO.

Reception following. For additional information, please visit <http://www.dantemass.org/html/home.html> or call (617) 876-5160.

# Saint Paschal Baylon

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Often in life, one experience leads to another and before you know it, you are wandering down pathways that are totally unexpected. The recent Eucharistic Congress, just concluded at Saint Leonard Parish, inspired us to look more closely at the origin of these events and their Patron Saint, Paschal Baylon who was little known to us.

Saint Paschal was born in the kingdom of Aragon on May 24, 1540. His parents, Martin Baylon and Elizabeth Jubera, were poor peasants. Paschal was a shepherd in his youth. He was illiterate but had an intense desire to read. He always carried a book with him and would ask passersby to teach him the alphabet, thus in time, he learned to read.

Paschal led the solitary life as a shepherd until he was 24. Through his readings, prayer and meditation he developed the desire to enter religious life. In 1564, he joined the Reformed Franciscans in the Kingdom

of Valencia and insisted on becoming simply a lay brother. He purposely chose to live in poor monasteries, for he said, "I was born poor and am resolved to die in poverty and penance." Saint Paschal lived for twenty-eight years in extreme poverty and constant prayer, which even his work did not interrupt, for the rest of his life.

He was a mystic and contemplative, and characterized by intense devotion to Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Toward the end of his life, he frequently spent the night before the altar in prayer. He often experienced ecstasies but out of humility downplayed these experiences to his community. Saint Paschal died on May 17, 1592. He was beatified by Pope Paul V in 1618 and canonized by Pope Alexander VIII on October 16, 1690. Pope Leo XIII proclaimed him Patron of Eucharistic Congresses. Paschal Baylon's feast day is celebrated on May 17.

## North End Library Events

### DAILY LIFE IN POMPEII

Wednesday May 16, 2012 at 6:30 pm

Slide Presentation given by Leona Cottrell. A lively and interesting program based on the Cottrell's excavation work in Pompeii Italy. A discussion will follow.

### FILM BASED ON THE WORKS OF SHAKESPEARE

Wednesday May 23, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

Were the World Mine (2008). Run time: 1 hrs 36 min - Release date: 11/21/2008. Genre: Musical

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## LEGAL Interest

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**Is an exotic dancer for a nightclub an independent contractor or an employee and must she share her tips with other employees of the nightclub?**

**NELITA MONTEIRO v. PJD ENTERTAINMENT OF WORCESTER, INC. d/b/a CENTERFOLDS**

Opinion No.: 117904, Docket Number: 10-1930  
SUPERIOR COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS, AT WORCESTER  
29 Mass. L. Rep. 203  
November 23, 2011 Decided • November 23, 2011 Filed

PJD Entertainment of Worcester, Inc. owns and operates the club Center-folds in Worcester, MA, which serves food and alcohol and televises sporting events. Centerfolds also provides a venue that features exotic dancers who perform in the nude or semi-nude. Monteiro performed at Centerfolds as an exotic dancer for a period of time from the end of 2009 to the beginning of 2010. Because Centerfolds classifies its exotic dancers as independent contractors, Monteiro was never paid a base hourly wage for her performances at the club. Instead, she worked solely for tips.

Centerfolds concedes that it is a "nightclub with a liquor license ... that sells alcohol, serves food, [televises] sporting events and ... provides a venue at which ... entertainers ... perform [in the nude]." Centerfolds also

concedes that it does not pay the exotic dancers a base wage. Instead, the dancers are remunerated for their services via customer gratuities. Centerfolds portrays itself as a restaurant and bar that passively allows exotic dancers to entertain patrons. This court cannot accord the club such indifference. An establishment that serves alcohol and provides a venue for exotic dances is in the business of providing adult entertainment. The exotic dancers perform their services, therefore, in the usual course of that business. This is true even if food and alcohol are served and even if the majority of revenue is derived therefrom. Therefore, Centerfolds has mis-classified its exotic dancers as independent contractors in violation of § 148B. Monteiro is properly classified as an employee as

a matter of law.

The Court in deciding that an exotic dancer is an employee and the club cannot require her to share her tips with other employees.

### The Court Said:

As an employee, Monteiro is entitled to the appropriate minimum wage for each hour of services she can prove she performed at Centerfolds.

Monteiro further argues that Centerfolds required her, as a service employee, to remit a percentage of her tips to the club and to various other employees of the club. An employer is prohibited from deducting or retaining any percentage or amount from the tips that a service employee earns. An employer is further prohibited from requiring a service employee to pool tips with other, non-service employees.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

U.S. Geography

### ACROSS

- Felipe \_\_\_\_\_, Formula One racer
- Holiday helper
- \*This Harvard team rows on Boston's Charles River
- "Get \_\_\_\_\_ job!"
- Be a witness
- \*East side of Jersey
- Catherine Middleton's new accessory
- \_\_\_\_\_ capita
- \*Native of Des Moines
- Like a black-tie event
- \*In the middle of the U.S.
- Often comes before "out"
- 8 to Caesar
- Rudyard Kipling novel
- \_\_\_\_\_de-camp
- To produce within
- Black tropical cuckoos
- Elton John and Bono, e.g.
- Lined with crystals
- Anything half-moon shaped
- Brother of a certain secret order
- Largest continent
- It usually wafts
- Farmer's storage
- Short for "dictionary"
- Navy rank
- Like #44 Across, this also wafts
- \_\_\_\_\_ degree
- Birdbrain
- Small protuberance
- \*Steamboat and Old Faithful, e.g.
- PBS street
- German submarine destroyer
- Philosophical system
- "On a \_\_\_\_\_ of 1 to 10"
- Averages
- Water in Paris
- Tiny amounts
- Bent when genuflecting
- Decay
- Beside, archaic

### DOWN

- Dojo pad
- \*Like Mohave Desert
- Popular cooking method for Ahi tuna
- Hindu woman's dress
- \*Mount McKinley state
- Oscar of sports
- \_\_\_\_\_ Harvey Oswald
- Nobel-winning physicist
- Grub
- U.S. furniture maker
- Time periods
- Moved or exited
- Building side
- Temblor or quake
- Mad King George, or George \_\_\_\_\_
- Particular rendering

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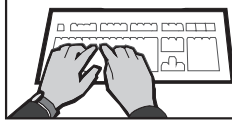
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- Ends of shoe laces
- And not
- \*Western neighbor to #5 Down
- Twig of a willow tree
- Comes in bits for salads
- Thick messy substance
- Jet black
- Yesteryear
- Equal
- Plant fungus
- Friend from Down Under
- Distinctive elegance
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paolo
- \*Three ahead of PST

(Solution on Page 14)



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

Have a happy and pleasant Mother's Day to all the caring and good mothers of America! ... It's such good news for East Boston. A new Library being constructed on Bremen Street, it doesn't get better than that. Years ago Bremen Street was known for Lumber yards and Airport Parking Lots, today Bremen Street has come alive and houses one of Eastie's most beautiful parks and recreation areas as part of the Emerald Necklace; the YMCA, a state of the art building; attractive rehab homes line the street and the latest to come to adorn the Street is a new Library ... Eastie appreciates Boston Mayor Tom Menino's continued efforts and funding for the Greenway expansion ... Mount Carmel Parishioners haven't given up despite the Boston Archdiocese locking the doors of the church without notice to devoted neighbors who have paid thousands of dollars over the past seven years to keep the church going. Loyal parishioners now hold Sunday Mass at the statue of Padre Pio across from the street from the church. As the crowds swell, parishioners are hoping to get the attention from the churches highest court and overturn the decision. Eastie faithful have Cardinal Bernie Law to thank for all their woes concerning their beloved church. There's a man that has never been held accountable for his misdeeds of covering up the churches biggest scandal of all time. The Vatican continues to protect an evil man! ... Swans return to the Public Gardens! As beautiful and graceful as they are, Swans can also be dangerous.

These beautiful creatures are known to attack. So be aware beauty is only skin deep! ... Frumpy Elizabeth Warren knows how to work the system! Her claim to fame and ticket to Harvard University was that she was Native American, and a minority? It appears Elizabeth will say anything to get where she's going, even if it's not true! Can we believe anything Democrat Elizabeth Warren says in the future? ... The Chelsea bridge will finally open on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 am to 8 pm and for the first few weeks the bridge will be closed during nighttime hours. The new Chelsea Street Bridge looks stunning. ... Despite no lack in business Dunkin' Donuts franchises continue to serve bitter coffee! ... What happened to bank service? ... Does Citizens Bank policies change from one branch to another? ... As was the case for this Citizens bank customer that reported when trying to get a security deposit deposited with a Citizens representative with the proper government papers filled out, was told the bank couldn't take it because the tenant's birth date wasn't on the form despite the fact there was no mention on the form that a birth date be given. The customer proceeded to another branch where the service representative took the deposit without incident! ... What a sad state of affairs we're in! High unemployment, no job creation, Government corruption, race card used constantly by Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and the Black Panthers; Tobacco and Drug Company Lobbyist run this country via contributions and the Union backing Prez Obama. It can't get any worse ... Only in America! ... *Till next time.*

## The East Boston Adult Ed. Center Celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Year

by Dominic Avellani



(C)Renato Avellani and (L)Janis Woodman present (R)Mr. Avellani with plaque.

