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Ice Sculpture Stroll and Midnight Fireworks on Boston Harbor Ring in 2019

by Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com



Anchors away for 2019 at the Pilot House

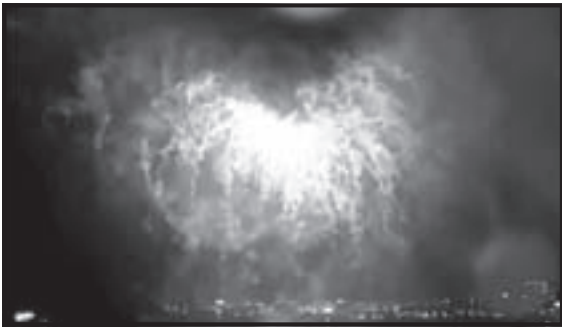


Penquins at the New England Aquarium

Boston’s waterfront was the place to see 2019 ice sculptures on New Year’s Eve! Crowds came out during the day before the rain washed the artwork away in the evening. The ice sculpture stroll was organized by Boston Harbor Now, teaming up with local businesses and cultural institutions. We brought our own lights to shine up the glistening pieces.

It was a soggy 2019 New Year’s fireworks display over Boston Harbor as pouring rain at midnight dampened the longstanding tradition. Still, the show went on with bursts of color emerging from a barge between Long Wharf and Fan Pier. And, there were plenty of hearty souls that came out to the waterfront to cheer the illuminated harbor and ring in the New Year. Popular viewing locations included Columbus Park in the North End, Fan Pier in the Seaport District, and from the East Boston Harborwalk/Piers Park.

The annual New Year’s Eve fireworks display



over Boston Harbor is organized in partnership with the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, the Wharf District Council, Boston Harbor Now, and the City of Boston.

(Photos by Matt Conti, NorthEndWaterfront.com)

News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Free as a Bird too Soon?

According to a recent fact I read in the *Wall Street Journal*, “Twenty-three percent of defendants convicted of violent felonies in state courts are sentenced to no incarceration.” Did you know this? I didn’t know the number was so high.

Bowl Games Leave Migrants Homeless?

According to the Representative-elect Veronica Escobar, D-El Paso, who just replaced Beto O’Rourke, the City of El Paso, Texas was on the brink of a housing crisis as public officials raced to put up 1,600 migrants in housing ahead of the Sun Bowl football game earlier this week. According to Escobar hotel rooms were being scooped up by fans attending the New Year’s Eve Sun Bowl game, and they were having a hard time finding beds for the homeless migrants in this border city.

How Many Will Take on President Trump in 2020?

I say the number is about 20 but who’s counting. Most of them look like they are to the left of Bernie Sanders. It should be very interesting as we start watching the starting line. Leaders at this point are Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren, and Beto O’Rourke. Worth watching!

Wishing All a Great 2019!

I wish one and all a great News Years. May 2019 be kind to you.

L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Watch Out for La Befana!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



If we were only to take a quick glance around us, the Christmas season appears to have basically finished. Scraggly trees stand forlornly next to dumpsters and dusty ornaments once again occupy shelf space in the closet. Dwindling leftovers and stale cookie crumbs speak of the great holiday feasts the previous week. However, according to both religious and folkloric calendars, we are still in the midst of the Christmas sea-

son! Christmas lasts for twelve days, up until January 6th, which is the feast of the Epiphany. In Italy, the Epiphany, or *la Epifania*, is a significant holiday with traditions that equal those of Christmas Eve. An ancient feast day, the Epiphany honors the visit of the Three Magi to Baby Jesus. On the eve of this holiday, Italian children excitedly head to sleep, knowing that in the morning they will find their stockings full of

presents from *La Befana*, Italy’s premiere gift-bringer. Along with the arrival of *La Befana*, the Epiphany also ushers in the Carnival season, a joyous time of mischief, which paves the way for spring. With its appealing imagery of magical witches and playful silliness, the Italian Epiphany bursts with unique and fascinating customs.

Nowadays, Italian children will receive presents on Christmas from *Babbo Natale*, or Santa Claus. However, *La Befana* has still retained her status as Italy’s most famous folk figure and favorite gift-bringer. So who exactly is this mysterious character? *La Befana*, whose name derives from a corruption of the word “Epifania,” is a fairy-like witch who, like her male counterpart, drops presents in the stockings of good children while leaving behind coal for the naughty. She is typically depicted as an old woman in raggedy clothes mounted on a broomstick. A well-known legend explains *La Befana*’s connection to the Biblical story of the Epiphany. According to


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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

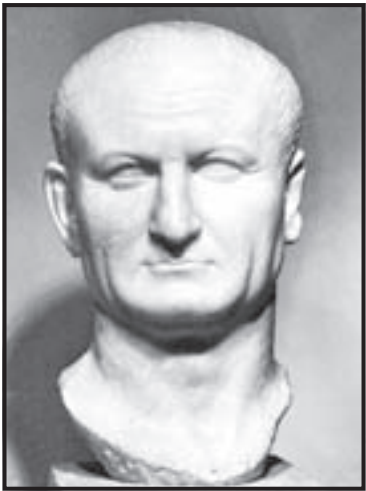
A weekly column highlighting some of the more interesting aspects of our ancestry . . . our lineage . . . our roots.



THE CENSUS TAKERS

The name “censor” is of Roman origin. It was the title that was conferred upon only two officials and these persons were elected by the people for a one and one half year term of office. Once installed in office, they exercised extraordinary powers over the people. It was the most honored office in the Roman Republic. The censors were far less conspicuous than the consuls because they were never sent into the fields with the armies as the consuls were. In the interior administration of the city, the censors were almost autocratic, and answerable for their actions only to each other.

The censors ordered and supervised the quinquennial (five-year) census registration. They determined the obligation of each Roman citizen to the state, financial, or otherwise. They had the power to degrade anyone and even remove his name from the roll of free citizens. The censors could prohibit the publication, distribution, or the display of anything that they might consider detrimental to the morals or safety of the public, even this column.



Emperor Vespasian

References to the methods used to count the population go back to ancient times in almost all nations. The counting differed from our modern census because the main purpose of the ancient count was for taxation and conscription. Widespread resentment towards the census started during those ancient times and has continued through the years to today.

During regal times in ancient Rome, the census was taken by the kings when they came

into power, and then by the censors during the Republic. Messengers called all of the people together in a central public area. Each tribe presented itself and the citizens were called individually according to the previous or existing register. Each person was required to state under oath, his age, name and the name of his father, wife and children. He was also required to tell where he lived and the amount of his property. All of these facts were compiled by assistants to the censors. The lists for the distant provinces were sent to Rome by the provincial governors, while a special commission provided the count for any armies that might have been engaged in war outside of the empire. The last census of this type was taken by the Emperor Vespasian in 74 A.D.

I suppose we should count our blessings. When compiling the ancient census, they took into consideration not only a man’s property, but his moral conduct as well.

NEXT ISSUE:
The Vigils of Old Rome, Part I

Energy Bill Scams

by Massachusetts Consumer Affairs



As temperatures drop, thermostats begin to rise and many consumers begin to see their heating bills increase. It should come as no surprise then that scammers capitalize on the changing seasons by offering lower energy bills or preying on fears about paying for service.

Usually initiated by a phone call, or less commonly by door-to-door solicitations and even the occasional fax, scammers suggest their company can offer lower utility bills than larger providers, such as Eversource, National Grid, or Unitil, and ask for account information and/or billing information to “review” the account.

Our Office isn’t immune to these calls. We wrote about this scam last winter after staffers received multiple calls on both personal and work phones about our accounts. We made up account numbers and provided false addresses, but the scammers had no trouble locating our accounts! After being conferenced in with someone from their billing department, we disconnected the call. We also recently received a fax from a company offering lower rates. We called the number on the fax and requested information about their company and where they are headquartered. The scammers didn’t appreciate our questions and quickly hung-up the phone.

