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## SONS OF ITALY JAPAN TRAGEDY

### — RELIEF EFFORTS —

The Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA), the largest and oldest organization representing Italian American men and women, is deeply saddened by the tragic earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on March 11, and the dire conditions and loss of life left in its wake.

Understanding the pressing urgency of the situation, we cannot wait to act. We stand ready to offer our support to the reputable organizations tasked with and prepared to provide immediate assistance to the Japanese people and others left devastated by this tragedy.

We ask all Sons of Italy members and all Italian Americans to give what they can to aid this monumental humanitarian relief effort. We suggest direct cash donations to the following organizations:

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#### Doctors Without Borders

[www.doctorswithoutborders.org](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org) 888-392-0392

**American Red Cross** [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

**UNICEF** [www.unicefusa.org](http://www.unicefusa.org)

Lastly, we ask that you keep the people of Japan in your thoughts and prayers now and as the country rebuilds.

Established in 1905, OSIA has more than 600,000 family members and supporters and a network of more than 650 chapters coast to coast. OSIA works at the community, national and international levels to promote the heritage and culture of an estimated 26 million Italian Americans, the nation's fifth largest ethnic group according to the U.S. Census Bureau. To learn more, visit [www.osia.org](http://www.osia.org).

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## ITALY'S 150<sup>TH</sup> Celebrated at State House

by Nicola Orichuia



**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration honors Achievement Award recipients. Back row, L to R: Filippo Frattaroli, Donato Frattaroli, Riccardo Signorelli and Joey Crugnale. Front row, L to R: Paolo Coppi accepting the award for his father Bruno Coppi, Mary Ann Esposito, Lilla Pastorelli holding son Andrea, Consul General Giuseppe Pastorelli, Maria Gioconda Motta, A. Joseph DeNucci and Boston Herald Editor and Master of Ceremonies Joe Sciacca.** (Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

The State House on Beacon Hill was all about Italy on Friday, March 18, as hundreds of people gathered to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Italy's unification and honor several accomplished Italians and Italian Americans in New England. Rows of children from the North End's Eliot School waved the *tricolore* as they greeted visitors and guests at the building's entrance, then quickly scurried to the top of the State House's Grand Staircase, forming a cheerful green, white and red background to the ceremony below.

Retired members of the Italian Carabinieri and the Associazione Nazionale Marinai d'Italia stood beside the podium, as members of the Massachusetts National Guard, Ceremonial Unit Honor Guard presented the colors, followed by the Arlington High School Jazz Band playing the American and Italian national anthems. At the podium, where *Boston Herald* editor-in-chief Joe Sciacca kicked off the celebration as master of ceremonies, was Italy Consul General Giuseppe Pastorelli, alongside some of the state's most important politicians: From Congressman Michael Capuano and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, to Speaker of the House of Representatives Robert DeLeo and State Senator Anthony Petrucci, not to mention State Senator Sal DiDomenico and Representative Paul Donato.

"I am honored and proud to be here to celebrate together a moment in history for which we should all feel united," said Pastorelli, right after a blessing given by

Reverend Antonio Nardoian. "Millions of Italians left their country in hard times, and many of them came to Massachusetts with their talents, courage and spirit of sacrifice. For them, Massachusetts became a land of opportunity, as well as their new home." The United States, Pastorelli said, was among the first nations to recognize Italy as a country on April 13, 1861, less than a month after the March 17 proclamation of Victor Emmanuel II as King of Italy.

All the politicians attending the 90-minute ceremony had Italian backgrounds and were proud to highlight it. "My Italian heritage makes me enjoy the company of others," said U.S. Congressman Capuano, whose family originally came from Atripalda, in the province of Avellino. Recalling a meeting a few days earlier with the Italian Ambassador in Washington, Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, Capuano underlined the friendship and shared values between the two countries. "There is no better friend to the United States than Italy," he said.

Boston's first Italian American Mayor, Thomas Menino, also had warm words for Italy. "I'm very proud of my Italian heritage," he said. "I never forgot the lessons my parents and grandparents taught me." Menino is a regular visitor to Italy, and master of ceremonies Joe Sciacca joked about going on a road trip together, "to explore our roots," he said.

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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### 11.1 Million Mortgages Sinking Deeper into the Water

The number of Americans who owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth continue to rise. The housing market remains weak and these folks can't sell their homes. About 23.1 percent of all mortgaged homes were underwater during the October-December 2010 quarter, which is up from 22.5 percent during the July-September quarter. Earlier last year underwater mortgages were dropped, but unfortunately due to foreclosures. In Nevada, two-thirds of mortgaged homes are underwater. Arizona, California, Michigan and Florida, the number underwater hovers around 50 percent.

Underwater homeowners can't get refinancing and have no recourse but to continue making payments in hope that property values will eventually rise again. These folks are stuck with their homes and refuse to sell at a loss.

### Funding Public TV-radio, Yes or No?

Republicans in the US House are seriously talking about defunding public broadcasting. Why are NPR and PBS getting subsidized by the American viewing public? Boston's WGBH-TV, Channel 2 has some great quality television on

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### CALIGULA THE NUTCAKE

Caligula considered himself to be a god and continually demanded that suitable honors be paid to him. He also openly deplored his time in life because it had not been marked by any great public disasters. Every now and then he wished for the destruction of his armies, an earthquake, a configuration or even a famine. One of his favorite sports was to close the granaries and condemn the people to hunger for long periods of time.

When the occasion presented itself he would smash statues of famous men from earlier historical periods. He even forbade the erection of the statue of any living man anywhere in the empire without his personal knowledge and consent. One day he stood beside a statue of Jupiter and asked an actor which of the two seemed to be the greater. When the actor hesitated, Caligula had him whipped.

Prior to theatrical plays he would scatter gift tickets in public to induce the rabble to take seats, which were reserved for the highest order of guests, the so-called equestrian order. At gladiatorial contests he would suddenly order that the sun shades be opened when the sun was the hottest, and then give additional orders that no one be allowed to leave. He is also known to have forced common citizens with conspicuous infirmities to fight each other as gladiators in the arena just for kicks.

At one time the consuls of Rome forgot to make proclamation of his birthday and he immediately removed them from office. They were lucky to get off with their lives. Later he had his own public prosecutor stripped and flogged because he feared a conspiracy against him. The prosecutor's clothing was placed on the wet ground to provide a good footing for the flogger. Lawyers were warned to give no advice to their clients that were contrary to his wishes otherwise he threatened to abolish the practice of law, and whenever he observed handsome men with fine heads of hair, he ordered that the back half of their heads be shaved clean.

Caligula outdid everyone in reckless extravagance, such as bathing in hot or cold performed oils, drinking expensive pearls that had been dissolved in vinegar, or consuming bread and meat that had been colored with gold. He built villas and country houses with no regard whatsoever for the expense involved. His horse named Incitatus (Speedy) was his favorite. Some sources say that he made his horse a priest and also declared it to be a consul (high magistrate). The horse was kept in an ivory stable and fed from a golden manger. When invited to dine with the emperor, the horse was served gold colored oats from a gold dish. This is our earliest record of horse manure being worth its weight in gold. His extravagance was equal to his cruelty. His favorite amusement was to stand on a balcony and throw gold pieces into the street. He squandered twenty eight million dollars in a single year, and if you think that's easy, just try it sometime.

NEXT ISSUE:  
*Caligula the Goner*

## Joe Kennedy Brings Hope to Oliveri Family in East Boston and Everyone Else

by Sal Giaratani

Joe Kennedy came to Princeton Street recently at the home of Joe and Kathy Oliveri to speak out against cuts being proposed by Our Fearless Leader in the federal fuel assistance program. There are over 3,000 East Boston families who rely on fuel assistance to get through the winter. I personally don't believe folks should have to choose between putting food on the table or fuel in their furnaces. That was why back during the Nixon Administration that Community Service Block Grants fund fuel assistance programs through ABCD's East Boston APAC and Kennedy's Citizens Energy.

Cuts being proposed will hurt poor and working folks who need such assistance. Why is it the first place government thinks of cutting is programs that actually help people survive in these harsh economic times?

Meanwhile, we have spent nearly a half-trillion dollars fighting wars without end in both Iraq and Afghanistan. Why is it America's role to save the world? Why are we in the nation-building business? Besides the cost in dollars, we have seen over 1,400 Americans die fighting for a bunch of apparent ingrates. Besides that we have over 10,000 wounded in this fight.

The cost in blood and money makes no sense. We still get little respect from our so-called allies like Pakistan who keep &"%\$#@\*& about our actions. These are a bunch of whiners who seemingly don't mind taking our foreign aid. Do they?

How many furnaces could get topped off with a half-trillion dollars? ABCD and APAC both do a great job in offering meaningful action and not just words. Best of luck to Joe and Kathy Oliveri and all the other family households out there attempting to barely get by these days.

Meanwhile, Our Fearless Leader made a bundle over at that Museum of Fine Arts fundraiser and milked the media for a photo-op at a Boston high school to boot.

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## Res Publica

by David Trumbull



### The Giant Sucking Sound (of Jobs Leaving Due to Trade Policy)

According to a recent Associated Industries of Massachusetts ("AIM") blog posting by Kristen Rupert:

"A pending free-trade agreement between the United States and Korea would increase U.S. exports by \$10-\$11 billion annually to a nation that has become Massachusetts' ninth largest trading partner, two trade experts told the AIM International Business Council recently."

The article goes on to state that: "The bottom line: a \$10 billion-\$12 billion jump in gross domestic product and creation of at least 70,000 jobs."

What the author fails to note is that this is not a truly reciprocal 'zero-for-zero' tariff reduction deal. While the U.S., under the agreement, will open our market to duty-free access for goods from South Korea, the Koreans will be permitted to keep the 10% value added tax (VAT) that they impose on imports. Furthermore, they are free to increase the VAT in the future. Experience over the past 50 years has shown that it is not unusual for our trading partners, after reducing their tariffs in exchange for the U.S. reducing ours, to then increase the VAT to offset the tariff reductions, so that the end result is we lower our barriers and let in more of their products while their barriers stays at the same level and we never realize the promised increase in exports. That's why we have a crippling, and growing, trade deficit.

The encouraging news is that conservative, libertarian, and Tea Party activists are waking up to the damage that two decades of failed trade policy has inflicted on this nation and they are putting pressure on our elected officials to do something about it. Last week the New Hampshire General Court voted 172 to 124 a measure "**urging Congress to withdraw the United States from the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).**"

Granite State Republicans voted more than two to one in favor of the anti-NAFTA statement. Of the 172 yeas, 167 were from Republicans, with merely five Democrats voting in favor of ending a job destroying trade agreement that has done so much to erode the middle class and harm blue collar and unionized workers in our country.

The vote is, of course, symbolic. The New Hampshire legislature cannot change U.S. trade policy. And even if a majority of state legislatures sent similar instructions to Congress, and if Congress then voted to take the U.S. out of NAFTA, it still wouldn't happen, for President Obama, fully committed to pursuing job-killing trade agreements, would veto it. Still, the vote shows that the public is aware that we have a trade policy that harms ordinary Americans and that, at least at the state level, politicians, especially Republicans, understand it as well.

No, we probably shouldn't repeal NAFTA anytime soon. But perhaps we can stop the even worse agreements that President Obama is pushing with Korea and Communist Vietnam. To stop those all we need is a majority in one house of Congress. Let's see if our Republicans in Washington can prove themselves friends of working men and women the way the Republicans in Concord have.

David Trumbull is the chairman of the Boston Ward Three Republican Committee. Boston's Ward Three includes the North End, West End, part of Beacon Hill, downtown, waterfront, Chinatown, and part of the South End.

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### OUR NATIONAL SECURITY A Cause for Alarm

*by Edward P. Shallow*

Consider Homeland Security director, Janet Napolitano, claiming our borders have never been more secure than they are now — this affirmation has to rank as the most unintelligent statement ever uttered by an individual responsible for the security of these United States.

You can equate the statements of James Clapper, our Director of National Intelligence with that of the aforementioned Napolitano, Clapper told a congressional hearing, and I quote, "The term Muslim Brotherhood is an umbrella term for a variety of movements. In the case of Egypt, a very heterogeneous group, largely secular, which has eschewed violence and has decried al-Qaeda as a perversion of Islam?"

In a rejection to Clapper's position, The American Islamic Forum for Democracy claims Clapper remarks false and dangerous. The organization states: The Muslim Brotherhood is the primary face of political Islam, which is ideologically at war with the United States.