The Community Ed. Center (East Boston Adult Ed. Center) celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary graduation on Saturday, April 21 and on Thursday, April 26, 2012. Over 300 immigrants, refugees and U.S. school dropouts received diplomas in: English as a Second Language, High School Equivalency (GED) in English and in Spanish, U.S. Citizenship Preparation, Computer I and II, Administration of ATB Vocational School entrance exams, College and Vocational School application services and tutoring in all five academic subjects (English, Math, Science, etc.).

The Ceremonies went very well. Mr. Dom Avellani, the program director and founder, reminisced on how he first opened the North End Adult Education of Boston from 1972 to 1984 and how the center assisted over 300 North Enders obtain their GED (High School Diploma), over 1,000 learn English, place hundreds of youngsters in college with state and federal scholarships, helped over 500 others become U.S. citizens, how he and his staff distributed 10,000 lbs. of government surplus cheese in one weekend, how his soccer team "The Bostonians" won the Eastern Massachusetts soccer championship in 1982 and much more. In 1979, he opened the East Boston Adult Ed. Center (Comm. Ed. Center) and since then, he has assisted over 50,000 youths and adults in the above courses and services and more. Although most of the students have been immigrants and refugees from over 40 different countries, many other students are American-born school dropouts.

Ms. Janis M. Woodman, Manager of the East Boston Savings Bank, officiated at the Thursday, April 26, 2012 graduation. She informed the students to: "... take advan-

tage of a good education, training and placement at the East Boston Adult Ed. Center and if you have completed English I this semester, go to English II in the next and eventually obtain your GED. Then, go to college and become somebody, for there still are many good opportunities in this country with a good education."

Mr. Joshua Zakim from the Lenny Fund, son of the late Boston area philanthropist and fighter of racism and bigotry, Lenny Zakim, reminded the students: "to pursue your goals and aspirations and to make your American dream a reality. My father (Lenny Zakim) visited this center and was very impressed with the enthusiasm and love for America, love for family and for the betterment of the Boston-Area community the Center instills in the many people from so many different countries, races and nationalities."

Ren Avellani, the GED in English and Computer teacher, reminded the graduates that thousands have obtained their GED at the Center, thousands have been taught English and U.S. Citizenship Preparation and are today voting members of our community. Also, the center was honored by the visit of late Senator Edward M. Kennedy in 1994.

The students, staff, and invited guests were treated at the school to a fine dinner prepared by "La Hacienda" and "La Terraza" restaurants. Mr. Avellani invites anyone who needs to improve his/her English, obtain the GED, review the five academic subjects, take the ATB Tests to enter a vocational school (Barber, Hairdresser, etc.) learn U.S. History to pass the U.S. Citizenship, to learn computer skills, etc. to call him at 617-567-7873 or to visit the center at 119 London St. (near Sumner Tunnel) anytime.



Mr. Avellani presents a copy of the Constitution to Joshua Zakim, Esq.

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Contact coordinator John Nocella for further information at 781-438-5687 or, preferably by email, at [appianitalianclass@yahoo.com](mailto:appianitalianclass@yahoo.com). Please pass along to family, friends and neighbors.

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**DARK TIDE (Blu-ray)**

**Lionsgate**

Kate (Halle Berry) is a shark expert whose business has been failing since a shark attack killed a fellow diver under her command. Once dubbed "the shark whisperer," Kate is haunted by the memory of the attack and unable to get back into the water. With bills piling up and the bank about to foreclose on Kate's boat, Kate's ex-boyfriend Jeff (Oliver Martinez) presents her with a lucrative opportunity: lead a thrill-seeking millionaire businessman on a dangerous shark dive ... outside the cage. Kate continues to battle with her self-doubts and fear, but accepts the proposal — and sets a course for the world's deadliest feeding ground: Shark Alley!

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**Well Go USA Entertainment**

Toward the end of the Korean War, an uneasy cease-fire is ordered, but out on the eastern front line of the Aerok Hills, in an

expanse of land called the Aero-K, fierce fighting continues. A race to capture a strategic point to determine a new border between the two Koreas is the ultimate prize. At the Eastern border stands the "Alligator Company," the best soldiers of the front line. They are the only unit to have survived the worst battle of the war at Pohang. When a South Korean bullet is found in the dead body of a company commander, Lieutenant of Defense Security Command is ordered to investigate Alligator Company for the murder. With a truce promised for years, but no end in sight, one man struggles to make sense of a crime in the face of countless lives sacrificed for war.

**MIMIC: 3-FILM SET  
(Blu-ray)**

**Lionsgate**

It's a three-peat for Lionsgate as they debut 'Mimic: 3-Film Set' on Blu-ray. The battle of man and nature tells the story of a deadly genetic engineering experiment gone badly. Starring Mira Sorvino and Josh Brolin, about a disease carried by common cockroaches killing children in Manhattan. Susan (Sorvino) creates a mutant breed of insect that secretes a fluid to kill the roaches, only to find three years later that the species has survived and evolved into a large, gruesome monster that can mimic human form. Set includes 'Mimic: The Director's Cut' plus 'Mimic 2' and 'Mimic 3: Sentinel'.

**THE DARKEST HOUR:  
SURVIVORS (Blu-ray)**

**Summit Ent.**

'The Darkest Hour: Survivors' is a sci-fi thriller featuring mind-blowing special effects, following the rebel resistance around the globe! The story of five young people reveals freedom fighters in Tokyo, Malibu and Afghanistan working together to develop new technology and strike a major blow to the alien invaders. The suspense never lets up as the invaders begin their assault on Earth, targeting the planet's power supply. Bonus features galore!

**SINGING WITH THE  
STARS (DVD)**

**Warner Home Video**

Dance and sing along with this star-studded special from Sesame Street! With songs focusing on encouraging children to feel good about whom they are, boosting self-esteem and building self-confidence. This delightfully musical features performances that will educate children about the joys of song and dance, with celebrity appearances by Alicia Keys, the Dixie Chicks, Andrea Bocelli and Adam Sandler, plus R.E.M.'s "Furry Happy Monster."

*The time has come, the walrus said,*

**TO TALK OF MANY THINGS**

*of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings*

*by Sal Giarratani*

**FLOJO ON THE MEND**



Gold Star Mother Florence Johnson of Charlestown is finally home after being laid up from hip surgery. Soon, she'll be bouncing around the neighborhood once again. Nothings going to stop her, not even a broken hip.

**SOUTHIE MISSES  
JACK LEARY**

I enjoyed Peter Gelzinis' most recent column on how much South Boston misses the likes of Jack Leary who spent 25 years working as Chief Probation Officer at South Boston District Court. When he wasn't working at the court house, his mission in life 24/7 became to assist folks struggling with family members doing drugs. The politicians always turned to him to help the community but most of the time they never even had to ask, he was already there doing the job.

A few years ago, the South Boston neighborhood was shocked that Jack had taken his own life.

Everyone thought he was problem-free but none of us are that. He spent so much time helping others even I thought like many we forgot about Jack himself.

I knew Jack since my days at Boston State College when we became friends. Over the years we stayed in touch laughing about how long ago those college days were when both of us were so much younger. South Boston today could use a Jack Leary but sadly "Jack Learys" are not born everyday. Today, South Boston misses him greatly.

**QCAP NEW HEAD START  
EARLY LEARNING  
CENTER DEDICATION**

Down in my former hood, the City of Quincy, over 200 folks packed into the Quincy Community Action Program's new Rosemary and Archie Wahlberg Head Start Early Learning Center on April 1 to dedicate the building and to also honor former U.S. Representative Bill Delahunt. Said QCAP Executive director Beth Ann Strollo, "We have traveled a long way to get to this building. We knew this was the right building for us and we knew this location was perfect."

The new location is 22 Pray Street and will have the capacity to serve over 240 kids in 16 classrooms.

This new learning center

is the old St. Joseph's Grammar School in Quincy Point.

Rosemary and Archie have been good friends of mine for many years and I also have been a friend and supporter of Bill Delahunt too. These are three great people who deserved their recent honors. Delahunt was always there for working class families and QCAP during his long political career.

**I KNEW THIS GUY'S  
FATHER**

I must be getting old because when I saw the first anniversary advertisement for the passing of James Devlin, Jr., in the *Charlestown Patriot Bridge* who passed away last April at age 87, I remembered talking to him a few years ago over a cup of coffee at Lorraine's Coffee Shop and found out I knew his father when I was a kid: My mother grew up with the elder James Devlin and he worked for many years with one of my uncles Jimmy Callahan down at Ward's Potatoes at the old Potato Shed.

**SUCCESS GETS SOBER  
CELEBRATION**

Over in Charlestown on Saturday, April 28, The Group of Drunks Charlestown "25<sup>th</sup> Group Anniversary" was held at St. Catherine's Hall in Hayes Square. Congrats go out to the entire group celebrating their continued sobriety.

