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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

NY Subway Riders "Wipe Out" Nazis

Subway riders on NY's No. 1 train sprang into action recently, and it went viral on Facebook, after passengers had enough with the swastikas and anti-Semitic messages scrawled inside two subway cars. They banded together and eliminated the hate words and symbols.

Richard Hatch from Battlestar Galactica Dies

Actor Richard Hatch, known for his role as Capt. Apollo on *Battlestar Galactica* back in the late '70s on TV has passed away. He starred on this space show with Lorne Green, who was mostly known as Ben Cartwright on *Bonanza*. Hatch also took the place of Michael Douglas on the *Streets of San Francisco*, co-starring with Karl "Don't Leave Home Without It" Malden.

Berkeley Still at it

The so-called black bloc agitators, who disrupted a conservative speech at UC Berkeley's Sproul Plaza, arrived like a paramilitary force armed with bats, steel rods, fireworks, and Molotov cocktails.

The speaker was still two hours away from his podium, but it was just the right time for the agitators because the 6:00 pm news was about to start. About 100 to 150 protesters started smashing windows, launching fireworks at the cops, and started a fire. As university spokesman Dan Mogulof said, "They didn't come to lock arms and sing Kumbaya," and we "have never seen this on the Berkeley campus. This was an unprecedented invasion."

I'm thinking back in the '60s and early '70s during the anti-Vietnam War marches and demonstrations, Berkeley was even then a hotbed of radicalism. The Free Speech Movement, much like today's version, was anything but free speech. They, like today's radicals, attacked fascism while acting like the very thing they march against.

Free speech, especially on a college campus, should mean that everyone has a right to express their opinion, but that is the last thing radicals want. Their idea of free speech yesterday and today is to shutdown free speech they disagree with. The more things change, the more they stay the same.

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The Wisdom from Washington

by David Trumbull

Wednesday is the 285th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. Since 1971, Washington's Birthday has been observed, as a public holiday on the third Monday in February. The day is commonly called "Presidents' Day," but the legal name remains, "**Washington's Birthday.**"

"First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was second to none in the humble and enduring scenes of private life; pious, just, humane, temperate, and sincere; uniform, dignified, and commanding, his example was as edifying to all around him as were the effects of that example lasting. To his equals he was condescending, to his inferiors kind, and to the dear object of his affections exemplarily tender; correct throughout, vice shuddered in his presence, and virtue always felt his fostering hand; the purity of his private character gave effulgence to his public virtues. His last scene comported with the whole tenor of his life although in extreme pain, not a sigh, not a groan escaped him; and with undisturbed serenity, he closed his well-spent life. Such was the



man America has lost such was the man for whom our nation mourns."

— Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee

We could do no better, in reflecting on the life and influence of President Washington, than to consult his 1796 **Farewell Address** to the nation written as he prepared to retire from public life. It was almost immediately reprinted in newspapers across the country and later in pamphlet form.

In the address, Washington argues that the Union of the States "ought to be considered

as a main prop of your liberty," and that "there will always be reason to distrust the patriotism of those who in any quarter may endeavor to weaken its bands." He warns against sectionalism: North versus South, or Atlantic versus West. He praises the Constitution, which he declares, "improved upon [the Articles of Confederation]" and "better calculated than [the Articles] for an intimate union." The Constitution, he says, "till changed by an explicit and authentic act of the whole people, is sacredly obligatory upon all." As every schoolboy knows, he then goes on to warn against factions and "the baneful effects of the spirit of party generally."

Washington stresses the need for religion and morality if the republic is to be preserved. And he exhorts to maintain good public credit and to be careful with regard to public debt "not ungenerously throwing upon posterity the burden which we ourselves ought to bear." Finally, Washington warns against foreign alliances.

The full text of the Address is available at libraries and online. The original hand-written address is 32 pages in length, far from a 140-character "tweet."

St. Valentine's Day Senior Luncheon

by Sal Giarratani



Mayor Marty Walsh with Viola Dello Russo.

Mayor Marty Walsh was in attendance at the North End Seniors Valentine Day luncheon held at the Nazzaro Center on February 14th, (when else).

Once again, the Mayor's Elderly Commission supplied the Italian lunch for the crowded room of seniors from the Nazzaro Center's Seniors Club.



New officers from the Nazzaro Center Senior Club, L-R: Provi DiGirolamo, vice president; Deb DeCristoforo, president; Marie Contrado, treasurer; and Antoinette Mosson, secretary.

During the luncheon, Viola Dello Russo, who turned 96 years old on February 13th, was honored with a huge birthday cake from Mike's Pastry. She

was quite pleased to see Mayor Walsh personally offer his birthday wishes, and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Viola wearing her birthday tiara.

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)

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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

A weekly column highlighting some of the more interesting aspects of our ancestry... our lineage... our roots.



AUGUSTUS THE COLONIZER

Augustus added to the population of the empire by personally establishing about twenty-five colonies throughout the more remote sections of Italy. He furnished these colonies with public buildings and opportunities for revenues. He even gave the inhabitants a degree of equal rights and dignity with the citizens of Rome. Colonists were permitted to cast votes for officials on a par with Roman citizens, and to influence decisions made by their representatives in the Senate. Their votes were sent back to Rome under seal. He even permitted colonies to recommend youths to be admitted to the equestrian military career.

Most provinces were assigned to pro-consular governors, but unruly or difficult ones he governed himself, and those provinces which were notorious for their lawlessness were deprived of their independence. Those that were overwhelmed by debt were provided with financial relief, and some which were severely damaged by earthquakes were rebuilt. Latin rights or full Roman citizenship was extended to the inhabitants of any province that was able to show that they had provided some kind of service to the Roman people.

Augustus restored the kingdoms of most nations which were conquered by the Roman



legions or in a few instances joined them with other conquered areas. He united the kings, encouraged inter-marriages and friendship among the conquered nations, always treated them with consideration as a part of the empire, and even brought up some of their children and educated them as his own.

He assigned his army legions and reserves to the various provinces, stationed his fleets in strategic locations to defend the upper and lower seas around Italy and some were used to defend the city itself. He never permitted more than three cohorts to remain in the

city and even these were not provided with a permanent camp (a cohort was a section of 300 to 600 soldiers). All of the other available soldiers he placed on winter and summer duty to protect the towns near Rome.

He set a fixed pay scale for all ranks of soldiers everywhere, setting forth allowances, designating the duration of their service, and a retirement pay according to rank. This was done to avoid the temptation to engage in any kind of revolution after their discharge.

In order to keep in touch with his provinces and to know what was going on at all times he established his own version of our pony express, but without the ponies. Young men were stationed at short intervals along the military roads and carried messages in relay style. Later he revised the system slightly to provide for a single messenger to be carried in a litter or chair from one station to the next. He preferred this second system because he not only received his written message but was also able to question the messenger as well.

Finally, as proof positive that his ingenuity was equal to that of our great government leaders, he provided for the payment of all of the aforementioned services by levying new taxes.

NEXT WEEK:

Augustus' Personality

Saint John Kemble

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

John Kemble was born at St. Weonards, Herefordshire in 1599, the son of John and Anne Kemble. They were a prominent local Catholic family who continued to practice their Faith in opposition to the newly established Church of England. His family included four other priests. John Kemble was ordained at Douai College, which was an English College in France, on February 23, 1625. He returned to England on June 4, 1625, as a missionary in Monmouthshire and Herefordshire.

Upon Father Kemble's return to Monmouthshire, he served more than 50 years as an itinerant priest, winning admirers even among Protestants. Around Hereford and Monmouth, the Catholic Earl of Worcester held sway at Raglan Castle, and Catholicism was for long periods practiced despite the difficult environment.

The condition of Catholics had eased but priests still needed to perform their ministry discreetly. Father Kemble established his ministry from his base of operation at Pembroke Castle, the home of his nephew, Captain Richard Kemble; he had seemed immune from prosecution.

Father Kemble got caught up in a frenzy of anti-Catholicism brought on by a false conspiracy plot known in history as the Titus Oates Plot. When Oates' story was examined in detail the fraud was exposed, but it gave disgruntled Protestants an opportunity. Anti-Catholic politicians made cynical use of this "plot" to implicate English Catholics, particularly priests. Father Kemble was arrested on December 7, 1678.

In April 1679, Father Kemble, now 80, was ordered to be taken to London to be interviewed about the plot. He was found to have had no connection with the alleged plot but found guilty of the treasonous crime of



being a Catholic priest. He was sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered. He was returned to Hereford for the sentence to be carried out. Before he was led out to his execution on August 22, 1679, Father Kemble insisted on saying his prayers and finishing his drink, and the assembled party joined the elderly priest in a final smoke and a cup of wine.

Before his death, Father Kemble addressed the assembled crowd, pointing out that no association with the "plot" had been charged to him. The old priest went on to say: "The failure of the authorities in London to connect me to the plot makes it evident that I die only for professing the Catholic religion, which was the religion that first made this Kingdom Christian."

Consoling his distraught hangman, the priest is said to have whispered, "Honest Anthony, my friend Anthony, be not afraid; do thy office. I forgive thee with all my heart. Thou wilt do me a greater kindness than discourtesy." Kemble was allowed to die on the gallows before being drawn and quartered, thus he was spared the agony suffered by many of other Catholic martyrs of Britain.

John Kemble was beatified in 1929 by Pope Pius XI and canonized on October 25, 1970, by Pope Paul VI as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. His Feast day is celebrated on August 22nd.

N.E.A.D.

Goes to the Museum of Science



Some of the many N.E.A.D. Family Members who attended the Museum of Science on Friday, February 10th!

On Friday evening, February 10th, North End Against Drugs (NEAD) took just over 40 family members to the Museum of Science. "It was a fun and educational night for all of us" exclaimed NEAD President John Romano, it was awesome!

Thanks to the generosity of Maria Cabrera who is the Museum's Supervisor of Community Relations, NEAD received a scholarship for admission to the Exhibit Halls and the Omni Theater showing of Journey to Space.

