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One hundred and seventeen years ago, an Italian immigrant who arrived in Boston when he was only 16 years old saw the realization of his fondest dreams, to establish an Italian language newspaper that would be the genuine voice of the increasing flow of Italians to the United States. The boy was James V. Donnaruma, the newspaper was *LA GAZZETTA DEL MASSACHUSETTS* which is now published in English as the *POST-GAZETTE*.

He remained at the helm of this well-known publication until his demise in 1953 at which time his son, Caesar, took over the reins of running the now famous national weekly newspaper located in the North End of Boston. Caesar was loyally assisted by an ingenious wife, Phyllis, who assumed the role of publisher in 1971, as one the nations first Italo-American women publishers. Upon Phyllis' death in October 1990, their daughter, Pamela, contin-

ued the tradition as the third generation publisher of the *POST-GAZETTE*.

The *GAZZETTA*, as it was properly called, was very short in financial means but had a large vision, to give its readers a better and wider understanding between two countries. The so-called Italian Colony, or "La Colonia," had to face a complexity of problems and the *GAZZETTA* had to understand the slow and hard transition of men who, in most cases, had been engaged in agriculture in the home country. Here, they were to work in construction, factories and restaurants, eventually emerging as small storekeepers and finally the professionals, heads of business enterprises and eventually to become industrial leaders, heads of state, people to be respected by others.

If America was to some a bitter disappointment, to more it remained a great adventure and excitement.

There were new ways to be learned as well as new institutions. There were speculators and exploiters to be fought, a "padrone" system needed to be destroyed. There were churches to be built and above all, immigrants took advantage of America's free education while learning the process of citizenship. We devoted pages and pages to that very mission!

The *GAZZETTA* became, in a way, a sort of guide, so to speak, the go-between that brought American political life to the Italian immigrant. Many times our people were sent unknowingly to work in places subject to a strike and were therefore exposed to physical violence on the part of strikers ... in time, the situation changed as they learned more about the new land of opportunity.

The Italian immigrant was a hard worker, a thrifty

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## Saint Rocco's Annual Procession



On a hot and humid Sunday, July 15, 2012 as temperatures reached the 90s devotees of Saint Rocco held their annual procession through the streets of Boston's North End. Accompanying the statue of Saint Rocco and his devotees were Portuguese dancers, Rancho Folclorico de Peabody accompanied by the Roma Band and Northeast Italian Band.

(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### What Happened to Just Reporting the News?

Recently while listening to Jay Severin on my car radio, I heard him mention an Andrea Mitchell report on *MSNBC* in which Mitt Romney's speech was edited into the *Twilight Zone*. He was talking about one thing and Mitchell turned it into a George H.W. Bush moment at the supermarket scanner (Remember that one when the lamestream media was pushing a guy named Bill Clinton back in '92?). Selective editing to seemingly deceive an audience is very unbecoming of NBC-TV, isn't it?

### Is Obama Pathological?

According to President Obama's 1995 memoir, "Dreams of My Father," the president claimed his paternal grandpa was imprisoned and tortured by British colonists in Kenya. Turns out this assertion was a piece of proven fiction. Obama has also

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In this day and age we often jest about certain aphrodisiacs or sexual stimulants. For some unknown reason, discussions of this nature always seem to center around the poor little raw oyster.

The ancients didn't mess around with mere child's play, they used the oyster to settle the stomach, restore lost appetite and as a gentle laxative. When boiled with honey it was used to cure "tenesmus" (the inability to urinate). Vapors from steamed oysters were inhaled to help slow down running colds. Reduced to ash and mixed with honey, they were used to relieve irritation of the tonsils; when the ash was mixed with water it was used to cure sores on the head, or to smooth the skin of women, and when mixed with vinegar, it cured the itch. These dear ancients finally got around to eating the oyster raw, but they consumed it chopped, to cure chilblains on the feet.

For their aphrodisiacs, the old timers used the salted flesh of river snails, or the dried and powdered testicles of a horse and these were taken in wine.


Whether by design or by coincidence, the donkey or ass did not escape attention during these times because its right testicle was usually worn as a bracelet. Probably their most exotic prescription was to plunge the genital organ of an ass into hot oil seven times and then rub it over certain relevant parts.

The ultimate or "piece de resistance" was to reduce that organ to ash and consume it in wine (this also gave you a good attack of agita). Needless to say, none of this made the poor donkey very happy. Timid persons and those with weak stomachs resorted to a special salve made from mouse's dung. I guess it just boils down to whatever turns you on.

The Greek philosopher Democritus disapproved of all these shenanigans, and claimed that they were mere acts whereby one human being sprang from another. The more virile of the ancients did claim, however, that it enabled sluggish athletes to regain their vitality, cure pains in the loins, dullness of vision, unsoundness of mind, melancholia, snake bites, scorpion stings and helped to clear husky voices. Ahem ... ahem ... ahem ...

## Res Publica

by David Trumbull



What Part of "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Don't You Understand, Mr. President?

Representative **Jim Sensenbrenner** (R., Wisconsin) has introduced legislation, H.R.6097, the **Religious Freedom Tax Repeal Act**, to stop the Obama Administration from taxing religious institutions and employers for choosing to follow core tenets of their faith rather than bow to the HHS mandate that violates their conscience rights.

As you know, on January 20, 2012, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") reaffirmed a rule forcing health care plans to cover sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs and contraception. Many religiously-affiliated schools, hospitals and social service agencies cannot comply with this mandate. Obama's response is to tax them out of existence.

ObamaCare gives the federal government the tools to tax religiously-affiliated schools, hospitals, universities and soup kitchens right out of existence," said Representative Sensenbrenner, who pointed out that the fine for following your conscience is **\$100 per employee per day**. As Sensenbrenner explained, "A religious institution that, say, has a church and an elementary school beside it that employs fifty employees total, which include the administrative and maintenance personnel, ends up being taxed **\$36,500 per employee per year**." For that church and school with 50 employees the tax on the right to follow church teaching would be nearly **\$2 million per year**, every year.

Boston has Catholic schools that would be forced to close if the Obama Administration war on religious freedom is allowed to go forward. Sensenbrenner, who is an Anglican, pointed out that in his state of Wisconsin there are many Lutheran schools as well as Catholic schools that will be forced to close if Obama has his way.

Sensenbrenner is joined by **56 cosponsors** of the **Religious Freedom Tax Repeal Act**. All the sponsors are **Republicans**. Not a single Democrat in Congress has been willing to oppose the President and stand up in support of our First Amendment freedom to practice religion.


The HHS mandate is just the latest Obama Administration attack on religion. Back in January the U.S. Supreme Court *unanimously* ruled that a Lutheran school (Hosanna-Tabor) had a First Amendment religious freedom to choose its own ministers and that the Obama Administration's Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's attempt to meddle in the church's employment practices was unconstitutional.

The HHS mandate must, and will, be overturned!