These scam calls and door-to-door solicitations can be confusing because many times they stem from something real. Massachusetts residents have a choice in who provides their electric supply and the Department of Public Utilities has information on their website where consumers can learn about competitive energy suppliers and choose an alternative to their service. In an effort to help combat scammers and protect consumers, the DPU issued an order requiring that all legitimate door-to-door marketing campaigns file a notice with the Department and follow specific guidelines when conducting business. Those individuals doing the solicitations must also produce and display identification clearly stating the competitive supplier or electricity broker’s name, logo, and the individual’s first name, photo, and identification number; Provide a phone number on request that the customer can call to verify the identity of the individual and competitive supplier or electricity broker they are representing; Identify the competitive supplier or electricity broker which he or she represents upon commencement of the sales call; and cannot suggest affiliation with the local utility.

In other variations of a utility scam, the scammer threatens

immediate shut-off of the utility unless payment is made. Often, they demand a payment, typically a prepaid debit card from a store. Utility companies will never demand a specific kind of payment.

IF YOU EVER RECEIVE THESE SOLICITATIONS, YOU SHOULD:

- Be cautious. Utility companies will seldom call you or visit your home without you first initiating the call or visit.
- Get your most recent utility bill and ask the caller to recite your account number. If they cannot, that’s a sign they’re a scammer.
- Ask for identification. Utility employees will ALWAYS carry identification. Don’t let anyone in your home who cannot provide proof of who they say they are.
- Remember your shut-off rights. Utility companies must follow strict rules and processes before turning off your service. A call or unexpected visit will never be the first time you’re learning that you owe money.

For more information on a particular utility company, visit their website. Most have information about scams and what type of information a legitimate employee would request from you.

If you have additional questions, contact the **Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation** by calling our **Consumer Hotline at 617-973-8787, or toll-free in MA at 888-283-3757, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** Follow the Office on *Facebook* and *Twitter*, @**Mass_Consumer**. The Baker-Polito Administration’s Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation along with its five agencies work together to achieve two goals: to protect and empower consumers through advocacy and education, and to ensure a fair playing field for Massachusetts businesses. The Office also oversees the state’s vehicular and customized wheelchair Lemon Laws and Arbitration Programs, Data Breach reporting, Home Improvement Contractor Programs and the MA Do Not Call Registry.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stevens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on **January 21, 2019 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper’s lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

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Saint John Southworth

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

John Southworth was born to a Lancashire family who lived at Samlesbury Hall near Preston in 1592. His family, being Catholic, chose to pay heavy fines rather than give up the Catholic faith. He studied for the priesthood and was ordained a priest in 1618, at the English college Douai in Northern France.

In 1585, a law had been passed making it a treasonable act for any priest to return to England. The law was later extended to all who assisted priests. Southworth was ordained a priest before he returned to England. He returned in October of 1619, where he remained until 1624, when he was recalled to serve as chaplain to Benedictine nuns in Brussels.

After about a year, he returned to Lancashire, where he was arrested in 1627, and imprisoned in Lancaster Castle. Southworth was later moved to The Clink in London. He was sentenced to death for pro-



fessing the Catholic faith, but in 1630, at the insistence of Queen Henrietta Maria, he and seventeen others were delivered to the French ambassador and deported to France.

In 1636, he was reported to be living in the Clerkenwell district of London where he frequently visited the plague-stricken victims of Westminster to administer the sacraments and comfort the sick and the dying.

In 1654, an informer told the authorities that a Catholic priest was working in Westminster. Southworth was arrested and tried at the Old Bailey. There was little evidence against him and friends advised him to deny being a priest, however, he would not deny his priesthood and was condemned to be hung, drawn and quartered at Tyburn on June 28, 1654.

The Spanish ambassador returned his corpse to Douai for burial. His corpse was sewn together and parboiled, to preserve it. Following the French Revolution, his body was buried in an unmarked grave for its protection. The grave was discovered in 1927, and his remains were returned to England. They are now kept in the Chapel of St. George and the English Martyrs in Westminster Cathedral in London.

Southworth was canonized on October 25, 1970 by Pope Paul VI. The Feast of Saint John Southworth is on June 27th.

Italian Language
Beginners/Intermediates Wanted!

Would you like to learn to speak another language such as Italian?

The Burlington Sons of Italy Lodge #2223 is holding registrations for its 12 week 2019 Spring Semester of Italian Classes on Wednesday, January 30th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Margaret’s School located on Winn Street in Burlington.

Classes start on Wednesday, February 6th at the same location and cover Beginner to Intermediate to Advanced, six levels in all and something for everyone depending on your

prior knowledge and expertise in speaking Italian.

For details, go to www.burlingtonsonsofitaly.org on your computer and click on “Italian Classes” to view our class contents, instructor profiles, dates and times of classes, a mail-in registration form, and more.

The classes offered twice annually for over the past 20 years have received high acclaim and endorsement from Italian organizations.

For more information, call 781-272-0529 or e-mail bsoilodge2223@aol.com.

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In Loving Memory of



Linda Cole Petrosian

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Missing You and that
Beautiful Smiling, Laughing Face.

Miss your dancing and
your free fun spirit for life,
Enjoying every minute and always sharing
and bringing joy to others.

A Life well lived but cut too short.
May the Angels and God hold you tight,
Until We Meet Again

Love
Sebuh, Dimitri, and Alec
Mom, Dad and Sandy
Milan and Sam

LETTERS POLICY

The Post-Gazette invites its readers to submit
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- Letters should be typed, double-spaced and must include the writer's name, address, and telephone number. Anonymous letters are not accepted for publication.
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Gladys T. Bello



Gladys T. Bello, 103, passed peacefully on Christmas night at Christopher House in Worcester with her loving family at her side.

Gladys was born Allegra Bello on December 5, 1915, in Oxford to Salvatore and Carmela (Deliseo) Bello. Her education started in Southbridge and continued in the Worcester public schools. Gladys worked as an Office Manager at Worcester County Hospital in Boylston until she retired in 1979.

Miss Bello leaves her nieces Mary Ann and Carmelita Bello, Rita McFadden and her husband Robert, nephew David Carlson and many other dear nephews and nieces. In addition to her family Gladys was blessed to have numerous close friends at Mount Carmel Apartments, Golden Years and Sons of Italy.

Besides her parents she is predeceased by her four brothers Felix, Gerardo, John and Angelo and many nieces and nephews.

Gladys was committed to serving her community through her many civic, charitable and religious endeavors. She was a loyal member of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish and community, past president of the Golden Years Club in addition to organizing and participating in the Mount Carmel feast, Christmas Fair and numerous other functions. During World War II she worked with the Italian American Defense Committee sending letters and packages to area men in the armed forces, after the war Gladys was President of American Legion Post 201 auxiliary. The Italian government awarded her the Star of Solidarity and the title of Cavalier for her efforts in raising money to fund seven youth centers. Her charitable activities included March of Dimes, Nazareth Home for Boys, Calvary Guild and so many others. She was tireless in her efforts to benefit the

community and was recognized with many citations, awards and keys to the City.

Gladys was a dedicated member of the Order of Sons of Italy for over 70 years and held numerous offices including President of the Worcester Lodge #168. She also served on numerous Commissions of the Grand Lodge, including the Junior Division, Organization and Education, Membership, and Historical Commissions, and served as a Delegate to over 30 State Conventions. Gladys was a 2009

recipient of the Golden Lion Award. Gladys was the aunt of State Immediate Past President Carmelita Bello and Past State Trustee Mary Ann Bello

Gladys loved to play bocce and organize bus trips for Sons of Italy and Golden Years. She enjoyed the casinos, spending time with her family and friends. Gladys loved an adventure. She was a devout Catholic and proud of her Italian-American heritage.

The family is grateful to Dr. Christine MacGinnis for her wonderful care and thoughtfulness, the staff and volunteers at Christopher House, the hospice team at Jewish Healthcare, her two home health aides Terri and Donna from Epic.

Donations in Gladys name can be made to Mount Carmel Preservation Society, c/o Carmelita Bello, 4 Cheyenne Road, Worcester, MA 01606.

Gladys's funeral was held Monday, December 31st, from the Mercadante Funeral Home & Chapel, 370 Plantation Street a Mass of Christian burial was held in the Church of Our Lady of the Angels, 1222 Main Street. Interment was in the family lot in St. Roch's Cemetery, 25 Federal Hill Road, Oxford, MA.