North End Against Drugs and the Museum have been partnering together for over 15 years and Maria's program has supported us not

only with visits to the Museum but also attending North End Family Pride Day and providing traveling exhibits there for all of the North End families to enjoy.

"North End Against Drugs is extremely grateful to Maria and the Museum for our ongoing partnership, it was a great night for all who attended" said NEAD President John Romano.

North End Against Drugs is committed to promote a drug free environment in our neighborhood by providing fun, educational, informative, cultural and recreational programs at an affordable price to North End Residents and neighbors.

N.E.A.D. Bingo

A Huge Success

North End Against Drugs, Inc., held its' annual Adult Bingo Fundraiser on Sunday, January 29th at the Nazzaro Center. Close to 60 people attended, our largest crowd in several years. The event is held each year on the Sunday before the Super bowl when there are no NFL football playoffs to help maximize turnout. "We had a fun-filled afternoon," stated NEAD President John Romano. NEAD is very thankful for all the support from the players and the businesses that supported us." There were no cash prizes for the 20 games played, including the coverall at the end. There were fabulous prizes awarded to the winners of each game, which included gift certificates, baskets, and Celtics tickets.

Thank you goes out to the following businesses and individuals who donated to help make this event a huge success: Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Senator Joseph Boncore, Councilor Sal LaMattina, North End Health Center, North End Athletic Association, Taranta, Regina's Pizza, Prezza, Lucia, Ducali, Il Molo, Locale, Al Dente, The Living Room, Lucca, Cirace's, Vito's, Four Winds, Carmelina's, Massimino's, Orzo (Andover), Benevento's, Good Life, Billy Tse, Hairport, Cafe Paradiso, and Amici's. I would also like to thank all of the NEAD Board members who helped collect the prizes and assisted with organizing the Bingo.

A special THANK YOU goes to the North End Seniors who let us use their bingo machine and supplies, also to the Nazzaro Center for hosting us and providing coffee and popcorn, and last, but not least to NEAD Board Member Karen D'Amico, who put all the bingo prize packages together! This event was extremely successful and also provided a fun afternoon to all who attended.

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In Memory of

Joseph Buceta

August 24, 1956 - February 7, 2017

Saying Goodbye to JOE COOL

by Sal Giarratani

Joseph "Joe Cool" Buceta, age 60, of Boston's North End, passed away suddenly on February 7, 2017.

He was the beloved husband of Dina (Vaccari) Buceta of Boston. Devoted father of Natalie Buceta of Reading and the late Nicholas Buceta. Dear brother of Anthony Buceta of Boston; loving son of Josephine (Lopez) Buceta of Boston and the late Jose Buceta; and dear nephew of John A. Lopez and his wife Jennie of Malden, and the late Tony and Louise Lopez. He also leaves many cherished cousins, in-laws, nieces, nephews, and friends.



Like everyone else that knew "Joe Cool," he never had a last name but "Cool," because he was such a cool guy, and his trade was in refrigeration, and at some point someone had an appliance that needed his attention.

Last week, very suddenly, without any warning, the end of Hanover Street was in mourning. Joe, you see died suddenly sitting at his kitchen table. Just like that.

I finally found out his real last name was Buceta. I had gone for years thinking he was not Italian, but Portuguese and Spanish, but he was indeed Italian by osmosis. He was also called "The King of Salutation Street."

I first met him over at Contrada's, now My Cousins Place. It was a real piece of the old North End. There were so many characters that came in and out of the place. I loved talking to Joe Cool, almost as much as I loved talking to Johnny Shoes, another guy with a great neighborhood moniker. Joe Cool was a member of Madonna Della Cava Society, which was actually the last place I saw and talked with him, having no idea it would be the last time I would see him alive. Life is short as they say. We need to live wisely and have plenty of fun along the way.

This past Saturday (February 11th), I talked with his widow Dina at the corner of Salutation and Hanover Street. She was just standing leaning up against the building. What was she thinking I thought as I approached her? Her life with him? Her life without him? All the joy he brought her in his Joe Cool way. I told her I was so sorry to hear the news and hugged her because this was indeed a time to comfort. You live your life day in and day out, and never know when God comes knocking on your door.

Joe Cool will be missed. He had a way about him that will never be forgotten. I see him and I see him laughing or complaining about politics, but he loved being around people and people loved being around him, too.

He may be gone, but he will never be forgotten! Goodbye old friend.

His funeral was from the Boston Harborside Home, North End, Boston on Monday, February 13th, followed by a Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Church, North Square.

Marjorie Cahn

to Receive Pirandello Lyceum's President's Award for Her Contributions to the Italian Community

Each year, Boston's prestigious Italian cultural organization, the Pirandello Lyceum, selects members of the Italian community to receive its "I Migliori in Mens et Gesta" (The Best in Mind and Deeds) award. Among these awards is the Pirandello Lyceum's President's selection, which gives the President the chance to recognize a non-Italian for contributions to the Italian community. This year, on Saturday, April 1st, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Logan Airport, Marjorie Cahn will receive the Pirandello Lyceum President's Award.



from the SS Cosmas & Damian Society and the "Camellia" award from the Boys and Girls Town of Italy. She is known in Boston's Italian community as the "woman who gets things done."

Marjorie was born in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in Brookline, Massachusetts. She received her undergraduate degree from Barnard College, Columbia University, and a master's degree from the State University of New York.

Marjorie has been at the forefront of Boston's Italian community organizations for over 25 years. She has been a Board Member of the Pirandello Lyceum since the early 1990s, and served as its Secretary for many years. She has been a member of the Sons of Italy for nearly 30 years, and contributed greatly to the phenomenal growth and profile of Boston's Renaissance Lodge. She has been on the State Sons of Italy Commission for Social Justice and the State Culture & Historical Commission. She is currently an elected State Officer in the Sons of Italy, serving as Treasurer of its Benefit Insurance Commission.

Marjorie is on the Board of Directors of the recently incorporated Italian American Alliance, which is an anti-discrimination advocate for Italian American causes. She has received the "Woman of the Year" award

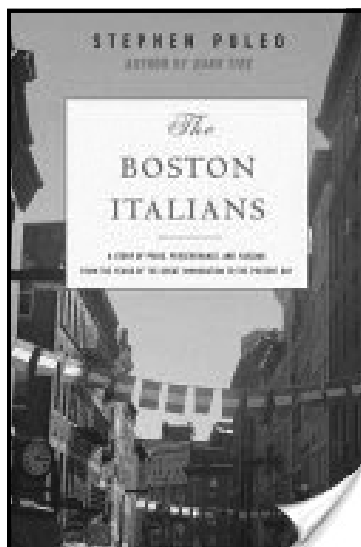
career starting as a teacher in the Brookline Public Schools, and then in management for State Street Bank, she teamed up with Dr. Dean Saluti to start a Boston-based financial services consulting firm. It is now called Saluti Cahn and Company. Under Marjorie's leadership, the firm's client base includes companies such as Fidelity, Schwab, Bank of America, Vanguard, and Rockefeller & Co.

On New Year's Day of the Millennium, Dean Saluti and Marjorie Cahn were married. They reside in Quincy, Massachusetts. Marjorie has two daughters - Nancy, who lives in Thailand, and Susannah, who is a web-based fashion executive in Boston. Throughout Marjorie's life, she has been a singer. In college, she performed in musicals, and had an opportunity to tour as part of a famous folk music trio. She sang with Boston's "Cecilia Society," a renowned choral group, for over 20 years. She is honored to have been selected for this prestigious award.

The Neighborhood Club of Quincy Invites You to Italian Night with Author Stephen Puleo

The Boston Italians

by Dr. Dean Saluti



Stephen Puleo's *The Boston Italians*, a Boston Globe best seller, tells a story of pride, perseverance, and paesani, from the years of the Great Immigration to the present day — to be featured at the Neighborhood Club of Quincy on Thursday evening, March 2.

On Thursday evening March 2nd, Quincy's beautiful Neighborhood Club, 27 Glendale Road, will open its doors to celebrate an evening of Italian food, culture, and heritage. The highlight of the evening will be Stephen Puleo, famous

author, historian, and public speaker, talking about his best-selling book, *The Boston Italians*. Puleo has made over 450 public appearances before thousands of his readers. He is often on TV and radio, and his books are used in high schools, colleges, and universities. The Neighborhood Club is collaborating with the Culture & Historical Commission of the Sons of Italy to present this event.

The celebration of Italian culture and heritage will begin at 6:00 pm with a cash bar cocktail hour and munchies, followed at 7:00 pm, by an extravagant Italian buffet-feast with salad, two types of pasta, a roast beef carving station, scrod, vegetables, and dessert.

After dinner Stephen Puleo will discuss the book, describing the Italian immigration experience in Boston's North End; life during the Depression and WWII; and Boston Italians' history up to the present day. The book covers generations of Boston Italian families such as the Donnaruma's. Pam Donnaruma is editor and publisher of the *Post-Gazette*, voice of the Italian community, a newspaper founded by her family a 126 years ago in



Author and historian Stephen Puleo will speak at "An Evening of Italian Culture and Heritage" at the Neighborhood Club of Quincy, supported by the Culture & Historical Commission of the Sons of Italy.

Boston's North End. Of course, you will be able to buy *The Boston Italians* and have it autographed — a great present for family and friends.

The event costs \$40 per person, which includes tax and tip. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call or email Dr. Dean Saluti at 617-285-6565 or djsaluti@aol.com. Don't miss this event. It should be a sellout.

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

And the Oscar Goes To...

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

It is that wonderful time of the year again. The time of watching movie stars glide down the red carpet, as graceful as paper swans, wrapped in jewel-hued gowns. It is the time when television channels replay Oscar-winning movies of the past, with iconic images of sultry *femme fatales* and tight-jawed heroes and conniving villains flashing across the screen. During the past few weeks, people have devoted many moments to recognizing the artistic achievement a medium which often goes unappreciated, being synonymous with lightweight popcorn fare. Now, however, people are in full recognition of the powerful force that movies play in our lives. Which film of the past year, they ask, best crafted a story that transported us to another time or place? Which director imbued his or her project with the most love and passion? Which actress or actor best delved into the complexities of their role? Yes, it is the time of the year when the Academy Awards are announced. As a long-time lover of film, I will spend the evening of Sunday, February 26th, glued to my television, shivering with anticipation as the little gold statuettes are distributed. While I am watching, I will also pay tribute to the significance of movies to my life and heritage.