They continue; The Muslim Brotherhood is the antithesis of a secular organization as asserted today by James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence. Clapper's statement presents a significant concern that our primary Intelligence officer has a complete lack of understanding of an organization that presents the greatest threat to the security of the United States. The Director of Intelligence is either grossly naive or covering up for an ideology that is an ideological war with the United States and western society.

The Muslim Brotherhood is built on the ideology of political Islam, which adheres to a belief in Islamic Supremacy. To be a secular organization fellowship would have to completely disavow the very beliefs that define the organization.

In addition, as I indicated in my recent editorial, "The Dreams of My Father a Devout Muslim," the AIFD confirms by contention that fellowship will be a major thorn in the attempt to democratize Egypt. They make clear: Further, the Muslim Brotherhood is a threat to the

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## SFORTUNATO AL GIOCO, FORTUNATO IN AMORE.

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## Happy Anniversary

Linda and Sebu Petrosian celebrated 25 years of marriage by renewing their vows ocean side in Aruba at the Sunset Beach Bistro on the Beach of the Divi Aruba Beach Resort.

Linda and Sebu celebrated the day with over 40 family members and friends, which included their sons Dimitri and Alec, Linda's parents Yolanda and Dan Cellucci, her sister Sondra Celli served as maid of honor as she did 25 years ago, and daughter Milan Celli served as bridesmaid. Wishing Linda and Sebu many more years of love and happiness!



## Kiwanis One Day

A Global Action Day Benefiting Children and Communities

On Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, 9AM – 1PM at **Belle Isle Marsh Reservation Park**, (entrance located on Bennington Street in East Boston, across the street from Suffolk Downs MBTA stop on the Blue Line) the Kiwanis Club of East Boston, together with members of the Kiwanis Club of Revere, the East Boston High School Key Club and ROTC, and other community groups from Winthrop and Revere, will be celebrating Kiwanis Inter-

national's service initiative, **Kiwanis One Day**, joining 600,000 other Kiwanians all over the world in a day dedicated to community service.

The Kiwanis Club, along with other volunteers will be performing a clean-up of the Belle Isle Marsh Reservation, an urban natural resource protected by the Department of Conservation and Recreation as well as the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh organization.

Over 40 volunteers for this

East Boston project are expected to join nearly 600,000 volunteers internationally in devoting Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 to hands-on service projects around the community, contributing to nearly one million service hours in just one day!

To participate, contact Kiwanis One Day Committee Chairperson, Honorable Judge Joseph Ferrino (Ret.), at 617-569-2110 or Club President Marisa Di Pietro at 617-650-3442.

## Joseph Summa

**September 23, 1941 - March 22, 2011**

Joseph Summa of Derry, New Hampshire, formerly of the North End, passed away on March 22, 2011.

The beloved husband of Jean Summa and loving father of Joseph Summa, Jr., daughter Charlene and husband David; and



Paul Summa and wife Maria. Grandfather of Tyler, Alex, Jake, Athena and Christianna. He is the son of the late Gasper and Helen Summa. Brother of Barbara from the North End, Stephen of Chelsea and Robert of Winthrop.

*May He Rest in Peace*

## Dr. Ronald X. Conway

**MARCH 18, 2011**

Dr. Ronald X. Conway, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester passed away on March 18, 2011.

Beloved husband of Patricia A. (Sullivan). Loving son of the late George L. and Loretta E. (Byrnes) Conway. Devoted father of Ronald X., Jr., Christopher J. and his wife Susan, all of Quincy, Kara B. Norton and her husband Ronald of Cohasset; Gregory B. and his wife Mary Ryan of South Boston. Loving grandfather of Maeve and Aine Norton. Brother of Paul Conway of Florida, Carol Muszynski of New York, Donna Gallagher of Milton and the late Lorraine Dean, Claire Fisher, George, Jr., and Robert Conway. Also survived by his loving extended family.

Ronald was a retired Boston Police Captain, Area A-1 Commander. Former Deputy



Superintendent, Boston Police Department. He spearheaded Community Policing efforts. A former Professor of Boston University, Curry College and Quincy College. Graduate of Don Bosco High School, Suffolk University, Curry College, Boston State College and received his Doctoral Degree in Education from

Boston University. Vietnam Era Marine Corps Veteran.

Funeral Mass was held at St. Agatha Church, Milton. Interment at Blue Hills Cemetery, Braintree.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Ronald's name to McCourt Foundation for M.S., 300 Congress Street, Suite 302, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169.

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE**



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THINKING  
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giaratani



THE FED GIVES BANKS OK TO RAISE DIVIDENDS

JP Morgan, Wells Fargo, JP Morgan Chase, US Bancorp, all 19 big banks controlled by the Fed are able to pay dividends and buy back shares of stock. The funds are small but they are a start. Regulators barred banks from paying dividends during the financial crisis without getting approval. By increasing payments, the banks attract new investors and should lead to more lending to people and businesses the Fed said. The Fed is taking a movement and conservative steps on banks. It expects banks to limit dividends to 30% or less of their earnings. The green light from the Fed would also signal that banks are in better shape financially in order to pay 30% or less than their earnings in dividends from earnings. The Fed said the 19 banks had improved earnings. The Fed has worked with the banks and increased their equity by more than \$300 billion at the end of 2010. The mix of capital has improved since the financial crisis. The Fed released the results of a stress test to the public so confidence would be increased in the banking

system. The fear would be by withholding information from the public about the banks health. The American people would have their confidence shaken and its confidence would be further hurt. The stocks rose at the end of last week, after chopping 250 points/day because of Japan and Libya. On Friday the market turned up after being down most of the day and added .6% to the S&P. The US could lose its AAA rating by 2018 under Obama's plan to increase interest to top 18%. That would exceed the \$725 billion at 18.2% under Obama's plan, according to the US Budget Office. The only option would be to raise taxes before 2018 to lower the deficit. The stock market fell after options expired in a triple bewitching day as options and futures all expired on Friday. Tobacco stock fell as they are looking at new leaders as Federal Mugul said it hired them to evaluate strategic alternatives, a code name for a positive buyout strategy, and the FDA urged a ban on menthol cigarettes. For the week, the Dow fell 2.7%, the



S&P fell 1% and the NASDAQ fell 1%, the worst week of 2011. Bank stocks rose. The stocks remained under their 50 day moving averages. Caterpillar continues to make new highs as the construction stocks are doing better. The Caterpillar sales rose 59% in January and led all gains with a 76% increase. All regions rose and share prices rose to \$105.00. The Japanese yen fell after the disaster. The dollar raised 1.73 yen to \$80.59. About 20,000 foreigners have told immigration officials that they are leaving Japan because they have complaints on the way Japan handled the disaster response. They think the government should have been quicker to handle the disaster response. Moammar Gadhafi kept fighting forces between troops in western Libya despite a cease fire as the UN is meeting in Paris to discuss military actions. Some radiation was found in California in trace amounts. The 10-year US Treasury closed @ 3.28% up 2%. Wisconsin has put on hold a budget short fall meant to plug a \$137 million short fall. However, the collective bargaining rights could be restored. The GOP must give proper notice before ruling again. The Arizona Senate rejects five immigration bills blocking efforts to pass laws on immigration bills cracking down on illegal immigrants on birth right citizenship for the children of illegal immigrants. Egypt is voting for the first time in decades. The changes include opening elections to independent and opposition parties and set 2-4 year terms limits for the presidency and curb their emergency powers. It's time to call your financial advisor or call me at 617-261-7777.

Mike Bare, Tommy Butler and Southie Pride

A year ago at this time, I was over at St. Monica's for the funeral Mass of longtime friend Michael Bare who didn't just reside in South Boston but lived in and for South Boston. He loved his neighborhood home and loved and nurtured the neighborhood's history. He died too young for all those who both knew and loved him. Yesterday, as of this writing, I attended the wake for another longtime friend from Southie, Tommy Butler. He too loved his neighborhood like his own family. We are all a part of that which we love. Both of these men have gone home to God as their "time" here on Planet Earth expired, a very short stay in comparison to our eternity in front of us. When most of us think South Boston, unfortunately, the topic gets narrowed down to gangsters and politicians but South Boston is also and more importantly about those neighborhood heroes and community leaders who get reborn generation after generation. Both Michael Bare and Tommy Butler were those kinds of heroes who come along and make life easier for the rest of us. Even their names turned out to be metaphors of their work here on Earth. Michael Bare truly bared his soul to make his and everyone's South Boston the best community this side of Heaven as many a Southie person might say. Tommy Butler truly was a servant or butler helping to ease life here on the edge of Logan Airport. Mike in many ways was the face of "Southie Pride" and Tommy, the community's voice with the powers that be. Helping others is what both these men worked on with the passion of life that only someone born between A Street and City Point could develop. All of us are given gifts from God at our births and it is up to each of us to use those gifts wisely. Many of us sadly don't even recognize their own gifts and go through life on automatic pilot as if we were merely passengers in life. Michael and Tommy were drivers of their own lives. Their families knew it first-hand and the rest of us eventually recognized their individual roles too. As I stood in that long line on Dorchester Street braving those cruel cold winds of March waiting to enter O'Brien's, we talked in that

line of our personal connection to Tommy and what he meant to the neighborhood he so loved and never fled. His job for Massport became a link between him, his neighbors and an airport often at odds with one another. His smile like Mike Bare's could be infectious. It was easy liking both these guys and was a reason why they served their home so well. If you love your neighborhood, hold it up to high esteem, you can never fail in your support of it. Both men are gone having had their time here on Earth. Now, others must step into the gap of their passing as they did years earlier. Finally, and it's a big finally, how ironic that both men passed away in the month of March, a month both truly looked forward to every year. Not only did it bring about thoughts of spring and re-birth but about planning for St. Patrick's Day and the big parade. These guys relished their neighborhood holiday. They were proud. They were South Boston. They were Irish inside and out. Every year I would catch up with both of them just before or during the parade. Often, I would march side by side with Mike for a candidate we both supported. Tommy always got me into the St. Patrick's Political Roast as if I were a big-time politician. He took good care of his friends. Last March, I said good-bye to Mike at Casper's and he missed his first parade in God knows how long. Last year it poured and poured on Southie's streets but the parade continued on nevertheless. I sensed the rain were the tears shed for Mike who died a week earlier. This year there will be no greetings with Tommy. He'll be upstairs watching the parade from his new heavenly home that he truly earned down here. I often thought they both should have been politicians but there real world precluded any of that stuff. I suspect he and Mike will have their lawn chairs out waiting for the parade to pass them by as usual. Meanwhile, I'll be over in Southie wearing my green tie as usual and passing for Irish which my mother always said I was anyways. Southie mourns the loss of good people and both Mike and Tommy were good people and true Southie heroes!

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# Saint Margaret Clitherow

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Margaret Clith-  
erow, known as the  
"Pearl of York", was born in  
1555 during the reign  
of Queen Mary Tudor.  
She was a daughter of  
Thomas Middleton, who  
was a candle maker by  
profession. One of five  
children, Margaret was  
brought up Protestant; she  
received little formal edu-  
cation and could neither  
read nor write



Elizabeth came to the  
throne in 1558, re-es-  
tablishing the Protestant  
Church in England that  
had been initiated by  
her father Henry VIII.  
Margaret's family accepted  
the Queen as the head of the  
Church. Her father pros-  
pered and became sheriff of  
York (1564-5); he died when  
Margaret was 14.

When Margaret was 17,  
her mother arranged that  
she marry a Protestant,  
John Clitherow, a wealthy  
butcher and a chamber-  
lain of York, they were mar-  
ried in St. Martin's church,  
July 8, 1571. She converted  
to Catholicism about three  
years later becoming most  
fervent in her belief; con-  
tinually risking her life by  
harboring and aiding priests,  
she provided two rooms, one

adjoining her house and  
a second in another part of  
the city, where priests were  
hidden and Mass could  
be celebrated through the  
turmoil of the religious  
persecutions.

Margaret was arrested  
on March 10, 1586, and on  
March 14, she was arraigned  
before Judges Clinch and  
Rhodes and several mem-  
bers of the Council of the  
North at York. Her indict-  
ment was that she had  
harbored priests heard Mass  
and the like. She refused  
to plead, since the only wit-  
nesses against her would  
be her own children and  
servants, whom she did not

want to involve in the guilt  
of her death. She was con-  
demned to be pressed to  
death. Although she was  
probably pregnant the  
sentence was carried out  
on March 25, 1586. She  
had endured an agony of  
fear the previous night,  
but was now calm, joyous,  
and smiling. As she went  
to her death. She walked  
barefooted to the place of  
her execution where  
she was laid on the  
ground, a stone placed  
beneath her back, her  
hands stretched out in the  
form of a cross and bound

to two posts. Then a door was  
placed upon her, which  
was weighted down till  
she was crushed to death.  
Her last words during an  
agony of fifteen minutes  
were "Jesu! Jesu! Jesu!  
have mercy on me!" Her  
right hand is preserved at  
St. Mary's Convent, York.  
Her sons Henry and William  
became priests, and her  
daughter Anne a nun at  
St. Ursula's, Louvain.