To leave a condolence for the family or share a special memory of Gladys please visit her memorial site at mercadantefuneral.com

Dorothy V. Scapicchio



Dorothy V. Scapicchio passed away peacefully at home, in the company of a loving family. She was 81. Born and raised in Boston's North End, she was the daughter of the late Peter and the late Maria Rose (Iascone) Scapicchio. Dorothy lived in Medford for many years and then enjoyed a 25-year career as an administrative assistant and secretary for a large brokerage firm in San Francisco, California. During her retirement, she returned to live in Boston to be near her family and also enjoyed her winters in Florida. Dorothy was devoted to her family and friends. She had many interests but most enjoyed following politics and keeping up with policy discussions and debate. She will be missed by her family and friends.

The beloved sister of Emilio James Scapicchio and his late wife Josette of Boston's

North End, Lydia Nuzzo and her husband Eddie of Medford, Sebastian "Sammy" Scapicchio of Boynton Beach, Fla., the late Connie, Peter and Angelo Scapicchio, Mary McCann and her surviving husband John, and Robert Scapicchio and his surviving wife Florence. Dorothy also leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and her dear friend Dany Quesnel of NH.

Her funeral was at the Dello Russo Funeral Home, Medford on Wednesday January 2nd, followed by a funeral mass celebrated in St. Joseph Church, Medford. Services conclude with the burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Dorothy's name to the charity of One's choice.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Why Not Legalize Marijuana?

Pick up any newspaper and you will no doubt come across an article detailing the structure of the new big business of selling drugs. Marijuana, to be specific, is the focus of the new legal drug dealers. The media's matter of fact attitude toward this insane proposition suggests that the general consensus regarding the legalizations of the hallucinogenic drug is not a big deal. But it is a big deal! At a time when drug addiction has reached almost epidemic proportions, the legalization of marijuana was been put to a referendum vote. For some strange reason it passed and became THE LAW OF THE LAND. No doubt, the big money involved in the legal sale of previ-

ously illegal drugs had something to do with it. Is it no matter that many marijuana users will no doubt drive under the influence of the drug? The lethargy that is endemic to regular pot use will become more pervasive because making it legal makes it much more attainable. Because it is legal, users will feel less inhibited about being under its influence while on the job. Shall we not mention the consequences of having the "cannabis product" available in edible and potable form leading to the possible ingestion by children? Legalization of marijuana, who's idea was the anyway?

Robert D'Amelio
East Boston, MA

this folktale, *La Befana* was sweeping her house when the Three Magi approached her, inviting her to accompany them on their way to find Baby Jesus. *La Befana* initially declined, saying she was too busy with her cleaning. However, she later changed her mind and hopped on her broomstick, flying through the sky in an effort to find the Magi. Unfortunately, she was never able to locate them, and still soars through the air with her broom to this day, depositing presents for children as she continues to search for Baby Jesus and the Magi. When I was a little girl, I was frightened of *La Befana*, whose stern and haggard countenance formed a sharp divide to the jolly and merry-faced Santa Claus. My apprehension was amplified by the haunting traditional melody my grandmother sang, which intoned “*La Befana vien di notte/Con le scarpe tutte rotte/Col vestito a la Romana/Viva, viva La Befana!*” (Translation: “*La Befana comes at night/With her shoes all broken/Dressed in the Roman style/Long live La Befana!*”). However, I now love *La Befana* for her powerful symbolism of feminine strength and her unique sense of magic. Many scholars believe that the figure of *La Befana* originated from old folk goddesses who oversaw the transition from winter to spring, which intensifies her cultural significance.

As a matter of fact, the Epiphany as a whole functions as a threshold to the arrival of spring. The winter solstice has already passed, and the hours of sunlight slowly lengthen. The sapphire-blue skies and golden sunsets of these mid-winter evenings instill in me an excitement over the turning of the yearly cycle. Though we can of course expect more months of snow and cold, the promise of spring now unfolds quietly before us. The Epiphany ends the Christmas season, as is evident in an Italian dictum, which proclaims "*La Epifania tutte le feste le porta via*" ("The Epiphany sweeps all the feasts away"). However, the Epiphany does introduce another season, that of Carnival. Carnival, the precursor to Lent and Easter, extends from the Epiphany to Mardi Gras, or the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. As such, Carnival serves as a spring festival, a herald to the still far-off festival of Easter. All over the world, people bake King Cakes on Twelfth Night, or the eve of the Epiphany. King Cakes are bread made specifically for the Epiphany and Carnival season, with variations differing worldwide. In France, King Cakes contain a flaky crust and an almond frangipane filling. Spanish King Cakes are adorned with candied fruit. Louisiana-style King Cakes are ring-shaped, with a cinnamon-sugar swirl inside and a colorful topping. I make this kind of

King Cake every Twelfth Night, decorating it with the traditional Carnival colors of green, purple, and yellow. I follow the folk custom of hiding a chickpea inside the cake — whoever finds it will receive good luck in the coming year! With such a cheerful dessert promising good times ahead, the revelry of Carnival can officially begin!

Though the Twelve Days of Christmas are nearing their close, the celebrations do not have to end. The Epiphany provides us with ample ways to bring more festivity into our life. We honor the arrival of *La Befana*, the magical witch who fills children's stockings with presents under the cover night, who symbolizes the ancient strength and power of women while also ushering the change of the seasons. We can celebrate Carnival, that long welcome to spring that fills our days with color and laughter. As the Christmas season yields to the bright new days of January, we should always maintain our childlike wonder and our love for the magic and mysteries of Mother Earth inside us. So let us get ready for *La Befana*, for she lights our way to a joyful season of hope and promise!

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adi-censo89@gmail.com.

***We Just Can't Say
C'mon in to the Whole World***

Despite what the Fake News folks at *CNN* and *MSNBC* think, we can't just say to the whole world, come here, our borders are open 24/7. When the liberal progressive socialist Democrats talk about comprehensive immigration reform, for them it starts with OPEN BORDERS and nothing less.

I love it when liberals always use that quote on the base of the Statue of Liberty. America has been a nation of immigrants. My grandparents came here over 100 years ago to start a new life in America. They did it lawfully, from the town of Sciacca in Sicily, and from Bere Island in West Cork. The only thing they had in common was a desire to be part of America and have American children who could prosper in a new land. No one expected milk and honey; not streets paved in gold. That was just lore!

They came here like millions of others to be a part of America, the future homes of their children, grandchildren and beyond. Their goal was to assimilate as quickly as possible. ***They needed sponsors, a place to live, and a waiting job. They did just that.*** Usually, the men came first and then sent for the rest of the family in time.

Both of my grandfathers struggled to build lives for their families. They worked hard and saved what they could. They raised children who were Americans first.

Today, we see chaos down at our southern border as thousands of migrants travel over a thousand miles from their homes in Central America.

However, instead of doing things legally, they storm the U.S. border as soon as it is in sight. There is an entitlement today by many immigrants that they have a right to cross the U.S. border immediately. Storming the border is not part of U.S. immigration policy. There's a right way and a wrong way. Today our liberal media is pushing OPEN BORDERS and so too are Democrats and the progressive wing of that

party who seemingly oppose orderly immigration and physical borders.

Thomas Jefferson stated long ago that a nation without borders is not a nation. Democrats keep saying “we don’t need no stinkin’ border.” We do!

As I write this piece, it is two days after Christmas. We still have a partial government shut-down and we have Democrats like Pelosi and Schumer who say a border wall is a non-starter. President Trump says we need a border period. On this I agree with our president. All the foolishness of the Fake News and the Far Left Democrats is just that: FOOLISHNESS.

Personally, I don't care if it is a big wall, tall fencing, alligators, crocodiles, or piranhas in the Rio Grande!

Comprehensive immigration reform must start with a physical border, more border security agents, then and only then do we start working on visa issues with our aim to fix our broken current system. However, as long as we have a free-for-all down at the border, none of the hard work to fix things begins. Without order, how do we have workable laws?

The Democrats, if they keep being obstinate, they will lose the support of the AMERICAN PEOPLE. We as a nation built on the backs of earlier immigrants. We are not anti-immigrant. Oh yes, there are some whackos out there who are vicious (always have been) BUT they are a vast minority and always have been.