Movies have always comprised an integral part of my soul. Indeed, film has contributed to the collective subconscious of people around the world. Much of our notions of good and evil, achievement, love and longing derive from the celluloid world. When I think of selfless romance, for example, I think of cynical café owner Rick Blaine from *Casablanca* letting his true love Ilsa depart on a plane on a foggy Moroccan night, all for the higher cause of stopping Nazism. Han Solo from *Star Wars*, on the other hand, forever stays in my mind as the epitome of the rascal with a heart of gold, the guy everybody



knows who tries to be tough but cannot conceal his soft side for long. When he reappeared at the end of the film to save Luke Skywalker from the clutches of the evil Empire, I felt a cheer swelling up inside me. That is why I appreciate film so much, because they are little stories that encompass the spectrum of emotions that give meaning to our existence as humans. I try to catch as many of the Best Picture nominees as I can, though busy work and school schedules make it hard. I used to attempt to catch the nominees prior to the Oscar ceremony, but find it more stress-free to view them afterwards when I have time, perhaps on a cozy movie night, snuggling with my husband and a big bowl of buttered popcorn. Over the past year, for example, I caught up on Best Picture nominees *Spotlight*, *The Revenant*, and *Brooklyn* in my leisure, and found all three films well-made and thought-provoking. I cannot wait to do the same with this year's nominees. From dramatic biographies to quirky indie flicks, the year's Oscar-nominated films encapsulated a rich tapestry of the human story, and I want to soon add them to my repertoire.

The Oscar season also reminds me of the tremendous achievement that Italians and Italian-Americans have made in the field of cinema. State-

side, directors like Francis Ford Coppola and Martin Scorsese have become icons of American filmmaking. My father is always quick to remind me that Italian-born moviemakers have supplied the world with many indelible masterpieces. World cinema stands all the richer because of directors like Federico Fellini, who brought whimsy and absurd satire back to silver screen or Vittorio De Sica, who gave a voice to Italy's working-class citizens or Sergio Leone, whose revisionist Westerns reshaped the myth of the American frontier. Italian film even forms the backbone of an interesting story repeated among my family. When my grandmother was a young and sophisticated student in Rome, she was courted by the studio bigwigs of Cinecittá, the Italian version of Hollywood, to become an actress. Though one of her old-fashioned relatives put an end to this, the story speaks to the splendor of Italian cinema and its ability to inspire dreams in young people just like the fictionalized Hollywood of legend. In honor of Italian contributions to movies, I often serve star-worthy Italian dishes for my Oscar-watching events. Last year, I made a mascarpone cheesecake drizzled with chocolate sauce. It was such a decadent and creamy hit that I plan to make it again, an appropriately stylish plate for the most glamorous season of the year.

Films are a roadmap of our hopes, dreams and values. I encourage everyone to watch at least a few of the Best Picture nominees before the Oscar ceremony on Sunday the 26th of February in order to find one that resonates on an emotional level. Good movies enrich our lives, as they provide us with visions of another world or new perspectives or characters so strongly written that they remain inside our mind long after the projector has stopped running. This month, I will revel in the Oscars in order to pay tribute to the films that have enhanced my life journey, and I will also pause to honor the Italian movies that have become milestones in my culture and heritage. After all, the ability to view films as more than just entertainment but as significant social art and artifacts is an achievement worthy of an Academy Award in itself.

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We Have A Snow Storm In Progress

DON'T TURN THAT CHANNEL

You know what happens if you do? You get two smiling news anchors telling us, "We have a blizzard happening." Keep tuned for what? More senseless news reporter's reporting from Scituate or Worcester telling us how bad the traffic is? How much snow has been falling per hour? How about the news that our snow is falling sideways, but of course they call it vertical, or whatever. One reporter is shoveling for the camera with no gloves on. Another is holding a pair of skis. One meteorologist is showing people how to make a perfectly round snowball.

I'm thinking many folks have been out trying to shovel a four-letter word starting with the letter "S," and I'm not just talking snow if you know what I really mean.

You know the news station, Channel 7 that broadcasts way too much newscasts actually showed a vehicle plowing at a high rate of speed into a brick residential unit up in Pelham, NH. They didn't just show this horrible looking video once, they kept repeating it over and over until they stopped after the seventh time. I guess six times wasn't just enough.

Hey, I have a good question, two weekends ago; you know the one with the Super Bowl on Sunday night. Everything was just non-stop New England Patriots, especially after that great comeback, and Tuesday's Duck Boat Parade ... Then once the last Duck Boat passed you by, why was it on to the incoming blizzard that was going to dump an UNBELIEVABLE amount of snow from here, there, and everywhere?

Shocker, TV news, people, it is winter in New England, it is February, and it snows year after year. We have so many

channels playing so much news; it is "ridiculous," as Daffy Duck might have said if he were riding in that last Duck Boat on Tuesday.

You know what I call all this, nothing more than Fake News. You know, TV viewers aren't as dumb as the broadcast media thinks we are. Was there no other real news to report on going on around us? What would all our TV news departments have broadcast last week if they had no Patriots and no snow to report on? Where did all the real news go, on vacation?

Listen, Channel 7 actually did break away from the snow, but only to report something reportedly stupid that President Trump had done. Then it was back to snow, and more snow.

I shoveled so much on February 10th that I had to take a break. I went down to my favorite watering hole, grabbed myself a cheeseburger with steak fries, and a nice tall Irish coffee with Jameson and plenty of whipped cream. I just tuned out the TVs inside the place. Then it was back to shoveling. After all, you know there's a snowstorm out there, right?

Oh, P.S., the day after, I went over to Southie, and bumped into a TV camera crew from NBC Boston, the new guys in town. When I asked them what they were doing, they said they were filming people shoveling out their buried cars on K Street, and the rest of the alphabet, too. Like I said lots of Fake News out there. People are always shoveling out their cars in Southie after a snowfall, just like everyone else.

Bottom line: I wonder what Shelby Scott is doing now? If you know that name, you've seen plenty of ridiculous snowstorm TV coverage in your lifetime.



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Donne 2000

to Donate Funds to the Italian Advanced Placement Program



Left to right: Doreen Giammarco (Donne 2000 Co-secretary), Rosa Giammarco (Donne 2000 President), Maria Ferrusi (Donne 2000 Vice President), Rita Susi (Donne 2000 Co-secretary), Professor Domenico Teker (Director of the Scholastic Office of the Consulate General of Italy in Boston), Maria Gasbarro (Donne 2000 Consigliere), Concetta Graceffa (Donne 2000 Consigliere)

This year, Donne 2000 will donate funds to the Italian Advanced Placement Program at its Annual Festa Delle Donne and Scholarship Fundraiser event. The hope is to maintain and possibly expand the Italian Advanced Placement (AP) Program in more high schools in and around Boston. The AP Italian Program is a college level course that is offered to qualified high school seniors. Successful completion of the program and AP exam scores allow students to build college level credits that are recognized by almost all universities in the United States and abroad. The board members of Donne 2000

recently met with Professor Domenico Teker, the Director of the Scholastic Office of the Consulate General of Italy in Boston, to discuss the Italian Advanced Placement Program. Professor Teker is involved in many projects and initiatives that promote the Italian language and culture in and around Boston.

On March 12, 2017, Donne 2000 will host its annual Festa Delle Donne and Scholarship Fundraiser at Venezia Restaurant in Dorchester, MA. This event is a celebration of International Women's Day. Proceeds of this event will be donated to the Italian Advanced

Placement Program for a high school in and around Boston. Please invite family and friends including men and children to help celebrate this event. Donations or raffle prizes are greatly appreciated. We will have a great time with great food, music and raffles. For tickets and information, please contact Doreen Giammarco at doreeng869@aol.com or 617-742-0226. Please RSVP by March 1st.

Donne 2000 is a non-profit organization that keeps Italian traditions alive from generation to generation through ethnic and cultural events. Please visit our website Donne2000.com.

Wing-Stop Lands in Central Square, East Boston

by Laura Rebello



(Photo by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

The award-winning wing concept with 11 flavors of freshly made chicken wings, hand cut fries, homemade potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans and rolls just opened at 173 Border Street. Operated under the ownership of Jon Rebello and John Ortiz, this is Rebello and Ortiz's first location in Boston with a second location in Medford, Massachusetts. The restaurant has seating for 49 people with sports on all TV's and lively music playing. It's a great spot for lunch, dinner, or a late night snack with the restaurant open until midnight seven days a week.

"We are thrilled to be expanding so quickly in the Boston area, and I am very proud to be a part of the Wingstop family," commented Rebello. "Wingstop is recognized nation-wide as

having some of the best chicken wings around, hand-sauced and tossed in big bold flavors. It's a brand that is being readily and enthusiastically embraced," said Ortiz. The Grand Opening was a big success with East Boston's own Jermaine Wiggins "Wiggy" signing autographs and enjoying some chicken wings. The Mayor's office and the East Boston Chamber held a ribbon-cutting and are pleased that the restaurant currently employs East Boston residents. Wingstop is already getting involved in the East Boston community and enjoyed participating in the Taste of East Boston. Wingstop is open 7 days a week from 11:00 am-12:00 midnight with lunch specials and snack specials for students. Delivery is scheduled to begin this week.

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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

An Experience of A Lifetime ...

the Inauguration of our 45th President



Post Gazette's Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull and Dan Hausle from Channel 7 News.

Ciao Bella,

Beauty is everywhere as I always say! And celebrating President Donald J. Trump's victory day was a beautiful day.

We arrived at Jet Blue, my fav airline, from Boston to Washington, D.C. for five nights of celebration. First up, at the airport David and I became instant 15 minute celebrities as Dan Hausle from our very own Channel 7 interviewed us as New Englanders going to D.C. to participate in the Inauguration festivities! I put the word out on social media ... someone record this please! Thank you Phil and Claudia! Cabanaland friends that I can't wait to party with come spring ... will it ever get here? Anyway we were on the news several times for two days. I say "hello" to Dan every night when the Six O'clock news comes on!