The life of Saint Margaret  
was written by her confessor,  
John Mush. St. Margaret  
Clitherow was canonized by  
Pope Paul VI in 1970; her  
Feast is celebrated on  
March 26.

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The 2011 recipients of the Pirandello Lyceum's prestigious *I Migliori in Mens et Gesta* award have been announced. The Pirandello Lyceum has recognized a group of outstanding Americans of Italian descent who have made important contributions to their profession, to society and to the Italian American community.

You are most welcome to join us as the Pirandello Lyceum honors these fine men and women at the 25<sup>th</sup> annual *I Migliori* Awards Dinner to be held at the Hilton Hotel Logan Airport, 85 Terminal Road, Boston, on Saturday evening, April 9, 2011. Reception and social hour

6:00 PM, dinner and dancing, 7:00 PM.

Proceeds from the banquet benefit the Pirandello's scholarship fund, which last year provided six \$1500.00 scholarships to college-bound students continuing the pursuit of Italian language or culture.

Reservations may be made by contacting event chairpersons Dorothy Maio (781) 245-6536 or Maria Capogreco (617) 567-1233. Please make your reservations by April 1, 2011.

The Pirandello Lyceum congratulates this year's *I Migliori* award winners and looks forward to sharing this happy evening with you.

#### DOROTHY AUFIERO - Film Producer



Dorothy has a wide range of television and feature film experience spanning 20 years and has currently produced the highly acclaimed film *The Fighter*, based on the life stories of boxing brothers Dicky Eklund and Irish Micky Ward for Paramount Pictures. Some of her latest producing projects include: *Depravity*, an original thriller penned by Dennis Lehane, author of *Mystic River*, *Gone Baby Gone* and *Shutter Island*; *Bad Blood*, based on Casey Sherman's true crime thriller *Bad Blood*; and *The Finest Hours*, based on Casey Sherman's *The Finest Hours*, a true story of the U.S. Coast Guards most daring sea rescue.

Aufiero was one of the co-founders of Scout and with her former partners David Collins and Michael Williams, built one of the most successful production companies on the East Coast — creators of *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*. Aufiero has also produced such films as Brad Anderson's *Session 9*; Errol Morris' *Mr. Death: The Rise and Fall of Fred A. Lutchter, Jr.*; and held key production roles in such high profile films as: David Mamet's *Spartan* and *State and Main*; Brad Silberling's *Lemony Snicket's: A Series of Unfortunate Events*; Gus Van Sant's *Good Will Hunting*; and Michael Corrente's *Outside Providence* and *American Buffalo*.

Dorothy had the pleasure of working with GianCarlo Giannini, at Cinque Terre. She has traveled to Italy and is planning a return trip to her maternal grandparents hometown of Benevento and Avellino.

**Presenter - Lisa Cappuccio**

#### SALVATORE PINZONE - Italian Culture and Business Entrepreneur



Sal was born and raised in the Aeolian Islands, Province of Messina, Sicily. He came here as a young man, worked hard and became a successful business man. He always cherished his Italian background and the contributions of Italians to world civilization. For never losing site of his Italian heritage, Sal was awarded a citation of Appreciation from the Province of Agrigento, Sicily in 1997.

Sal quickly became active in the Italian-American community and contributed his time and energy his love and his generous giving to Italian-American causes which included local, state and national organizations devoted to the Italian language and culture. In the city of Waltham, Sal's home town, because of his great efforts, the city displays the Italian flag next to the American flag during the month of October, Italian-American Heritage Month. He is very active in his community in the creation of interfaith programs which create brotherhood and goodwill.

In 1992, Sal provided strong leadership in Waltham, Massachusetts, to collect donations for the creation of a monument dedicated to Christopher Columbus on the Quincentennial of Columbus's discovery of America.

In 1994, Sal was awarded a certificate of Appreciation from Consul General Falaschi for Sal's great contribution of time and effort to promote a very successful Italian Republic Day.

At the Watertown Sons of Italy Lodge, Sal served as a member and chairman of the Board of Trustees devoting a great deal of energy in maintaining and updating the beautiful Watertown facility. He served as Chairman of the Sons of Italy Italian Culture Committee in 1999. In 2006 Sal received the Sons of Italy Golden Lion Award for his immense service to the Watertown Lodge.

Sal was an early strong supporter of the establishment of the Pirandello Lyceum. For many years he televised the proceedings of the Pirandello *I Migliori* Awards' ceremonies.

Sal is a very positive ambassador for Italians as he reaches out to all people.

**Presenter - Dorothy Maio**

#### DANIEL CONLEY - Suffolk County District Attorney



Conley has served as the chief law enforcement officer in Suffolk County since 2002. As district attorney, Mr. Conley oversees a staff of 260 and is responsible for the prosecution of 43,000 criminal cases every year in the state's most densely-

populated county. Prior to taking office as Suffolk County's 14th district attorney, Mr. Conley served for eight years on the Boston City Council.

A career prosecutor before seeking public office, Mr. Conley served as an assistant district attorney for nine years in the office he now leads, prosecuting homicides and other serious felonies. A second generation Italian-American, Mr. Conley's maternal grandpar-

#### CHERYL FIANDACA - News Media



and investigations. She is also an insightful legal analyst.

Fiandaca is a freelance general assignment reporter with WCVB-TV in Boston. Since she arrived in Boston, in March of 2009, Fiandaca obtained exclusive interviews with Justin Barrett, the Boston Police Officer embroiled in the Henry Louis Gates incident and with Paul Langone, the special police officer credited with saving the life of a doctor at Mass General Hospital. Most recently, Fiandaca broke the story of Delvonte Tisdale, the teenager who fell from plane in Milton. In addition, Fiandaca has broken dozens of stories

#### MICHAEL J. IANDOLI Executive Management



Michael J. Iandoli is the President and CEO of Larz Anderson Automobile Museum, a position he has held for the last four years.

Under his leadership, Larz Anderson has become one of the finest automobile museums in the United States and has gained world-renown for its historic Anderson car collection. During his tenure at Larz Anderson, Michael Iandoli developed a program for theme exhibits that changes annually. In order to accomplish this, he created and enhanced museum relationships with the car collector community and the car clubs of New England. He established an endowment program, increased revenues through enhancements of existing museum activities while also adding new revenue generating events.

Michael has been in executive management for over 40 years. He is the Past President of TAC Worldwide Companies, 1969 – 2001. TAC Worldwide Companies provides technical staffing services and customized workforce solutions. The company serves the aerospace, biotechnology, energy/utilities, financial services, government services, hardware and software, telecommunications, and transportation sectors. Currently, Michael is an Outside Director of UniFirst Corporation and is the owner of MJJ Associates LTD, a consulting company to the contract labor industry.

Michael is an active member of the Greater Boston Renaissance Lodge of the Order Sons of Italy in America. His Italian car show on the Larz Anderson lawn, Tutto Italiano, draws 5,000 spectators and is to be a keystone event for the Boston Italian Consul General's 150 Year Anniversary of the Unification of Italy.

Mr. Iandoli is an avid car collector and was Past President of The Jaguar Association of New England (JANE). He and his wife Margarita reside on Boston's Beacon Hill.

**Presenter - Dr. Dean J. Saluti**

ents, Severo and Catherine (Spina) DeNapoli immigrated to Boston from Avellino and Sicily in the early part of the last century. A graduate of Stonehill College and Suffolk University Law School. Mr. Conley lives in in Boston with his wife, Tricia, and their two children. He is the first Italian-American District Attorney in Suffolk County history.

**Presenter Attorney Frank Ciano**

Cheryl is a general assignment reporter and an attorney. Fiandaca is skilled at breaking news, enterprise reporting

regarding airport security, the courts, police and crime.

Fiandaca came to Boston after working at WCVB-TV as an investigative reporter. During her time at the flagship CBS station, Fiandaca broke exclusive stories regarding airport security and failed anti terrorism policies. Fiandaca also had the only interview with New York State Supreme Court Judge Gerald Garson, who was found guilty in a far reaching political and judicial scandal.

Fiandaca began her television career at WABC-TV, Eyewitness News during the O.J. Simpson trial. She later became a legal affairs correspondent and covering the city's most infamous cases, including the Abner Louima police brutality trial and the murder of trial of Sante and Kenneth Kimes. After both trials, Fiandaca got the only interviews with the major defendants in the cases. During her time at the number

#### ALDO A. CIPRIANO - Law and Public Service



Aldo is a well-known attorney with offices in Marlborough, Massachusetts. Since graduation from Boston College School of Arts and Sciences and Boston College Law School, he has practiced law for over 30 years. In his practice, he has represented many MetroWest cities, towns, and municipalities in diverse legal matters.

Attorney Cipriano was the City Solicitor and then Special Counsel for the City of Marlborough. He is currently the Town Counsel for the Town of Hudson. He was a Special Counsel for the Town of Framingham. He is currently the General Town Counsel to the Town of Southborough. He was Special Counsel to the Town of Maynard and General Counsel to the Marlborough Community Development Authority. Aldo Cipriano is indeed a prominent public service attorney for the communities west of Boston and east of Worcester.

Attorney Cipriano was a Selectman for the Town of Southborough.

#### CARMINE NIGRO - President's Award



Carmine was born in Naples, Italy. In 1972, at the age of 10, he immigrated to the U.S. and relocated with his parents and sister to East Boston. During his 8-years in the Boston Public Schools, Mr. Nigro was a student of the Italian Bilingual Program. He was valedictorian of the class of 1980, the 100<sup>th</sup> graduating class of East Boston High School.

In 1984, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Amherst College.

December 6, 1987, Mr. Nigro entered on duty with the FBI as a Special Agent, March 1988, after successfully completing the FBI Academy, he was assigned to the Houston Field Office where he worked organized crime and drug investigations. October 1988, Mr. Nigro was transferred to the FBI New York Field Office where he served for six years and worked primarily Italian Organized Crime investigations. August 1994, Mr. Nigro was selected by the FBI Director as Assistant Legal Attache' (ALAT) and was assigned to the American

Embassy, Rome, Italy. As an ALAT he managed organized crime and drug investigations for Italy and approximately 20 other countries. October 1998, Mr. Nigro was transferred to the La Cosa Nostra /Italian Organized Crime/ Labor Racketeering Unit, Organized Crime Section, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI Headquarters. February 2000, Mr. Nigro was appointed Supervisory Special Agent of the Special Operations Group, FBI Boston. He had oversight for physical surveillance assets and the aviation program. April 2004, Mr. Nigro was selected by the FBI Boston Executive Management to establish a Field Intelligence Group. As the supervisor of the Intelligence Branch, Mr. Nigro provided managerial oversight for Agents, Intelligence Analysts and Language Analysts. February 2008, Mr. Nigro was designated as the Counterintelligence (CI) Strategic Partnership Coordinator for the FBI Boston Office. This program builds relationships between private industry, academia, government agencies, the FBI, and its counterintelligence community partners to identify and protect projects of great importance to the U.S. government.

Mr. Nigro is married and has two children.

**Presenter - Rosario Cascio**

**Presenter - Dr. Dean Saluti**

He has been the local bank counsel for several MetroWest banks. He is the Special Counsel to the Marlborough Cable TV Station. He is the General Counsel to the United Way Tri-County, to the Boys and Girls Clubs of MetroWest, and to the Boston Children's School. He is currently active in many other MetroWest community organizations for which he often volunteers his services.

Attorney Cipriano has never forgotten his Italian roots. He is an active member of the Greater Boston Renaissance Lodge of the Order Sons of Italy in America. Over the last year, he has sponsored at least a half-dozen new members to the Sons of Italy. He is also active in East Boston's Italia Unita, where he attends monthly cultural meetings and Italian classes. Aldo is an avid car collector and was the Head Judge for the Jaguar Association of New England (JANE). He is now the Head Judge for the Larz Anderson Auto Museum Italian Car Show and Competition, Tutto Italiano. He and his wife Debra and their children Allison and Kristen reside in Southborough, Massachusetts.