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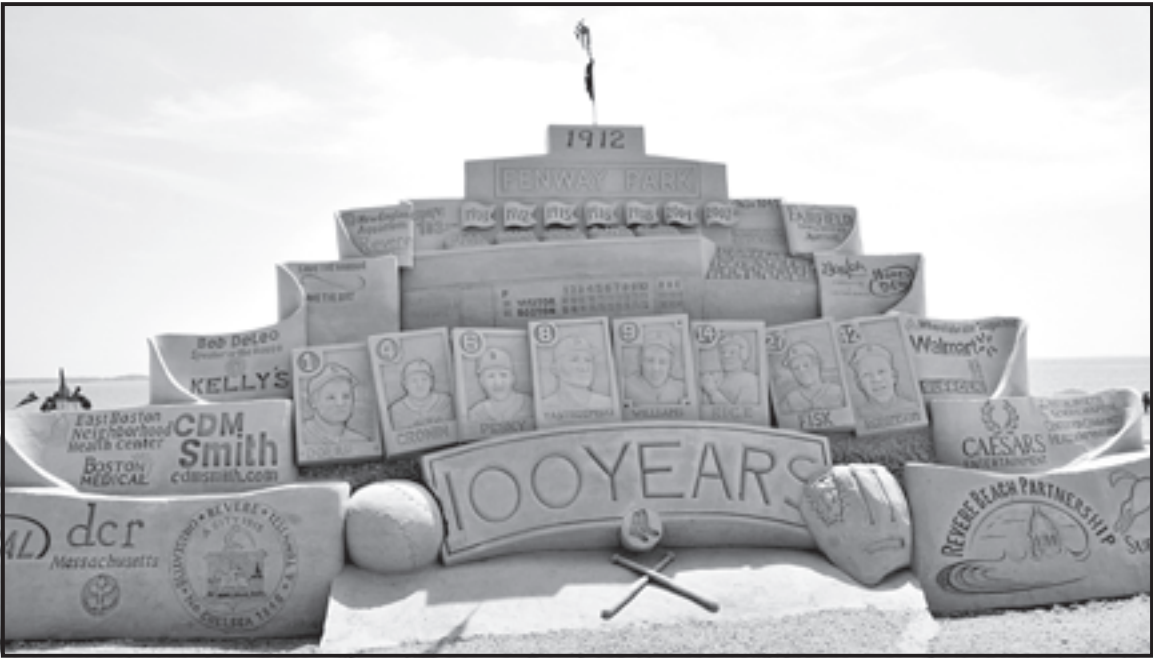
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# Wrentham is the New Patriot's Place

by Sal Giarratani

Growing up in the 1950s, America's memory was strong. We had just come through WWII to prevent dictators from taking over the world. Then during the '50s, the Soviet Union's brand of dictatorship started the Cold War between us and them. We were a patriotic people. Sometimes we were a little too paranoid about the Red Scare and McCarthyism but proud and patriotic. Flags were flying everywhere. We celebrated Memorial Day, Flag Day, Armed Forces Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Veterans Day. We did parades, fireworks and enjoyed being Americans. We were the pride of the world. We were leaders. The flag was our symbol. The world wasn't perfect. There were many Americans down South who were fighting for everything the flag stood for. Slowly over time we forgot who we were for the most part. As the memories of the past slid further and further into history, we forgot what it meant to feel like Americans. It was nice to know that down Route 1 in Wrentham, there are still American patriots who don't like anyone messing with their acts of patriotism.

As I read the news concerning letters that went out to residents of the Wrentham Housing's complex on Garden Lane telling them that public displays of the American flag was against the rules. One resident Tony Rukus who fought in the U.S. Navy during WWII told reporters, "It's my flag. I

fought for that flag. If anyone tries to come take my flag, I'll kick them the hell out." Apparently, an unnamed tenant complained around the Fourth of July to the State Department of Housing and Community Development that there were reportedly too many flags flying on too many lawns and this led to the notices by the town's housing authority that one could no longer fly the American flag in common areas like lawns. You can put them up inside your apartment but your freedom to fly it anywhere else was forbidden.

However, most folks inside this housing complex must love Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the U.S.A." because the morning after finding those fliers tacked to their front doors about the flag ban and as a result of the uproar, the state agency backtracked. The outcry of the brief flag ban led to the Stars and Stripes dotting almost every front lawn and door frame in the complex. Many residents were disgusted and thought banning your pride in your country was unbelievable.

Yes, the residents stood together and called the action outrageous and the ban quickly ended which is exactly what the flag stands for in this country. U.S. Senator Scott Brown a resident of Wrentham stated for the majority, "Flying the American Flag should never be controversial and no citizen should ever be prevented

from doing so. I was deeply disturbed to learn of this misguided decision."

An older gentleman who lives in this place stated that back in his youth, "People had a little more pride back then. I'm sad to see where we've come." Patriots Place isn't just a mall next to the football stadium; it is also in places like Wrentham where folks banned together and stood up for the flag. As Lee Greenwood sings, "I'm glad to be an American where at least I know free and I won't forget the men who died who gave their lives for me." This must be the official song of folks in Garden Lane in Wrentham.

Three cheers for them for not giving in but standing up for our American flag!

## THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giarratani

### Living Life in MacArthur Park

Driving to work the other morning and listening to old memories on WJIB am 740, the radio was playing "MacArthur Park" and the lyrics took on a different kind of meaning for me. I've heard this song a million times since going back to younger days but I guess when I heard "Take your life into your hands and really live it," I wondered why it sounded so different. Actually, this is a song especially relevant for growing older baby boomers. Here I am a police officer for almost 27 years who can't wait to retire yet am so resistant to the whole concept of walking away from something that has been part of my life for so long. Actually, come to think of it, I have been with the state Department of Mental Health in both direct care and support services since the tail end of 1972. I was young once, but now not so. I was looking ahead to many years of work and now

it is coming down to months, weeks and days.

I had so much hope for the future back then but that hope appears to have fallen short in reality. Back in 1965 I played the drums in a Roxbury band we named "The SilenSirs." We got the name from a Dean Martin movie, "The Silencers." We played several times at different DYS facilities. One time a kid told me, "You guys were great." Of course we were "great," he was a member of a captive audience. They didn't get out much at those facilities. Anything sounds better than nothing, eh? However, I do think we were a good band mixing up British Rock and Motown.

Back in those days when I was 17 years old, my whole world was ahead of me. I could have been a cook, a baker or a candlestick maker or maybe a lawyer or

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**GOOD LAUGH — GOOD HEALTH.** We are fully aware that optimism has a positive influence on life. Likewise practicing sports or walking a lot daily, prevents many pathologies, especially cholesterol. Now we learn a new, great asset to good life, which brings a better understanding of the delicate balance between mind and body. A good hearty laugh. Research conducted for the first time at the University of Maryland was presented at a European Congress of Cardiology, in Paris, not long ago: a scientific world event attended by 30,000 physicians who realized how significant the impact of good humor is on everyone's health. To make sure that the effects are evident, the laughing moment must be full, not just a smile but a prolonged hearty laugh of about 15 seconds, an adequate time to affect the organs. The research also indicated that in order to obtain optimum results for a full day, the laugh ought to last 15 minutes. In short, the old jargon, "Be Happy, Be Healthy" can be the call to good life.