For Inauguration we wore our best duds! From my new Need-less Markup's red chandelier earrings, black velvet, fur stole to a fabulous Presidential tie I bought David celebrating another President elect. The champagne flowed!

Washington D.C. is a marvelous place. So much rich history. We stayed at our club, The University Club, just steps from The White House. The staff couldn't do enough for us. The renovated room we had was spanking new and comfortable. On our arrival we were handed a University Club "Welcome" bag which included a bottle of Veuve Clicquot champagne and all sorts of thoughtful goodies.

During our stay in D.C. we visited Martin's Tavern in Georgetown. Most famous for JFK's proposal to Jackie! Every table had a politician story of who dined there. The food and entertainment were remarkable!

We also had the pleasure of visiting The Basilica of The National Shrine. Homage to The Immaculate Conception of Mary. Each country had its own Chapel and shrine of Mary with outstanding mosaic work. A modernized version of sculpture and art for the 21st century. Simply wonderful!

Inauguration Day was finally here! The people (the Deplorables) we celebrated with were singing and shouting with glee. We were all so happy and proud. The event touched our hearts. I must mention First Lady Melania Trump's stunning blue outfit with matching gloves and shoes. She certainly did emulate Jackie Kennedy's class and sophistication.

I wish this new administration the blessings they will need to overcome the disagreeable ones and to enlighten our country in a positive direction.

Buona Giornata.

— Mary N. DiZazzo-Trumbull

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Freeway Says ...

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

Some Tips for Keeping Your Pet Safe in the Snow

There's nothing quite like watching a dog experience snow for the first time. What the heck is all this white stuff? Must dig in and try to gobble it up! However, before letting your pet go wild in the snow, make sure you're taking these safety precautions.

1. **Get your dog used to the snow gradually:** The key is acclimation. If they seem fine and aren't shivering or trying to get in, it's perfectly fine for them to stay outside for longer periods as long as they're building up to it. Start them out with small stints outside so their coats and paws will have time to adjust.

2. **Remember that coldness depends on the dog:** Puppies will have a harder time regulating their body temperatures outside, and senior dogs can have issues like diabetes, or an altered metabolism that can make it harder for them to adjust. Smaller dogs with thinner coats will shiver more than dogs bred to be outside in the cold.

3. **Prep your dog:** If you notice your dog tends to be cold, stock up on sweaters, coats, or dog booties. Some dogs will even get cold indoors! Avoid shaving your pet in the winter. Wipe off your dog's paws when he comes inside after being outside, especially if he has long hair that will keep the pads of his paws wet.

4. **Use your intuition:** If it's literally colder than Mars outside (which actually happened in the Midwest last year), limit your dog's time outside. If a cold wind is penetrating your ski jacket, it's probably too cold for a dog to play outside for an extended period of time, too. In addition, watch the dog for signs of discomfort. Holding up a paw because it's frozen, means it's time to go in. If it's Minnesota cold, 17 and 20 degrees below, you wouldn't want to stay outside more than 15 or 20 minutes with these guys.

5. **Watch out for rock salt and antifreeze:** Rock salt is going to be everywhere, so try, and keep your pet from eating it. It isn't toxic, but it can upset their stomachs. It may also rub on the pads of their paws to cause irritation. Pet-safe rock salt might be a great option for your home, or for your neighbor to use. Be extra vigilant about keeping your pet away from antifreeze. It tastes sweet, but is extremely toxic. Look out for blue or green-colored substances on driveways, sidewalks, and car surfaces.

6. **Make potty time quicker and easier:** Try shoveling a patch of grass for your dog to run to during potty time. If they opt to go on the carpet instead, try taking them outside for two



or three-minute jaunts, and give them a treat every time they come in, just like when you were potty training. This will help incentivize them to learn a new routine. If your regular area is too cold, try a new area with less snow or overhead protection from falling rain or snow.

7. **Learn how to warm up your dog:** If your pet seems too cold, try covering them in a towel, or blanket. You can also use a blow dryer at the low setting (too high could burn the dog) to warm them up. Avoid heating pads, which could also cause burns, although warming some rice in a sock in the microwave is an excellent and pet-safe alternative. Put it against your wrist first to make sure it's not too hot.

A dog's normal body temperature should range from 99.5 to 102.5 degrees. (To get your dog's temperature, you'll need to use a rectal thermometer).

8. **Treat cracked pads:** Try a moisturizer originally made for cow udders to soothe your dog's paws. When applying anything

to his feet, keep him busy with a puzzle feeder or treat, so that he won't lick it right off. You can try preventing this type of damage by putting your dog in booties, or by cleaning off the pads of his feet every time he comes inside.

9. **Give your dog plenty of exercise:** It can be hard to get moving with your dog on a cold day, but letting your dog stay idle could lead to destructive or nervous behaviors due to all that pent-up energy. Once your dog is acclimated and prepared for the cold, it's ok to continue walks and backyard play. You can even build a little agility course in your backyard with piles of snow.

If your area is just too cold, try finding an indoor gym for dogs. Puzzle feeders are also a great option for keeping your dog busy on a long, cold winter day.

Best of luck enjoying the winter snow with the dog you love!

That's all for now!

REMEMBER TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET!

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The Old North Church's donation pew box is open again! The recipients of your generous donations will be the homeless guests of the Boston Warm Day Center at Emmanuel Church on Newbury Street. The Day Center is open Mondays and Fridays from 8:00 am-1:00 pm and offers a safe and secure area for the homeless to rest and get warm, a caring staff, and nourishment for all.

We can only accept these listed items:

Adult sized gently used or new coats, hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves

New socks

Personal health products: like hand wipes, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shaving cream and razors, mini bottles of shampoo, and soap.

Items can be dropped off in our donation pew box in the back of the church. The church is open from 10:00 am-4:00 pm everyday.

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East Boston Chamber of Commerce

Installation Dinner

by Sal Giarratani



Chamber Board Members are sworn in, L-R: Jose Torres of La Cancun Restaurant; Shirley Fabbo of Massport; Adnai Mendez of the East Boston Savings Bank, and Maggie Lopez of First Class Hair Salon.

On Thursday, February 2nd Buddy Mangini was sworn in as the East Boston Chamber of Commerce's newest President. Everything took place at the Hilton Garden Inn on Boardman Street.

The annual installation dinner also included the swearing in of the Chamber board members, new and returning as well as the Chamber officers.



Senator Joe Boncore, East Boston Chamber of Commerce President Buddy Mangini, Immediate Past President Marisa DiPietro, City Councilor Sal LaMattina, and Rep. Adrian Madaro.



The East Boston Golden Age Club with, L-R: Buddy Mangini, BPD Officer Danny Simons and Sal Giarratani.



Buddy Mangini getting sworn in as the new chamber president by Rep. Adrian Madaro with Diane Modica, Sen. Joe Boncore and Father John Nazzaro looking on.

North End Library Gets an Update



Have you dropped by the neighborhood North End Library lately? If you have, you might have noticed many changes. We have a new acting librarian, Jennifer Hawes, whom you already know as the Children's Librarian. Jennifer will hold both positions for the immediate future.

You might also have noticed that the library has undergone a comprehensive maintenance upgrade. Through the efforts of Jennifer, the staff of the Central Library in Copley Square, and with the encouragement and persistence of the Friends of the North End Branch Library (info@FONEL.com), as well as behind-the-scenes support from Boston City Councilor Sal LaMattina, the North End Library is now

much cleaner and brighter. Patrons can now enjoy using the North End Library in a well-lighted, relaxed, and comfortable setting.

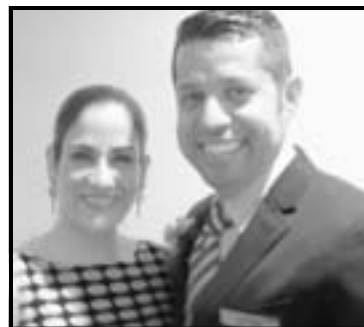
The maintenance included painting the ceiling and walls, installing updated interior and exterior lighting, repainting the inside plumbing, and repairing the exterior sidewalk masonry.

The Friends of the North End Library invite you to drop by and enjoy the new surroundings and to tell Jennifer how much you appreciate the changes.

Soon we expect to have a suggestion box for you to contribute ideas for additional changes and new programs for the Friends' consideration.



Buddy Mangini and Veronica Robles were recently named Persons of the Year 2016 by the East Boston Times and are surrounded by Sen. Joe Boncore and Rep. Adrian Madero.



Jose and Irene Torres.



Rosalie Petralia and Buddy Mangini.

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)



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CLANDESTINE (DVD)
Candy Factory Films

When hard drugs invade a small town, local and federal law enforcement find themselves working together. Navigating the minefield of local political officials and junkie confidential informants, the team seeks to root out a sinister network of "meth" cooks and dealers threatening to change the face of Long Island's picture perfect suburban north shore. Officer Charles Cooper will be forced to either live a life of denial or accept the new threats forced upon himself and his family. *Clandestine* explores the "war on drugs" in a modern day morality tale by focusing on the people who comprise this war, our law enforcement, our elected official, and our neighbors.

**MURDER RAP:
INSIDE THE BIGGIE AND TUPAC MURDERS (DVD)**
MVDvisual

Two of the most notorious unsolved cases in the history of American crime — the murders of renowned rap stars Tupac Shakur and Biggie Smalls — have been the subject of exhaustive investigations, relentless speculation, and a web of conspiracy theories and dark secrets. Now, for the first time, the true story behind these sensational cases is laid bare in *Murder Rap: Inside the Biggie and Tupac Murders*. Using invaluable information sourced from hundreds of police case files, taped confessions never before shown on film, and interviews with lead detective Gred Kading and other witnesses that finally expose the shocking truth behind the deaths of these two rap music icons.

STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE – THE COMPLETE SERIES (DVD)
CBS DVD + Paramount

Revisit the fan-favorite series starring Avery Brooks as Commander Benjamin Sisko, as *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine – The Complete Series* with all 176 episodes from all seven seasons arrives on 48 discs. Set in the years 2369-2375, the action takes place on a remote alien space station on the edge of a new frontier. As Captain Sisko and his brand new crew are stationed on Deep Space Nine, they must learn to work together to safeguard it against unknown threats. Strategically placed near a wormhole allowing for speedy interstellar travel, Deep Space Nine also acts as an epicenter for trade, politics, and open conflict.

DIRTY DANCING – 30TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION (Blu-ray + DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

Marking three passing decades, Johnny (Patrick Swayze) and Baby (Jennifer Grey) are together again to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the pop phenomenon *Dirty Dancing*. In the summer of 1963, innocent 17-year-old Baby vacations with her parents at a Catskills resort. One evening she is drawn to the staff quarters by stirring music. There she meets Johnny, the hotel dance instructor, who is as experienced as Baby is naïve. Baby soon becomes Johnny's pupil in dance and love.

JUSTICE LEAGUE: DARK (Blu-ray + DVD)
Warner Bros. Animation + DC Ent.

When innocent citizens start committing nightmarish crimes across Metropolis and Gotham City, the Justice League suspects an otherworldly cause — magic! The race is on as Batman seeks the help of the one man who can stand up to these supernatural forces, John Constantine. Usually an arrogant loner, even Constantine soon learns that defeating these dark powers will take the mystical teamwork of Zatanna, Deadman, Etrigan the Demon, and even a wild card that Constantine is hesitant to call upon. Take a walk on the dark side of justice with the next all-new DC Universe animated original movie — *Justice League: Dark*.

LIFE ON THE LINE (Blu-ray) Lionsgate Home Ent.

As a huge electrical storm sweeps toward Texas, lineman Beau (John Travolta) is haunted by memories of his brother's death by lightning years earlier. Meanwhile, Bailey (Kate Bosworth), the niece he helped raise, has a secret she needs to share with her boyfriend, Duncan. However, he and Beau's brave team are racing to replace miles of power cables carrying as much as 500,000 volts of electricity, before the tempest strikes. Also starring Sharon Stone, *Life on the Line* is a tribute to the heroes who risk it all to keep us safe.

FROM DUSK TILL DAWN: THE SERIES - SEASON 3 (3-Blu-ray)
Miramax + El Rey Network + eOne

From Dusk Till Dawn: The Series – Season Three continues the Gecko brothers' saga as they fight their way through the chilling world of culebras, the vampire-snake hybrids that control hidden empires in Texas and Mexico. Once the baddest outlaws in the land, Seth and Richie made a run for the Border two years ago to save their lives — and their fortune. After stumbling into a bar of bloodsuckers and bandits, the Geckos encountered the vampire goddess, Santanico, joining her cause to settle an old score. It won them a place in the culebra world. Now, that world is on the verge of violent and destructive explosion as the new enemies hell-bent on domination gather to take them down. In typical Gecko fashion, Seth and Richie assemble an unlikely crew (some new, some old) to take on the forces of Hell!

PJ MASKS – LET'S GO PJ MASKS & OTHER ADVENTURES (DVD)
20th Century Fox Home Ent. + eOne

Fans of Entertainment One's (eOne) hit pre-school superhero show *PJ Masks*, can join Catboy, Owlette, and Gekko on their heroic missions as they go into the night to save the day as the first ever *PJ Masks DVD, Let's Go PJ Masks & Other Adventures*, is released. It's up to Catboy, the real parade leader, to save the day from Night Ninja, but he doesn't think he can lead the Ninjalinos without his drum. Plus, when Luna Girl turns a sleepwalking Cameron into her very own human puppet, it's up to the PJ Masks to save the day ... but Gekko has to stop messing around first.

The time has come, the walrus said,

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

**McPHEE'S NEW BOOK
MAXIMUM HARM
OUT ON APRIL 4th**

Just when we thought we heard everything that needed to be heard, Michelle McPhee, former *NY Post* and *Boston Herald* crime reporter and radio talk show host on WMEX 1510 AM weekdays has produced a new book about the Marathon Bombing. Looks like a great investigative read, and could make people rethink lots of assumptions. I can't wait to get my hands on the book to see for myself.

**CELEBRATING THE
YEAR OF ROOSTER**

The West Roxbury Chinese Cultural Society recently celebrated Chinese New Year at the West Roxbury Branch Library on Saturday, January 28th, and the library was jumping with activity and the crowds were as large as always.

**FIRST STEP TO
TAKING DOWN PUPPY MILLS**

Kudos to State Senator Patrick O'Connor, R-Weymouth, for proposing a bill that would ban pet stores in the state from selling dogs and cats from commercial breeders in an effort to curb the sale of animals bred in poor conditions.

O'Connor submitted the legislation, "An act banning the sale of cats and dogs in commercial pet shops" for this session after constituents reached out to him

about a loophole in the state law regulating the breeding and sale of pets. O'Connor said, "This bill will deal a blow to the puppy mill industry." Good for him. Good for dogs and cats, too.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Driving along the Southeast Expressway, I noticed the digital advertising board on the grounds of the IBEW's Hall on Freeport Street. The board was lit up with the announcement that the "Wolfe Tones" were coming to the IBEW on March 11th for a night of Irish celebration. Amazing, it seems like we just had Christmas and New Year's, and now St. Patrick's Day is getting closer and closer. Oh, by the way, if you like good Irish music that's what the Wolfe Tones only play.

**SUFFOLK PROBATE
REGISTER SUSPENDED**

I was shocked to hear the news the other day but it was right there in the *Boston Globe*, Suffolk Register of Deeds Felix D. Arroyo has been suspended and placed on paid administrative leave by the state's Trial Courts and the office he heads ordered an independent investigation of the registry. Arroyo has reportedly called the suspension "unwarranted."

Once again, we seemingly see folks getting elected to these county offices that may or may not know enough about the job voters elected them to at elec-

tion time every six years or in some cases sooner.

I personally believe many elected to these offices are below the radar and should be appointed rather than elective offices.

There is no reason that we need elected folks running these administrative offices. At one time, these offices were where older politicians ended up in their retirement years. Today, things are changing, and younger politicians are trying to get elected to these often-unknown county offices. Just me thinking. Anybody agree or disagree? Let me know at sal.giarratani@gmail.com

**ST. PADDY'S DAY
NOT FAR OFF**

Norwood VFW Post #2452, on Dean Street, will be holding a super St. Patrick's Day Party on Friday, March 17th, when else! Dinner and Irish music by Back in Time. Call 617-762-6910 before March 15th, for ticket information. Don't miss out on your corned beef and cabbage sandwich.

**DON'T FORGET CARNIVALE
TIME AT SACRED HEART**

Sacred Heart parish in East Boston will once again be hosting its annual Carnival fundraiser on Saturday, February 25th. For ticket information, call or stop by the rectory, or look for tickets at Sunday Masses.

Lewis Black is Non-stop Laughter

by Bob Morello

Lewis Black and his *Rant, White and Blue Tour*, hit Boston's Shubert Theatre on Friday with a political shock wave. It took less than a minute for Black to launch his tirade into his displeasure with the election of Donald Trump to the Oval Office. After announcing to the audience the age of his parents (late 90s), he speculated on their election thoughts, followed by his addressing the sadness he felt knowing that with Valentine's Day upon us, he was unable to purchase any Ivanka Trump fashions at Nordstroms.

Touching upon the stroke symptoms he felt when watching *CNN* each day for no more than five minutes, as that was all he could handle. The Trump barrage continued with the Oval Office's tweet charging that the reason Trump lost the popular vote was because Massachusetts's voters were sent via buses to New Hampshire to cast their votes. While that,

along with other Trumpisms poured out of Black's mouth, it was obvious that our current President has supplied a humongous amount of comedy that was easy for Black to dissect and spew out. He questioned just about everything that has transpired during the election process, right up to the current day.

On the controversial gun issue, Black recounted the Evangelical view, all bringing humor that eventually revealed his plan to open a gun shop in the south, named "Jewy Jews." Sidesplitting laughter evolved as Black picked apart many of our President's choices for office. One by one, he explained how those choices must have come about. He offered up an explanation for choices as Dr. Ben Carson as head of Housing and Urban Development, and the selection of former Texas governor Rick Perry as top man in the Energy Department.

Eventually it all evolved into the needs of those suffering from mental illnesses, and his thoughts on woman he had dated, and how he deciphered the fact that they must've been suffering from mental illness. His ideas on the *New Testament* were convincing and truly funny, and the fact that Jews were born with an extra gene ... sarcasm.

He ended with the statement that he wakes up every morning brimming with optimism, only to find that each day finally evolves with mistake after mistake after mistake. For his performance, Black received a long and intense standing ovation ... which was well deserved.

John Bowman, Black's opening act, has been with him for years, and was an excellent opener as he did a lengthy foray into both Hillary Clinton and Trump, complete with using a blond wig in several skits about the two, then candidates.

BEWARE of IRS SCAMS

IRS-IMPERSONATION TELEPHONE SCAM

Con artists can sound convincing when they call. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation, or suspension of a business or driver's license. Or, victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information.

NOTE THAT THE IRS WILL NEVER:

1) call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill; 2) demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe; 3) require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card; 4) ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone; or 5) threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

Simple *TIMES* . . .

by Girard A. Plante



A peculiar pitch is gaining traction in the Digital Age. And it is loaded with questionable quotes, fake facts, lack of credibility, and unverifiable sources.

The most recent presidential election cycle served up a daily dose of ugliness, charges, and countercharges, slander that brought idle threats of lawsuits, and three of the most agonizing Presidential debates ever seen. The whole process left me reeling. So, I wonder where we're heading as a "civil" nation while the world turns on, tunes in, and is fixated not so much on the content of a U.S. presidential candidate's character, but on the context of their retorts that are unbecoming of the most powerful office on the planet.