**Presenter: Maria Capogreco**



# The Socially Set

by Hilda M. Morrill



**BLO General & Artistic Director Esther Nelson, center, is pictured with BLO Board chairman Steven Akin and Committee member Jane Akin, at left, and their daughter and son-in-law Kyla and Dr. Richard de Asla, at right.**  
(Photo by Roger Farrington)



**BLO Board member Linda Cabot Black, center, her daughter Diane Scanlon, left, with grandchildren and friends in Roman attire.**  
(Photo by Roger Farrington)

Boston Lyric Opera's elegant production of Handel's fast-paced "Agrippina" finished its Boston tour at the Shubert Theatre this week. This light and frothy opera with insidious undertones is

based on historical fact, weaving a twisted tale of intrigue taking place in Rome. Prior to the run, the BLO put an interesting spin on the traditional gala format by throwing a "21<sup>st</sup> birthday

party" for Nero, the infamous Emperor of Rome who reigned from 54-68 AD, at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel back in October.

Titled, "A Roman Affair," BLO's biggest fundraiser of the year featured dramatic performances by principal singers in the Company's current season. The guest of honor was loosely based on the same character in "Agrippina."

"The Gala is BLO's most significant fund raising event of the year and we are very honored to serve as chairs," noted Lynn Dale and BLO Board member Frank Wisneski. "This year's Gala is exciting, unique, and will showcase the vocal, staging and acting talents that exemplify BLO productions, as well as kick off this season of exhilarating opera. The proceeds will help support the season with a special emphasis on the Company's mentorship of young artists and related programs that bring quality opera to audiences throughout New England."

Regal black tie was encouraged for the "musical extravaganza, written, produced, designed by and starring His Divine Majesty, Nero," (Chad A. Johnson, who appears in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in April) as stated in the invitations.

Susanne Hatje, General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Boston, stated, "We are excited to host such a prestigious event as Boston Lyric Opera's Gala in our luxurious space and to have the

opportunity to work closely on the event production to create an out-of-the-box experience that reflects our hotel's worldly flair."

For information about the Boston Lyric Opera and its upcoming productions, visit [www.blo.org](http://www.blo.org).

..... Readers of "The Socially Set" know that we love all things horticultural. Therefore, we are happy to report about a popular upcoming event that is enjoyed annually by many of Greater Boston's residents.

Celebrating its 16<sup>th</sup> year as America's premier summer flower show, the "2011 Newport Flower Show" will welcome visitors with the grace and sophistication that has raised entertaining to an art form in the City-by-the-Sea.

"Entertaining - Newport Style" will be held on the historic grounds of Rosecliff, which hosted some of the most fabulous parties of the Gilded Age in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and remains a setting for elegant receptions and entertainment to this day.

A benefit for The Preservation Society of Newport County, the "Newport Flower Show" will open on Friday morning, June 24, and run through Sunday, June 26. The presenting sponsor of the Show is Bartlett Tree Experts.

The Opening Night Cocktail Party on Friday, June 24, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., will launch Newport's summer season with a cocktail buffet, live music, and entertaining surprises. The show will continue through the weekend with themed floral exhibits that highlight Newport's history of entertaining, horticultural entries, garden designs, and photography, all staged throughout the elegant reception rooms of Rosecliff, its oceanfront terrace and lawn.

We are told that arriving guests will pass through a series of pavilions and gardens on Rosecliff's front lawn that are designed to showcase outdoor entertaining, while also browsing the Gardeners' Marketplace for specialty plants, flowers and garden accessories. The shopping experience will continue on the back lawn, in the Oceanside Boutiques featuring additional garden and lifestyle-related products and services.

From the first settlers until today, Newporters have taken great pride in their landscapes and gardens, considered central to summer life and entertaining. In fact, the estate gardeners of Newport came together in 1890 to form a horticultural society and offer prizes in

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**Smiling for the camera are Frank Wisneski and Lynn Dale, co-chairs of "A Roman Affair."**  
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Mary Ann Esposito and Consul General of Italy Giuseppe Pastorelli with students from the Eliot and St. John School of Boston's North End. (Photo by Don Harney)

# Italy's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration

The second half of the ceremony was a tribute to the 150 years. Several Achievement Awards were handed out, in the fields of culture, business, education and solidarity. Mary Ann Esposito, who has been airing for 21 straight years, received the Art, Culture and Heritage award. Joseph DeNucci was handed the Civil Service award for his 30-year-long stint as state Auditor.

The education award was given to Maria Gioconda Motta, who went beyond the classroom, founding C.A.S.I.T., a program for at-risk students. Another person awarded and involved in teaching was a faculty member at MIT since 1967, transmitting his knowledge to students while conducting groundbreaking scientific experiments.

The Frattaroli brothers, Filippo and Donato, were recognized for their contributions provided through the Casa Monte Cassino organization. Finally, Riccardo Signorelli of FastCAP Systems was given the Entrepreneur Award (winning Talent), for being a promising young entrepreneur in the past decade. "It's a privilege and an honor to receive this award," he said. "My entire team, including his fiancée, which has been working hard to make our super battery."

Today truly showed the unification of Italian. The Arlington School of the World," the most appropriate way of ending a day when a new chapter in l'Italia!"



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and Chief  
Joe Sciacca



The crowd enjoying the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration program



Senator Anthony Petrucci

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except where noted)



# rated at State House

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the Italian excellence that had stood out throughout the out, celebrating accomplishments made in the fields of Ann Esposito, whose "Ciao Italia" cook show on PBS has Culture and Entertainment award, while Joseph Crugnale, was given the Business award. Former State Auditor A. ard for "always defending those in need" — as General serving civil servant in Massachusetts, after leaving a 24

Motta, whose drive to teach Italian and the Italian culture program built to promote Italian culture across Massachu- ning was Bruno Coppi (Science and Technology), who has ating his teachings on plasma physics and astrophysics to ic experiments.

re recognized for their solidarity and community service ation, which provides housing for impoverished families. given the "Giovane Promessa" Award (Young and Promis- neur living and working in the United States for over a award," said Signorelli, who was quick to dedicate it to his a working on several projects involving a unique type of

Arlington High School Jazz Band played "What a Wonderful when all people of Italian descent could proudly say: "Viva



Students from the Eliot and St. John School of Boston's North End await the arrival of Maria Gioconda Motta, to congratulate her on receiving the award in Education given by Giuseppe Pastorelli the Consul General of Italy, Boston. (Photo by Don Harney)



Consul General of Italy, Boston Giuseppe Pastorelli welcomes everyone to the Celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Unification of Italy at the Massachusetts State House.



Massachusetts Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and State Representative Paul Donato.



An emotional Maria Gioconda Motta (center), grandson Ronald and Eliot School Principal Traci Griffith share a proud moment on the steps of the Massachusetts State House as the students applauded Mrs. Motta. (Photo by Don Harney)



Congressman Michael E. Capuano



Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino



The invocation given by Reverend Antonio Nardoian.



Arlington High School Jazz Band



## THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL



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Scythe

For nearly four decades, the Town Fair Tire World of Wheels has offered Boston-area spectators the chance to see hundreds of dazzling custom vehicles, most created by local auto enthusiasts and representing millions of dollars in one-of-a-kind hot rods, customs, street rods, collectibles, race cars, antiques, restorations, tuners and more. Spectators also see specialty vehicles and magazine cover cars, meet and get free autographs from celebrities and are entertained by attractions for the whole family, like the King Robota Comic Bot, presented by Town Fair Tire.

In addition to America's finest custom cars and motorcycles, the 2011 Town Fair Tire

World of Wheels will feature Galpin Auto Sports' radical concept car Scythe; Goodguys Rod and Custom Association's custom Model A Ford hot rod of the year Downtown Brown; Dennis "Lil' Daddy" Roth's Streetnik Bandit; 6-pack six-wheeled wild custom from *Mini Truckin'* magazine; Motorama's traditional rods, customs and bobbers; Drag City USA's vintage racing cars; pinstriper jam and charity auction.

Celebrities making personal appearances this year include New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski, Capt. Johnathan Hillstrand of the Discovery Channel's "Deadliest Catch," and Zendaya Coleman, who plays Rocky in the Disney TV series "Shake it Up."

Admission is free for children accompanied by an adult on Friday, April 1st.

Thirty-seventh annual Town Fair Tire World of Wheels show hours are Friday, April 1, 2011, 3-10 p.m., Saturday, April 2, 2011, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday, April 3, 2011, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Free for children 5 and under. Discount coupons are available at participating Town Fair Tire stores. Boston's Seaport World Trade Center is located at 200 Seaport Boulevard, in South Boston's Seaport District with plenty of area parking and access by the MBTA's Silver Line. Show information is available at [WorldofWheels.com](http://WorldofWheels.com), with links to the Town Fair Tire World of Wheels on Facebook and Twitter.

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political process in a post-Mubarak Egypt and throughout the Middle East. Thugs like Mubarak have created an atmosphere that has allowed fellowship to thrive. The United States needs to be active within the country of Egypt countering the ideology of fellowship helping the people of Egypt develop liberty-minded, democratic infrastructure to secure the country's future.

Writing in the *New York Post*, Michael Walsh indicates: US Intelligence: fight terror with blather.

The insightful piece is rather lengthy so I will highlight. Walsh leads with, The tone is surprisingly bland, the language dispassionate, almost as if it were the strategic plan of a small non-profit, written by the Human Resources Department — rather than the US Intelligence Community Worldwide Threat Assessment as presented this month to Congress by Director of National Intelligence General James Clapper.

"The United States no longer faces — as in the Cold War — one dominant threat. Rather, it is the Multiplicity and interconnectedness of potential threats — and the actors behind them

— that constitute our biggest challenge," reads the introduction.

Mr. Walsh goes on to explain the blather gets worse and that in peacetime the bureaucratic tone is par for the course — but this is not peacetime. We've got newspaper reports of a "weapon of mass effect" found in San Diego; here in New York, state judges were just handed a manual outlining the state's legal framework in the aftermath of a catastrophic terrorist attack.

Real leadership involves telling the American people that the Intelligence Community is going to stop these threats. So could we have the tiniest note of national resolution? That we are taking the fight to the enemy, instead of crouching defensively in the old duck and cover.

With the country having been shot in the back, repeatedly, by intelligence failures, isn't it time to declare forthrightly that victory is our ultimate objective — and that we won't rest until our enemies are either destroyed or will fight no more forever?

Where is General Patton when we need him? What ever happened to uncondi-

tional surrender as national policy?

Nowhere in this dismal report, which is a witch's brew of possible horrors, beginning with Terrorism ("Al Qaeda Remains Dangerous"): Proliferation ("We continue to assess Iran is keeping open the option to develop nuclear weapons ... should it choose to do so"); and Global Challenges, including most prominently Afghanistan, Pakistan and the basket case state of Somalia ("After two decades without a stable, central governing authority, Somalia continues to be the quintessential example of a failed state").

Yet Minnesota — the Scandinavia of the Midwest — is still welcoming Somalis, even as some of them have gone back home to become suicide bombers.

Mr. Walsh goes on to advise Americans of the dangers America faces, therefore I will conclude my editorial warning Americans that under Janet Napolitano and James Clapper I don't hold out much hope we can survive further attacks, not while they are in charge of security.

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## VIDEO VIEWS

by Bob Morello

... more than meets the eye

SIREN (DVD)  
Lionsgate

When a group of friends escape the city to tour the coast for a relaxing weekend, things hit a snag when one of them spots a seductive, sultry young woman waving for help off the shore of one of the many secluded islands along the coast. Reaching out to rescue her turns deadly, and they risk everything to get off the island alive. *Siren*, an intriguing, exotic tale of lust and revenge. (1 hr. 20 mins.)

TEENAGE PAPARAZZO (DVD)  
HBO Home Entertainment

On a night out in Los Angeles, Adrian Grenier, star of HBO's *Entourage* and *Shot in the Dark*, encounters a fast-talking, even faster-snapping young shutterbug named Austin Visschedyk. He quickly realizes that this baby-faced photographer is no ordinary kid, but in fact a 13-year-old paparazzo! Astounded by the precocious youngster, Grenier decides to turn the cameras on Visschedyk in an effort to better understand his world and get to the bottom of a celebrity-obsessed culture that has produced the teen. Interviews with experts who understand both the perks and consequences of media exposures left Grenier to reconcile his own complicity in Austin's thirst for fame with the boy's desire to know everything about him. (1 hr. 35 mins.)