In one of the tests used in the study, they showed funny movies to the study group, causing prolonged hilarious moments. The researchers noted a considerable expansion of the endothelium (the inside coating of the blood vessels) on individuals who had just seen the movie — up to 50% — with beneficial effects in the prevention of heart attacks as well as of brain strokes. The results of the study are telling. Those who suffer the effects of the economic crisis, especially in Europe, are showing stressful conditions, which often have led to many suicides, as in Italy. Excessive worries alter the equilibrium inside the cardiovascular system, for the adrenalin produced under the brain's stimuli, acts as a vasoconstrictor which, in the long run, damages most of the blood vessels.

In conclusion, try to laugh every day, or even several times a day, to usher in a healthy condition, much better than taking pills. Prevention is definitely better.

**THE WILD DREAMS OF ITALIAN HOUSEWIVES!** The Italian housewives seem the most desperate in Europe, according to a recent research by a study group: "Women and Quality of Life," after monitoring 4,000 housewives throughout Europe, 700 of whom were Italian. The Italians turned out to be the most dissatisfied (@ 76%), who were even willing to leave their country, but only if they could win a sizeable pay-off at the "SuperEnalotto" (a special lottery), or if another 'miraculous' event occurred.

The reason for the Italians' bad feelings are: first the collapse of the economy, then the lack of support for the family and the end of the myth of the 'Italian' partner who helps the Italian woman with house chores, leaving the woman feeling abandoned and unable to run the household. What to do? A full 50% of the Italian women would leave to be alone, settling in one of these famous places: Hawaii, Bahamas, or the Maldive Islands, or even in Northern Europe. Desperation: a bad pathology!



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On September 1, 2008, at approximately 1:30 pm, the boy was walking along Dorchester Avenue in the Dorchester section of Boston, on his way to a pharmacy to pick up prescriptions for his mother. The boy testified that "a man," later identified as the defendant, "drove right next to [him]" and stopped his vehicle, a four-door sedan. The driver's window was open. Even though the boy could not recall the first thing the defendant said to him, he "stepped back" so that he was approximately three feet from the sedan and "heard someone say, 'Get into the car.' The boy said 'no' and then walked away." He went "straight to the pharmacy," which was fifty yards away. The entire exchange took approximately "[t]wo seconds," and the boy was not "face-to-face close" to the defendant. The defendant drove away. In response to the prosecutor's question whether the boy thought the defendant was following him, the boy stated, "Kind of, yeah."

**IRELAND, C.J.** In 2009, the defendant was tried before a jury on a complaint charging him with the attempted kidnapping of an eleven year old boy. G. L. c. 274, § 6. At the close of evidence, the defendant moved for a required finding of not guilty, which

was denied. The defendant was found guilty, was sentenced to two years in a house of correction, with six months to serve followed by probation and was required to register as a sex offender. He appealed and we transferred the case to this court on our own motion. He argues that the trial judge erred in denying his motion for a required finding of not guilty because there was insufficient evidence to convict him and that his statement to police was improperly admitted in evidence. Because we conclude that there was insufficient evidence of his intent to kidnap the boy, we reverse the judgment and set aside the verdict. Judgment shall enter for the defendant.

**Supreme Judicial Court** found, *inter alia*, that even considering defendant's statements to the police,

there was insufficient evidence to support his conviction under §§ 6, 26. The child's testimony that defendant followed him was equivocal. Defendant's statements to the police were insufficient to support an inference of a specific intent to isolate or insulate the boy from meaningful contact or communication with the public. There was no evidence that defendant did anything but drive away after the boy refused to get into the vehicle. Accordingly, the trial judge erred in denying defendant's motion for a required finding of not guilty.

**OUTCOME:** The judgment was reversed, and judgment was entered for defendant.

The case says to tell a stranger to get in your car is not a crime. So it also seems that to offer a stranger a ride in your car is not a crime.

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

Congratulations to the *Post-Gazette* on their 117<sup>th</sup> Anniversary being celebrated this week! It takes a lot of hard work to keep a newspaper running every week. Congratulations again! Pam Donnaruma, owner and published does a great job in keeping up with the ever changing times! .... Jimmy Rosselli, aka Jimmy Vegas, owner of Busy Bee Window Washing in East Boston has a voice you won't forget! If you missed his great performance Saturday evening June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Winthrop Elks, the good news is, Jimmy will be performing again. Vegas received raved reviews from the audience who enjoyed his selection of songs from the Elvis Presley, Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra era. According to listeners, Vegas captured the audience by sounding like the great performers he impersonated. For those who wish to go down memory lane with Vegas, I'll keep you posted as to his next appearance ... What will Obama-Care do for the taxpayer?

ZILCH! ObamaCare will add more people to the already saturated Medicaid program. And, decrease Medicare for the elderly. In short, Obama is for the impoverished and new residents of the country. Forget, the hard working citizens of America who will be taxed if they can't afford to pay for his health insurance plans. That's the long and short of it! Obama needs to GO! The government is dictating to the people far too much and is way out of line! What happened to the land of the free and the home of those that work??? I always thought Jimmy "Peanuts" Carter was the worst President of our times, but then came Barack Obama! ... Don't buy a product or use a service just because they offer a rebate. Consumers can wait months before receiving a rebate, if at all! ... Millions of dollars earmarked for East Boston is wonderful news. With developers for the waterfront close to reaching agreements with the City of Boston and Central Square Park being rehabbed, Eastie will be the

number one place to live. And, if a casino is built, there will be more improvements. Deval Patrick is a real piece of work! What is a motorist suppose to do if they get involved in a car accident with an illegal who doesn't carry auto insurance? Go to the State House to get your car fixed??? Patrick signed a \$32.5 billion state budget funded by the taxpayer, up 4 percent from last year, but rejected a requirement that drivers prove legal U.S. residency by showing a driver's license or a Social Security card to obtain a vehicle registration. He also vetoed a bill for EBT card reforms. EBT card users can continue to go to tattoo parlors, purchase guns, porn, body piercings, jewelry and have manicures with their EBT card. You can also use the EBT card to bail someone out! All compliments of the taxpayers. Only in Massachusetts could voters have been so apathetic as to have voted Patrick in another term. ...

*Till next time!*

## NEAA Continues with its INTERNATIONAL FLARE vs. Japan

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) will once again enter a team of 13-15 year old players to compete against an elite team of same-age boys from Japan! This annual Japan-Boston Baseball Exchange is sponsored by the Boston Red Sox Foundation. The coaches for the NEAA Boys Team will be Ralph Martignetti and Frank Iudiciani. In its inauguration five years ago, the Japanese boys and their coaches travelled to Boston; the following year, Japan was the host of this Baseball Exchange and in its third year, the Japanese boys were back in town. However, the devastating Tsunami prevented the Exchange from taking place in Japan, so in its fourth year, the tournament once again took place in Boston. Because Fenway Park is celebrating its Centennial this year, the Red Sox Foundation decided that Boston should once again be the host of this Exchange this year. The Japanese boys will be competing against other Boston neighborhood youth teams during their visit, but the game against our NEAA boys includes the unique annual post-game "dunk in the Mirabella Pool!" This game is free and all are welcome to attend. We hope to see you on Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Puopolo Park on Commercial Street from 9:00 am to 11:00 am for this wonderful annual tradition!