Since the election concluded, we've heard the words "alternative facts" uttered by Kellyanne Conway, senior advisor to President Donald J. Trump, during her appearance on *Meet the Press* on Sunday, January 22nd. Is such action intentional distortion of the truth or an unwitting way of misstating the whole truth and nothing but the truth? While I discerned lies in her answers, I am at a loss for an honest explanation as to what exactly is going on with Trump's administration. So I set out to get truthful answers.

I stumbled upon a cousin's share of an article on Facebook featuring a report by Jill Abramson, political columnist for *The Guardian* about the very issue I sought clarity from. She is alarmed by recent tweets by President Trump and his messy distortions of the Affordable Care Act, which became a signature policy of President Obama's eight years in the White House.

In search of more thorough explanations, I visited Google and found succinct, honest, thought-provoking answers. Abramson, former executive editor at *The New York Times*, said: "Most believe there is truth and there are lies. Alternative facts are lies," Abramson wrote in her column on January 24th.

My initial jump into the scrum of Social Media arrived in May 2015. Not a long time to be on Facebook after I learned that some folks have found it a friendly outlet since 2004! I now harbor a better grasp as to why I resisted regular invites by family and friends to join them on the new technological fascination of the 21st century.

For example, we're hearing a lot about "fake news" by fake journalists to President Trump's inaccurate tweets and speeches. But all that

activity was not necessary for me to know that several readings over the past 21 months that Facebook is fraught with news that cannot be verified, lacks credibility, and carries phony news sources.

My natural instincts and superb training in Journalism School to discern fact from lies proved enormously beneficial. What's a Facebook member to do? I never open an unknown news source no matter how appealing its headline. And upon viewing news posts from Facebook friends, I ask: "is it credible," "is it verifiable."

As a guest on CNN's *Reliable Sources* in December, Abramson shared several instructive answers to host Brian Seltzer's queries. One is how can "news rooms" adapt "in this new environment". Abramson recommends: "Be less reactive" in carrying "patently false stories."

Even in a peculiar era whereby gathering news and media outlets reporting are loaded with skeptics, Abramson adds: "Trust in the news media is at a historic low and probably sinking. Do thorough fact-checking. Blow the whistle on manufactured news stories. But journalists still have to do their jobs."

No doubt daily inundation of information from the Internet is taxing to the psyche. And it has become jaded to the extreme that any so-called story or rumor can spiral out of control. When I attended Journalism School in the 1980s the Internet was not in existence. No e-mails. No cell phones. No texting, nor Instagram. Snapchat? Not even a thought. While the Internet has merit, it also has its inherent troubles.

Ah, yes, placing my gaze on another person's gaze to interview for a column or report on a story is what I yearn for. The vast majority of interviews for my published material are by phone. Such a tool is vital as time and scheduling and travel to interview people are rarely realistic. And deadlines are ever looming.

With its inherent goodness, it is a cruel reality that Facebook has its myriad imperfections, quirks, questionable news sources, fake news, and lack of credibility in stories, along with a necessary working knowledge and reliance on Social Media for longtime journalists to continue their careers in the newspaper business.

I love my craft too much to allow the challenges of the Digital Age to toss me down another career track. And attaining that goal to author a book remains within reach.

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

Jeff Kuhner at it Again

I can only take about 15 or 20 minutes of Jeff Kuhner, so obviously I am not a card-carrying member of Kuhner Country. Sometimes he makes so much sense, other times not so much. On Monday, February 6th, he was ranting about the Speaker of the House and Senate Majority Leader going up against President Obama wanting to repeal and replace Obamacare with a more benign approach, or repairing and renaming it. Kuhner was hot and heavy on the Republican establishment fighting Trump, backstabbing him and his agenda for real change.

Turns out, President Trump himself, late that evening told Bill O'Reilly on the *Fox News Network* that "maybe it'll take until sometime into next year," saying repeal and replacement was "statutorily difficult to accomplish quickly." Many hard-line Republicans like U.S. Rep. Mark Meadows, R-NC, who chairs the House Freedom Caucus want the repeal and replace strategy to keep moving quickly because these Republicans are worried about losing momentum to repeal Obamacare.

Problem in Washington, DC is ...

The problem in Washington,

DC, and up on Capitol Hill is that both the Republican and Democrat entrenched establishment is beholden to the Donor Class. Instead of taking the cue from their constituents, they sometimes appear to take their marching orders from the likes of Big Donors, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, multi-national corporations, Big Pharma, and moneymen David and Charles Koch, as well as George Soros.

This is the scenario facing President Trump 24/7. It's him and us versus them, and it is going to stay that way until we reform this whole stinking status quo.

Mayor de Blasio Sounds Right on This

Saw a great quote from NY Mayor Bill de Blasio recently on the rise of Uber and Lyft proving the point that like a broken clock, it can be right at times. The mayor was talking about the challenges cabbies are facing with their new competition from ride hailing companies. Here's the quote, "There were free-market dynamics that created an opening for Lyft, Uber, and others, and the taxi industry has to learn from that."

Speaking of Uber and Other Companies Out There

Whether it is Safr or SheRides,

I do not think it is a good idea setting up a ride-hailing service that is restricted to female drivers and passengers. Many feminists seem to like the idea. However, what if a "White People" service began with only white drivers and white passengers, would the idea sound good? I think not. Once you open the door to one-gender services, it is called discrimination, just like racial discrimination would be. The idea sounds so unconstitutional to me.

While I am here in this spot, what do you think of college dormitories being restricted by race, too. There are some who think it would be a good idea to separate living quarters by race in college dorms. I kid you not. What is happening to America that anyone would think either of the above two proposals makes sense?

End Quote

NOW I KNOW WHO WARREN REMINDS ME OF

"When a woman stands up, she is told to shut up and sit down ... but I will tell you, that women are tired that different rules are applied to us in a different way."

— former U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski, D-MD, talking about U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren

Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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VINEGAR (PICKLED) PEPPERS

- 1 quart white vinegar
- 1 quart water
- 5 green bell peppers
- 3 teaspoons salt
- 3 medium pickling jars with screw caps
- 3 teaspoons sugar

Place white vinegar and water in a saucepan over medium heat and cover. Bring to a rolling boil for about three minutes.

Meanwhile remove stems and seeds from peppers. Wash peppers thoroughly. Cut peppers into quarter portions lengthwise and place in clean jars. Pour enough boiled water and vinegar combination over peppers, up to rim of jar. Add one teaspoon of salt and one teaspoon of sugar to each jar. Place cover tightly on each jar.

On a clean cookie sheet or cutting board, turn closed jar upside down, resting jar on its cover. Check to be sure that water is not leaking from jar. Allow standing for thirty minutes before turning jars right side up. Store for three or four weeks in your cupboard before use. Refrigerate only after opening jars.

NOTE: I began to pickle bell peppers in the 1950s when my cousin Josie (LaGrassa) DeSisto shared her recipe with me. Each time I pickled peppers, my mind wandered back to my childhood when each fall, Papa bought a case of the small Santo Nicolo peppers for pickling. They were small but firm. They were green, and some were spotted with a little red, or yellow skin. While Mama washed the peppers without removing stem or inner seeds, Papa prepared the very large ceramic container. It was the same kind that everyone else in the neighborhood used for pickling peppers.

After the peppers were clean, my parents placed them in the container and added the necessary vinegar and spices. I remember Papa placing a large ceramic cover on the container. He warned us not to go near the peppers.

All this took place in the little cubical of space in the cellar of 39 Charter Street, below our bakery. Each family had a cubical reserved for storing extra canned goods, wine, and preserved vegetables. Before long, the aroma of the pickled peppers found its way up to the street floor of the building. Papa wasn't the only one who had pickled peppers.

Each time I look at the ceramic container, still in my possession, it reminds me of the above yearly ritual.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. L1221-C1, TUNNEL LIGHT REPLACEMENT – RAMP T-A/D & T-S, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, 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, MARCH 22, 2017**, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 11:00 am LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017. A SITE VISIT TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTRACTORS TO VISIT THE SITE.

THIS PROJECT INCLUDES THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING TUNNEL LUMINAIRES WITH NEW LED LUMINAIRES FOR INTERSTATE 90 RAMP T-A/D AND RAMP T-S. WORK INCLUDES PROVIDING NEW ELECTRICAL SERVICE CONNECTIONS, ELECTRICAL CONDUIT AND WIRING, NEW LUMINAIRES AND LUMINAIRE SUPPORTS AS WELL AS OTHER ITEMS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE WORK AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER. TO COMPLETE THIS WORK, MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC PROCEDURES SHALL BE EXECUTED PER MASSDOT STANDARDS AND THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Bid documents will be made available beginning **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017**. 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. The estimated contract cost is **ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,350,000)**.

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 **\$1,000,000**. 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.

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 sub-contractors of the requirement for such certification where the sub-contract 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 P. GLYNN
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



During most of my younger life, I played music on Valentine's Day. Many organizations would hold some type of a get together to celebrate the annual event. I played with many bands, and always looked forward to those middle of the winter jobs. One reason was that Lent was soon coming, and the work would be reduced dramatically. If I was playing at a nightclub, (a steady job) there would be no worries about the reduction in work due to the season of Lent. Babbononno had gone the same route two generations earlier and, Dad and my uncles, Paul and Nick, a generation before me.

Back in the heyday of supper clubs, I was leading the house band at a place in Waltham, called Piety Corner Gardens. It was owned by a man named Steve Santamaria, and he was a great man to work for. When holidays would roll around, he would come up with a theme that brought the people in, old and new customers. During Christmas season, he would have special dinner prices and gifts for the ladies. On the evening of Valentine's Day, he made sure that every female that entered his establishment received a long stem rose. I and my guys would play a lot of romantic music to set the tone for couples celebrating February 14th.

After Piety Corner Gardens closed, I played mostly "club dates," also called "onenighters." They paid well, and you never knew who you were going to be working with, due to the stable of musicians the contractors or bandleaders had. You could be playing a formal affair at the Copley Plaza, or a night out for members of a Knights of Columbus lodge. You never knew, but it was fun and I satisfied all of the prerequisites: I was always dressed in a tux (not a black suit and a bow tie like some of the guys); I was always early and ready to play at the designated time; I knew the correct notes to play for all of the tunes in the *American Song Book* (at least 1,000 or more songs).