**KNIGHTS OF  
DUNKIN' DONUTS TURN  
INTO DOUGHBOYS**

No, I am not talking about the bulky Knights who show up at the Bennington Street donut shop, I'm talking about the menu they ordered from. Fresh Doughboy Donuts imported from South Boston. Of course, I did see Larryette, Moette and Curlyette show up with their own jelly-filled donuts from Market Basket. I hate to say this, but you need a search party to find the jelly within the in-store jelly donuts. Hey, the coffee does taste okay.

**NOT THAT IT MATTERS,  
BUT ...**

The April 28 GOP caucuses to select delegates to the GOP Convention in Tampa later this summer did not go as scripted. The Ron Paul slate won the delegate race beating up on Romney supporters. Big names losing included Sheriff Frank Cousins, House Minority Leader Brad Jones, former Lt. Gov. Kerry Healey and even Charlie Baker. It looks badly for the vaulted Romney machine but in the end, it means very little and is more of an embarrassment.

**COMEDY NITE MAY 18  
TO BENEFIT  
ANIMAL SHELTER**

An evening with Comedian Chris Zito to benefit the Quincy Animal Shelter is planned for Friday, May 18 at the Adams Heights Club, 63 Bower Road, Quincy. Tickets will be available at the door. For further information, visit [QASFundraising@gmail.com](mailto:QASFundraising@gmail.com). I have a great cat named "Nica" which I adopted from

the Quincy Animal Shelter. Remember this is a no-kill shelter. Do what you can to help. Come out for a few laughs for a good cause.

**SAVING A PIECE OF  
DORCHESTER HISTORY**

A historic firehouse on Harvard Street near Four Corners in Dorchester has been purchased by Stephen Frederick and Katherine Bergeron. The old Engine 18 firehouse dates back to 1869 and needs lots of work before the couple, who are artists can move in and use the place for both their home and studio space. The sale cheered by neighbors and preservationists who had worried the structure would eventually be in too much disrepair to be saved. The building was converted into a day care center in the '60s after the firehouse was merged with the Peabody Square firehouse in 1960. The daycare center remained there until 2005. A church group purchased the property from the day care center but they went into foreclosure. The church group put the building back on the market in 2010 and now this young couple hopes to make a go of this historic building.

Whenever old municipal structures go on the market, it is good to see them get re-used for new use rather than be demolished. Hopefully, this couple will find success in bringing this building back to life for them and the surrounding neighborhood.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
MICHAEL McCORMACK**



Former City Councilor Michael McCormack and I found ourselves dining at the same West Roxbury spot on a recent Saturday evening. At one point, we met in passing. He still has the full head of hair like back in the old days. I guess everyone knows about The West Restaurant on Centre Street because the place was hopping. I had to wait with friends for a while before my table opened up. Michael and I hadn't seen each other in a while and joked about how long ago, long ago was. He told me his 66<sup>th</sup> birthday was creeping up on May 16 and he told me he still looks 46 years old. Of course, he said that statement with that wide McCormack smile of his, an old trademark from his days serving on the Boston City Council.

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**NOW PLAYING**  
**UPTOWN & DOWNTOWN**



**Mamma Mia at the Boston Opera House, June 19 through 24, 2012. See THEATER SECTION for further details.**

**THEATER**

**BOSTON OPERA HOUSE**  
539 Washington St., Boston, MA  
617-259-3400  
[www.BostonOperaHouse.com](http://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!*

**MAMMA MIA!** - June 19 through June 24, 2012. Set in a beach resort in the Mediterranean, *Mamma Mia!* tells the story of Sophie, a bride-to-be with one wish: to have her absent father walk her down the aisle. After reading passages about three old lovers in her mom's diary, Sophie sends each a wedding invitation in hopes of learning which is her dad. The arrival of the men from her past is surprising to Donna, Sophie's fiercely independent mother, who prides herself on getting through life without a man, and highly amusing to Donna's two best gal pals. The more Sophie and her mother struggle to find truth and understanding, the more it threatens to tear them apart and wreck Sophie's dream wedding.

**CHARLES PLAYHOUSE**  
74 Warrenton St., Boston, MA  
617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912  
[www.Charles-Playhouse.com](http://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.

**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  
617-547-8300  
[www.AmericanRepertoryTheater.org](http://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**  
100 Legends Way, Boston, MA  
617-624-1050  
[www.TDGarden.com](http://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 & 19, 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](http://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.

**COMCAST CENTER**  
885 S Main St, Mansfield, MA  
[www.LiveNation.com](http://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.

**CITI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER WANG**  
270 Tremont Street, Boston, MA  
(617) 482-9393  
[www.Citicenter.org](http://www.Citicenter.org)

**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**

**TD GARDEN**  
100 Legends Way, Boston, MA  
617-624-1050  
[www.TDGarden.com](http://www.TDGarden.com)

**THE TRADITION** — June 27, 2012. The Sports Museum is proud to announce this year's honorees for "The Tradition." Celebrating its 11<sup>th</sup> year, "The Tradition" is the annual summer event that honors distinguished New England athletes. Red Sox Legend Pedro Martinez leads the honoree lineup. Also included are Honorees: Alexi Lalas, Jeremy Jacobs, Robert Parish, Chris Ernst and Rodney Harrison for the Signature Summer Celebration of Boston Sports.

**CITY HALL PLAZA**  
1 Congress Street, Boston, MA

**JIMMY FUND SCOOPER BOWL** — June 5-7, 2012. Perhaps what is most striking about the now famous ice cream festival is that all ice cream companies donate all the ice cream, labor, scoopers and products needed to make the event happen each year. Though they are competitors for 51 weeks of the year, during the first week of June they come together to create an event that is now known as the "unofficial start of summer" in New England. Most of the companies that participated in 2011 have been an integral part of the event for more than 10 years; Brigham's is the only company that has been involved since the event's inception.

**DANCE**

**THE BOSTON OPERA HOUSE**  
539 Washington St., Boston, MA  
617-259-3400  
[www.BostonOperaHouseOnline.com](http://www.BostonOperaHouseOnline.com)

**FANCY FREE** — Now 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**

**PARRIS ROOM @ NED DEVINE'S Faneuil Hall Market Place,**  
75 State St., Boston, MA  
617-263-6887  
[www.improvasyllum.com](http://www.improvasyllum.com)

**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**

**JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM**  
Columbia Point, Boston, MA  
866-JFK-1960  
[www.JFKLibrary.org](http://www.JFKLibrary.org)

**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 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HIGGINS ARMORY MUSEUM**  
100 Barber Ave., Worcester, MA  
[www.Higgins.org](http://www.Higgins.org)

The Higgins Armory Museum evolved from a **PRIVATE COLLECTION OF ARMS AND ARMOR FROM MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE EUROPE, FEUDAL JAPAN AND ANCIENT GREECE AND ROME** into a world-renowned museum. Founder, John Woodman Higgins, a leading Worcester industrialist, spent a lifetime building his collection. In 1929, he constructed a four-story building to house it, and in the same year, received a charter for a museum of historical and modern metal artifacts. The Armory's collection, displayed in a Gothic castle setting is extensive. The European portion consists of 3,000 armors and components, 1,000 weapons and accessories, 500 swords and daggers; 100 firearms; a tapestry, stained glass, paintings and wood carvings. In addition, the non-Western collection comprises 1,000 African, Islamic, Indian, and Japanese body defenses and arms. The four-story art deco Museum was one of the first all steel and glass curtain-wall structures built in America, and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. On John Higgins' death in 1961, the building, collections and an endowment were given to the public. In 1979 the Museum passed out of the hands of the Higgins family and into the control of a public governing board. For more details, call 508-853-6015 or visit [higgins@higgins.org](mailto:higgins@higgins.org).

**ITALIAN EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

**ITALIAN RADIO PROGRAMS**

**"The Sicilian Corner"** 10:00 am to 12 Noon every Friday with host Tom Zappala and Mike Lomazzo and **"The Italian Show"** with Nunzio DiMarca every Sunday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Go to [www.1110wccmam.com](http://www.1110wccmam.com).

**"Italia Oggi"** Sundays 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm with host Andrea Urdu 1460 AM [www.1460WXB.com](http://www.1460WXB.com).

**"Dolce Vita Radio"** DJ Rocco Mesiti 11:00 am-1:00 pm Sundays 90.7 FM or online [www.djrocco.com](http://www.djrocco.com).

**"The Nick Franciosa Show"** Sundays from 12 Noon to 3:00 pm on WLYN 1360 AM and WAZN 1470 AM.

**"Guido Oliva Italian Hour"** 8:00 am-9:00 am Sundays on WSRO 650 AM and online at [www.wsro.com](http://www.wsro.com).

**"Radio Italia Unita"** - Thursdays 2:00 pm-3:00 pm on [www.zumix.org/](http://www.zumix.org/) radio or itunes, college radio click on Zumix. For more information, log onto [www.italiaunita.org](http://www.italiaunita.org).

**"Tony's Place" on MusicAmerica WPLM FM 99.1** - Sundays 9:00 pm-10:00 pm on MusicAmerica. Host Ron Della Chiesa presents Tony's Place. Visit [www.MusicNotNoise.com](http://www.MusicNotNoise.com).