STEP OFF (DVD)  
Lionsgate

Rippa, (Conrad Clifton), a struggling music producer, is looking to make his way in the underground hip-hop scene when he loses everything he has in a robbery. But in order to make it, he can't let his setback slow him down, and he must step up to prove his talent in a regional beat battle. Leaning on his friends for support, Rippa must find a way to bring down the house and get to the championship battle to make his dreams a reality. *Step Up* is set in the music scene of Atlanta. (1 hr. 42 mins.)

BATMAN: THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD SEASON 1 PART 2 (2-DVD)  
Warner Home Entertainment

Batman and his Super Hero comrades, swoop into action with amazing adventures from the hip TV series. Batman and his allies, Aquaman, Booster Gold, Blue Beetle, Red Tornado, Green Arrow, Robin and Dr. Fate, fight foes in incredible showdowns. "Partnering with legendary detective Sherlock Holmes, then using unique skills to defeat diabolical villains as Music Meister, the annoying Bat-Mite, the deadly Gentleman Ghost or the impassive Equinox, smashing them like bugs in 13 action-packed episodes. (4 hrs. 58 mins.)

THE SWITCH (Blu-ray+DVD+Digital)  
Lionsgate

Jennifer Aniston stars alongside Jason Bateman in this offbeat comedy as Kassie, a smart, fun-loving single woman who, despite her neurotic best friend Wall's (Bateman) objections, decides it time to have a baby — even if it means doing it herself ... with a little help from a charming sperm donor (Patrick Wilson). But unbeknownst to her, Kassie's plans go awry because of a last-minute switch that isn't discovered until seven years later ... when Wally gets acquainted with Kassie's cute — though slightly neurotic — son. (1 hr. 41 mins.)

## BOB DYLAN REVEALED (DVD)

## Highway 61 Ent.-MVDvisual

When Bob Dylan turns 70 in May 2011, his iconic career will have spanned five decades. Yet, a true portrait of the reclusive "voice of the generation" has eluded Dylan fans. Through exclusive insider insider interviews, and never-before-seen photos and footage spanning Dylan's 50-year-career, *Bob Dylan Revealed* offers an intimate biography of who Bob Dylan was, and who he is today. It all began in 1962 with Columbia Records and continues today. (1 hr. 50 mins.)

HEMINGWAY'S GARDEN OF EDEN (DVD)  
Lionsgate

Passions ignite and explode across the screen in this erotic film based on Ernest Hemingway's controversial novel. While on an extended honeymoon across Europe the pair find themselves on the brink of their sexual awakening. David (Jack Huston), a young American writer and wife Catherine (Mena Suvari) become players in a tantalizing game of seduction that threatens to destroy their relationship and change their lives forever. (1 hr. 37 mins.)

THE ERNIE KOVACS COLLECTION (6-DVD)  
Shout! Factory

Comic Ernie Kovacs used television as his canvas and painted several masterpieces with his gift for inventive comedy. Kovacs was such a visionary, that between 1951 and 1962, he broke rules that hadn't even been made yet. This six-DVD collection contains over 13 hours of programs that span Kovacs all-too-brief TV career and his tragic death in 1962. It began with his local morning shows from Philadelphia, through his NBC prime-time shows, and the ABC specials that represented the peak of his offbeat humor and creative experimentation with the medium. This first-ever, comprehensive collection of TV's original genius, will be available April 19, 2011.

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## Freeway Says ...

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

Freeway talks safety of his feline friends after receiving this e-mail from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). Martin Mersereau, Director Emergency Response Team Cruelty Investigations Department explains his concerns about cats and of course dogs too. In light of the cat that was nearly killed after being caught in a car engine in Springfield, which could happen anywhere. He urges readers to protect animals by keeping their cats and dogs indoors and always banging on their vehicles hoods before starting the ignition to frighten out any animals who may be seeking warmth. Being

killed by car engines is just one of the many dangers animals face outdoors. Every day cats and dogs are stolen for experimentation, used for target practice or bait for dog fighting, and worse after being left outside alone for "just a few minutes." Attacks by other animals, extreme weather, traffic, and diseases claim the lives of untold cats and dogs each week. Random acts of cruelty are also common. Most of 300-plus new cruelty cases PETA receives weekly involve animals who are victimized while outside unattended. PLEASE protect cats by keeping them indoors and allowing them outdoors only on a leash and

harness or in an enclosed area; under constant supervision. For tips on keeping cats content in the "great indoors" visit [www.PETA.org](http://www.PETA.org).

We hear of so many stories, we listen to them on TV we read about in the paper concern for our animals is a must. Also please keep in mind Pit Bulls must be muzzled while being outdoors it is a LAW. Not all pit bulls may be dangerous it is a law and we need to in force it to protect our children, elderly and our neighborhood.

That's all for now ... Remember to pick up after your pet.

### QUOTE:

Cruelty: All cruelty springs from weakness.



## ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



### Have a Spring Fling 2011

Ciao Bella,

Spring is in the air! We all need a lift! The days are longer and we need to be seen at our best. So here are some great ideas to slough away winter's skin: a master stylist for a new cut and look, subscribe to some fun mags for those lounging days by the pool and don't forget a spring "mani" and "pedi" is in order.

Let's start off with a new look for those long forgotten winter locks — no more hibernating scenarios! March right on down to **ACOTE SALON** at 132 Newbury Street for a fabulous experience. **Alex Safar**, the owner, has had extensive training in taming locks. The salon staff is welcoming and very accommodating. They have a roof deck to lounge while you sip your cappuccino as the staff prepares for your visit. The French music piped through the salon will take you away! You will leave looking and feeling like a million! While living in Boston I searched for a salon for many years and ACOTE is it! For more info see [www.salonacote.com](http://www.salonacote.com).

Get sexy this spring with **SEXY PEEL SOAP** from **LUSH**. A devilishly bold soap fragranced with grapefruit, lemon and lime to wake up all your senses and produce clarity of thought. Ready to show off some clean and refreshed skin. Also from LUSH is **EACH PEACH MASSAGE BAR** — a fruity fragranced massage bar with a zesty blend of sweet orange oil, lime oil, mandarin and grapefruit. Gives a new, positive outlook on life dispelling feelings of gloom and depression. Nourishing for your skin with mango and avocado butters to keep skin hydrated and glowing. LUSH

carries an array of massage bars with wonderful scented blends. As you smooth the bar over your skin (or between your hands) it will melt into a silky massage oil to be used with a partner or to go solo as an after-shower moisturizer! All so delicious and worth checking into! Also Airline friendly! [www.lushusa.com](http://www.lushusa.com).

And oh those days of lounging around the pool — they are just around the corner! Here are some of my fav mag reads to nourish the mind and feed the soul! I love **ELLE**! There is just about everything for the everyday gal. New colors, latest fashion trends, recipes from fab restaurants, the **NAIL Industry's** latest spa advice, models in vintage shots taken in an era past and just some of the most heart-warming short stories — with so much more. **FIRST** magazine is full of eating well, the latest "diet/lifestyle" with all the photos of women to prove it, recipes for smoothies, acupuncture tips and just everything interesting and educational.

To keep up with the latest on movies, stars and TV is the economically priced weekly **ENTERTAINMENT!** Look into it if it's your thing!

Then there is that spring manicure and "pedi" that every gal is in need of! To discuss your nail care needs call me at **617-742-6881** and start your spring off right.

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# Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

On March 3, 1931, more than 100 years after Francis Scott Key wrote the words, Congress voted to make “The Star-Spangled Banner” the national anthem of the United States. Key’s poem memorializing the flag flown during the 1814 battle of Fort McHenry and set to the tune of “To Anacreon in Heaven,” had been the anthem of the military for decades when some five million signers petitioned Congress to make it the nation’s as well. Despite arguments that the song is virtually unsingable, President Hoover signed the act that day. To think, it was only 80 years ago, when we accepted “The Star-Spangled Banner” as our national anthem.

Wow! 59% of American high school students say they cheated on a test during the past year. 21% say they stole from a parent or other relative, and 80% say they lied about “something significant” to a parent. Still, 92% say they’re satisfied with their own personal ethics and character. So reported the Josephson Institute of Ethics.

Carlo Scostumato claims many a parent has a son at college who does well in everything, except his studies.

Bella Culo of Chestnut Hill, says, “It’s foolish to study, because the more we study, the more we discover our ignorance.”

Despite its claims of having 8 million members, only about 25,000 Americans say they belong to the Church of Scientology. The FBI is now investigating claims that some members of the church’s elite Sea Org group are held against their will and forced to work for little or no pay. So reported *The New Yorker*.

Up-in-the-air! The number of consumer complaints filed against airlines rose 25 percent in 2010, to 10,985 from 8,821 in 2009, the Transportation Department said last week. Consumer activists attribute the increase to frustration over proliferating airline fees.

The grounded and astute Rosalie Cunio of Waltham, says, “Nowadays the airlines have so many types of planes that a person can ride on everything but schedule.

The brainy and attractive Mona-Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston claims with modern jets you can have breakfast in Los Angeles, lunch in New York, dinner in London, and baggage in Rome.

The observant Tom Analetto of Medford, says, “The only way to pass motorists at a safe distance is to travel by air.”

The astute, attractive, business executive, Barbra D’Amico of Russo Imports, thinks another good way to insure yourself against auto accidents is to take the plane.

Enjoy farming? Well, farming is more dangerous than fighting fires, judging from recently published Labor Department statistics. Of every 100,000 farm and ranch workers, 38.5 suffer fatal work injuries annually, compared with 4.4 fatalities per 100,000 firefighters.

Baby-talk! Before they’ve even left the cradle, some children are set on a course toward a life of obesity, a new study has found. Researchers at the Children’s Hospital in Boston and Harvard Medical School say that the combination of bottle-feeding and adding solid food to an infant’s diet strongly predisposes them to grow up overweight. In a study of more than 800 babies, the researchers found that formula-fed babies who began eating solid foods before four months of age were six times more likely to be obese at age three than those weaned later. Breast-fed babies had no increase in obesity incidence. Researchers said the study showed the first months of life to be “a critical window.” Too often, parents add cereal to their baby formula in a misguided effort to make their babies healthier, Dr. David McCormick, of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, tells Reuters. “That’s exactly how adults get overweight,” says McCormick. “They eat a little more than they should every day.”

Gee, we came close to a life of obesity! My beloved mom, who became a widow with four children to raise, fed us tons of pasta

and bread! And when she remarried, once again, we were served not only a variety of pasta but lots of meatballs, calzone, caponata, risotto, pasticcio, etc.

Every generation finds out from the next generation that the way it brought up its children was altogether wrong.

Scornata! A Georgia woman was arrested at the Canadian-U.S. border when her “pregnant” stomach turned out to be a pouch containing 33 plastic bags crammed with 34,000 Ecstasy pills, weighing 21 pounds and valued at \$3 million.

Holy news! The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has changed the word “booty” to “spoils” in a new translation of the Bible. “Booty,” to younger generations, connotes a portion of the body often shaken in time to music, rather than the spoils of war. “We needed a new translation because English is a living language,” said Bishop Richard Skiba.

The billionaire who thinks he can outlive you! David Murdock is certain he can live to 125, said Frank Brun in *The New York Times Magazine*. The 87-year-old billionaire is spending a fortune in hopes of extending the human life span — his own in particular. He’s already in perfect health. “I never have anything go wrong,” says Murdock. “Never had a backache. Never had a headache. Never had anything else.” Thus far, he’s spent \$500 million building a massive research campus in North Carolina to explore his conviction that the key to longer life is a low-fat diet rich in vegetables, fruit, and antioxidants. Three times a day, he drinks smoothies consisting of ground up orange rinds and banana peels to ensure a steady supply of fiber, and his meals mainly consist of seafood, egg whites, and nuts. When he sees butter at a restaurant, he kindly instructs the server to “take the death off the table.” His quest was inspired by the death of his third wife, Gabriele, whom he lost to ovarian cancer after 18 years of marriage, in 1985. He believes her diet and other lifestyle habits caused her illness. “If I had known what I know today, I could have saved my wife’s life.” Though quick to proselytize about the benefits of eating well, he doesn’t mind if you don’t listen. “That’s okay,” he says. “You’ll go before me.”

Late CBS newsman Walter Cronkite’s six-bedroom Dutch Colonial home on Martha’s Vineyard in Massachusetts sold for \$11.3 million, more than 60 times the \$175,000 he paid for it in 1974.

One wonders how much we can fetch for our home here in Nahant. In brief, our home is in a picturesque setting with no close-by neighbors. Yes, we also have a view of the ocean. Living here on a dead end road offers us privacy and serenity! Enough said.