I continued with this type of a routine until I was in my 30s. Interspersed were stints with bands in New York, knocking on doors in Hollywood, and putting my own rock group together. I grew up during the infancy of rock ... the doo-wop era, if you will. I learned to dance listening to the tunes of Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Bill Haley and the Comets, and dozens of other pioneers of the idiom in the 1950s. The ironic part of all of this was that, as time rolled on, I disliked rock and roll. When I decided to

look further into my prejudice, I made the decision to put a rock or top 40s group together and investigate the roots of my prejudices. I gathered a group of musicians and singers together, put a band together, and got us booked into nightclubs around Boston. As I said, "The ironic part of this," was that that first year leading a rock group, I made more money than I had in all the years of playing music that preceded that point in time.

When I was in my 30s, I decided to go back to school. After graduating Boston State (now UMass), I concentrated on show business. Babbononno, my uncles, and especially my father, all advised me to make things easier. Interspersed with teaching days and playing music nights, were two stints of returning to school for advanced degrees.

By the time I was in my mid-thirties, I was still a bachelor, doing well financially, and had no intentions of settling down. During the summer of 1973, I was on the road with a Motown group called the Uniques. I left them to return to teaching in Boston and playing nights around Labor Day that year. Opting for a three-day vacation before resuming my planned schedule, I headed for the Cape, and met Dean Saluti in Hyanis. We became fast friends, and he talked me into applying for entrance to a doctoral program at Boston University. At that point in time he was tending bar at night at the Kenmore Club in Kenmore Square, and working on his doctorate at BU. during the day. I took the entrance exam and was accepted to BU's Graduate School of Education.

On a given day, I entered one of my programmed classes for the first time and sat next to a very beautiful young lady. As time went on, I discovered that she was Italian American, lived in the North End, and was teaching school and working on her doctorate. After getting to know her, and with Valentine's Day coming up, I asked her out to dinner. I was a bit nervous as I had, for the most part, gone out with girls in show business, singers, dancers, or actresses, and none of them Italian. Going out with a home-based Italian girl was something I hadn't experienced since I was in my early 20s.

I decided to take her to a rather fashionable restaurant in Boston's financial district. I believe it was called Lechners. I wanted to make a good impression, so I made reservations for a middle-of-the-week evening, picked my date up in my new Lincoln, and headed to Boston's

financial district. A valet parking attendant helped us exit the car and we entered the restaurant stopping at the maître d's station.

After we were seated, we ordered dinner giving our choices to a waiter wearing white gloves and a tuxedo. We decided to start with a Caesar salad that would be crafted from a cart that was wheeled right to our table. I knew that this event would let my date know how much class I thought I had, and the salad chef began the show, chopping, mixing, tossing, and everything else involved with the construction of a true Caesar salad.

Just as the tuxedoed salad chef finished and was ready to serve us, a very large fly flew over our salad and had a heart attack in midair. It took a nosedive and landed on its back in the middle of the lettuce, dead as a doornail with all legs pointing toward the ceiling. People at several tables had been watching the chef at work and witnessed the demise of the fly. Some laughed. Others, especially the women, gasped in shock. The salad chef, yelling "Oh dear, oh dear," headed off to find the manager and bring him back to our table. When the man in charge arrived, he looked at the results of a crash landing and immediately told us that dinner was on the house. I accepted, knowing that my intention of impressing a new date was as dead as the fly in the salad that was whisked away from our table.

Well, today Dean Saluti is one of my best friends. We both received our doctorates from BU. The restaurant ... it's long gone. My date? About a year later, we were married. This coming summer Loretta and I will celebrate our 40th anniversary together.

Happy Valentine's Day and may GOD BLESS AMERICA

LEGAL NOTICE

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208 Cambridge Street
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Docket No. MI16P6171EA
Estate of
ALPHONSE ROMANO, JR.
Also Known As
ALPHONSE ROMANO
Date of Death November 13, 2015

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Maria C. Romano** of Seabrook, NH, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Maria C. Romano of Seabrook, NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

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

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INMOTION

Boston Bruins vs. San Jose Sharks

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Boston Bruins 6 – San Jose Sharks 3



Boston Bruins Goaltender #40 Tuukka Rask makes a save on San Jose Sharks #42 Joel Ward.



Boston Bruins #59 Tim Schaller scores on San Jose Sharks Goaltender #30 Aaron Dell.



San Jose Sharks #88 Brent Burns, Boston Bruins #46 David Krejci, and Goaltender San Jose Sharks #30 Aaron Dell.

(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

ST. JUDE AND ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. St. Anthony, most loving protector and wonder worker, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day and by the 8th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. My prayers have been answered. Favor received. **MAMA**

Unfailing Prayer to St. Anthony "Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints"

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. **P.G.**

LETTERS POLICY

The Post-Gazette invites its readers to submit Letters to the Editor.

- Letters should be typed, double-spaced and must include the writer's name, address and telephone number. Anonymous letters are not accepted for publication.
- Due to space considerations, we request that letters not exceed two double-spaced, type-written pages.
- This newspaper reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and taste and to limit the number of letters published from any one person or organization.
- Deadline for submission is 12:00 noon on the Monday prior to the Friday on which the writer wishes to have the material published. Submission by the deadline does not guarantee publication.

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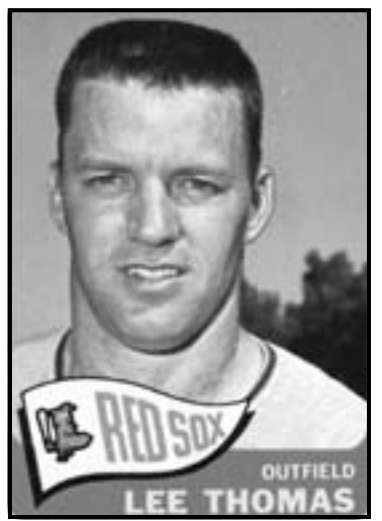
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EXTRA Innings
 by Sal Giarratani

Wily Mo Peña Joins Tribe
 The Cleveland Indians agreed to a Minor League deal with Wily Mo Peña, giving the 35-year-old outfielder and former Red Sox slugger a chance to revive his Major League career. Peña hasn't played in the biggies since 2011, and he is a close friend of new Indian slugger Edwin Encarnacion. Rooting for him in his corner.

Mike Napoli and the Rangers are working on a contract to bring Mike back to Texas. The Rangers are in need of a slugger and a first baseman, and Mike seems to fit that bill, doesn't he?



OUTFIELD
LEE THOMAS

Napoli Rejoins Rangers



Mike Napoli's favorite song must be "Travelling Man" by Ricky Nelson. He's on the move again.

Chris Carter Going to Yankees

Chris Carter, who was tied for the 2016 NL home run leader with 41 homers, has now gone over to the AL and the Yankees in a one-year, \$3.5 million deal.

Hammel Exits Chicago for Royal Time

Thirty-four-year-old right-hander Jason Hammel just agreed to 2-years, \$16 million. Last season, he was 15-10 with a 3.83 ERA for the World Champion Chicago Cubs.

Miller Time Not Again

The Arizona D'Backs won a salary arbitration case against Shelby Miller, who will be paid \$4.7 million this year instead of

his \$5.1 million. A 26-year-old right-hander, Miller went 3-12 with a 6.15 ERA in 20 starts last season, and made \$4.35 million. Look what a 6.15 ERA is worth in 2017 dollars. Too many dollars.

Flores Cashes in on Mets

The NY Mets got their first loss of the 2017 season when versatile infielder Wilmer Flores won his arbitration case getting \$2.2 million from the Mets. The Mets had offered him \$1.8 million after his 2016 season when he hit .267 with 16 homers and 49 RBIs. Last season, the 25-year-old earned just over \$500,000, and he plays all four-infield positions, a big plus for any team.

Happy Birthday Time

Prior to Red Sox Nation, in pre-1967 Boston baseball, the Red Sox were pretty pathetic. Except for the first half of the 1963 season, the Boston Red Sox could find so many ways to lose, you just felt like you lived in purgatory baseball. We were bad, but other cities were worse. I remember a big guy we had named Lee Thomas. He was a back-up player who had some power, and could whack out homers. He was also a good defensive first baseman, too in the pinch. He just turned 81 years old. By the way, we had another Thomas, too, around the same time named George Thomas. Don't remember too much about him. What can I say; it was a long time ago. At least I remembered both names, huh?

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Docket No. MI16D4535DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
NEUZA M. NUNES vs. CARLOS GUALBERTO DaSILVA

To the Defendant:
 The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.** You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Neuza M. Nunes, P.O. Box 4927, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568** your answer, if any, on or before **March 14, 2017.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, **HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,** First Justice of this Court.
 Date: January 31, 2017
 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI17D0294DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
JUNIOR N. AMOS vs. CHARITY O. AMOS

To the Defendant:
 The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.** You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Junior N. Amos, 696 Main St., #308, Waltham, MA 02451** your answer, if any, on or before **March 14, 2017.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, **HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,** First Justice of this Court.
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Docket No. MI17P0121EA
 Estate of
GERARD BURTON DOYLE, JR.
 Date of Death December 4, 2016

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Christopher B. Doyle of Reading, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Docket No. MI16D4366DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
YVES DENIS YAO vs. JUDICAELE AN YAO BETY a/k/a JUDICAELE AN BETY

To the Defendant:
 The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.** You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Yves D. Yao, 9 Willow St., Ayer, MA 01432** your answer, if any, on or before **March 15, 2017.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, **HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,** First Justice of this Court.
 Date: February 1, 2017
 Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
 Run date: 2/17/17

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting a Request for Information for **MPA CONTRACT NO. M569-S1, RTG ENGINE, DRIVE AND GENERATOR RETROFIT, CONLEY CONTAINER TERMINAL, SOUTH BOSTON, MA**, from vendors that provide systems with proven technology designed to retrofit five (5) existing Rubber Tire Gangway (RTG) Cranes with new EPA Tier 4 certified engines, new drive and control system and new electrical rooms at the Conley Container Terminal in South Boston, MA.