**WYNDHAM HOTEL, ANDOVER**  
123 Old River Rd., Andover, MA  
1-978-346-9496  
[www.ATSCcommunicationsma.com](http://www.ATSCcommunicationsma.com)

**AN EVENING OF ITALIAN ROMANCE** featuring **MICHAEL AMANTE** and **MARISSA FAMILIETTI** — 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.

**BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER**  
136 Massachusetts Avenue  
Boston MA 02115  
[www.Berklee.edu/Events](http://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 "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 Calpestate 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 e Pino Daniele e Vivo Qui*, *Ricomincio da 30* and *Electric Jam*. In 2010, Daniele released his 13<sup>th</sup> studio album, *Boogie Boogie Man*.

## Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Are you ready for this? Alabama's Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has banned the sale of Dirty Bastard beer because of its name, although Fat Bastard wine and Dirty Bitch beer are still for sale in the state. Officials said the other brands were approved years ago and that they have a duty "to keep dirty pictures and dirty words away from children."

The naked truth! Technicalities, after a Romanian traffic officer pulled over a completely naked woman riding on the back of a motorcycle, and ticketed her for the only violation under his authority — failing to wear a helmet. Still naked, she and the driver then roared off.

Wow! Jiromon Kimura, the world's oldest living man, after he celebrated his 115<sup>th</sup> birthday with four generations of his family at his home in Kyoto, Japan. "I'm delighted beyond words," he said.

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill, says, "When a man has a birthday he may take a day off. When a woman has a birthday, she may take as much as five years off."

The best way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once!

And so, East Boston's historical Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church is shut tight! I was baptized there, also received my First Holy Communion there. It was the church of the Italian immigrants. Enough said.

Will it happen? Social Security funds to run out by 2033. Social Security's primary trust fund, which helps finance benefits for 44 million seniors and survivors of deceased workers, is now projected to run dry three years sooner than previously forecast, said the program's trustees in an annual report. Driven by a tidal wave of baby boomer retirees, a feeble economy and Washington's inability to address the coming shortfall, the fund will run out of money by 2033 if Congress doesn't intervene. Social Security's retirement and disability programs are adequately funded "for years to come," said Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, one of the six trustees, but "we must take steps to keep these programs whole for the future."

Weird happening! A woman eating a massive "Double Bypass" burger at the Heart Attack Grill in Las Vegas suffered an apparent heart attack and was rushed to the hospital. Just three months ago, a man dining there also suffered a non-fatal coronary.

Incredible! Unbelievable! A 4-year-old Montana girl was subjected to a full body pat-down by TSA officials when she hugged her grandmother after passing through airport security. The girl's mother, Michelle Brademeyer, says screeners coldly treated her daughter, Isabella "like a tool in a terrorist plot," suggesting her grandma may have slipped her a gun. One agent justified searching Isabella by saying she'd once "seen a gun in a teddy bear."

Enough said! The Secret Service sex scandal that combined booze, carousing, and 20 Colombian prostitutes claimed three more agents' jobs. In all, nine agents have lost their jobs or will quit the service over the episode that saw prostitutes partying at the men's hotel ahead of a visit by President Obama to Colombia.

Bow! Wow! A national cable network is unveiling a new channel of programming exclusively for dogs. DogTV features footage shot from a dog's perspective — often of other dogs running and playing — accompanied by sound effects and music designed to keep dogs stimulated while their owners are out of the house. Dog owner Mary Catania says that her bulldog, Bleu, finds the programming so exciting that he'll "jump on the TV console and try to get into the television." She now feels less guilty about leaving him alone. "Anything that makes him happy makes me happy," she says.

A dog is smarter than some people. It wags its tail and not its tongue.

Mona-Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston, says, "The noblest of all animals is the dog, and the noblest of all dogs is the hotdog. It feeds the hand that bites it."

The great "hunk" Kyle Waters of Swampscott, says, "Every boy who has a dog should

also have a mother, so the dog can be fed regularly."

We have been asked how long has Jack Williams been anchoring the news at WBZ-TV. In brief, Williams joined the station in 1975. Yes, he has been there for 37 years! The award-winning Jack Williams' interest in broadcasting began at the age of 13, when he built his own radio station at home in Idaho. Two years later, he was hired by an Idaho radio station, KYTE, as an announcer. In 1964, Williams started working full time as a news reporter. Williams has been a television anchor since 1968 and worked at KIRO-TV in Seattle and KORK-TV in Las Vegas before coming to WBZ-TV in 1975. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Oregon, William earned a degree in Broadcast Journalism. Yes, Jack Williams is married and he and his wife Marci reside in the Greater Boston area.

News from China! A Chinese eyewear company has introduced a range of sunglasses named after Helen Keller. Keller is a national hero in China, for both her triumphs over blindness and deafness and her socialist politics. The company says its "Helen Keller" sunglasses are a tribute to Keller's heroic spirit. Nevertheless, some have questioned the taste of naming glasses after Keller, especially in light of the firm's slogan: "You see the world, the world sees you."

Ugh. The U.S. last year had its worst year for measles since 1996. The 222 measles cases were a big jump from the usual 60 or so per year and 86 percent occurred in people who weren't vaccinated against the illness — including 50 children whose parents got exemptions from school vaccinations.

Morons! Some New York City teenagers have begun playing a game they call "subway chicken," in which they jump onto the tracks and stay there as long as possible as a train pulls into the station. The track-jumping teens depicted in a new YouTube video "should have their heads examined," said transit officials, noting that 146 people were hit by subway trains last year, 47 fatally.

A recent CBS News poll disclosed 3% of Americans have a favorable view of former Sen. John Edwards.

Wee bit of Italian-American history. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter awards a belated Medal of Honor to Anthony Casamento at a White House ceremony. The citation reads in part: "Despite the heat and ferocity of the engagement (Guadalcanal, 1942) he repeatedly repulsed multiple assaults by enemy forces." (All of Casamento's squad were killed or severely wounded as he fought on alone, with "multiple, serious wounds.")

The bestselling books in Italy: *il diavolo certamente/The Devil, Indeed. Amore, zucchero e cannella/The Girl's Guide to Homemaking*. And *Le prime luci del mattino/The First Light of the Morning*.

Time for some show biz reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. Peggy Lee's hit recording of "Pass Me By" came from the long-since forgotten film "Father Goose" (1964). Benny Goodman's "Sing, Sing, Sing" proved to be Gene Krupa's great drumming opus and the inspiration for innumerable drum epics in the years since. One more time! Although Lawrence Welk was born in the United States, he didn't speak English until he was 21 years old. Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby began his career with Paul Whiteman in 1926. The song "You're Sensational," contained in the 1956 film "High Society" and sung by Frank Sinatra, was one of the last ballads written by composer Cole Porter. As result of a musicians strike in 1942, the world of popular music had become primarily a singer's world. Not only on records, but also on radio shows that once featured the top big bands.

**AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME**



## Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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### LOBSTER SAUCE MARINARA

1 28 oz. can crushed tomatoes  
1 large onion chopped  
2 chopped garlic cloves (Optional)  
4 tbs. olive oil  
2 oz. wine of choice (Optional)  
2 one pound Lobsters (whole) or equal amount of Lobster meat of choice

Place olive oil and chopped onion in a saucepan or large skillet. Simmer onion until opaque. Add chopped garlic if desired but **do not** brown garlic. Add crushed tomatoes, stir and cover to cook slowly. In a few minutes, stir one cup of water into sauce. Simmer and stir frequently over medium/low heat to avoid burning or sticking. Add Lobster, whole or in portions, into saucepan or skillet and cover. Be prepared for splashing when placing lobster into sauce. If needed, add 1/2 cup of water to sauce and stir before covering. **Simmer slowly.** Whole Lobsters should cook in sauce for at least **thirty minutes**, depending on size. Whole Lobsters larger than 1 pound each may need to cook longer. **Optional:** Ten minutes before serving, add wine of choice into the Lobster Sauce and stir. Cover and simmer **slowly** for two minutes. Remove covered pan from heat. Set aside.

*NOTE: This is an easy recipe to prepare on your gas grill in the summer or in your home at anytime. It is best to have all ingredients ready for the saucepan or skillet before beginning the sauce. After I add the whole Lobster or Lobster meat in the sauce to cook. I make sure that a pan with water is heating on my stove to boil the macaroni for my family. My family enjoys pasta with the Lobster sauce as part of this meal.*

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## First Annual Dinner-Dance of the Boston Chapter of the Association Lucchesi Nel Mondo

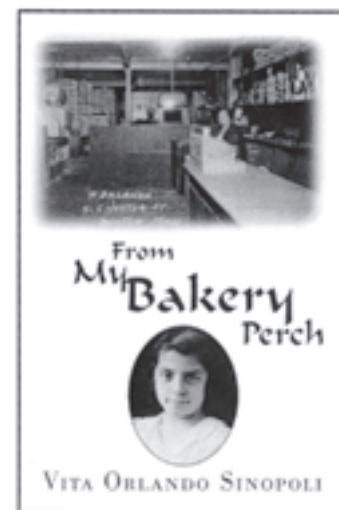
The First Annual Dinner-Dance of the Boston Chapter of the Association Lucchesi Nel Mondo is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2012 at the Dante Alighieri Hall, 41 Hampshire Street Cambridge, MA. The dinner will be prepared and served by Maria's Catering of Watertown and the dance music will be presented by Maurizio Pasquale of Music Paradise Productions. This is planned to be an annual event designed to bring together the Lucchese community of Boston, their friends and all those who admire the City of Lucca, its history and its culture.