Time to hear from the stately, musicologist Albert Natale, who at times is called the Lawrence Welk of New England. John Williams, who succeeded Arthur Fiedler as conductor of the Boston Pops, is, not surprisingly, from a musical family. His father, Johnny Williams, played drums with Raymond Scott in the 1930s. John is best known as composer of soundtrack music for films such as “Jaws” (1975), “Star Wars” and “Close Encounters of The Third Kind” (1977) and “Superman” (1979). Singer Andy Williams began in a church choir with his three brothers. One of the all-time film mysteries is the persisting story that Andy dubbed Lauren Bacall’s voice in “To Have And Have Not” when he was 15 back in 1945. And despite his importance to the Glenn Miller band, Tex Beneke did not appear in the 1954 film biography “The Glenn Miller Story.” Not only was Tex a vital part of the band, he headed up the ghost band for awhile after World War II. One more time! The great singer Caterina Valente was born in Paris of Italian parents. Her version of “The Breeze And I” catapulted her to stardom in 1955.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



## Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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### SCIUSCEDU (*Shoo-shay-doo*) Chicken Soup with Meatballs and Ricotta Cheese

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|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 three-pound cut-up chicken     | Acine di Pepe soup pasta         |
| 1 medium fresh tomato (optional) | 1 pound container ricotta cheese |
| 1 tablespoon parsley (optional)  |                                  |
| 1 medium onion                   | <b>For Meatballs:</b>            |
| 3 carrots cut up                 | ½ pound ground beef              |
| 2 stalks celery cut up           | ¼ cup seasoned bread crumbs      |
| Salt                             | 1 slightly beaten egg            |

Boil cut-up chicken in a pot with sufficient water to cover the chicken. After water boils, skim residue off top of water before adding celery, medium onion, tomato (optional), some parsley and salt to taste. Bring to a boil and simmer slowly.

In a bowl, mix bread crumbs, one egg and ground beef thoroughly. Roll mixture into one-inch round meatballs. After chicken in broth has boiled about a half-hour, drop small meatballs, one by one, into simmering pot. Stir and cover. Cook slowly until chicken, vegetables and meatballs are tender.

About twenty minutes before serving, remove chicken from pot and set aside covered in a serving platter. With tablespoon, drop ricotta cheese gently onto top of broth, trying not to have ricotta cheese break apart. If pot boils too fast, the ricotta cheese may disappear into the broth. Simmer slowly only until ricotta cheese is heated (about five minutes).

Meanwhile, cook pasta as directed on the package. Serve with ladle into individual bowls. Add some soup, ricotta cheese, meatballs and vegetables to each bowl of pasta. Serve chicken separately.

OPTIONAL: Serve pasta with soup, meatballs and ricotta cheese. Serve the vegetables with the chicken. Serves four to six.

NOTE: I learned about this recipe from my mother-in-law, Mary Sinopoli who cooked it for our family. She told me her mother always prepared this soup called “Sciuscedu” for Easter. The recipe came from her hometown, Messina, Sicily. Chicken soup has always been a popular meal for Italian families. I’ve often wondered why they called this “Sciuscedu.” Perhaps the addition of ricotta cheese had something to do with the name.

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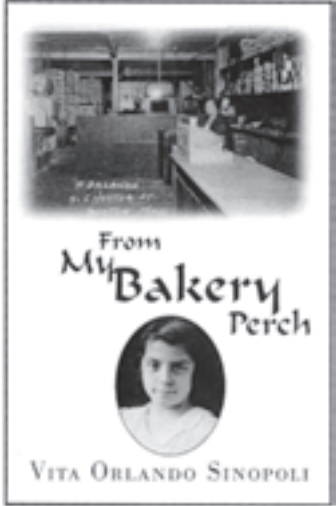
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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Maybe I'm getting older, but life seemed simpler back when I was a kid. It might be that everything was new to me and everything was part of a learning experience. One thing I've realized is that nothing stays the same. Part of the simplicity was the way we shopped. Much of it was done at the corner grocery store. Actually, there were no supermarkets in East Boston or the North End. Today, those corner grocery stores are called convenience stores, but it's not the same. Let me give you examples of the differences.

Nanna might say to me, "I ran out of soap powder. You go to the corner store and see what they have." She would give me a quarter and I would head for Cutliff's Variety Store which was on the corner of Eutaw and Brooks Streets in East Boston. Mr. Cutliff would be behind the checkout counter which was on the right just as you entered. He would be wearing a white apron and a straw hat. He'd say hello and I'd smile back and head to where the soaps were located. There were basically only three brands that the women in my neighborhood used, Duz, Rinso and Super Suds. I knew that Nanna liked Duz, but before I picked up the box, I searched the rack. They had bar soap with names like Lifeboy, Lava, Lux, Palmolive, and Ivory. But, Nanna wanted Duz for her washing machine and that's what I bought.

Nanna was one of the few in the neighborhood who had a washing machine. Most of the women washed their clothes in the kitchen sink using a scrub board and a brush. When the clothes were clean, the water would be drained from the sink and each garment would be wrung out by hand. The next step was to dry out the clothes. That meant opening a window, taking clothes pins from a bag hanging outside the window and hanging the clothes on the clothes line which stretched from the house to a pole or tree on the other side of the back yard. When Nanna hung everything on that line, which was usually on a Monday, as that was wash day, the entire neighborhood knew what you owned: Nanna's underwear, her house dresses, Babbononno's long underwear, sox, shirts, his work clothes, table cloths that no longer showed wine and gravy stains, and handkerchiefs. The only ar-

ticles that didn't go on the line were the lace curtains, table cloths and doilies. They would be dried on a stretcher, a frame with two or three horizontal strips of wood, one on the top, one in the middle and one on the bottom. Connecting them were three vertical strips of wood, one on each end and the other in the middle. The entire contraption was about five feet tall and about six feet long. There were nails facing you every couple of inches and everything lace was hung on the nails to prevent them from shrinking as they dried. In the good weather, these stretchers were located in the back yard. In the winter, they were in the cellar.

Dad would often send me back to that same corner store to buy cigarettes. When I was a kid, they were fifteen cents a pack, or two for a quarter. Today, there are dozens of choices and the cost is over eight dollars per pack. Back then, the cigarettes were housed in cubby holed shelves behind the checkout counter. You had your choice of Camels, Lucky Strike, Chesterfield, Philip Morris, Old Gold, Pall Mall, Kools and Raleigh. There were those that liked king size cigarettes and they bought Pall Mall. Kools were mentholated and had a cork tip. Raleigh had redeemable coupons. If a smoker didn't want to spend the fifteen cents, you could buy mongrel brands like Wings or Alligators. They were cheaper. For those who really didn't want to spend much money, they sold Bull Durham. This brand was a do-it-yourself selection. For five cents, you received a little bag of cigarette tobacco and a pack of rolling papers that allowed the owner to roll thirty cigarettes. When I would ask the owner for two packs of Old Golds, Dad's brand at the time, there was no question as to age. He knew that they were slated for my father. Once in a while, Babbononno would give me a dime to buy two American cigars for him. He was used to the Perodi and DiNobili brands, but when he wanted an American cigar, he would say, "Jenny, me compra due cigari, uno Dexter e uno sette-ventiquattro." (Johnny, buy me two cigars, a Dexter and a 7-20-4) It wasn't until the early 1950s that new brands hit the market and many arrived with filter tips and king sized lengths.

Today, you can go to any of the convenience stores and buy a lottery card using your favorite numbers, or purchase they type of card where you scratch the surface with a coin to reveal numbers or objects that allow you to win an amount of money. Back when I was a kid, there was no such concept. The Massachusetts Blue Laws prohibited any form of gambling. The folks in my neighborhood could not be deterred from playing their favorite numbers. There was a corner bookie who took the bets. The federal security numbers would be published in the Evening Record, a nightly newspaper. If your number came out, you could win approximately seven dollars for every cent gambled. Once in a while, Nanna would give me a piece of paper with her name on it and a series of three or four numbers. She would add a nickel with the piece of paper and tell me to give it to the bookie. This was part of the weekly shopping as far as my little mind was concerned.

If I was a good kid, I would get a nickel for a treat. I liked soft drinks and the choice was limited, Coca Cola, Pepsi Cola, Royal Crown Cola, 7 Up, and orangeade. There was another brand that Mom liked, Moxie. It was bitter and nasty to my taste buds, but to Mom, anything bitter or bad tasting was good for you. There was a local bottler in East Boston that sold soda for about a dime less than the major brands. Saraford made several flavors of soda and most were popular in my house. I liked my Royal Crown Cola.

The one thing that I never bought at the corner store was bread. They sold American bread: Wonder Bread, Bond Bread and bread from the Cushman Bakery. We never ate American bread. According to my family, you bought bread at a bakery and it had to be baked that day. Nanna would buy La Carcia's or Umana's scali and Babbononno often came home with a round loaf tucked under his arm. I didn't know what American bread tasted like until I was in junior high school and had to buy a school lunch one day.

Dad was modern, he didn't brush his teeth with salt as did Nanna and Babbononno. He used tooth powder, and I often would buy a can of Kolonos or Pepsodent for him at that same corner store. Milk back then was delivered in glass bottles on a daily basis. Hoods was popular, but we got our milk from Shawmut, a local East Boston dairy. It came in pints and quarts, nothing larger. I'm out of space and if you've read this column and didn't understand anything, then you're just a kid, sorry.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

## • The Socially Set (Continued from Page 7)



**Suki and Miguel de Braganca (he's a BLO Board member) enjoy "A Roman Affair" at the Mandarin Hotel.**

(Photo by Roger Farrington)

what was Newport's first organized flower show. This show will pay homage to these horticultural artists by offering a class specifically for the current estate gardeners of Newport.

The Newport Flower Show will be open to the public from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, June 24, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, June 25 & 26.

Special guests will headline Luncheon Lectures. On Friday, June 24, attendees can learn the latest trends in floral design from Kevin Ylvisaker, an international lecturer and cutting-edge Design Director for Oasis. Kevin has 35 years experience in the floral industry. He was a member of the design teams for the inaugurations of Presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton, and has judged at the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA. Tickets will be available for the Luncheon and Lecture or Lecture only.

Sylvia Weinstock is considered by many to be the "Queen of Cake." Her pastiche flowers are so lifelike and artfully placed that she

would easily qualify as a floral arranger. For 35 years, she has been producing fantastic cakes for the world's most exclusive clients and parties. On Saturday, June 25, following a luncheon on the lawn, Sylvia will share how she integrates flowers into her cake art and her love of entertaining. After the lecture, she will sign her books. As on Friday, tickets will be available for the Luncheon and Lecture or Lecture only.

Free lectures and demonstrations by noted plant experts, flower designers and gardeners will also be presented throughout the weekend. For more information and to purchase tickets for the Newport Flower Show, call 401-847-1000 or visit [www.NewportFlowerShow.org](http://www.NewportFlowerShow.org).

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All proceeds from the Newport Flower Show benefit the ongoing landscape restoration efforts of The Preservation Society of Newport County.

Enjoy!

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



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DA OSEU COMITES





# News Briefs

(FROM ITALIAN  
NEWSPAPERS AND  
OTHER PUBLICATIONS)

Compiled by Orazio Z. Buttafuoco

**PLASTIC BAGS ARE DISAPPEARING FROM ITALIAN STORES.** Effective with the new year, all stores in Italy cannot bag food in plastic bags, which have been banned by the authorities in many cities and towns. All shoppers now are rushing to have ready special bags, as we have been observing lately in the supermarkets here in the States. The bags can be re-used many times, as people did many years ago. They have estimated, in Italy, that a shopper uses 300 plastic bags a year, which can be recycled. Otherwise they contribute to pollution. Some municipalities have already implemented new ordinances fundamentally to prevent pollution, by eliminating some of the sources that cause it. The city of Torino was one of the first to declare plastic bags off limits in all stores.

Most people know that plastic bags are made with polystyrene, which contains cobalt, aluminum, zinc, magnesium and iron. It was about time that Italy followed the example set by other European countries.

**THE RESTRUCTURING OF FIAT, THE ITALIAN MULTINATIONAL.** This Italian corporation has recently undergone profound changes. Instead of the old, single company, there are now two new corporations. One is the "Fiat S.p.A." (spa: societa' a responsabilita' limitata, or Inc.), while the other is the "Fiat Industrial S.p.A." The difference between the two is: the Fiat S.p.A. deals solely with automobiles, and related manufacturers that produce anything that deals with auto mechanics, such as cars: Fiat, Ferrari, Maserati, Chrysler and batteries (Magnetit Marelli), Teksid, Coman (mechanical components, engines, power train, etc. Also, this corporation controls editorial products ITEDI, "La Stampa" (daily), The president of Fiat S.p.A. is John Elkan (who married an Agnelli), and the CIO is Sergio Marchionne, the former CIO of the old Fiat and also the CIO of Fiat-Chrysler Corp.