## BLO Performs Free Concert with Landmarks Orchestra

Boston Lyric Opera (BLO) will join the Boston Landmarks Orchestra in a concert at the DCR Hatch Memorial Shell on Wednesday, August 8 at 7:00 pm. *Around the World in 80 Minutes* takes audience members on a sweeping operatic journey, making musical stops in France, Italy, Japan, the United States and Sri Lanka. The program features excerpts from popular works by Puccini, Wagner, Mozart, Bernstein and others.

This concert is free and open to the public. In the event of inclement weather, the performance will take place at the Back Bay Events Center (180 Berkeley St.). For more information, visit [www.blo.org](http://www.blo.org) or call 617-542-4912 or [www.landmarksorchestra.org](http://www.landmarksorchestra.org).

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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



The hot weather we've been experiencing reminds me of summers when I was a kid. At least once, a family picnic would be planned that included three generations of the extended family. Babbononno and Nanna would confer with Nanna's brother, Zi'Antonio Ceruolo and his wife Zi'Mariuccia. Dad would set up things with the next generation of relatives, who wanted to attend and I would make plans with my first and second cousins who would accompany their parents. The relatives would include the old timers I mentioned, plus Mom's cousin Louise (Ceruleo) Pepe, her husband, Ralph, their three children, Lulu, Anthony and Ralph, Jr., Mom's cousin, Marie

Beatrice, her husband Al, their daughter, Elizabeth, and Marie's brother, John. On my side, Mom and Dad would invite Mom's brother, Uncle Gino Contini, his wife, Ninna, their infant children, Richard and Donna, Dad's sister, Mary Dello Russo, her husband, Jim and their young son, Jim, Jr. This was usually the nucleus of the relatives, but at times, several other aunts, uncles and cousins of my mother would attend.

The location was often the picnic area at Mystic Lake. They had tables, barbecue pits, a ball field, open grass areas and a lake to swim in. Dad would contact the MDC and reserve a spot for the family and on a given Sunday, we would all head to the

lake for a summer picnic.

A week or two before the actual get together, each generation would begin to prepare for the event. Zi'Antonio and Babbononno would make sure that enough of Zi'Antonio's homemade wine was ready. Plus, they would determine how much beer, hard stuff and tonic for the kids was necessary. At the same time, Nanna, Zi'Mariuccia, my mother, Aunt Ninna, Mom's cousins, Louise and Marie would plan out the menu for the picnic. We kids would concentrate on which toys to bring: a ball that would float in the lake, a set of bocce balls, baseball equipment, badminton rackets and birdies and a couple of wooden gliders to sail in the air, maybe the type that had wind up elastic bands that when wound, would allow a propeller to fly the planes ever more skyward than we could throw them. I'm not sure what my female cousins brought as I never paid attention.

When the anticipated Sunday finally arrived, Dad and I would fill the trunk of his

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## DCR Announces Accessible Sailing on the Charles River this Summer

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR) Universal Access Program (UAP) would like to announce accessible sailing for individuals with disabilities, their families and friends on the Charles every-day through the month of August.

Adaptive equipment, teamwork and staff instruction will be provided by *Community Boating Incorporated*; seeking to increase participation among persons with disabilities in outdoor recreation.

Participants will learn to sail and enjoy a view of the city from the Charles River. Modified sailboats and adaptive support will be provided as needed. The program is one hour long, and costs \$1 per person.

Along with sailing opportunities, UAP provides accessible kayaking, rowing, canoeing, cycling, hiking and horseback riding in Massachusetts State Parks throughout the summer and fall. The program also offers a number of activities in the winter.

Pre-registration is required, please call today as spots may fill up quickly. The contact information listed below can also be viewed on the DCR website by going to [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr) and clicking on "Universal Access."



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The training and upkeep of New Hampshire Fish and Game K-9 Dogs is funded through the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire, a non-profit organization focused on state-wide conservation efforts. The Foundation is maintained through private financial support and donations, and seeks to maintain services not covered by state funding.

"To recognize Sig's accomplishment and the exceptional service provided by the Wildlife Heritage Foundation of New Hampshire, we would like to sponsor Sig's care for the next year," said Ron Cohen, SIG SAUER President and Chief Executive Officer. "We consider it an honor to support our state's law enforcement officers, even those of the four-legged variety."

Along with his handler, Conservation Officer Mark Hensel, Sig led searchers to the small child, who had crawled away from his family's campsite near



(From left) SIG SAUER VP Bud Fini presents a support check to K-9 Officer Sig and his handler N.H. Fish and Game Officer Mark Hensel at the SIG SAUER facility in Exeter, N.H.

Farmington. Sig is one of just two K-9 Conservation dogs currently working in the state program. This keeps Sig and his sharp sense of smell in high demand. It's not uncommon for Sig and Officer Hensel to be called out to all corners of the state seven days a week.

"Sig's workload and dedica-

tion to duty is a reflection on Officer Hensel, as well," Cohen said. "And hopefully this recognition will inspire others to help support this very important program."

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

by Sal Giaratani

**ROLLER COASTER OF MEMORIES**  
Recently, the *Patriot Ledger* down on the South Shore did a whole page on the shuttered Paragon Park down on Nantasket Beach in Hull. The Friends of Paragon Carousel are the folks who operate the old restored Merry-Go-Round that once stood inside the Park. People come from miles around every summer to ride it one more time and relive old memories of younger days. The Friends are now collecting memorabilia for a museum. There was a photo of Marie Schleiff of Hull holding the sign that hung on front of the roller coast.

This summer “Paragon Park: A Musical” opens on July 27 at the Company Theatre in Norwell. At the museum will be a full-scale model of “The Comet,” the original Paragon Park sign and lots of other good stuff. Paragon Park opened in 1905 and closed in 1985. Folks who grew up with this amusement park say when they walk along the beach they can still hear the clickety-clack of the old roller coaster.

Too bad, there’s no museum for Revere Beach’s amusement park because whenever I walk the boulevard, I can still picture everything the way it was in my head. As for the merry-go-round, Revere Beach’s Hippodrome housed the greatest-looking old-fashioned carousel anywhere to be found.

Hello out there. Which roller coast was better, the “Comet” or the “Cyclone?” Results will be published in a future column.

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**EXCEL ACADEMY SEPTEMBER OPENING**  
Excel Academy will be opening a second location in East Boston this September as construction crews finish up the conversion of the old St. Mary’s Star of the Sea School and convert it into Excel Academy Charter School. The property was purchased from the Boston Archdiocese for a reported \$1.8 million. ... Down the street is the old Dom Savio High School site which is set to become the Edward W. Brooke Charter School but that’s probably a year away from happening. Two new parental choices to eventually choose from in the East Boston community is a win-win situation for all.

**GREATER BOSTON TEA PARTY PROTEST**

The Greater Boston Tea Party group held an anti-ObamaCare rally at Christopher Columbus Park over on the waterfront. Since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled ObamaCare constitutional as a form of taxation, the only way to take it down is by electing more conservatives to Capitol Hill. Take out the law by legislation. An end-run around the Courts is no longer an option. The people, “We the people” must elect better voices in Congress who represent our beliefs. A good crowd showed up and Talk 1200 Boston’s Michael Graham shown up to stir the folks into action.