Democrats are barking up the wrong tree. The federal budget is now over \$4 trillion. The wall funding, we are talking here of \$5 billion or about one-tenth of 1 percent. Democrats don't value our sovereignty they don't want a real border, they only want apparently an open door to the world. President Trump is right on this issue. The Democrats are wrong! BUILD THE DAMM WALL! It is worth the price monetarily and it will make us more secure, which is always my bottom line. Is it yours?

1. Gone by
2. Wash froth
3. Fe
4. Light display
5. Cass Elliot and Michelle Phillips
6. Like a crooked kilt?
7. Lime-rich soil
8. *Hot chocolate add-on
9. One with biggest share
10. Olden-day elbow-related measurement, pl.
11. Do after tie
13. Formal discussion



14. "Bite the bullet," e.g.
 19. Verbose
 22. Beyoncé, a.k.a. Queen ____
 23. Finger move
 24. *Angler's accessory
 25. U in UV
 26. Uber alternative
 27. Your own teacher
 28. Sudden stream
 31. Box office failure
 32. *Hot Buttered ____
 34. St. Louis monument
 36. Time for relaxation, pl.
 38. Change, as in U.S. Constitution
 40. "____'s the word"
 41. Grey's fifty
 44. Female sirs
 46. Hands on hips
 48. Marketing give-away
 49. Email option
 50. *Hockey turf
 51. Ore deposit
 52. Expel
 53. E-reader brand
 54. ____ gum on a list of ingredients
 55. Zedong of China
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ON THE ROAD

Visiting Giarratani Family Roots

by Sal Giarratani



Lunch at Bencotto Restaurant, L-R: Shafeeqa, Victoria, Sal G, Dominic 4th - aka DJ, Helen, and Dominic 3rd

In 1906, my grandfather migrated to the United States to start a new life in America for his family. He boarded the Mario Manghetti and set sail across the Atlantic Ocean, finally arriving in Boston's North End where his wife's family was already living on Fleet Street.

My grandmother's family had arrived in the North End in the early to mid-1890s.

Recently, my nephew Dominic and his family came up from Austin, TX for Thanksgiving with my brother's family from Roslindale. On November 24th, I became a tour guide, showing him and his family where the Giarratani family started in America. Basically, it was at the Sacred Heart Parish, the parish of many immigrants from Sciacca in Sicily.

The change in spelling occurred in the North End, not at immigration processing. When he died the records at St. Michael's listed him as Giarratano. This is a big mystery that the family has never solved and mostly stopped caring about since Giarratani sounded okay to us.

I showed my family where my grandparents first rented a room in America was. It was in a large tenement building to the left of the Paul Revere House. The building was long ago demolished for an extension of the historical site. I showed them where grandpa lived as a little boy. Today, it is the playground across from the Paul Revere House, but back then it was the Sorrento Hotel. I showed them 46 Lewis Street, where his dad and I lived in 1953 as little kids.

We ended the tour by having a late lunch at Bencotto Restaurant at the corner of Fleet and Hanover streets. I had never eaten there before and I thought it could be a great experience for all of us and it was. The pizza we had was great and we loved those ravioli, too.

My nephew wants me to pick up the tour on his next visit back to the Giarratani North End neighborhood.



It all began with the Sacred Heart Church.

The first stop was Sacred Heart Church in North Square. Upstairs in the back of the upper church is a large plaque dated 1928, marking the restoration project of the upper church. My family name is up there on the plaque with the Giarratani spelling. More on this to come!

"F and N Giarratani," The F is for my grandmother Filippa and the N is for my Uncle Nick.

This plaque marks the beginning of the "GIARRATANI" name. When my grandfather Salvatore Giarratano passed away in 1915, he lived his whole life as Giarratano.



L-R: Helen and Victoria loved the Sicilian flag on the Della Cava Society window.



Sacred Heart Parish Plaque, 1928



My grandfather was a founding member of the St. Cologero of Sciacca Society.

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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo

Happy New Year ... or is it?



Ciao Bella,

Once again, another year has closed. And once again, we are at the crossroads of “what can I do to be a better me?” I realize that the first traditional resolution is “I must lose weight” ... an absolute fail for all of us! Right?

So instead of the latest diet trend, I want to initiate the most important aspect of feeling better ... Eating better! This just may promote the goal in which you want to achieve.

The standard American diet consists of carbs, unhealthy fats, and processed foods. This way of eating increases “cytokines,” which are substances in the blood that produce sky rocketing inflammation making you susceptible to chronic pain. Find foods with anti-inflammatory effects. Recent studies have proven that a Mediterranean diet rich in Omega-3 fatty acids is key. Eight to twelve ounces a week of fresh or frozen fish fillets and shellfish are a good way to start. Also, canned salmon, tuna and sardines, walnuts, ground flax seed, chia seeds, leafy greens, broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower are great.

Stay away from foods high in Omega-6s, such as deep fried foods, mayo, and salad dressing. People that follow a Mediterranean diet have better heart health and less risk of acquiring dementia. Vegetables and fruit should rock your world!

Next up is getting enough sleep. I don’t know what it is ... but my iPad is always calling me just as I should be going to sleep! Very bad ... since the blue light in your device is a calling card for a sleepless night! So take a magazine or book to bed and, nighty night.

Sleep deprivation is most common at a certain age, however, it can be overcome with patience, a little bit of Melatonin and meditation. Hitting the sack at the same time nightly is necessary to keep your body in sync. A great night sleep is key to enjoying the next day and all its glory.

So my Glamazons ... hope these beauty tips will get you on track and stay there in the coming year! Have a beautiful one!
Buona Giornata and God Bless the USA!

— Mary N. DiZazzo-Trumbull

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DiDomenico Foundation
Purchases Over \$20,000 in Toys



Members of the DiDomenico Foundation recently spread some holiday cheer during the annual shopping spree for their toy drive they hold each year with Mass Badge. The DiDomenico Foundation crossed the \$20,000 mark for toys this year, and it was a fun day for everyone at Target purchasing toys that will go to children in family shelters, domestic violence shelters and to families in need throughout our communities. The DiDomenico Foundation is made up of volunteers who work to support children and families through activities such as their annual scholarships and toy drive.



ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center

Annual December Holiday Party

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) held its annual December holiday party on Friday, December 14th. Over 60 members of the community, nearly all of them seniors from the neighborhoods, came to the center at 1 Michelangelo Street in the North End for a feast of ham with all the trimmings, topped off by a typical Italian panettone. The cheery Christmas tree in the corner, exploding with colorful decorations in silver, gold, red, blue, and green, was rivaled only by the festive holiday decorations draped over anything that could sit still and the drop-in center was cozy and warm.

“Our seniors are family,” enthused Maria Stella Gulla, NE/WE NSC Director. “I recall the North End, where I grew up, as a child, and we try to recreate that here. Clients are drawn here because the food is home-made, hearty, and delicious, and they are on a first-name basis with me and my staff. It is an enjoyable part of drop-



L-R: Josh Young Director, Field Operations & Legislative Affairs; Johannah Malone, Fundraising Specialist; Senator Sal DiDomenico; Maria Stella Gulla, ABCD NE / WE NSC Director



ABCD North End West End NSC Holiday Party

in life at the center. In many cultures, especially the Italian, holidays are a reminder that central to food is the element of family. Many of our seniors were the matriarch and chef of the family-they often stop to share

a recipe, food memory, or suggestion on how they would have prepared the pasta for lunch! This is central to their sense of identity. Why give that up? “ Senator Sal DiDomenico brought dozens of toys for



Volunteers Messaoud Khaled and David Roderick serving seniors.



ABCD NE / WE NSC Staff behind the scenes in the kitchen (Josh Young Director, Field Operations & Legislative Affairs, Center)

the children in the neighborhoods, and visited with seniors, including two tables of West End constituents from the Amy Lowell Apartments and Blackstone Apartments. This is made possible by a grant from Title 3B from the Commission on Elder Affairs, and operated by Kit Clark of Bay Cove Human Services. Along with holiday wishes, Legislative Aide Michael Bonetti passed out candy canes in lavish stripes of red, green, and pink, on behalf of City Councilor Lydia Edwards, who extended her regrets that she could not attend personally.