The other Fiat, (Fiat Industrial Spa) produces industrial vehicles (Iveco), agricultural and industrial machinery, as well as marine supplies. The President is Sergio Marchionne. The two new Fiat's are under the control of Fiat Group, as the umbrella corporation (of the two entities). The control group is presided by John Elkan and the CIO is Carlo di Sant'Albano; this is a division of Exor, a division of Fiat Group. Exor controls 30.4% of stock Fiat S.p.A., and another 30.4% of Fiat Industrial S.p.A. If you like to invest in any of the preceding, get first a "clear" understanding of the complex Fiat groups, etc. Good luck!

The new split Fiat debuted on the stock market on January 3, 2011.

**MORTGAGES COST MORE IN ITALY THAN IN THE OTHER EU COUNTRIES.** To purchase a house is the dream of every one, anywhere. In Italy, however, the cost is quite high, the highest in all the other 26 countries in the EU. The general cost in Eurolandia (within the 27 countries of the EU) is generally 3.74% (interest), while in Italy the interest is 4.1%, a difference of 0.3% more. The real cost in euro comes to about 9,000 euro (about \$12,000), or 0.6%, forcing Italian families to pay an extra year to complete the mortgage payments. The extra cost is a stumbling block to a resurgence of the real estate market. Why the higher cost? There seems to be no easy answer!

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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

**PROGRESS ON FOR HAYWARD PLACE**

Good news for Downtown Crossing for a change. Construction on the long awaited Hayward Place residential project is slated to begin in the next couple of months filling a desolate void at the southern end of Downtown Crossing. We still got the Big Hole in the ground but this is good news no matter what.

Millennium Partners announced ground-breaking on the 15-story residential building will soon be here after years of stalling due to the dismal economy. The project will now include 265 units, with both condos and rental units. According to the BRA, the project will cost about \$200 million.

**BEST HOT CROSS BUNS IN TOWN**

The other morning at the Elite Restaurant, Joe Young gave me a just-out-of-the-oven hot cross bun. I can remember back as a kid getting them at a little restaurant on Washington Street near Northampton Station that cooked up great homemade donuts and other pastries like hot cross buns. Joe got the buns from next door at Cucchiello's Bakery in Day Square. Since moving to Eagle Hill, I have also discovered Betty Ann's fabulous Italian donuts. Over at the Mt. Carmel vigil, I joked that Betty Ann's donuts were the official donut of Mt. Carmel vigilers. Even Teddy, the official canine of the Mt. Carmel group enjoys a cruller or two from that great Bennington Street bakery.

**LENT IS HERE**

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel held an Ash Wednesday service and distributed ashes to the congregation in attendance. Lorenzo Grasso who leads the weekly Sunday worship service also announced that Stations of the Cross would be held every Friday of Lent and urged everyone to stop by on Sundays at 10 am for the weekly gathering worshipping together. That and might I add those delicious donuts downstairs afterwards in the church hall.

**I-A POLICE BANQUET**

The Annual Awards Banquet of the Massachusetts Association Police Officers will be held on Saturday, May 7 at the Hilton Boston/Woburn Hotel at 2 Forbes Road in Woburn and will feature a five-course Italian dinner. For more information, call 781-993-9250.

**PORCHETTA NIGHT COMING UP**

The Sicilian Association of Greater Boston is hosting Porchetta Night in celebration of the 150 Anniversario della Repubblica Italiana Friday, March 25 at the Italian American Club in Dedham. For more information, call Gaetano at 617-773-1638.

**CONGRATS TO ...**

Congrats go out to City Councilor-elect Tito Jackson on his election to fill out the unexpired term of former City Councilor Chuck Turner in District 7 over Cornell Mills. Both candidates did a good job of keeping the election focused on the issues. The only negative thing out of the election was the turnout. Once again it was dismally low. For Tito the end is just the beginning as he will be back on the ballot in the September preliminary for a full term.

**SAVIN BAR + GRILL OPENS IN SAVIN HILL**

Savin Bar + Grill just opened as a new restaurant at an old spot on Savin Hill Avenue opposite the Savin Hill Red Line stop. The spot used to be C.F. Donovan's that closed without warning in 2009 after owner Arthur Donovan filed for bankruptcy. Before C.F. Donovan's, it had been Mario's Restaurant and years ago, the spot was Bulldogs.

The new place opened last week and has been renovated and re-imaged as an upscale pub by new owners Driscoll DoCanto and Ken Osherow. Osherow, by the way, also owns At Home Real Estate, McKenna's Cafe and

Savin Scoops, a neat little coffee and yogurt shop right across the street from this newest place.

Maureen McQuillen, president of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association is looking forward to seeing the new restaurant succeed. Said McQuillen, "It's a very important piece of real estate in this segment of our neighborhood." It's our face when you come off the T stop."

**WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT DELLA CAVA?**

The other day, I dropped by the Madonna Della Cava Club and enjoyed a few minutes of relaxation with Phil and the gang downstairs. This place makes a great cup of coffee and the *Boston Herald* is free for the reading too. This religious society has been very active in the North End community adding to the neighborhood's quality of life. It is a year-round presence here, not just during the Summer Feast. Everybody still misses Joe Cool, but he seems to be enjoying things out in Nevada. I'm sure he and Harry Reid aren't sharing Christmas cards yet but Joe will be Joe no matter where he lives.

Meanwhile, when Contrada's is closed, I know where my coffee is brewing.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY**  
**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

Sealed General Bids for **MPA Contract No. H222-C1 REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING WALL HVAC UNITS, CIVIL AIR TERMINAL BUILDING, L.G. HANSCOM FIELD, BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011** immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

**NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CIVIL AIR TERMINAL CONFERENCE ROOM, L.G. HANSCOM FIELD, BEDFORD, MA AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011.**

The work includes **REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING PACKAGE THROUGH WALL HVAC UNITS INCLUDING ALL ASSOCIATED PIPING, FITTINGS, WALL SLEEVES, LOUVERS, BOOK CABINET WORK, PAINTING, MASONRY WORK AND ELECTRICAL WORK AT L.G. HANSCOM FIELD.**

**TRADES: HVAC**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2011.**

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 **Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC)**. The estimated contract cost is **\$140,000.**

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 44J 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 and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **\$2,000,000**. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

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

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

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

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

**MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY**  
**THOMAS J. KINTON, JR.**  
**CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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## • News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

the air as we speak, but why should public dollars be handed out to help them serve the public? I don't believe with the sad state of the economy where folks are seeing fuel subsidies slashed while the liberal media apparently believes public broadcasting needs more of our monies to continue to operate in the best way possible.

Meanwhile, poor and working folks don't have much time to watch television because they're trying to make choices about whether to fill their furnaces or feed their stomachs.

It is time for public broadcasters to free themselves from the government yoke. If the product they produce is good, it will survive with private funding. If it can't, perhaps that says something about the product.

I support the move by the Republican leadership in the U.S. House up on Capitol Hill to prioritize its spending better. PBS and NPR are no longer the sacred cows the Democrats apparently still believe they are.

Channel 2 will survive on their own in that brand-new palace they built in Brighton, or they won't. Either way, I don't care!

### **I Didn't Know That, Did You?**

More than one-third of all wages and salaries in America are government hand-outs. Are we on the way to being a nation of dependents? Something is wrong when 35% are receiving some kind of government payment. In 2000, the number was 21%. In 1960 the rate was only 10%. Most of these entitlements are Social Security, Medicare, unemployment benefits and a host of other items. The ratio of producers to non-producers is growing in the wrong way. When there are more people not producing than people actually creating wealth, how long can they go on before producers decide to go on strike as they did in one of Ayn Rand's novels? Britain's rate of 44% makes our 35% rate look good. It isn't. Things could be worse, we could be Britain, but does this mean we should get in line behind them and jump over the cliff.

Capitol Hill needs to put a fix on entitlements before it really does become unfixable. As *Investors Business Daily* recently opined, "... the repair (to the entitlement issue) has to start soon. The longer lawmakers wait, the closer we get to the edge." The last thing our economy needs is to fall and go BANG!

### **Now They're Taking Our Light Bulbs Away Too**

When will the madness stop? The leader of the Tea Party Caucus up on Capitol Hill, US Rep. Michele Bachmann, has introduced legislation saying government can't tell us what kind of light bulbs to purchase, even if "their" light bulbs unlike Thomas Edison might be an environmental hazard. Our Fearless Leader and crowd have already told us that forcing us to buy health insurance is a condition of citizenship. Now, in order to

be energy independent, the same folks are hell-bent on banning the light bulbs we've always used in favor of compact fluorescent light bulbs. Calling Edison's invention a controlled substance and outlawing the 100-watt bulb by 2012 and the rest of them by 2014. Already in Europe, people are hoarding up all the old bulbs as fast as they can.

Rep. Bachmann also wants Washington to prove that "there is public health risks from the mercury in (these) replacement bulbs at home or in any public building." According to Bachmann the mercury in one bulb, for example, is enough to contaminate up to 6,000 gallons of water beyond safe drinking levels. By the way, guess who makes these new bulbs? Yeah, you guessed it! China! where *The Times of London* recently reported that large numbers of Chinese workers have been poisoned by mercury, which forms part of the compact fluorescent light bulbs. Bachmann says our government has no business telling us what light bulbs to buy.

An editorial in *Investor's Business Daily* on March 10 stated, "Neither does it have the right to tell us to buy health insurance, which cars to drive and what foods to eat." All these decisions should be ours to make and when government wants to limit our choices, like Patrick Henry, I smell a rat too.

### **Walker Between Rock and Hard Place**

Republican Gov. Walker down in Wisconsin found himself between a rock and a hard place. He's only been governor since January and he was facing a staggering budget deficit, with most of the budget deficit caused by fixed costs he could not slash, he turned to the state's public unions and seemingly was met with resistance from both union leaders and Democrats in the state legislature. Fourteen Democrat Senators fled the state to stall any action. However, the Republican legislators found an end run around them and passed a bill that reportedly will end collective bargaining for all items but salaries. Employees will be seeing more money deducted for their health insurance and retirement. Also, unions will now have to collect union dues directly from their members and membership will no longer be a condition of employment. Unions are outraged and plan a counteroffensive in the public media. Time will tell if the citizenry thinks the governor was wrong-headed or if unusual conditions meant emergency action to change the status quo and keep Wisconsin fiscally afloat. The whole nation is watching Wisconsin because as Wisconsin goes, so may go the nation. This story has national consequences.

Democrats are calling him a union-buster and Republicans are seeing him in a Reaganesque moment. However, the only opinion that really counts is that of the people of Wisconsin.



## EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



### **No, I Didn't Forget About Joltin' Joe Di Maggio**



In my recent commentary on the passing of the great Dodgers slugger Duke Snider, I mentioned the lyrics to a song about Willie Mays, Mickey Mantle and Duke Snider who all played at the same time in the '50s for New York teams. Mays with the NY Giants, Snider with the Brooklyn Dodgers and The Mick with the NY Yankees.

This tune compared the three great slugging center fielders. The question asked was, who was the best of these three guys, and when Mantle was asked, he said Mays was the best center fielder of the trio.

I never meant to infer that Mays was the best all-time center fielder in either baseball or any New York team. Many baseball fans out there who regularly read my Extra Innings column thought I was shorting the greatness of Joe DiMaggio but I wasn't. Is Joe DiMaggio the best all-time center fielder in baseball history? Many of you told me he was the very best. Was DiMaggio the best all-time NY team center fielder? Even more said yes to that question.

When Mantle was asked as I said one paragraph ago,

he said the "Hey Say Kid" was tops.

When The Duke was asked on a TV show after his retirement, he said that DiMaggio was the greatest center fielder in all of baseball history.

I'm not old enough to have seen DiMaggio play and for me, it was his successor Mickey Mantle that I most remember. To me, he was one of the greatest. I saw him play often at Fenway making catches and hitting home runs. Mantle was an amazing player who did great baseball feats despite his injuries and medical condition, and sadly despite his drinking problems, too. He played in constant pain throughout his 17-year career. He often would wrap himself up like a mummy in the locker room before each game. He was a national hero, which also explained why my folks were upset when Roger Maris and not Mantle reached the 61 homer mark in 1961. Mantle was a legend while still playing. He died at 63 years old before he could get a liver transplant. I'm sure DiMaggio was great but he was a little before my time. However, this year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his 56 game hitting streak, a mark that will probably never be broken.