**REPPUCCI CORNER AT THE POOL**

The other afternoon I showed up at my usual spot at the Mirabella Pool to find the area packed by Anthony, Georgie, Anthony and of course, Gigi Reppucci. If they turned this family story into a TV show, they would have to find another Walter Brennan to play Gigi. I ended

up on the far left that day which is pretty strange for such a conservative guy like me but Leo already staked out the far right. Meanwhile, Cal was snoring in his chair ... Patty Bono has staked out a new spot this year tired of the same old same old or maybe she just found a better spot to work on her tan.

**NEW NAPPER TANDY’S OPENS IN ROZZIE SQUARE**

John Jacob has just opened a *Napper Tandy’s* at the old Robyn’s site on Washington Street in Roslindale Square. If you have been to *Napper Tandy’s* just outside Norwood Center off Route 1A you know this place will be hopping with plenty of patrons having a great time. Check it out and tell ‘em Sal G. sent you.

**GAIL HOLDS HER OWN**

Down at the Knights of Dunkin’ Donuts, Gail is passionately anti-Eastie Casino and holds her own in debates with fellow Knights who are mostly pro-casino. She knows her stuff quite well. The Knights know what’s coming when she walks into the place. Condolences go out to Gail on the loss of her 95-year-old uncle who recently passed away in Connecticut.

**WHEN DID THE STATE TAKE CONTROL OF THE NEW CHelsea BRIDGE AND WHY?**

Lots of folks have been complaining that the newly rebuilt Chelsea Street Bridge doesn’t open in the morning early enough. The posted time reads “5:00 am” but it isn’t opened most mornings anywhere near 5:00 am.

I just found out the bridge is now controlled by state employees rather than municipal workers. Why the change? People get the run around when they ask questions. Now, we know, forget City Hall, the problem lies up at the State House. Isn’t it time for the people of both Chelsea and East Boston to start up a good offensive and keep the state on defense? The other way around, we only lose.

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# Road Trip

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

"You have to come visit us," with these words our cousin Ethel, who lives on Long Island, set the wheels in motion to one of the best weekends we've spent in many years. We try to make it down to Long Island to visit Ethel, her husband Larry and their children at least twice a year, usually we take the train and within seven hours we are at their doorstep ready for what is always a delightful visit. We decided, rather than take the train this time we would drive, it had been years since we made the drive to New York by car and we were anxious to see how things had changed along the route which was once so familiar to us. It would also be a good test of the hybrid car we recently bought, it is full of "bells and whistles" and is supposed to give great gas mileage, furthermore, we purchased this car with a GPS guidance system which the dealer promised would make finding our way to Ethel's a "snap" despite the fact that both of us have no sense of direction.

The convenience of driving to Ethel and Larry's immediately became apparent

when we began purchasing all sorts of gifts and Italian delicacies from our favorite stores in the North End. We no longer had to worry about what we could carry; we could just load things into the car. There was wine, cookies and candy, an orchid plant for Ethel, who loves orchids, but most of all we could bring Sfogliatelle pastries which Larry loves but we always were reluctant to bring in the past never knowing if they would travel well by train. So we bought a dozen Sfogliatelle, just before leaving Boston, placed them on the back seat, cranked up the air conditioner to help keep them fresh, set the GPS system with Ethel's address and we were on our way to Long Island.

Once we were on the road, it became apparent that we were going to enjoy the five hour drive that lay ahead. It was a beautiful day for the trip, traffic was light and the scenery that unfolded along the way was so much more beautiful when seen from the highway. Best of all, there was the reassuring voice coming from the GPS system guiding us turn by turn every step of the way

making certain we would wind up on Long Island and not California as would be perfectly possible with our terrible sense of direction.

The trip went very well, the car has satellite radio so we tuned into a station that played music from the 30's and 40's, forgot how great Ella Fitzgerald's version of "Tisket a Tasket" was, time flew by and we were at the Throg's Neck Bridge leading onto Long Island in little more than five hours experiencing very little traffic, unbelievably the car was averaging close to 50 miles per gallon. Once through the tolls on the bridge, we telephoned Ethel to let her know we were just 20 minutes away. Ethel was amazed that we made it from Boston as quickly as we did; we continued talking all the way to her doorstep where she was standing outside waiting for us. There were kisses and hugs, which were repeated over and over again with cousin after cousin 'till we reached Larry who simply asked, "Did you bring the Sfogliatelle?" We answered, of course, and Larry delivered a great big bear hug, it was going to be a great visit.

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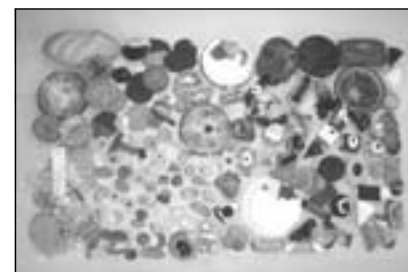


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# Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Are you ready for this? Georgia police officer William Martinez, 31, had a fatal heart attack in 2009 while he and a male friend were having sex with a woman in a motel room. A jury has now awarded his widow \$3 million because doctors should have warned Martinez, who had a heart condition, to avoid strenuous activity. "This man could have died running on a treadmill," said her lawyer.

Batter up! A New Jersey woman hit by a baseball at a Little League game is suing the 11-year-old player who threw it. Spectator Elizabeth Lloyd wants catcher Matthew Migliaccio to pay her \$150,000, alleging that his errant warm-up throw was "reckless." "The whole thing has almost been surreal," said the boy's father. "We keep thinking it's just going to go away."

Wow! The post office in Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, cut back its hours from three hours a day to just 30 minutes. It's now open from 10:15 to 10:45 am.

Big shots! Clark and Sharon Winslow of Belvedere, CA, spent \$4.2 million to buy the house next door and demolished it. The home was partially obstructing their existing; \$19 million home's view of San Francisco Bay.

Big deal! The latest World Wealth Report found that the world's millionaires' combined wealth fell by 1.7 percent in 2011, the first decrease for high-net-worth individuals since the 2008 global economic crisis.

A Swedish woman spent eight hours of a plane flight sitting next to a dead body. Lena Pettersson says the Kenya Airways flight from Amsterdam to Tanzania took off even though the passenger next to her was having convulsions; he died two hours into the flight. "Of course it was unpleasant," said Pettersson of having to sit next to the corpse, "but I am not a person who makes a fuss." Upon landing, Pettersson did file a complaint with Kenya Airways, which refunded her \$713 about half the cost of her ticket.

Holy Madonna! Madonna is worried that someone might steal her DNA, says *The Daily Mirror* (U.K.). Alvaro Ramos, the concert promoter overseeing the Portuguese leg of her current tour, says Madonna, 53, has set up an unprecedented "sterilization team" whose job it is to remove all traces of her hair, skin and saliva from her

dressings room after each show. "We can only enter after her sterilization team has left the room," said Ramos. "There will not be any of Madonna's DNA. I do understand it, but it is taken to extremes."

Europe's newest tallest skyscraper built at a cost of \$2.35 billion was created by Renzo Piano, the acclaimed Italian architect. As the world's 59<sup>th</sup> tallest building there is plenty to boast about. It features 44 elevators, 306 flights of stairs and 72 occupiable floors. Wish to thank the notable Arthur Ray of Lynn for bringing my attention to Renzo Piano's creation.

Warning! The sea level is rising three to four times faster than the world average on the East Coast of the U.S., from Cape Hatteras, NC, to Cape Cod, MA, because of melting ice sheets and the fact that warmer water expands. The rise ranges from 2.8 inches in New York City to 4.8 inches in Norfolk, Virginia.