For additional information or questions please contact George Matelli, President at [georgematelli@yahoo.com](mailto:georgematelli@yahoo.com) or by calling 781-729 7467.

## Friends of the North End Branch Library BOOK SALE

The Friends of the North End Branch Library will be holding a BOOK SALE on Saturday, May 19 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Library located at 25 Parmenter Street.

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# Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



I was just thinking ... this coming Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>, will be an anniversary date for my *Nanna and Babbonnonno* column. It will be 21 years old. I began with the first publication on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May in 1991 and I guess I haven't stopped since.

Writing came to me in an accidental way. I spent my early life involved in teaching school, playing music, acting and I made a few attempts at businesses. I can't complain because I did rather well with all of them but writing wasn't included.

One Monday back in the early 80s, I was with Dad and Uncle Nick at the musician's union. Monday was the traditional gathering day when musicians met with band leaders and contractors to book in future work. I was approached by Sam Marcus, the then president of the union. He said, Hey, Johnny, Sam Medoff died." I replied that I had heard he passed away, but I didn't really know the man. I added, "If he was a close friend, you have my condolences." Sam then added, "No, that's not why I mentioned his passing. He has been writing a column in our union magazine, *The Interlude*, and I'm looking for someone to take it over. I thanked Sam but assured him I was not a writer. He then asked if it was true that I had written a work book for the Boston School Department. I told him that I had, but it was entitled "Spanish for Medical Personnel" and was to be used through school department training programs in several of Boston's hospitals. (This is before they had medical people who were native-born Spanish speakers.) Sam added, "If you can write, you can write. Think about it."

The column in question was called "A La Breve" and was a social commentary about local musicians, their lives, where they were playing and with whom. I thought about the task, considered it a challenge called Sam and told him I would like to give writing for the *Interlude* a try. I did and it worked out well for me. I found out I could write things that the guys could identify with and the column continued to be popular. My problem was that subsequent presidents had different ideas. If they were less secure than Sam Marcus had

been, they would be displeased with the popularity of the column and the recognition I was receiving as its writer. The magazine was a monthly publication and I only had to deal with insecure presidents every thirty days or so, but it could be aggravating.

During the spring of 1991, I met Pam Donnaruma, the publisher and editor of the *Post-Gazette*. I remember seeing her paper as a child when Babbonnonno would buy *La Gazzetta* once a week, and read the stories in it to Nanna and me in Italian. At that chance meeting, Dean Saluti mentioned to Pam that I was a writer. Someone who had been writing for her paper was leaving and she was looking for a columnist to take their place. I said that I would think about it and the next day, discussed it with Dad. I told him that the paper was now published in English and was popular in the Italian American communities throughout the state. What I had been writing for the musician's union magazine was for a particular audience, musicians, and those stories in the *Interlude* would have little significance in the *Post-Gazette*. Dad began to think and reminded me of all of my experiences growing up in an Italian/Italian American extended family. He knew that I had a good memory and could relate stories about life in the Christoforo/Contini family that readers might identify with. Dad had a convincing way, and I decided to give it a try. That was 1,008 columns ago ... 21 years ago with 48 columns a year.

I thought about what Dad had said when I first sat down with pen and paper to draft out that first column. As I thought about what I was going to write about, a TV show came to mind that I had loved as a kid. It was based on a movie with the same title and I identified with when I was young. It was called, "I Remember Mama." The weekly TV stories were about a San Francisco based Norwegian family in the early 1900s. The story line was based on the parents, aunts and uncles, never-seen grandparents and the kids in the family all making it in America.

As I pieced my ideas together, I came to the con-

clusion that I could do the same thing only with Italian relatives in the character roles instead of Norwegians. My pen hit the paper and the titles my grandparents liked to be called became the title of the column, "Nanna and Babbonnonno."

Babbonnonno is an old fashion term not used much today, Nonno translates to grandfather. Babbonnonno actually means Grandpappy, but that's what we called my maternal grandfather. Nonna is the word for Grandmother, but Nanna was Americanized and liked to be called Nanna and so the title stuck. That first column was finished in a couple of hours and was about how Babbonnonno came to America. I typed out my chicken scratch so the folks at the paper wouldn't have to translate hieroglyphics using the Roman alphabet.

That first week's attempt seemed to work out favorably and for my second try, I wrote about how Nanna came to America. This too worked out for me and I was off, writing about the Contini family which included Nanna and Babbonnonno's children, Uncles Paul, Nick, Gino, and my mother, Anne. When I added in their spouses and the kids, my cousins, it began to come together as a family the readers could identify with.

Well, I've expanded on this theme over the years and I've received many letters and emails telling me how members of the readership could identify with the story lines and the extended family concept. Actually, a writer doesn't know if he or she is reaching the public with the intent or the impact of a story unless the public responds. I'm grateful that so many of you have seen fit to make comment and it humbles me as I say, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Twenty-one years have passed. Nanna and Babbonnonno are long gone. My folks passed away Dad in 1991 and Mom in 2007. The only Uncle I have left is Uncle Gino and in June he will be 95. He and Aunt Ninna invited Loretta and me to dinner last week and we reminisced about the "old days" when we grew up as Italians in America.

Well, now you have it, the story about how this column was born. I want to thank you again, and as long as you allow me to continue, there will be a column called Nanna and Babbonnonno in this paper.

GOD BLESS AMERICA.

## THE PAUL REVERE MALL: History, Art & Community


Historical Lectures and Discussion to be held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 beginning at 7:00 pm at the Old North Church located in Boston's North End.

Representatives of cultural and community organizations will discuss the historical significance of the urban park (called "The Prado" by the North End community) and its monuments, including the Paul Revere Statue by the American sculptor Cyrus Dallin (1861-1944). This program is part of the year-long celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dallin's birth.

Presentations by: **David A. Kubiak**, North End/Waterfront Residents' Association: "The Prado: Its History and Future;" **Rebecca Reynolds**, American Art Curator: "Arrested Motion: Cyrus Dallin's Statue of Paul Revere" and **Alex R. Goldfeld**, President and Historian, North End Historical Society: "The Pride of Later Generations: North End History Remembered in The Prado."

## NEAD/Nazzaro Center Spring Concert & Family Dinner Scholarship Night

On Monday, May 21, 2012, North End Against Drugs and the Nazzaro Community Center will host their Annual Children's Band Spring Concert and Family Dinner Night. The event will be held at the Nazzaro Community Center and will celebrate all the hard work that the Children at the Nazzaro Center have done throughout year in their music program. Led by Music Director Jeremy Sarzana and Assistant Band Director Christopher Romano. Also, North End Against Drugs will select the winners of their Scholarship Program. Deadline for Applications for the Scholarship Program is May 11, 2012 at 5:00 pm. Applications are available at the Nazzaro Center (see Laurie D'Elia) and at the North End Library. We will have pizza, soda and dessert after the concert. We hope to see you all there.



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• **If It Ain't Broke** (Continued from Page 2)

number is 100 fold. They all seem to survive the way things are now.

However, one place that could use a good rehab is The Prado around for about 80 years. It needs a "This Old Urban Park" TV crew from Channel 2 over there. Yes, I know we just participated in "Shine," it still would be nice for them to come. When my father was young, he was glad when

the Prado was put forward by Mayor James Michael Curley but over time this urban park has come to look quite worn and in need of some treatment before it looks even worse. Tourists leave Boston wondering why this park looks so shabby. It shouldn't and not just for tourists but for the neighborhood residents too. Yes, I am repeating myself, once again on this matter.



• **News Briefs** (Continued from Page 1)

**Silly Talk That MSNBC Loves to Hear**

Recently, U.S. Rep. Allen West, (R-FL) went on MSNBC and said that there were between 78-81 members of the Democratic Party inside the US House he considered to be communists. When I heard his comments I thought the left would go after him and they did. West considers anyone who calls themselves progressive to be nothing but Marxist and that's his opinion. However, it doesn't help when conservatives call their opponents commies.

However, other comments by West were right on target. Like him, I believe we live in a constitutional republic but apparently there are many others across the country and unfortunately on Capitol Hill and inside the Oval Office, who it appears, would like to see America turn into a bankrupted European socialist country like Greece. If you start sounding like the late U.S. Senator Joe McCarthy, (R-WI) with all the name calling, nobody hears all the other good stuff you say.

**What Does He Do?**

Recently, when asked about a law enforcement raid in several Bay State cities investigating EBT law breaking, the governor said he was never informed of the plans for the raids or the raids itself. The *Boston Herald* ran a great cartoon after Gov. Patrick said: the Herald does what it does, law enforcement does what it does and I do what I do. However, as the cartoon implies, the governor never exactly said what he does. Except we all know about those campaign flights raising money around the country for President Obama's re-election bid.