Other special guests included Advisory Board member Dan Wilson and volunteer David Roderick, who assisted with serving the meal, clean up, and visiting with seniors. Advisory Board Member Victor Brogna delighted the NE/WE NSC with his trumpet playing.

Without the many friends of the NE/WE NSC, the holiday party would not have been possible. The NE/WE NSC extends its deepest thanks to you, enabling the center to provide a day of cheer, socialization, and warmth for neighborhood seniors. Happy Holidays and wishing you all health, happiness, peace, and joy in 2019!

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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso



The Dorchester “Dot” House

My love for swimming was born at the Dorchester House, still sitting on Dorchester Ave. When I was a toddler, my parents enrolled me in a swimming program which I continued well into elementary school. Little did I suspect as I had the time of my life splashing away that I was part of the story of a building that has been a community landmark for, now, over a hundred years.

For generations, the Dorchester House has served the community's medical and recreational needs and, as its colorful walls stand testament to, an after-school beacon for the local children.

Memories of my earliest days at the pool are foggy, but I do recall that after the swimming exercises with the supervisor my dad would often jump in and play in the water with me.

More serious lessons started when I got into first grade and I was joined by many of my classmates from St. Mark's.

Lessons included jumping into the deeper end of the pool, jumping into the water with your clothes on (no kidding), and submerging your head underwater. For me, the biggest thrill (since it had long been off-limits when I was young) was learning to jump off the diving board. As much as I had fantasized about it when I was young, my first few jumps spooked me. The height was something I could not appreciate until I climbed to the top and looked down at the pool below me.

The Dorchester House for me remains not only the place in which I developed a fondness for swimming but the first institution that made me feel part of a community. Today it still stands, welcoming a new generation of kids that will likely build a foundation there.



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VIDEO VIEWS ... more than meets the eye
by Bob Morello

**THE FAMILY I HAD (Blu-ray)
Filmrise + MVDvisual**

A mother recalls how her brilliant teenage son came to shatter their idyllic family through one horribly violent and shocking act. Now left to pick up the pieces, the survivors test the boundaries of their newly defined reality in this moving true crime exploration of the nature and limits of familial love.

**AN AFGHAN LOVE STORY (DVD)
Film Movement**

In Kabul, Mustafa a handsome waiter, charms a pretty young law student named Wajma. The pair begin a clandestine relationship, ever mindful of the societal rules that forbid intimacy. But when Wajma discovers she is pregnant and Mustafa refuses to commit to marriage, she is left to face the terrifying consequences of their actions on her own. The volatile situation quickly turns violent when Wajma's father enters the picture, and is compelled to take action. But how will he direct his anger, and who will ultimately bear the brunt of his rage?

**COBY (DVD)
Film Movement**

In a small town deep in the American Midwest, Suzanna begins a gender transition to become a boy, named Coby. Throughout this period of transformation, Coby and his loved ones must confront their own preconceived notions of gender and sexuality while facing difficult decisions and prejudice. Combining excerpts from Coby's video diary with candid, heartfelt interviews from his closest friends and family, Christian Sonderegger's debut feature is an intimate and sensitive look at this timely subject.

**CHARLIE STEEL -
REVENGE - THE COMEDIANS (DVD)
IndiePix Films**

IndiePix Films delivers three genre classics in the recently launched "Retro Afrika Collection," featuring the forgotten and discarded classics of African cinema. From light-hearted comedies, high-octane action films and provocative race dramas, these films were met with opposition from the apartheid government, but are now newly restored, and have rarely been seen outside their borders. **Charlie Steel (1984)** — When Diamini's daughter, Dudu, is held for ransom, he calls on Charlie Steel, an old friend and renowned private investigator. Steel attempts to infiltrate the kidnapping ring, but is exposed by a vicious gang member. A touch of love might help take down the gang, but at what cost. **Revenge (1985)** — In the Wild West of old Africa, a peace loving homesteader moves to a vacant farm in search of a new life. His hopes are shattered when his son is badly beaten, and a gang of ruthless thugs murder his wife. Left for dead in the dirt, he's revived by an ex-gunslinger/good Samaritan whose hermitage in the hills is the perfect place for training rescued victims in the art of revenge. **The Comedians (Circa 1980)** — Fortune-seeking hustler Ace

Bona borrows his friends' magic ring to make himself a wealthy man, only to find that his greed is uncontrollable. Obsessed with the idea of possessing the ring for himself, he hires a group of thugs to rob his friend of the ring. Meanwhile, his friend has a trick up his own sleeve, and counters with a curse.

**DICK CAVETT SHOW:
AND THAT'S THE WAY IT IS
+ INSIDE THE MINDS OF (DVD)
S'more Ent.**

And That's The Way It Is — Dick Cavett has been host of his own talk show since 1968, in a variety of formats and on a number of television and radio formats. These releases were taken from episodes that aired between 1968 through 1996, and feature some of the best-known news reporters of the era, including Walter Cronkite, Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw, Barbara Walters, Mike Wallace, and Diane Sawyer. Over the years, Cavett welcomed roughly 10,000 guests, from film, theatre, sports, music, literature, art, and politics, and sometimes even a notorious underworld figure. **Inside the Minds Of** — These releases were also aired from 1968 through 1996, and feature some of the wittiest, edgy comics of the era, including Robin Williams, Bobcat Goldthwait, Richard Lewis, and Gilbert Gottfried, in a four-show collection. Throughout its history, *The Dick Cavett Show* was a frequent stop for comedians. Cavett interviewed generations of the greatest comic minds dating back to vaudeville, with guests that included Groucho Marx, Jack Benny, Bob Hope, and George Burns. He continued through the television age with Lucille Ball, Phil Silvers, and Dick Van Dyke. Cavett's conversations with comedians are particularly insightful, given Cavett's own career as a comedian and comedy writer.

**JANE FONDA:
LEAN ROUTINE +
LOWER BODY SOLUTION (DVD)
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Lean Routine — The twelfth fitness tape in Jane Fonda's series gives users an hour of dance aerobics in a new setting. It is designed to be done in 20, 40, or 60-minute segments to fit all levels of fitness and users' busy schedules. The ultimate fat burning workout includes: Low Impact/High Energy Aerobics; Every Fitness Level; Aerobic Interval Training and 13 original songs. Plus, a 12-minute segment on nutrition — what to eat, how much to eat, and how you can make it improve your diet and actually eat more while losing weight. **Lower Body Solution** — Works the lower body in two ways, 35 minutes of low-impact aerobic dance with some step, then 25 minutes of targeted conditioning for fat burning, cardiovascular conditioning and lower body toning, led by expert Jane Fonda's workout instructors. Featuring the use of the aerobic step as an exercise option. A 25-minute one-on-one floor routine led by Jane Fonda for shaping and toning all major muscle groups of the lower body.

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

by Sal Giaratani

**NINETY MINUTES
INTO THE PAST**

On Christmas night, I ended up in a relaxing mode watching the *Justice Network* which ran a marathon of old *Dragnet* episodes that ran over 60 years ago in black and white. The episodes were from 1952, '53 and '54; when I was just a kid. I was so young back then that all these old TV episodes were all brand new to me. One show had Martin Milner, remember him from *ADAM-12*? Well, in the show I watched, he was playing a high school student selling dirty pictures and books. I kid you not. The bad guys who used the high schoolers were hunted down by Sgt. Joe Friday and eventually hit the slammer with six months in jail.

As I sat on my bed eating a large cup of creamy coffee ice cream, I felt like a kid again, which was a great Christmas present. I was five or six again and loving every moment of it. The marathon ended and, alas, I was back to real time.

**MARK WAHLBERG
COMES TO EASTIE**

A few weeks back Mark Wahlberg brought his latest movie still in production for some location shooting up near Orient Heights MBTA station. During a break, he caught up with Alejandra Escobar and Nathaly Ceron and here's a great selfie of the trio outside Angela's Restaurant on Bennington Street. The movie *Wonderland* should be coming



out later in 2019. Be on the lookout.

**ANOTHER YEAR OF LIFE
FOR THE TOWN**

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and now it is on to a brand New Year and new start in 2019. Maybe 2018 was your best year ever, but I do believe the best is yet to come. Stay positive, don't look back, plug ahead and do the best you can with the gift of life you have. We can always be better. Try, just try not to regress.