As to be expected, 77% of Utah Mormons say they are excited about Mitt Romney's candidacy. But 68% believe it will bring bad publicity about their faith.

To think, some years ago we had a call from Mitt's father George Romney, congratulating my advertising agency for the good work we were doing in promoting *The Rambler*. Yes, at that time he was president of American Motors, makers of the Rambler.

What? Men who drink lots of black tea may be increasing their risk of prostate cancer, even though tea improves their health in other ways. Researchers at the University of Glasgow in the U.K. tracked the health habits, tea consumption and medical reports of more than 6,000 men between the ages of 21 and 75 over nearly 40 years. They found that those who drank more than seven cups of black tea per day were 50 percent more likely to develop prostate cancer than those who had three cups or fewer. The finding is surprising because previous research has suggested that drinking tea lowers the risk of cancer, heart disease and diabetes. In fact, drinking black tea may have an overall positive health effect that trumps its correlation with prostate cancer. Enough said. Time for a spot-of-tea!

Cheese is better than butter! New research has found



that eating hard cheese is far better for the arteries than creamy butter that has the equivalent number of calories. So have a big piece of Parmigianino or Parmesan cheese!

Eating sweets beats the blues! Cake, ice cream and other sweet fatty treats really DO make you feel happy, new research reveals. And Vitamin D3 may increase your eyesight as you grow older, say scientists. Vitamin D could be useful in helping to prevent a range of age-related health problems, from deteriorating vision to heart disease. So says researcher Dr. Glen Jeffrey of Great Britain. Yes! We do take Vitamin D!

Show biz reminiscing with the stately handsome Albert Natale. We decided to reveal the "permanent addresses" of famous entertainers. Lou Costello (1906-March 3, 1959) Calvary Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA. Linda Darnell (1921-April 10, 1965) Union Hill Cemetery, Kennett Square, PA. James Dean (1931 September 30, 1955) Park Cemetery, Fairmount, IN. Cecil B. DeMille (1881 - January 21, 1959) Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery, Los Angeles, CA. Also at Hollywood Memorial Park, Peter Lorre, Adolphe Menjou, Tyrone Power, Rudolph Valentino. Hoot Gibson (1892 - August 23, 1962) Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, CA, also at Inglewood, Betty Grable. Natalie Wood (1938 - November 29, 1981) is at Westwood Memorial Park, Los Angeles, CA. Natalie drowned in a boating accident near Catalina Island while her two-time husband actor Robert Wagner, talked with her co-star Christopher Walken. Accompanied by Russian balalaika music, she was buried near Marilyn Monroe.

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## Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

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### Roasted (Broiled) Red Bell Peppers

4 red peppers	Salt
1 large garlic clove minced	4 brown paper lunch bags
3 tablespoons olive oil	

Wash and dry red peppers thoroughly. Place them whole on a broiling tray under the broiler. Broil until the outer skin of pepper begins to darken. Check frequently by removing from oven and turn each pepper as it blackens. It only takes a few minutes for the skin to blacken. (If left under broiler too long, the pepper will burn.) Continue broiling and turning in this fashion until most of the outer skin of each pepper has blackened though not necessarily the entire pepper. Remove peppers from oven.

Put one or two peppers together in a paper lunch bag and close tightly. Because liquid from peppers may seep through bags, place on a cookie sheet. After cooling in paper bag for at least fifteen to thirty minutes, take one bag at a time and place on clean dish. Tear open bag and carefully peel off outer skin of each softened pepper. Gently cut around the stem to remove stem and seeds from the pepper. Cut pepper in half and remove any remaining seeds. Slice pepper into long one-inch strips and set aside in a separate bowl. Liquid will accumulate as pepper strips rest in bowl. Save for marinade.

Spread minced garlic over pepper strips in a bowl. Add olive oil and stir thoroughly. Salt to taste. Cover and place in refrigerator or on your counter. Before serving, to enhance flavor, marinate roasted/broiled peppers at least thirty minutes in the garlic, oil and pepper liquids. The peppers can be heated in the microwave if desired.

They store well, for a few days, in the refrigerator in a clean jar or plastic container.

*NOTE: Because they were only available in the summer when I was young, I welcome the opportunity to prepare them often now that peppers can be purchased daily. My family enjoys them with baked chicken, steaks, or chops.*

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Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2012.**

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION**. The estimated contract cost is **TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$230,000.00).**

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub-contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44H inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance, Auto Liability Insurance, and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00)**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

No filed sub-bids will be required for this contract.

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

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

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• **Nanna & Babbononno** (Continued from Page 8)

new 1949 Chevy with all the food that was purchased or cooked in advance. Even though a picnic is an American concept, the old timers put an Italian twist into it and Nanna, Mom and Zi'Mariuccia would prepare a large pot of gravy, a couple of different pasta dishes, meatballs, sausages and chunks of gravy meat. Cousins Al and Marie lived on Cottage Street with an Italian grocery on the first floor of their building. They would bring all types of Italian cold cuts, cheeses, loaves of Italian bread (God forbid we should have to eat American bread.) and all the fixings for sandwiches, like mustard, mayonnaise, pickles, hot peppers, olive oil, etc. ... Dad and my uncles would bring enough barbecue meats (steak and pork), hot and sweet sausages, hamburgers and hot dogs. Dad also had a large ice chest that would be filled with beer and soda surrounded by chunks of ice. So, when Dad and I filled the trunk of the Chevy, he included the ice chest, a portable gasoline stove, a charcoal cooker, one or two bags of charcoal, all of the dishes that Mom and Nanna prepared, my toys and Babbononno's bottles of wine.

We would leave East Boston early on that given Sunday morning, bright and early. Followed by Dad's sister, my aunt Mary, her husband, Uncle Jim and my cousin young Jim in their new Buick, we would drive to Mystic Lake. Dad's car would contain Nanna and Babbononno in the back seat with whatever didn't fit in the trunk and Mom and me in the front. Dad, when we arrived, would find whoever was in charge and claim the barbecue pit and picnic bench we had reserved and then signal to the rest of us that we should bring the goods from the cars to that designated area. Within a short period of time, everyone else would arrive, all packed into cars that were loaded, as was ours, with all things necessary for a picnic.

Oilcloth tablecloths would be fastened to the wooden picnic table and napkins, eating utensils and condiments would be placed in the center along with plastic

cups of various sizes. Dad and a couple of the men would set up the portable barbecue next to the one we rented, open the ice chest for early drinkers, set up the gas stove and then load the charcoal into the barbecues, get the fire started and wait for the rest of the family to arrive. While this was going on, we kids would strip down to our bathing suits and head for the beach at the lake, followed by one of the family members who would be our personal lifeguard, just in case. (Usually, it was an aunt who couldn't swim.)