**It Didn't Take Mitt Long, Did It?**

Already we are seeing presumed Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney quickly moving to the center of the political spectrum and basically running the same campaign that McCain and Dole did previously. When a Republican attempts to out-center a Democratic nominee, America gets a Bill Clinton or Barack Obama. Why settle for anything less than the real thing. A conservative running mate like U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, (R-FL) won't hold the conservative majority together anymore than it can guarantee a good Latino share of the vote in November. Primary voters were looking for the most electable and conservative nominee to face up to President Obama. Republicans need to hold its conservative base and not take it for granted as McCain and Dole appeared to have done previously.

Some of Romney's latest hires appear to be outside the conservative base. Apparently Romney has decided the way to beat the incumbent is to be a centrist. If that's the strategy, it could be a losing one on Election Day. Lately, Obama has been touting Ronald Reagan more than Romney and that's a big problem in my

eyes. Beating Obama means taking on all that big government entitlement mindset, not running as Obama-lite.

**Chief Warren — 1/32 Cherokee?**

Sad that the Warren campaign had to waste so much time on such a bogus lineage hunt to prove she's a drop of Cherokee Nation. My father once told me the oral history of my family's roots, passed down to him from his mother, says the Giarratani family originally settled in Sicily from southern France. There's no proof to say it is a fact. Even if it were backed up by real information, I still wouldn't call myself a Frenchman. My roots are Sicilian on my father's side. Elizabeth Warren is not a minority nor should she ever have allegedly used any race card. She's a white gal from the plains of Oklahoma who is now a rich white gal from Harvard University and the Peoples Republic of Cambridge. The only place she is actually a minority is back home in Oklahoma where she must have been the most liberal female in the Red State's history. She can be a fake Indian if she wants but no one will elect a faker to the U.S. Senate.

**No Change for North Carolina?**

Recently, President Obama took another trip to another college campus to kiss up to more Millennium voters come November. Speaking to University of North Carolina students, he failed to mention one word about a state ballot Amendment. One which would not only

ban same-sex marriage but civil unions too. Also, when speaking with *Rolling Stone*, he denied he ever said he would step back from federal involvement in state medical marijuana laws. Said the Big Zero, "I never made a commitment (to do any such thing) because it's against federal law."

However, when he was running for office back in 2008 he said, "I'm not going to be using Justice Department resources to try to circumvent state laws on this issue." President Obama must be getting a bit nervous over this fall's election. He kisses up to young college students and at the same time appears trying hard not to stir up more conservative North Carolina voters who might be tempted to switch over to the GOP side of the ballot.

**Chief Jay Strongbow is Probably More Native American Than Her**

Whether or not Elizabeth Warren is Native American, is unimportant to this writer. Anyone can call themselves whatever they wish. Back in the day, no one wanted to be identified as an "Indian" not even if you were just bucking up for sides in "Cowboys and Indians." Playing an "Indian" was almost as bad as playing a "Nazi" in a game of World War II.

Seriously, who considers poor "Okie from Harvard Square" a minority? Maybe, back home in Oklahoma she's a minority for her looney left politics but not here in the Bay State.

**LEGAL NOTICE  
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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting professional consulting services for **MPA CONTRACT NO. A302-D1, FY13-15 ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES**. The Authority is seeking a multi-disciplinary firm or team to provide professional services with an emphasis on architectural design. The Consultant shall demonstrate expertise in the following disciplines including but not limited to architecture, civil, structural, HVAC, fire protection, plumbing, electrical, security systems, building control systems, building codes, vertical transportation, specifications, cost estimating, geotechnical, marine engineering, landscape architecture and sustainable design. The Consultant shall demonstrate its ability to manage costs effectively and shall be experienced in providing similar services on an on-call, as needed basis. The Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and other interested parties in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner. The projects may range from small and simple to relatively large and complex.

The scope of work may include new construction, alterations or additions to various facilities such as airline terminals, maintenance facilities, garages, sheds, warehouses, electrical substations, pump houses, elevators, escalators, waterfront fenders and piers, and security systems. Services may include but shall not be limited to conceptual or schematic drawings and outline specifications, design development or construction drawings and specifications, construction services, resident inspection services, cost estimates and analyses, investigations, reports, value engineering, and energy audits.

The Authority expects to select two consultants. However, the Authority reserves the right to select a different number if it is deemed in its best interest to do so. Each consultant shall be issued a contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. The services shall be authorized on a work order basis.

Each submission shall include a Statement of Qualifications that provides detailed information in response to the evaluation criteria set forth below and include Architect/Engineer & Related Services questionnaires SF 330 with the appropriate number of Part IIs. W/M/DBE Certification of the prime and subconsultants shall be current at the time of submittal and the Consultant shall provide a copy of the W/M/DBE certification letter from the Supplier Diversity Office within its submittal. The Consultant shall also provide litigation and legal proceedings information, signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, in a separate sealed envelope entitled "Litigation and Legal Proceedings". See [www.massport.com/doing-business/Pages/CapitalProgramsResourceCenter.aspx](http://www.massport.com/doing-business/Pages/CapitalProgramsResourceCenter.aspx) for more details on litigation and legal proceedings history submittal requirements.

In order to be eligible for selection, all aspects of Section 38A1/2, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be satisfied including the majority of the firm's Board of Directors or ownership shall be registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in accordance with the applicable provisions of the statute. Consultants shall furnish professional registration status of the firm's board of directors or ownership. All individuals responsible for technical disciplines shall, upon commencement of the project, be registered Architects or Engineers, in that discipline, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The submission shall be evaluated on basis of: (1) current relevant experience on projects of similar complexity, (2) experience and geographic location of the Project Manager and experience of other key personnel to be assigned to the project, (3) experience and expertise of sub consultants, (4) familiarity with MGL, including filed sub-bid experience, (5) cost management capabilities, (6) M/W/DBE and affirmative action efforts, (7) familiarity with this type of assignment and a demonstrated ability to respond in a timely manner, (8) current level of work with the Authority, (9) past performance for the Authority, if any, (10) experience with sustainable design, and (11) litigation and legal proceedings history.

The selection shall involve a two-step process, including the shortlisting of a minimum of three firms based on an evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications received in response to this solicitation, followed immediately by a final selection. The Authority reserves the right to interview the firms prior to final selection if deemed appropriate. By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of the Authority's standard agreement, which can be found on the Authority's web page at [www.massport.com](http://www.massport.com). The exception to this standard agreement is the insurance requirement of \$1,000,000 of commercial general liability. The Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

Submissions shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 1/2" x 11"). Fifteen (15) copies of a bound document and **one PDF version on a disc** each limited to: 1) an SF 330 including the appropriate number of Part IIs, 2) no more than 5 sheets (10 pages) of information contained under SF 330 Section H addressing the evaluation items (except for the litigation and legal proceedings history), and 3) no more than 3 sheets (5 pages) of other relevant material not including a 3 page (max.) cover letter, covers, and dividers shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, P.E., CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, Capital Programs Department, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, East Boston, MA 02128. Any submission that exceeds the page limit set here or that is not received by the Capital Programs Department in a timely manner shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

All questions relative to your submission shall be directed only to Catherine Wetherell, Deputy Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs at (617) 568-3501.

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
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The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from **TRADE CONTRACTORS** interested in performing work for **MPA PROJECT NO. L1177-C2-1, CBIS RECAPITALIZATION/OPTIMIZATION, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MA**. The Authority is seeking Qualification Statements from HVAC Trade Contractors who have a demonstrated experience in the construction and implementation of similar work in terms of scale and complexity as required for this project at Logan Airport in East Boston. In accordance with Massachusetts construction manager at-risk requirements, MGL Chapter 149A, Section 44F, Qualification Statements are being requested at this time from the HVAC trade contractors.

In 2002, in-line Checked Baggage Inspection Systems (CBIS) were installed and commissioned at various locations in Terminals B, C and E at Logan International Airport. Terminal A was subsequently constructed with an entirely new baggage handling system that also included an in-line CBIS. While these systems were state-of-the-art at the time, they were designed well before the adoption of the Planning Guidelines and Design Standards (PGDS) by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in 2009. Under the proposed project, the Authority is proposing to make improvements to the CBISs at Logan International Airport.

The scope of work on the Project involves construction activities in all of the Terminals at Logan International Airport. Extensive interaction and coordination with the TSA and the airlines will be required. Construction of the Project will commence in the spring of 2012. The work will be completed in a minimum of five phases. The work on the last of the phases will be completed on or before April of 2014.

The proposed work includes the demolition of existing duct work, diffusers and associated HVAC infrastructure in an existing office area. The work shall also include but not be limited to the construction of new HVAC ducts and diffusers, the installation of VAV boxes with associated controls and the installation of a split system to provide supplemental cooling in a telecom closet.

The estimated value of work to be performed by the HVAC trade contractors is \$70,000.

The Authority is implementing this project in accordance with MGL Chapter 149A, Sections 1 thru 13. This selection of trade contractors conforms to MGL Chapter 149A, Section 8, subsections (b) to (k) inclusive. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be utilized to prequalify trade contractors capable and experienced in the construction of parking structures. The Authority shall utilize a two-step process including the prequalification of trade contractors based on an evaluation of the Statement of Qualifications received in response to this solicitation, followed by an Invitation to Bidders that will only be issued to the prequalified trade contractors. A Prequalification Committee consisting of four representatives, one each from the Designer and the CM at Risk and two Massport staff. This Prequalification Committee will be conducting a qualifications-based evaluation of submittals received from interested trade contractors in order to identify prequalified trade contractors who will be invited to respond to a written Invitation to Bidders.