This was my first "Grandpa Christmas" and there is something special about that. I always remember my Uncle Nealy (Harrington) at Christmas time. He was always so upbeat and stayed active right up to the evening he passed away.

He always had a smile on his face, had a great Irish wit and took control of his time knowing it was a gift to be shared with others. I named my daugh-

ter Nealia after him. I think of him always as a source of inspiration.

He was my writing mentor. He was published all over the place as I am today. He had his opinions and I have mine. We shared our writings with each other.

Next year, he will be gone 40 years which is another way of saying how fast time goes by. Happy New Year!

SEASON OF MIRACLES

The above was the front-page headline in the December 22nd *Boston Herald*. A full page photo showed the damage done to a Quincy woman's car as she was driving along Beale Street in Wollaston. Had the tree fallen 3-5 seconds later, her friends would have been going to her wake and funeral. She said she felt blessed after her car met a large falling tree.

I find this another example of what my mother always believed. Fate is all around us. When it's your time, it's your time and when it's not, it's not. It makes you think about your life and never worrying about the end. You're still on the stage of life. Everything else in its time!

**FINALLY,
ANOTHER MIRACLE**

I was recently visiting family over in Roslindale and stopped for gas just outside Roslindale Square. The price was \$2.29 per gallon. Now that's a real Christmas miracle, too. Happy New Year to all!

North End Against Drugs
Basketball Bonanza — Wildly Successful



North End Against Drugs held its' Annual Basketball Bonanza at the Nazzaro Community Center at the end of November. Approximately 50 boys and girls of all ages attended and had a fun-filled evening of various basketball activities. All of the participants received a North End Basketball Bonanza T-Shirt, pizza and soft drinks

and a night full of wild basketball fun. Awards were given in various categories. N.E.A.D. board members John Pregmon, Mike Giannasoli, Maria Lanza and Steven Siciliano (also the new Nazzaro Center Director) along with volunteer dad Derek Mathieu spent a Friday evening with all of the kids ensuring that all of them had a great time.

NEAD and the Nazzaro Center continue to work together to provide wholesome activities for the youth of the North End.


Special thanks go out to Representative Aaron Michlewitz for donating the shirts, Senator Joe Boncore, Rocco's Cucina for donating the pizza and Mike Giannasoli for donating the trophies and the basketballs.



Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



When I was a kid in East Boston, the hectic lifestyle my family would lead during the Christmas season would come to an abrupt end after New Year's Eve. Dad and my uncles would return to just playing during the evenings of the midweek and definitely on weekends. Dad would also be back to work days at his job in the Boston School Department, Uncle Nick was back in his office at the musicians union as the vice president, and Uncle Paul would rejoin the printing company he worked for. Babbononno, long retired, would reconnect with his pals at the storefront societies in both the North End and East Boston. The one exception to Babbononno's activities was the Christmas season of 1958. Just before the holidays arrived that year, Nanna passed away.

During WWII, my grandmother had a heart attack, and after a long stay in the hospital, she recuperated to the point where she resumed normal but abbreviated activities. During the mid-1950s, she developed breast cancer and after operations that seemed successful, went through the primitive recuperative steps that were necessary for survival at the time. She was often in pain and succumbed to the disease after it spread to her lungs late in 1958. Christmas 1958, was not a happy time.

Toward the end of WWII, after Nanna's heart attack, Babbononno sold the big house on Eutaw Street in East Boston as it was too much for Nanna to handle. They rented an apartment on Princeton Street for a few years, and later moved to Lexington Street, where they were living when Nanna passed away. Babbononno was up there in years and the decision was made for him to move in with us. Backtracking again, when Babbononno sold the house at 70 Eutaw, Dad and Mom rented a third floor walkup at 74 Eutaw, two doors away. The house was, and still is attached to number 72 Eutaw. 74 was owned by the parents of a woman Mom had grown up with and her husband was someone Dad had grown up with. They had the 3rd floor apartment available and we moved the distance of two houses away from where I was born.

The apartment consisted of four connected rooms, a hallway bathroom and a small room at the end of the hallway near the staircase that brought us to the third floor. That room was occupied by a single brother of the landlord's wife. When he moved

out, wanting to try his luck in California, Dad rented the room to be used as either a workshop or a music room. It would serve as both until Babbononno moved in with us early in 1959. My room was a small one just off the kitchen, but when Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna were married after the war and were just starting out, they moved in with us. For almost a year, they took over my bedroom and I had the living room couch. When they finally found an apartment, I had my bedroom back. When it was Babbononno's turn, the tools headed for the cellar and the spare room became the bedroom my grandfather would sleep in.

It was difficult at times as I was in college and often studied at the kitchen table. Dad would play almost every night leaving both Mom and Babbononno at home. Mom had a circle of lady friends in the neighborhood and a couple of evenings a week, would tie up with them for tea and gossip. That left Babbononno with me and he developed a curiosity about the things I was studying, especially history, which was one of his favorite subjects. As a result, we had many conversations of the historical developments of the world, but I often met with a couple of East Boston friends that attended college with me. We had an informal study group that was ongoing and I often had to leave Babbononno alone at night. When this happened, I felt sorry for him, as he would sit in front of the TV, which bored him, or he would reread one of the Italian newspapers he loved, including this one.

Parking at night became a problem not long after WWII ended. With everyone on the street buying new cars, Dad had to hunt for a parking space when he came home after playing with his band at night. Seeing he had to get up early the next morning, he was often upset if he had to drive around the neighborhood until he could park. By the time the '60s rolled around, things got worse. I had just started on a teaching career, was playing music as many nights as I could afford and began taking courses toward a master's degree. One winter's night Dad couldn't find a parking space on our block. It was snowing, and by the time he drove home from his job, it was late due to slow moving traffic. He searched for an hour and finally found a spot on another street blocks away. He then trudged home in several inches of snow with a bass violin under his arm, swearing all the way in two languages.


He told Mom at dinner the next night that he wanted to buy a house with a garage and a driveway somewhere outside the city. My mother was so attached to East Boston she didn't want to move. When the scenario was repeated, Dad told Mom that he was going to move and he would pay for the Eutaw Street apartment for her and Babbononno. Mom knew he meant what he said and knew that her place was with her husband. That spring, they bought a house in Belmont. We were familiar with the town as Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna had built a house there not long after my aunt delivered a set of twins to this world.

Babbononno didn't want to leave East Boston either, but didn't want to stay alone. He gave in and on Easter weekend of 1961, we left East Boston for Belmont. At first, I couldn't sleep at night ... it was too quiet: no sirens on the streets, no planes landing at Logan after flying directly over the house ... no noise at all, just crickets and birds to entertain us. Mom and Dad learned to love it, but Babbononno hated it. Back in East Boston, he could go to his clubs and play cards several times during the week. He could also head to Central Square where he could buy the Italian newspapers he loved along with the Di Nobili cigars he smoked. Belmont Centre, which was a close distance from our house, offered nothing Italian back then and Babbononno, as I said, hated it.

Finally, the decision was made after long conversations with my uncles, Babbononno was to head back to East Boston. An apartment was found near Maverick Square and we moved him there. My mother was off the wall one day when I returned home from work. When I asked her what was the matter, she said, "I called your grandfather a while ago and an Irish woman answered. It turned out to be a neighbor near his age and seeing he was in his mid-90s and she pushing 90, I told my mother that the most erotic thing that could happen would be them holding hands. Mom had to accept the relationship ... we did.

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Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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BROILED LAMB CHOPS

4 lamb chops
2 garlic cloves chopped or crushed
3 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon oregano

1 large onion sliced (optional)
2 fresh tomatoes sliced (optional)
Chopped mushrooms (optional)
Salt and black pepper

In a bowl, mix chopped or crushed garlic with oil and oregano. Using pastry brush, spread the mixture onto both sides of each lamb chop. Marinate lamb chops in extra marinating mixture in a dish for at least thirty minutes.

TO BROIL: Lightly spray broiling tray with oil before placing chops on the tray. Place tray with chops in oven at least two inches under the broiling coils, broil fifteen to twenty minutes, depending on thickness of chops. Turn chops occasionally in order to cook on both sides. Broil chops until they reach the consistency desired. Before serving, brush extra marinating mixture over chops. Salt and pepper to taste.