By the time we were threatened to leave the lake and return to the picnic area, many of the dishes would be ready. We would discover that, even though a picnic was an American invention, our grandparents and great uncles and aunts were Italian and the food was Italian. Everyone would dig into the cold cuts and cheeses first. Then they might sample Nanna's ravioli or lasagna accompanied by meatballs, sausages and assorted meats, all cooked in Nanna's homemade gravy. Dad and the rest of the men would be sizzling steaks, pork ribs, hot and sweet sausages, hamburgers and hot dogs on the barbecues for the next course. When everyone finally sat down, the next few hours would pass with us sampling all of the delicacies brought by the adult population in the family. Of course, the men would have cooked while having a few shots of a stimulating liquid and at the table, would continue with the beer and homemade wine.

When we kids finished

eating (not our first choice of things to do), we were forbidden to go swimming for an hour. We were told we would get cramps and drown. So, we got out our toys and played and worked off the weight of the food we ate by running, jumping and tackling each other.

When the hour was up, an adult would accompany us back to the lake and supervise our aquatic activities. The rest of the men in the family might decide to try out a new set of bocce balls and the ladies would clean up the mess we had made.

Later, Dad would brew a large pot of coffee on the gas stove and when it was ready, out would come the desserts, cannoli, Italian cookies and other pastries someone either bought or made.

When the sun began to set, everyone would begin to pack up and when this was accomplished, all would begin to say goodbye to each other, a task that always took at least a half hour.

When we were back in the car heading home, two of the occupants would be asleep in minutes, Babbononno and I, he from too much wine and I from too much being a kid.

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• **117 Years** (Continued from Page 1)

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yet on the issue of loyalty and patriotism, there was never any question.

The Italian immigrants after a long period of confusion, which was often bewildering, accepted in full the American concept of school, church and state and has become part of this democratic society, bringing to it all the qualities the Italians always possessed as builders, dreamers, organizers, fighters, artists, inspired teachers and defenders of Italo-American ideals.

Throughout the United States and in Boston, especially where freedom began over 200 years ago, the *GAZZETTA* or the *POST-GAZETTE* has played a vital part in history.

Today, the University of Minnesota and the University of Florence in Italy have compiled all of our issues from the first to its current publication on microfilm for future generations, thereby recognizing the *POST-GAZETTE*'s historical contribution to this country and the development of our unique culture to the people on these shores.

We continue to bring to our readers the incredible stories of Americans from coast-to-coast who are the “Builders of America.” We salute these great men and women who have made a unique contribution to our country and heritage.

• **Thinking Out Loud** (Continued from Page 4)

doctor or something else. I ended up in a career in human services and an even better avocation as a journalist for numerous weekly newspapers since age 19. I've enjoyed my choices but some have not been always the best. I am not as happy as I thought I would be at this time in my life. If I could change a few things that happened, I actually would. I'm honest.

However, most of the time, I've had a good stay in MacArthur Park. Sometimes, I felt like I was riding “The Cyclone,” that roller coaster of my youth at

Revere Beach. All kinds of surprising twists and turns came my way. I have had more than my share of rainy days but the sun has shone quite well for me too. Most of my mistakes were self-inflicted. Are there any other kinds? I thought I would be wealthier but “dems da breaks.”

Another summer is here. I will get my share of pool days down at the Mirabella over in Boston's North End. I will tan up enough to actually look Sicilian. I hopefully will exercise enough not to get chubby. The old days of Revere Beach are gone and

along with it “The Cyclone” but my roller coaster of a life will continue on the track of life. Bottom line as Yogi Berra said, “It ain't over until it's over.” My old buddy Charlie Ross added, “It is always better to be over the hill then under the hill.”

We all make our own MacArthur Park and as Big Brother Bob Emery always said on the kids' show of my youth, “The grass is always greener in the other fellow's yard.” Final warning, look out for all the poop that comes your way. Just play dodge ball.

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

claimed his white grandpa “fought with Patton's army” when the guy saw no combat in WWII. Obama said his mother's health insurer refused “to pay for her treatment” for cancer, when in fact the insurer never denied payment. Obama has said his parents decided to marry because of the 1965 march at the Edmund Pettus T. Bridge when police turned on the marchers preventing them from crossing over it. His parents married in 1961. Obama claimed his father came to America to study thanks to JFK but his father came here in 1959 when Ike was still president. Obama who sat in the pews listening to Rev. Jeremiah Wright's sermons for 20 years said he never heard him spew anything bad. Maybe he slept through those 20 years of Sundays? Finally, Obama said he hardly knew Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn from Weather Underground fame proved wrong too.

My issue with President Obama has nothing to do with Kenya but more to do with his Chicago-style Cook County politics.

**Romney Dilemma on ObamaCare “Tax”**

Recently, both President Obama and his Republican opponent Mitt Romney have agreed for different reasons that despite Chief Justice John Robert's majority opinion that the “individual” mandate was a form of taxation, neither candidate sees it as a tax at all. Both see it as a fee. Romney has no choice but to see the man-

date not as a tax because RomneyCare in Massachusetts also has an individual mandate and no way Romney wants his anti-tax legacy back here at home in trouble. Everytime I start liking Romney, he does something like this which only makes Obama look good.

The debate over the Affordable Health Act has switched from the question of constitutionality to one of bad law. Romney is remembered for RomneyCare which for many conservatives is the birth parent of ObamaCare. Neither party has clean hands on this issue.

**Why are We Apologizing to Pakistan?**

Apparently, one of the few things the Obama Administration is good at is apologizing. In this latest case, it has asked Pakistan to forgive our military for protecting U.S. troops from Pakistani

ambushes. Secretary Hillary Clinton recently apologized for coalition airstrikes that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers at two border posts last year. The bombings came following unprovoked attacks reportedly from those posts on our troops across the border in Afghanistan. Can our troops just keep ducking and covering while pretending Pakistan has our back? Returning fire saves the lives of coalition forces.

Pakistan should be apologizing to us for the killing of our troops both directly and by proxy while seemingly and secretly sponsoring violence in Afghanistan. Pakistan should also be apologizing for sheltering Osama bin Laden.

As many conservatives have echoed, “The only thing we should be sorry for is trusting Pakistan to be a reliable ally in the war on terror.”

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### A Team Going Nowhere and Fast

There we were at the All-Star break. After losing three out of four to the Yankees at Fenway, Boston is 43-43 and tied for last place. Not that long ago we seem to be moving upward, three, four, five games over .500 and now we are back as a 50-50 kind of team. Manager Bobby Valentine hasn't been able to do better than Terry Francona. I think a year ago at the All-Star break; we had a better win-loss record. How can we stay in the hunt if there isn't an ace in our starting rotation? Jon Lester is not having a very good year to date. Josh Beckett still is more trouble than he's worth. Dice-K looks like toast. Why John Lackey is even allowed to travel with this team and sit in the dugout is beyond me.

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## EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Alfredo Aceves doesn't belong as the closer. David Bard looks like he's completely screwed up as either a starter or relief pitcher. The team never should have tried to make him a starter. Other starting pitchers are all no-name guys. Adrian Gonzales is a great singles hitter but that's not what he gets big bucks to do. Ever since the Home Run Derby, he hasn't been the same. Every time I turn around someone else is going on the D.L.

The N.Y. Yankees look good, not great, but in the AL East, looking good seems good

enough. Baltimore Orioles have dropped a half dozen or so games behind but holding on to second place. It is their pitching that keeps them from dropping down in the standings. If they had some offensive power, they would be going toe-to-toe with the Yankees. Tampa Bay ain't what they used to be and the Toronto Blue Jays still seem to be missing something to blow away from the Red Sox.

