



Dennis Lehane has a new novel, *The Given Day*, a work of historical fiction recounting the famous Boston Police strike of 1919. In the thick of the story is an Irish-American family of cops who find themselves on opposing sides of the strike. Historical figures like Babe Ruth and J. Edgar Hoover all make an appearance.

Lehane grew up in the Savin Hill section of Dorchester. Three of his eight novels, *Mystic River*, *Gone Baby Gone* and *Shutter Island*, were made into Hollywood films.

The Given Day, published by William Morrow, is available in bookstores everywhere. \$27.95 / 688 pages
HarperCollins.com

Paul Sullivan, the Grammy-award-winning pianist with the Paul Winter Consort, has released a new jazz CD called "Break Away," which showcases Sullivan's original compositions. Sullivan's terrific band includes singer Theresa Thomason, bass player Eliot Wadopian, sax and flute player Paul Lieberman, and percussion players Bill Friederich and Seth Kearns.

Sullivan grew up in St. Gregory's Parish in Dorchester and now lives in Maine. Last year he released a CD of jazz-influenced Irish melodies called "Irish Soul."

Rivermusic.com

Lydia Shire, one of America's acclaimed chefs, has an exciting new Italian restaurant - Scampo - which opened last spring at the magnificent new Liberty Hotel in Boston. Scampo (Italian word for escape) is the definition of contemporary Italian food and design, with an open kitchen, house-made mozzarella bar, and outdoor patio.

Chef Shire was born and raised in Brookline. Her parents were artists, and she credits her dad, Edmund Colgan, for inspiring her to cook.

Scampo at the Liberty Hotel is located at 215 Charles Street, Boston.

Scampoboston.com
Libertyhotel.com

Barbara Lynch, another of Boston's great chefs, just opened a new restaurant called Sportello in the Fort Point section of South Boston's Seaport District. Described as the modern version of the Italian lunch counter, Sportello offers simple, market-driven soups, salads, freshly baked breads, pastas and desserts. Downstairs from Sportello is Drink, an upscale bar where mixologists are devoted to making the perfect cocktail.

A native of South Boston, Lynch is also working on a cookbook, to be published in 2009 by Houghton Mifflin Publishers.

Sportello and Drink are located at 348 Congress Street, South Boston Seaport District.
Sportelloboston.com