Qualification Statements shall be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria: (1) Management Experience; (2) Project References including a Public Project Record and (3) Capacity to Complete including a demonstration that the contractor has the financial stability and long-term viability to successfully implement the Project. Please contact Susan Brace at [sbrace@massport.com](mailto:sbrace@massport.com) or 617.568.5961 to obtain copies of the submittal forms.

Seven (7) copies of a bound document each limited to 20 sheets (40 pages), exclusive of covers and dividers and resumes, which shall be limited to one page, shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 1/2" x 11") and shall be addressed to Mr. Houssam H. Sleiman, P.E., CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs, and received no later than 12 Noon, Thursday, June 7, 2012, at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submittal that exceeds the page limit set here or that is not received in the Capital Programs Department by the above deadline shall be rejected as non-responsive.

Questions regarding this RFQ shall be directed to Ms. Catherine Wetherell, Deputy Director, Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs, at 617-568-3501 or via email at [cwetherell@massport.com](mailto:cwetherell@massport.com).

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• **Talk of Many Things** (Continued from Page 10)

**MT. CARMEL CONTINUES TO MEET**

The Mt. Carmel group met again for Sunday services across from the church by the Padre Pio statue once again on April 29 and plan on holding Sunday services outside as long as weather permitting. On this most recent Sunday more than 40 folks showed up for the worship service.

**THE LOONEY LEFT IN CONCORD, FALMOUTH AND RHODE ISLAND THINK THEY KNOW BETTER**

Did you hear the news from Concord, the looney left controlled a recent town meeting and passed a ban on plastic water bottles more than one liter. It is all about the environment, you know. Then, there's the Falmouth Board of Selectmen. The recent selectman chairing the meeting started the meeting off with a poem from Walt Whitman rather than the Pledge of Allegiance. When asked by another selectman about the Pledge, she told him "no thank you." Finally, down in Woonsocket, RI, a bunch of atheists are all bent out of shape over a revered monument because of a cross that is placed atop it.

Getting back to Concord. I guess from now on the streets of that historic town will be littered with broken glass and residents will have to travel all the way to purchase their 2-liter soda bottles or is the ban only on bottled water? I heard some Concordians are not just concerned about litter but they actually think water poured into plastic containers turns into poison too. Soda drinks must be exempt from being going poisonous too.

**SOBER HOUSES WHERE TO PUT THEM**

Right now over in Dorchester up in the Lower Mills area, there's a battle brewing between the neighborhood and a group seeking to turn a funeral parlor into a sober house. The *Dorchester Reporter* is already skeptical of the idea on its editorial page. As someone who has worked in the field of mental health for almost 40 years, I have yet to see a sober house welcomed anywhere without fight. Over in Charlestown there is a sober house working quite well in Hayes Square. It is ironically squeezed in between a police station and a liquor store. Many of the residents of the sober house there come from the community and many of the residents of the Dorchester Lower Mills sober house will also be folks from the community.

Often, people think sober means drunks in the neighborhood. They think housebreaks. They think trouble. These people looking for treatment are our friends, neighbors or family members. Both sides, those proposing these houses and the neighbors who will co-exist with them, need to come to an understanding.

**BIRTHDAY-4-KNIGHTS**

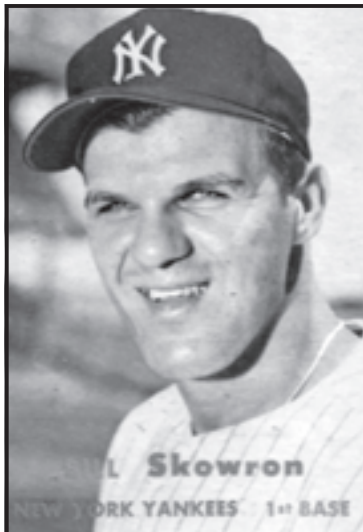
The Knights of Dunkin' Donuts celebrated four birthdays recently down at the Bennington Street shop in the Heights. The Knights were Sal Giarratani (May 4), Dina Dickerson (May 5), "Eddie" Moyer (May 5) and Jimmy Capezzuto (May 6). The party was held Sunday evening May 6 for the four-some. Gail Miller showed up with the birthday cake and Robio and Billy chipped in for the candles from Lanzilli's next door.

By the way none other than Dickie DeNaro made an appearance at the birthday bash. Everyone was glad Dickie had finally returned from his long Florida winter vacation. He was missed. Now, only Sam Malone is holding the fort down in Florida and he's getting ready to return as we speak.

**EXTRA Innings**

by Sal Giarratani

**Moose Skowron a NY Yankees Champ Passes Away**



Bill "Moose" Skowron, a five time World Series champion and one of only two players ever to hit three home runs in World Series Game 7, passed away at age 81 from congestive heart failure. During his tenure at first base for the Yankees, he helped the Yankees win four World Series between the late '50s and early '60s. His fifth World Series victory came in 1963 when he was traded to the LA Dodgers who beat the Yanks that October.

Yogi Berra speaking of Skowron said, "There weren't many better guys than Moose. He was a dear friend and a great team man. A darn good ballplayer too." By the way, it is Berra who was the only other player to hit three Game 7 home runs. Skowron was considered a star first baseman and went on to appear in eight All-Star games. Baseball Commis-

sioner Bud Selig called him "an integral part of those wonderful Yankees teams of Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris."

After his career ended, he returned to his Chicago roots and had worked for the White Sox since 1999 in community relations. White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf said, "While Moose may have been a star in New York with the Yankees, he was a Chicagoan through and through."

Skowron was called a great story teller by many who knew him. Selig actually called him "an important link to a great era in baseball history." Reinsdorf added, "I certainly miss his priceless stories about Casey Stengel, Roger Maris, Hank Bauer and of course, his good friend, Mickey Mantle. My guess is that right now, Mickey, Roger, Hank and Moose are enjoying a good laugh together."

I remember when the NY Yankees let Moose go over to the LA Dodgers in favor of a hot young prospect by the name of Joe Pepitone. I liked Showron. Pepitone not so much. By the way, I rooted for the Dodgers in 1963 World Series because I loved watching Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale and Moose Skowron play baseball like they all did.

Back in my youth I can still recite the Yankees infield, Moose at first, Bobby Richardson at second, Cleve Boyer at third and Tony Kubek at short. Best infield in baseball at the time. Pepitone was good but not as good as Moose.

Finally, here's some Fenway history. Moose Skowron once hit a ball dead center to the deepest gap in centerfield. It was right of the Green Monster and next to where the TV cameras were placed at the far left of the bleachers. Only one other player has ever reached that point in centerfield. They didn't call Skowron "Moose" for nothing.

**Teddy Baseball Barn in 1939**

On April 20, 1939, in his first major league game, Ted Williams hit a 400-foot double in four at-bats as the Red Sox lost 2-0 to the NY Yankees at Yankee Stadium.

**In My Book Hurst Was Best Lefty But ...**

Did you know that every time Jon Lester reaches a franchise milestone, the first person he thinks of is Bruce Hurst? Many fans believe that along with the late Mel Parnell, these three pitchers represent the best left-handed pitchers in Red Sox history. Personally, I might add a young Babe Ruth when he pitched in Boston in his pre-Yankees days. Hurst considers Lester the best and says he's "honored to be even close to the same breath." To me, he's the best Red Sox left-hander ever, with a chance to put himself way above anyone in the record books. I follow him ... I tell young players this is a guy you should not only watch but emulate. I have the highest regard for Jon Lester. To me, Lester is really good. I was a bit too young for Mel Parnell. However, I remember Hurst high up on that mound. In nine seasons with the Sox, he was 88-73 with a 4.23 ERA. His prime was 1986-88, when he was 46-27 with a 3.76 ERA. In 1989, he signed as a free agent with the Padres which he now admits regrets. He won another 57 games with the Padres, Rockies and Rangers but wished he stayed put in Boston. He and Roger Clemens were a great one-two act.

**Kristine Aristide Meets Up with Rico and the Spaceman**

Recently, Quincy resident Kristine Aristide was honored by the John Hancock Company at the company's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for her work leading volunteer projects. She found herself congratulated by two Red Sox legends Rico Petrocelli and Bill Lee.

**Bobcats Worst NBA Ever**

The Charlotte Bobcats made NBA history this season. On April 26 in the season finale against the NY Knicks playing all their subs, the Bobcats finished their season with 23 straight losses but that wasn't history being made. The season record of 7-59 left them with a .106 winning percentage. The previous record was held for many years by the 1972-73 Philadelphia Sixers who finished 9-73 and a .110 winning percentage.