Meanwhile, the payroll and the standings are too far apart for most Boston fans. Ortiz is good this year but he's still crying too much for most of us to bear. Thank God for Jarrod Saltalamacchia, he's having a great year and making most of us forget about Vic Martinez who went over to the Tigers and got injured.

I am still waiting for the real Bobby Valentine to emerge. We don't need him acting like Francona. We need him to shake up this team and not get rattled himself. Maybe this season is just a teachable moment because right now even if there were three wild card spots, we would still be on the outside looking in. Perhaps, it is time to unload the trouble makers and discontents and go with the younger players who want to play.

#### Mr. October Speaks Truth to Power in S.I. Interview

The N.Y. Yankees have asked Reggie "Mr. October" Jackson to stay clear of the team this summer. The Yankees want Reggie Jackson to stay away from the clubhouse

and team events following his remarks about Alex Rodriguez and other former major league players. The Hall of Famer apparently will lay low for a while but he was not fined or suspended from the team and will remain a special advisor to the Yankees.

Jackson's troubles began following quotes in a *Sports Illustrated* interview saying some of A-Rod's stats were tainted because Rodriguez admitted to using performance-enhancing drugs. Jackson also questioned Jimmy Rice, Gary Carter and Kirby Puckett as Hall of Famers. He also added that he "didn't see Don Sutton as a Hall of Famer. I didn't see Phil Niekro as a Hall of Famer."

The 1977 World Series MVP was not allowed to travel with the Yankees to Boston in that four game Fenway series just before the All-Star break to avoid becoming a reported distraction. The Yankees basically told him "Don't call us, we'll call you" when they wanted him back. OUCH!

It appears Jackson and A-Rod won't be sharing any more Christmas cards since Jackson told S.I. that A-Rod was a friend. "But I think there are real questions about his numbers. As much as I like him, what he admitted about his usage does cloud some of his records."

I think Mr. October is wrong about Jimmy Rice. It shouldn't have taken him 16 elections to get inducted into the Hall of Fame. What hurt him was how sudden his hitting skills left him but much of that was due to deterioration of his eyesight which should never have been held against him. However, Jackson has a right to his opinion. This is a free country but apparently not so free at Yankee Stadium where they employed him. His remarks about the Dodgers pitcher Don Sutton were pretty much on the mark. You shouldn't get elected to Cooperstown

because of duration. Sutton pitched for seemingly a thousand years, so getting 300 wins is not such a great feat. When he played for the Dodgers, wasn't he usually a number four starter behind the likes of Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale and even Johnny Podres? I could go either way on him. He did have great lasting power. I will give him that and compared to today's pitching "stars," he does keep looking better.

Getting back to Jackson, I give him credit for speaking up like he did because most of what he told S.I. was the truth that nobody wants to say out loud in Major League Baseball today.

#### Career All-Star At-Bat Leaders

The top five career Major League Baseball All-Star at-bats belong to Willie Mays, 75; Hank Aaron, 67; Stan Musial, 63; Cal Ripken, 49 and Ted Williams, 46.

#### Second Half Needs to be Better Than First Half

The Boston Red Sox need to get their act together and quickly or we'll be fighting the Blue Jays for last place over the rest of the season. Right now things aren't that good and Bobby Valentine looks like a dog chasing its own tail. What a sad tale indeed this season is. It brings back memories pre-1967 for me when the Sox stunk and that was all we ever expected from them. Members of Red Sox Nation too young for those memories can't believe the frustration my generation of fans had to endure for so long. Forty-five years ago this very season, Red Sox Nation was born as the Sox showed new life and a desire to win. There were dark years but always the hope we could actually do it. The '75 Sox were homerun guys hitting 240 of them on the way to another World Series and losing Game 7. Overall, post-'67, the Sox have given fans lots of excitement and some of the usual frustration. This year and last year have been maddening for the crowd as the Sox appear to have lost all its desire to actually win. That attitude needs to change fast and furious.

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"**They're not made!**" All who gather here have that fighting spirit in them. Great individuals, who would give you the shirt off their back. **Yet!** Have that fighting spirit within them, to "**Do the right thing and help make society better!**" The Pug's in attendance and those not in attendance are great individuals. The Florian Hall in Dorchester is a great location. The food is delicious, it's priced just right for this quality food. We have great conversations: On **fight**s, the **weather**, the state of the **economy**, **law**, **politics**, the **Red Sox**, **boxing**, the **state of the nation**, **family** and other great subjects. All great **citizens** who **love the United States of America**. Many on this great list of Americans have worn uniforms, for the great ole **United States of America**. We salute you all. We love

the fight crowd and fight game. Some of the best individuals are here in attendance.

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## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Greetings once again from the Midwest where we continue to cover golf and visit with relatives. Our travels last week took us to Michigan for the U.S. Senior Open at Indianwood Golf and Country Club about 30 miles north of Detroit.

While in the area we bought the two metro papers each day — the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Detroit News*. We noticed one major difference right away. The amount of space given over to coverage of automobiles, motor sports and the automotive industry in general is quite a bit more than the space devoted to such topics in either the *Boston Globe* or *Boston Herald*. So much so in fact that we'd suggest that anyone interested in anything automotive log onto the web sites of both newspapers on a regular basis.

While we were here the Red Wings held a big press at Comerica Park — the home of the Detroit Tigers — to announce that there will be not one but two alumni games between former players of the two Original Six franchises — the Wings and the Toronto Maple Leafs — on December 31 at the baseball stadium.

So many alumni wanted to get into the one game that was originally announced that a second game has now been penciled in for the same date. Fans attending both games will thus be able to see between 80 to 100 former players from the two historic franchises in action.

The next day, New Year's Day, will bring the NHL's sixth annual Winter Classic, to be played between the current Red Wings and Maple Leafs. But that game will not be played at the baseball stadium. Instead it will be played at Michigan Stadium (The Big House) in Ann Arbor, the home of the University of Michigan football team. The potential exists for a massive

crowd since Michigan Stadium has a capacity of over 109,000. Temperature and other weather conditions will go a long way in determining how many people actually show up. At a February, 2010 college game held outdoors at Camp Randall Stadium — the home of the University of Wisconsin football team — attendance was significantly below the 68,000 capacity of that stadium.

IT'S GETTING CLOSER — With the days of July dwindling down, with August on the horizon and with footballs already flying through the air in some places, the harbingers of fall are getting closer. The NHL has already announced the pre-season and regular season schedules for each team. Rookies will report in early September followed by the veterans 7-10 days later.

But then again it all might not happen. The NHL's Collective Bargaining Agreement expires on September 15 — just about the time the full camps open and only days before the first pre-season games are scheduled to be played. If an agreement doesn't get done this summer there is absolutely no real wiggle room once the deadline comes.

The NBA went through the same thing last year but had almost four months of down time to negotiate. Granted, things didn't get done and a portion of the season was lost. But at least there was four months of down time to negotiate before games were lost. With the NHL, there will be no down time to negotiate if a deal is not in place by September 15. The damage will be immediate — camps will close just days after they open, pre-season games will be cancelled and the start of the regular season in early October will be placed in immediate jeopardy. Something to think about as the warm days of summer continue.

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