OPTIONAL: Place tomato slices over marinated lamb chops in broiling tray. Then spread onion slices over tomato slices. Sprinkle a little oregano and oil over the onions. Chopped mushrooms can also be added. Cover broiling tray with aluminum foil before placing in the oven at least two inches under the broiling coils. Broil about twenty to thirty minutes depending on thickness of chops. Check for desired tenderness. Remove cover to allow browning. Salt and pepper to taste. Serves two.

NOTE: I have grilled marinated lamb chops many times on our charcoal gas grill following this recipe. When I add tomato and onion slices, I arrange everything in a throwaway broiling tray, cover it with aluminum foil and cook over the grill. Then uncover them and brown slightly on the grill.

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SUFFOLK, ss. Probate Court Case No. SU18E0042PP

To: **Maddalena Recupero, registered agent for 64 Prince Street Family Limited Partnership (LP) of 6 Kazimer Drive, Billerica, Middlesex County Massachusetts, and to all other persons interested,**

A petition has been presented to said Court by:

Elena Guarino of 76 Tuttle Street, Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, 02151;
Amedeo Guarino of 27 Westland Avenue, Saugus, Essex County, Massachusetts, 01906;
Angela Sawaya of 15 Bateman Avenue, Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, 02151;
Anna Maria Recupero of 391 Salem Street, Wakefield, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, 01880;
Theresa Recupero-Raymond of 152 Lowell Street, Peabody, Essex County, Massachusetts, 01960;
Anna Recupero-Faiella of 40 Bickford Avenue, Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, 02151;
and,
Maria Recupero-Medrano of 269 Park Avenue, Revere, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, 02151,

Representing that they hold as tenants in common an undivided part or share of certain land lying in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, at 64-66 Prince Street, and briefly described as follows:

Northerly: by Prince Street, forty and 01/100 (40.01) feet;
Easterly: in part through the center of a twelve inch brick party wall, twenty-four and 72/100 (24.72) feet;
Southerly: by land now or formerly of John and Louise Gaeta, twelve and 19/100 (12.19) feet;
Westerly: by the same, one and 00/100 (1.00) foot;
Southerly: again by the same, twenty-nine and 46/100 (29.46) feet;
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If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon, on the **17th day of January, 2019**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of said Court,**
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Felix D. Arroyo, Register
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2018 Boston Red Sox World Series Championship Trophy at North End’s Pizzeria Regina

by Matt Conti



The 2018 Boston Red Sox World Series trophy made a stop recently at Pizzeria Regina in the North End. Regina Pizza is the official pizza and served at Fenway Park. Here are some photos of this year’s World Series trophy with staff, friends, and Eliot School students.



(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

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Docket No. MI18P5657EA

Estate of
HAROLD L. GOLDSMITH
Date of Death November 15, 2017
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by Kevin J. Goldsmith of Natick, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that Kevin J. Goldsmith of Natick, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 18, 2019.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 21, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/4/2019

LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI18P6197EA

Estate of
FRANCES H. WILLIAMS
Date of Death May 25, 2018
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by William J. Williams of Framingham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that William J. Williams of Framingham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 15, 2019.

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

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Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 18, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles.
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2003 INFINITI G35

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• Hoops & Hockey (Continued from Page 12)

would win a combined 82 regular season and playoff games — a record later broken by the Chicago Bulls (87) and now held by the 2015-2016 Golden State Warriors with 88. It was also the third and final NBA title for the Big Three and the last title for the Celtics until 2008.


Anchored by Bird, Parish and

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Docket No. MI18P6273GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

In the matter of WILLIAM ALEXANDER of Concord, MA RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Frank V. Grimaldi of Cambridge, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **William Alexander** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **January 14, 2019**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 21, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/4/19

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Docket No. MI18P6321EA

Estate of CHRISTOPHER LEWIS STONE
Also Known As
CHRISTOPHER STONE, CHRISTOPHER L. STONE

Date of Death November 30, 2018

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Cynthia L. Stone D'Onofrio of Union, MO** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Cynthia L. Stone D'Onofrio of Union, MO** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 22, 2019.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 24, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/4/2019

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NOTICE TO OWNERS

Notice is hereby given under the provisions of (M.G.L. c255 Section 39A) of the sale or disposal of the following motor vehicles to satisfy our garage keeper's lien for towing (M.G.L. c155b Section 6B) storage & expense for holding sale of auction.

Any questions regarding this matter, please contact **Export Towing, 50 Mystic Ave., Medford, MA, Monday-Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Telephone: 781-395-0808**

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Run dates: 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 2019

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Docket No. MI18P6262EA

Estate of KEVIN F. MCCARTHY

Date of Death September 26, 2010

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Karen M. McCarthy of Salem, MA**.

Karen M. McCarthy of Salem, 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.

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 27, 2018
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/4/19

EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarattani



Here's future track and field star Owen Richard Morrison getting started with his brand new crawl.

(Photo by "Grandpa" Sal Giarattani)

getting arm operations three times sidetracking his career. The Dodgers also received two minor leaguers, Jeter Downs and Josiah Gray.

The Reds needed to do something after four straight 90-loss seasons. In the short term, the Reds are now much better as a team. Sports fans know both Puig and Kemp, but Alex Wood will be super in the Reds rotation. He was an All-Star for the Dodgers in 2017, going 16-3 with a 2.72 ERA. This past season, he went 9-7 with a 3.68 ERA. The Reds are hoping he will bounce back as part of their 2019 starting rotation. He has great potential. This should be good news for *WKRP in Cincinnati* and this isn't fake news.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH KING JAMES?

Recently, Lebron James now of the LA Lakers, took on NFL owners. He apparently doesn't have enough to criticize in the NBA. His latest idiocy is calling NFL owners a bunch of old white men who carry a "slave mentality." I get so tired listening to him spout his non-stop

opinions as if anyone really cares to know what he thinks on anything.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO ...

Hanley "What ever happened to him?" Ramirez (35), Cody Ross (38), and Victor "We should have kept" Martinez (40).

HOME RUN STREAK

New Philly Andrew McCutchen hit 20 home runs in 2018, giving him two-plus homers for eight straight seasons. He joins Nelson Cruz and Giancarlo Stanton as the only players to hit 20 plus homers in every season since 2011.

BASEBALL WRITERS DINNER COMING UP SOON

The 80th Annual Boston Baseball Writers diner will take place at the InterContinental Hotel in Boston on January 17th. Tickets are going fast, call 617-624-1231. This year Ken "Hawk" Harrelson will be receiving the prestigious Fuchs Award.

Mike Lynch is the dinner's emcee.

FIERS STAYS WITH OAKLAND A's

Free Agent Mike Fiers has agreed to a two-year contract to stay with Oakland. The A's acquired Fiers in August from Detroit and he helped the club reach the playoffs for the first time since 2014. Fiers, 33, went 5-2 with a 3.74 ERA in 10 outings with nine starts after joining the A's. Overall he went 12-8 with a 3.56 ERA in 30 starts and 31 appearances and 172 innings in 2018.

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Docket No. SU18C0629CA

In the Matter of LANGDON E. BROWN

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by **Kristen H. Day of Boston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Langdon Moncrief Day**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at **Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 31, 2019**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 20, 2018
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Run Date: 1/4/19



The Bomber vs. The Larruper
The Night Louis Took on Baer

Joe Louis turned professional on July 4, 1934, when he kayoed Jack Kracken in the first round. He would fight 11 more times in the remaining months of that year for a total of 12 wins. To say his rise was meteoric would be an understatement. Louis, in very a short time, was crashing into the top ranks of the heavyweight division. Not only was he winning fights, he was beating solid fighters. To close out 1934 he stopped the very highly regarded Stanley Poreda.

In his second year as a pro, 1935, he would accelerate his rise to the top, beating Lee Ramage (this was his second win over Ramage), Don “Red” Barry, and Natie Brown to name just a few.

In June of 1935, in only his 20th fight, Joe took on former heavyweight champ Primo Carnera. Louis stopped the giant Carnera in the 6th round with a devastating attack. It should also be noted that while this was not a title fight, it was scheduled for 15 rounds. Louis was a force to be reckoned with and there were other former champs he wanted to add to his record.