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**NOTICE OF PRIVATE SALE**

Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles by **private sale on May 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.** Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI12D1506DR**

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING DALVA XAVIER DONASCIMENTO vs. DWAYNE LEE MENDES**

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Aman Lopez Esq., Law Office Of Aman Lopez, P.O. Box 178, Lincoln, MA 01773** your answer, if any, on or before **June 5, 2012.**

If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. **PETER C. DIGANGI**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 24, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 5/11/12

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI12P1917EA**

**Estate of FREDERICK A WITTHUS Date of Death December 16, 2011 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by **Douglas Witthus of Litchfield Park AZ and Lindsay Witthus of Titusville FL, Marsha Kelly of Salem NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that **Douglas Witthus of Litchfield Park AZ and Lindsay Witthus of Titusville FL, Marsha Kelly of Salem NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before **10:00 a.m. on May 28, 2012.**

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

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

WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DIGANGI**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 30, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 5/11/12

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA 02141 Docket No. MI12D1583DR**

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING STEPHANIE LOPEZ vs. DAVID ABELLA**

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

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: **Stephanie Lopez, 773 Concord Ave. #202, Cambridge, MA 02138** your answer, if any, on or before **June 5, 2012.**

If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. **PETER C. DIGANGI**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: April 24, 2012

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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## LIVERPOOL FC VS. AS ROMA Match

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Liverpool FC winners of the 2012 Carling Cup.

Tickets for the Liverpool FC vs. AS Roma match are now available. The match featuring two of the most well-known and respected clubs in European soccer takes place at Boston's Fenway Park on Wednesday, July 25.

Tickets are available at [redsox.com](http://redsox.com), [lfc-tour.com](http://lfc-tour.com) or by calling (877) RED-SOX9. Fans with disabilities may also call (877) RED-SOX9 to purchase accessible seating. The Red Sox' TTY number for hearing-impaired fans is (617) 226-6644.

The match, part of Fenway Park's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, is the second stop of Liverpool FC's 12-day North American Tour; the Reds will take on Toronto FC at the Rogers Centre in Toronto on July 21 and Tottenham Hotspur at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore on July 28.

Founded in 1892, Liverpool FC is one of the world's most historic and famous football clubs having won 18 League Titles, seven FA Cups, eight League Cups, five European Cups, three UEFA Cups, three European Super Cups and 15 Charity Shields.

Commonly referred to as the "Giallorossi," or "Yellow Reds," AS Roma is based in Rome, Italy, competes in the world-renowned



AS Roma

Italian Serie A League and has won three Serie A titles, nine Italian Cups and two Italian Super Cups.

To receive up-to-date news regarding the North American tour, visit [www.lfc-tour.com](http://www.lfc-tour.com), where fans can also win a once-in-a-lifetime, all-inclusive trip to Anfield to watch Liverpool's first home Barclays Premier League game of the season.

### About Liverpool FC

Founded in 1892, Liverpool FC is one of the world's most historic and famous football clubs having won 18 League Titles, seven FA Cups, eight League Cups, five European Cups, three UEFA Cups, three European Super Cups and 15 Charity Shields. It is also a global brand, working with leading edge partners around the world to provide unparalleled commercial opportunities. As a socially responsible business, Liverpool FC is proud of its heritage and plays a proactive role in its communities, managing over 20 projects year-round in education, social inclusion, health and sports development. Its contribution was recognized by the award of a Community Mark from Business in the Community.

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



There are some possible significant changes being debated on the college hockey front which, if they are put into place, will be noticeable to fans in the coming years.

One proposal, which has attracted the most media attention thus far, would be to drop the full enclosure headgear that all players must wear. In its place players would just don a visor that would protect the eyes—leaving the lower part of the face—most glaringly one's mouth—exposed.

It's a topic that has been talked about for a good number of years in the various hallways where college hockey folks gather across this land. The thinking goes that perhaps with the players encased is so much protective gear from head to toe, a sense of invincibility takes over, leading to a rougher game than normal and perhaps even more injuries with increased banging along the boards or full speed collisions on the open ice.

Introduce the possibility of a little pain to an unprotected area, the thinking goes and some apprehension might creep in and thus things might get toned down a bit.

Maybe. But at the end of the day, under present circumstances, everyone leaves the ice with their facial features intact, a characteristic very much valued in our culture. When you think about it, one's head is just about the only uncovered area in our society. People who have been in horrific auto accidents can cover up injuries to their arms, legs, chests, back and in a pinch even their hands (by wearing gloves). But one's head is there for all to see.

Former Bruins star Ray Bourque wore only a visor (sometimes called a half shield) and paid the price one Saturday afternoon at the Garden. In an incident that was purely accidental, Ray was whacked in the mouth by an opponent's stick, causing him to lose several teeth and suffer a good deal of pain as he was escorted from the ice by trainers.

We also recall the goalie at our high school from many decades ago who, playing in the era before netminders wore masks, had lost all his upper and lower front teeth by age 17—meaning he wore dentures at that relatively young age.

One of the differences between that era and our own is the contemporary scene in the locker rooms across America following the games. Some players may still be injured, of course, but to see them and their scar free faces full of smiles is to

remember that those scenes weren't always what one encountered in decades past.

The proposal endorsing the visor has the support of the American Hockey Coaches Association, the group comprised of virtually all college hockey coaches in the U.S. It now goes to the NCAA ice hockey rules committee which will vote on it in June.

We are of the opinion that such a change should be approached with caution. There has been a lot of talk about head injuries of late, most notably concussions. And, while injuries to the face are not concussions, they are still head injuries—and thus often very visible.

We feel that there already exist enough rules in college hockey to contain any rough play that might increase the possibility of injuries. All it might take is for the on ice officials to enforce certain rules more strictly, a move that can easily be accomplished by giving all coaches and players adequate notice prior to the start of the season of any change in that direction.

Let's keep college hockey—a grand form of the game—as free of facial injuries as possible. Ways to do that are to have the players keep wearing full facial protection while enforcing more tightly certain rules in such a way that the possibility of injuries will be decreased. When players learn that certain behavior only leads to penalties then that behavior will decrease.

The other proposal would eliminate the classic 5-on-5 overtime in favor of a 4-on-4 OT—the same method that is currently used in the NHL. This opens up play on the ice a bit more and perhaps increases the possibility that a team will score the winning goal in the five minute extra session.

Call us classical but we still favor the traditional 5-on-5 format. You wouldn't play with eight men on a side in an extra inning baseball game or use just 10 per team in an overtime NFL contest. All levels of basketball still play 5-on-5 in OT. Oh, and did anyone notice how in the Stanley Cup playoffs, the 4-on-4 format is dropped for overtime, with the classic 5-on-5 format used?

A variant of this proposal for college hockey would be to keep 5-on-5 for OT but to extend the extra session to 10 minutes. That's something that sounds much more reasonable and should be examined more thoroughly.

Just a couple of things to ponder as the academic year comes to a close and vacation time approaches.

## Bay State Bike Week, May 14-20, 2012

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Secretary and CEO Richard A. Davey is encouraging residents to bicycle during Bay State Bike Week, May 14 - 20, 2012. Hundreds of events across the Commonwealth have been planned and groups and individuals can participate by signing up [www.baystatebikeweek.org](http://www.baystatebikeweek.org).

"Events will be taking place throughout the Commonwealth during Bay State Bike Week. I value the work each community is putting forth to make this year a success and to encourage bicycling as an enjoyable way to stay active and to support mode shift," said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Richard A. Davey. "The work that each community places in hosting events throughout the Commonwealth works to achieve the GreenDOT mission and the Healthy Transportation Compact statewide."

Two years ago, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) became the first state DOT in the nation to organize and lead a statewide Bike Week celebration. To successfully accomplish this, MassDOT worked in partnership with the Massachusetts Bicycle Coalition (MassBike), the statewide bicycle education and advocacy group, as well as MassRIDES, the Commonwealth's statewide travel options program.

This year, MassDOT, MassBike and MassRIDES will build on the past two years of success to broaden the scope of Bike Week events.

Bay State Bike Week supports GreenDOT, a comprehensive environmental responsibility and sustainability initiative of MassDOT. GreenDOT incorporates sustainability metrics into all of its activities, from strategic planning to project de-



sign and construction to system operation.

In addition to community-wide events, the 11 Massachusetts Transportation Management Associations (TMAs) are presenting the 18<sup>th</sup> annual MassCommute Bicycle Challenge; a friendly competition among employers, schools and communities to encourage

Massachusetts residents to take some of their regular short trips by bicycle during Bay State Bike Week. For more information [www.masscommutebicyclechallenge.org](http://www.masscommutebicyclechallenge.org)

Participants are also encouraged to track their trips through NuRide, the nation's largest rewards program for taking green trips - walking, biking, carpooling, vanpooling, public transportation, and even telecommuting. For the month of May, first-time NuRiders can log in with the promotional code, GREENMA to receive 1,000 points just for signing up. New and current participants can track their trips online and get rewards at [www.nuride.com](http://www.nuride.com)

A strong commitment to bicycle and pedestrian travel is a key part of MassDOT's transportation vision. Bicycling and walking transportation enable people to diversify travel choice to healthy transportation options. Utilizing healthy transportation reduces traffic congestion, improves Massachusetts air quality and promotes healthy lifestyles. To learn more about Bay State Bike Week and for information about current bicycling projects in your area visit [www.mass.gov/massdot/bike](http://www.mass.gov/massdot/bike).

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