Duke Snider by the way also never got any real justice for his greatest since he played in the shadow of both Mays and Mantle. It never should have taken him so long to get into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

To anyone out there who thinks I did an injustice to DiMaggio, I don't think I did.

However, I believe Willie Mays was the greatest outfielder of his generation and all-time. I put him ahead of DiMaggio because I followed his career season after season. Everyone has a right to their opinion. I thought Mays was tops, I liked Mantle the best and I as an Italian American, felt proud of DiMaggio.

### **AJ Burnett Looking Good So Far this Spring**

The NY Yankees expected so much more out of AJ Burnett when they gave him those big bucks for the 2010 season. He didn't come through last season going 10-15 with a 5.26 ERA, but so far this spring it has been a breeze for the 34-year-old righty. The Bronx Bombers need AJ to be the pitcher they expected him to be last year.

### **Zaun Calls it Quits**

I read the piece about the Padres catcher Gregg Zaun, 39, retiring after a 16 season career, the only question I had was who the &A%\$ was Gregg Zaun. How could someone be playing all these years and never make my radar screen? I can only assume Cooperstown is not in his future. I don't mean to be so mean but Zaun's name doesn't ring any bells for me.

### **Are the Dorchester Ducks Looking for You?**

There's a Single A. team coming to Dorchester in the New England Football League. All levels of athletes will get their shot at Boston's newest sports team, the Dorchester Ducks. Visit the site: <http://www.DorchesterDuck.Yolasite.com>. For more information, contact owner/founder Bill Shivers, Jr., at 857-318-9690.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI11P1078EA

In the Estate of  
HELEN E MASTROIANNI  
Late of NEWTON, MA 02466-1615  
Date of Death January 30, 2011

#### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON APRIL 12, 2011.

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

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 15, 2011

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
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Docket No. MI11P1079EA

In the Estate of  
ROBERT D FAY  
Late of WALTHAM, MA 02453  
Date of Death January 19, 2011

#### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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

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Docket No. MI10D-3157DR

#### DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

JAMES R. MURNANE, JR., Plaintiff

vs.

KATHLEEN CRAFTS MURNANE, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, JAMES R. MURNANE, JR., seeking a DIVORCE.

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. Please refer to the Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 for more information.

You are required to serve upon: James R. Murnane, Jr., - Plaintiff - whose address is 5 Morningside Drive, Billerica, MA 01821 your answer on or before April 25, 2011. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and the adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the Office of this Court at CAMBRIDGE.

WITNESS, PETER C. DIGANGI, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE, this 14th, day of March, 2011.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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## Remember Your Loved Ones

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## CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

**"Celtic War!"** between Andy Lee and Craig McEwan  
Rumble in the Jungle. Cage Fighting at the Megaplex in Plymouth  
Ring 4 Meeting in Wareham!

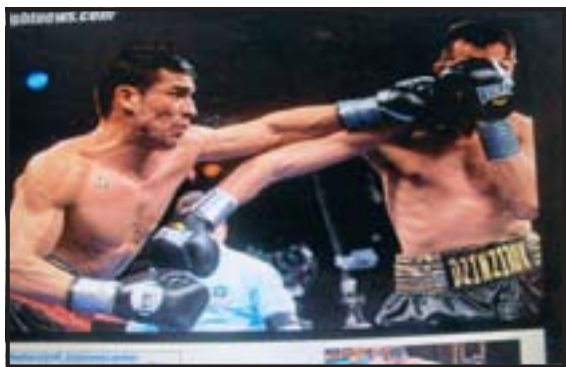


**Tough fighters Dan McGuane, and Joe Lamoreaux "Sloppy Joe." as they "Rumble in the Jungle."**

**"Celtic War!"** at Foxwoods, in a battle between **Andy Lee** (24-1-0, 18 KO's) of Ireland, who now fights out of Detroit and **Craig McEwan** (19-0, 10 KO's) of Scotland. This was a heated battle between the two. Both put their hearts and soul into this war. Going into the last and final round it appeared to me that Craig McEwan would win. But give Andy Lee credit. Erin Go Braugh! He came on like "gang busters," and TKO'd Craig McEwan at 56 seconds of the tenth and final round. Andy Lee is quite the fighter. His only loss was to Brian Vera on March 21, 2008. Keep an eye on Andy Lee. This was an admirable come from behind win for him against a tough undefeated 19-0, 10 KO Craig McEwan.

In another bout between southpaws **Sergio Gabriel Martinez** 46-2-2, 26 KO's of Argentina (he now lives in California) prevailed over Serhiy Dzinziruk 36-0, 24 KO's of the Ukraine. Sergio Martinez is very tough. He also has wins over Paul Williams and Kelly Pavlik to his credit. All four of these fighters are southpaws. Sergio Martinez won via TKO in eight. This fight was for the vacant WBC Diamond middleweight title.

A great show by FX Cage Fighting Xtreme at the Megaplex in Plymouth. Promoter **Linda Shields** is to be complimented and praised. This was a great show. Well attended and filled with plenty of action at Cage Fighting Xtreme. These guys and girls put on very entertaining battles. I felt like jumping into the ring myself. **"Hmmm?"** Iron Mike Pusateri and I are here. I like **Mixed Martial Arts** fighting. It reminds me



**Sergio Martinez defeats Serhiy Dzinziruk, by TKO in eight.**



**Ring 4 meeting at Lindsey's Restaurant.**



**Fight Officials Karpou Pau, Dr. Edgar Ballenas, Marty Murphy, and Leo Gerstel.**

of my good old days as a **Bouncer**. I mean **floorwalker**. They entertained the audience, and fought very good battles. Thank you Nicole Manfredi. In matches 1. Kyle Mitchell vs. Marlon Reis 2. Joel DeAndrade vs. Pete Marinelli, 3. Billy Bonnell vs. David Worman, 4. Pat Walsh vs. Josh Remer, 5. Mike Arruda vs. Fran Collins, 6. Scott Morse vs. Vaughn Lahr, 7. Kevin Yee vs. Shannon Soares, 8. Richard White vs. Bobby Flynn, 9. Joe Cronin vs. Adam Levasseur, 10. Josh Diekmann vs. Randy Smith, 11. Kaline Medeiros vs. Katy Merrill, 12. Robbie Roberts vs. Mike Batholomew, 13. Matt Cascio vs. Greg Mendes, 14. Evan Valez vs. Josh Raymond, 15. Nick Maikowski vs. Frank Sforza, 16. Wade Therrien vs. Bobby Alves, 17. Dan McGuane vs. Joe Lamoreaux, 18. Jerry Spiegel vs. Roger Brackett, 19. Rene Nazarre vs. Jeff Anderson, 20. Dave Lachapelle vs. Chris Cole, 21. Steve Skrzat vs. Mark Griffen.

Ring 4 meeting at Lindsey's Restaurant in Wareham. This **Ring 4** meeting was called to order by President **Mickey Finn** and Recording Clerk **John O'Brien**. Attended by members: **Tony** Petronelli, **Steve** Memishian, **Tom** Martini, **George** Maddox, **Michael** Joyce, **Ralph** Wright, **Todd** Peters, **Heather** Peters, **Patrick** Conlan, **Thomas** Conlan, **Eddie** Connolly, **Shirley** Wood's, **Donna** "Previti" Caliri, **Ruth** Connolly, **Bobby** Bower, **Chick** Rose, **Joe** Feeney and **Iron Mike** Pusateri. I'm here too. I refer to Recording Clerk John O'Brien as Victor McLaglen. Victor McLaglen was a great actor and fighter who fought World Champion **Jack Johnson** on March 10, 1909, in Vancouver. He's also a great actor who won an Academy Award for his role in "The Informant." He acted in other great films such as "Gunga Din" and "The Quiet Man" with **John Wayne**. Victor McLaglen is a veteran of World War I.

Also in a document of Chic Rose, it reads: "On 25 June 2010, the flag was flown over Afghanistan aboard a Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron Two EA-6B Prowler "World Famous Playboys in honor of Gunner Charles "Chick" Rose. Marine Chick Rose we salute you. President Mickey Finn runs a great club. Chick Rose is another of the many great veterans we have amongst our Fight Family, who have served in Uniform.



**Marine Chick Rose**

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Experience.

You can't teach it. You must acquire it. Coming into the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Hockey East Tournament at the Garden on the weekend, it was the quality that the Boston College hockey team possessed and that other teams were looking to obtain.

It comes from many at the Heights but the biggest portion is provided by head coach Jerry York and the three outstanding members of his senior class — goalie John Muse, Joe Whitney and Brian Gibbons.

"The senior class has really been a key part of the success we've had, noted York. "They've gotten better in all aspects of the game — better teammates and better leaders. I couldn't ask for a better group of student athletes and we're extremely proud of them."

True, and along with their coach they have seen a lot, accomplished a lot and were continuing onward in the NCAA Tournament. But before that portion of March Madness came the Hockey East Tournament, the conference's culminating event that crowned a champion after a 135-game regular season.

Into the Garden the game, the four survivors of the quarter finals held at Campus sites. There was Northeastern, a program totally resurrected by head coach Greg Cronin, UNH led by veteran coach and Melrose native Dick Umile and Merrimack, another program on the rise — this once under coach Mark Dennehy who is in charge of the hockey program at the Little School That Could.

Situated in Andover, the Warriors won a school-record 25 Division 1 level games this season, upended UNH 4-1 in the semifinal game and found themselves facing Boston College in the title matchup in the school's first ever appearance in the Hockey East Championship game.

Even with that win though, it could not get top billing. That honor would go to BC, which survived a late rush by Northeastern to come away with a 5-4 victory in the evening's opener.

The contest continued a rivalry that blossomed this year in the Beanpot, which saw the Eagles defeat the Huskies 7-6 in the championship game and continued later that same week in regular season encounters that included a 7-7 overtime tie and a 2-1 victory by Northeastern a scant five days after the Beanpot loss.

At the Garden the new found rivalry came alive again, especially in the third period, when BC, holding a 5-2 lead with just over eight minutes remaining, saw that advantage evaporate as the Huskies closed it to 5-4 with just over a minute left and then put the pressure, pulling goalie Clay Witt and placing six skaters on the ice in

an all out attempt to send the game into overtime. It almost came to that, with Muse forced to make a super save on a shot by Steve Silva with just 19 ticks left on the clock in regulation.

But what really did win the game?

"Experience is a real plus for us," noted York in the post-game press conference. "We've been here before. We've had a chance to enjoy some success and I think that's something that is hard to practice at 2 in the afternoon at the rink. I think the leadership of our players is really something special. When you have success it really helps."

That would be on display the next night as BC topped Merrimack 5-3 for the Hockey East title before over 14,000 fans at the Garden. The victory was the 30<sup>th</sup> of the season for the men from The Heights, who advanced to the NCAA Regional in St. Louis. It was a conference-record 10<sup>th</sup> championship for the Eagles and their 15<sup>th</sup> appearance in the finals. If in the past BU has been said to own the Beanpot, it sure looks like BC is coming closer to earning that designation when it comes to the Hockey East Tournament — or any game at the Garden for that matter.

The Eagles are 8-0 on Causeway Street since 2009, a streak that won't be broken until the 2012 Beanpot at the earliest.

However, the victory didn't come all that easy. Much like Northeastern on the previous evening, the Warriors kept things close and actually forced a 3-3 with 13:32 left in the game. That score would be Merrimack's only tally of the third period, Muse stopping 12 of 13 shots during the final 20 minutes and a total of 35 for the game. He concluded the Hockey East portion of his career with a 13-1 record in the tournament.

But the Eagles regained the lead just over a minute later and then scored an insurance power play goal with 1:36 left to claim the victory.

The Warriors were consoled by the fact that they had played well and that another game against one of the best known institutions in college sports — Notre Dame — would be its reward for a fine season. Like BC, Merrimack was about to forge forward, into uncharted territory for the team from Andover against the team from one of the best known small towns in America — South Bend, Indiana.

ICE CHIPS — BC's Cam Atkinson was named the MVP of the Tournament. He scored two goals in the championship game ... Other member of the All-Championship team included Brian Gibbons, Tommy Cross and John Muse of BC as well as Kyle Stollery and Ryan Flanigan of Merrimack ... Flanigan led all play-off scorers with nine points via five goals and four assists.