The Authority has prepared a Request for Information (RFI) that describes the Authority's intention to retrofit five (5) existing RTG cranes (originally manufactured by Konecranes); and discusses Evaluation Criteria and other requirements for the RFI. The full RFI will be available to interested parties beginning Wednesday, February 22, 2017 via email by contacting Susan Brace at sbrace@massport.com.

Submissions in response to the RFI will be evaluated on the basis of (1) the extent to which the points of information and questions presented in the Authority's RFI are thoroughly and clearly answered, and (2) the extent to which the vendor's products have been service proven and been successfully used in similar projects.

The selection shall involve the short-listing of one or more vendors based on an evaluation of the information received in response to this solicitation. The Authority reserves its right to conduct interviews, issue a Request for Proposal or seek product demonstrations if it is deemed necessary or, based on the quality and responsiveness of the submittals, select a vendor or vendors for the retrofit of five existing RTG cranes.

By responding to this solicitation, vendors agree to accept the terms and conditions of the Authority's standard work order agreement, a copy of the Authority's standard agreement can be found on the Authority's web page at www.massport.com. The vendor shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage, standard insurance requirements which can be found on the Authority's web page at www.massport.com.

The vendor shall also provide an original and nine copies of litigation and legal proceedings information, signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, in a separate sealed envelope entitled "Litigation and Legal Proceedings". See www.massport.com/doing-business/Pages/CapitalProgramsResourceCenter.aspx for more details on litigation and legal proceedings history submittal requirements.

The Authority may reject any application if any of the required information is not provided: Cover Letter, Insurance Requirements, Litigation and Legal proceeding.

Submissions shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 1/2" x 11"). Ten (10) copies of a bound document each limited to no more than 20 sheets (40 pages) of relevant material including a cover letter but not including covers and dividers shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, P.E., CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursday, **March 9, 2017** at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, Capital Programs Department, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, East Boston, MA 02128. Any submission which is not received by the Capital Programs Department in a timely manner shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. The litigation and legal proceedings history shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope, as required. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

The procurement process for these services will proceed according to the following anticipated schedule:

EVENT	DATE / TIME
Solicitation: Release Date	February 16, 2017 (Thursday)
Deadline for submission of written questions	February 22, 2017 (Wednesday)
Official answers published (Estimated)	March 1, 2017 (Wednesday)
Solicitation: Close Date / Submission Deadline	March 9, 2017 (Thursday)

Times are Eastern Standard Time (US).

Questions may be sent via email to CPBidQuestions@massport.com subject to the deadline for receipt stated in the timetable above. *In the subject lines of your email, please reference the MPA Project Name and Number.* Questions and their responses will be posted on Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport <http://www.massport.com/doing-business/layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx> as an attachment to the original Legal Notice and on COMMBUYS (www.commbuys.com) in the listings for this project.

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THOMAS P. GLYNN
 CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court
 Probate and Family Court
 Middlesex Division
 208 Cambridge Street
 East Cambridge, MA 02141
 (617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI17P0602EA
 Estate of
BRUNO ROMANO BELLANDO
 Also Known As
BRUNO R. BELLANDO
 Date of Death December 3, 2016

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Adrian Bellando of Somerville, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Docket No. MI17P0513EA
 Estate of
CATHERINE KERR
 Also Known As
CATHERINE E. KERR
 Date of Death November 12, 2016

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Jonathan D. Kranes of Watertown, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Jonathan D. Kranes of Watertown, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court
 Probate and Family Court
 Suffolk Division
 24 New Chardon Street
 Boston, MA 02114
 (617) 788-8300

Docket No. SU17P0232EA
 Estate of
EILEEN MARY CURRIER
 Date of Death December 9, 2016

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Liam M. Ryan of Jamaica Plain, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Liam M. Ryan of Jamaica Plain, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Boxing



Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Happy Birthday MAX BAER



The Birthday Boy.

February 11th, would have been Max Baer's 116th birthday. The colorful former Heavyweight Champion of the World died in 1959, at the early age of 50. Max may have died young, but he lived a full life in those 50 years. He was a very popular champion who always had a smile on his face, quite often even during a fight. He held the title for only a year, having won it from Primo Carnera, but still drew large crowds for years after. It is said, he lost his viciousness in his bout with Frankie Campbell in California. Campbell died after being stopped by Baer in the fifth round. Baer considered retiring after that tragic bout but continued on.

Baer also appeared in movies, most notably *The Prize Fighter* and *The Lady* with Myrna Loy. While not an Academy Award winning film, it is quite good. Baer showed considerable talent with decent acting skills, as well as being able to sing and dance. It is very likely if he had chosen to change career paths, he might have had a successful career in film.

Baer was always known to have a quick verbal comeback. I have two favorites. The first occurred between rounds of Baer's fight with Joe Louis.



Max Baer with Manager Ancil Hoffman.



Taking a punch from Mickey Rooney.



Baer with John Wayne, and Max Baer Jr.



Max Baer and Curley Howard. Nyuck, nyuck, nyuck!

Jack Dempsey was working Baer's corner and said to Baer "You're doing great Max, he hasn't laid a glove on you." Baer responded, "Well, you better keep an eye on the referee because somebody's beating the hell out of me."

The day Baer died, he checked into a hotel in Hollywood, California. When he got to his room he wasn't feeling well. He called the front desk to ask for a doctor. The man at the desk asked "Do you want a house doctor?" Max fired back "No dummy, I need a people doctor." He died shortly after.

I am sharing some photos of The Clown Prince of Boxing. Let's give him a toast for his birthday. I am sure he would be buying.



A dapper Baer.



Baer with Gary Cooper.



Max with Robin Hood, Erroll Flynn.

They came out of the tunnel and into the light, the bright glimmering surface reflecting back their images as they began to glide across the surface — something they had done since childhood.

But it was different now.

No longer was their longtime mentor behind the bench, urging them on, pushing them to be productive, and certain to be somewhat critical if aspects of their game fell below his standards.

The Bruins were on the ice, but he was on their minds. After all, hadn't the new leader — Bruce Cassidy — stated openly in his first press conference, that he, the new head coach, had let him down?

And didn't he go on to say that, the players felt the same way?

Yes, that's what was said. But, who knew that what they would accomplish within a week's time would in some weird way partially atone for their less than spectacular play of the past few weeks.

Even they couldn't have foreseen that these revived, rejuvenated Bruins would play a significant role in accomplishing the unforeseen — the surprise ending to it all, the final act that would lead to Claude Julien being hired for one of the prize coaching positions in the NHL — the Montreal Canadiens.

Yes, the Habs, the archrivals of the B's, the antithesis of the Black and Gold. But in a way, the best position in the NHL for which Julien was qualified.

In the days following Julien's release — (Bruins coaches are never fired. They are "relieved of their duties.") — one wondered in which direction the team would head.

It appeared the B's were at a crucial juncture — similar to facing an old-time road sign with a plethora of directional arrows attached. A wrong turn could lead to negative results, while others could lead to mixed experiences. The Bruins chose the one true way — the winning way.

The triumvirate of victories — over San Jose, Vancouver, and finally the Canadiens left one to wonder why we hadn't seen these exploits throughout the season. The B's appeared refreshed and resolved. They seemed like a team on a mission, one that was accomplished by winning those three games in a convincing manner, none more so than their 4-0 victory over the Canadiens at the Garden on February 12th.

It was almost enough to enable fans to forget Claude Julien, the man who had coached the B's for the past nine and two-third seasons, had engineered the end of the Stanley Cup drought and had reinstilled Black and Gold pride throughout the region once again.

Indeed, seeing Coach Cassidy ascend the podium for his first postgame press conference after the win over San Jose seemed like an interview with a visiting coach — so much had Julien's presence been sewn into the fabric of the Bruins.

But, in a way, the Bruins were not completely done with their

former coach for the reanimated B's had one last role to play for him.

The victory over the Canadiens, coming in such an emphatic manner — a 4-0 shutout against the Atlantic Division leaders, who had amassed 70 points to that juncture in the season — set the wheels in motion for this drama's final act.

On Valentine's Day, the Canadiens, like so many teams before them, proved that there is no love in pro sports by firing Coach Michel Therrien, the man behind the bench of their first-place team.

For the second year in a row, Montreal had started the season at a torrid pace, going 13-1-1 to grab a commanding lead. Last year the Habs did much the same, but cooled off as the season went on, and failed to make the playoffs.

Now, up in the Province of Quebec, this year's proceedings appeared headed for a rerun. Montreal had gone 9-10-2 in the 2017 portion of the schedule and several teams appeared to be closing in on the frontrunners.

But, suddenly a possible solution appeared in the picture. Someone who was not available a few short days before became a possibility. A Quebec native, one who spoke French (always a positive in Montreal) and had coached the team in a prior era.

The Canadiens appeared to be sinking. They had not only lost to the Bruins, they had lost badly. Now was the time to attempt to right the ship. Now was the time because the best person for the job was available. And who knew how long he would be available.

Now was the time for Claude Julien to rejoin the Canadiens and lead them into the playoffs. And thus, it was that Julien once again took command of the helm of the Habs, a parting gift of sorts made possible by the actions of his former team.

If Claude Julien had still been with Boston, he would not have been available. Perhaps Therrien would still be the coach of Montreal. And even if he had been dismissed, it would have been someone other than Julien that would have been named to the position.

But in this final act, those scenarios would not be allowed. Once Julien was fired by Boston, his former players and coaches did the only thing they could do to put a positive spin on it all. They regrouped and went out and won.

In a convoluted way, their winning enabled their former coach to secure a position that really was made for him. It created an opportunity at just the right time for just the right person.

Timing is everything. This was the time where a unique constellation of events played out over the course of a week, bringing to fruition a conclusion that no one could have foreseen a week earlier.

Claude Julien — the coach of the Montreal Canadiens. On the day he was dismissed by the Bruins who would have thought it was possible? As the Bard would say: "All's well that ends well."