Louis vs. Baer

After easily defeating King Levinsky in his next fight, Louis was matched with former champ Max Baer. The two would face off at Yankee Stadium on September 24, 1935. At this point Joe had only been fighting pro for a year and a half. The fight was scheduled for 15 rounds.

Max Baer had lost the title to Jimmy Braddock three months earlier. The year before he floored Primo Carnera 11 times in as many rounds while winning the championship. Even after losing the title Baer remained immensely popular with the public. His outgoing personality was the opposite of the laid back Louis. Baer was also one the hardest punching heavyweights to ever lace on the gloves.

The fight drew tremendous interest among the public. Over 84,000 tickets were purchased leading to a gate of \$932,944. Numbers like that had not been seen since the days of Jack Dempsey. What makes that figure even more impressive is this was during the Great Depression when money was very scarce. Joe Louis had captured the imagination of the public, and now they wanted to see if he was real. Baer appeared to be the man who would truly test him. Even though he had lost to Braddock, it was thought he had not taken that fight seriously and lost because he was not motivated. The Louis fight would be his chance to reestablish himself as being worthy of another shot at the title.

The stakes were high for Louis as well. Would his lack of experience lead to problems if he were to be tagged with a solid punch from Baer? Would facing such a powerful puncher be intimidating to him? Which Baer would show up, the Baer who brutally destroyed Max Schmeling a couple of years earlier, or the lackluster Baer of the Braddock fight? Fight fans didn’t know but they were anxious to find out.

Jack Dempsey was working Baer’s corner that night, and in the dressing room before the fight Max was showing signs of being overcome with fear. Baer had hurt his right hand in training and told Dempsey because of that he felt Louis would “kill him”. Dempsey had to work hard to keep him together and told him he would be fine once the bell rang for the start of the fight.

When the two fighters entered the ring it appeared Baer had his nerves under control. Legendary fight announcer Joe Humphreys was brought in to make the introductions. Having just recovered from a stroke, this would be

Humphrey’s last time stepping into the ring. His voice was still strong as he called out the names of the contestants as well as all of the ring officials without using notes. Louis weight 198 pounds while Max came in at 210.

At the opening bell Baer came out tentative, pawing with his left hand. Louis parried Baer’s jab and came back with solid jabs of his own, and at one point hurt Baer with a vicious hook followed by a right uppercut. At this point it appeared Baer’s fears were being realized and the fight would be a short one. However, midway through the round Baer went on the attack. This would be the test for Louis. Baer landed a very hard right to Louis’s chin followed by a series of solid punches to the head and body that shook the Brown Bomber. Here’s where Louis showed what he was made of. He stayed calm and immediately fired back with punches of his own, throwing them inside of Baer’s shots. At the end of the exchange Louis had taken control of the fight and it would just be a matter of time until the end came. He had taken Baer’s best shots and fired back like a champion.

Baer did rally one more time at the end of the second round, but it did not slow Louis down. In the third round Louis dropped Baer with a left right combination. While on the canvas Baer gave Louis a salute. When he got to his feet Louis



Baer-Louis

decked him again with two hooks. It appeared Baer was not going to get up, but then the bell rang and he made it to his corner.

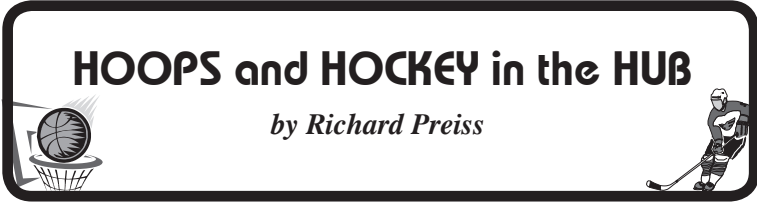
In the fourth round Baer was taking a lot of punishment. Louis was landing with very hard left jabs that were busting up the former champ. Louis, while landing these jobs was also slipping his head to the outside of Baer’s left and finding the distance to land with his right hand counter. Near the end of the round Louis landed with a terrific right hand over Baer’s left. The punch landed square on Baer’s chin dropping him to a half seated position. Baer was conscious but clearly had no intention of getting up. As referee Arthur Donovan was counting, Max waved his hand signaling he was all through. After the fight he said “I could have struggled up once more, but when I get executed, people are going to have to pay more than twenty-five dollars a seat to watch it.” You can’t blame him as he was taking an awful beating.

There are two other well known quotes to come from Max Baer regarding the Louis fight. It has been reported that between the second and third rounds Jack Dempsey told Baer “You’re doing great Max, he hasn’t laid a glove on you.” to which Baer responded “Well, in that case you’d better keep an eye on the referee because someone’s beating the hell out of me.”

The other, which I think any of Joe Louis’ opponents would agree with, was “Fear is standing across the ring from Joe Louis and knowing he wants to go home early.”

Baer went on to win his next 19 fights and had hoped to have a rematch with Louis for the title, but losses to Lou Nova and Tommy Farr put an end to that dream.

Joe Louis would go on to win the heavyweight title, but not before running into his own setback. On the night he faced Max Baer he showed the skill and fortitude that would make him the greatest heavyweight champion of all time.



There was a first, there was a third, and there was the capstone to a multi-year championship run plus something that had not been accomplished before in the regular season.

And most of all it was indeed more than all those things. For they, the individuals that strung together this series of accomplishments comprised one of the best basketball teams of all time.

They were the 1985-1986 Celtics and wow did they set the basketball world on fire, winning nearly everything on their march to the playoffs and then breezing their way through the first three rounds before engaging in a challenge for the title.

The first seeds toward a successful season were sown in the summer when G.M. Red Auerbach traded Cedric Maxwell to the Los Angeles Clippers for Bill Walton. The big center had been hobbled by injuries for the past two seasons but Auerbach thought there was a lot to like in Walton. He wound up playing 80 games in that memorable season for the Green and White, earning the coveted Sixth Player Award in the process.

The season would also mark the high plateau of the original Big Three — consisting of Robert Parish, Kevin McHale and Larry Bird. Throw in a shooting guard named Danny Ainge plus the versatile Dennis Johnson and you had one of the best quintets ever to take the court.

First off came the regular season and what an experience it was — a historic campaign — especially at home — that produced a first in NBA history and would not be equaled again for another 30 years (until the 2016 San Antonio Spurs).

It’s very rare in the 82-game regular season that it might come down to a singular focus — but that is in effect what happened. The Celtics posted an unbelievable 40-1 record at home en route to a 67-15 overall mark. For those old enough to remember that enviable home record would be split between two venues since the C’s were 37-1 at the Garden and 3-0 at the Hartford Civic Center.

The lone setback came rather early — against Portland on December 6, 1985 at the Garden — but would not take on that singular significance until much later. The Celtics entered the contest with a fine 17-2 mark while Portland took the floor at 12-10.

The difference in the contest came down to scoring by the bench players. While all five Celtics starters — Ainge, Bird, McHale, Parish and Johnson scored in double figures, none of the Celtics players coming off the bench did so, contributing only 26 points as a group.

By comparison, not only did four of the five Portland starters score in double figures but two of the Trailblazers’ bench players — Steve Colter and Jerome Kersey — each scored 22 to account for 44 of the 56 points tallied by Portland’s reserves.

But in the grand scheme of things it really didn’t seem to matter at that point in time. It was only early December with another four and a half months of the regular season left to play.

The Celtics still owned a sky high 17-3 record. At the time, it just seemed like one of those nights that all good teams in the NBA have now and then over the course of the 82-game schedule.

The Celtics easily captured the Atlantic Division crown by 13 games over the Philadelphia 76ers as well as the regular season Eastern Conference title by 10 games over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Then it was on to the NBA Playoffs. Today all four rounds are best-of-seven affairs but that was not the case some 33 years ago. The first round in the spring of 1986, for example, was a best-of-five series. And, while the Celtics swept the Chicago Bulls 3-0, once again it was another instance where the opposition would be remembered for feats accomplished.

The first two games were played at the Garden with the Celtics escaping with a 135-131 victory in the second one that went into double overtime. This would go down in history as the famous contest where Michael Jordan would set a playoff record by scoring 63 points, an NBA mark that still stands.

In the second round against Atlanta, the C’s took a commanding 3-0 lead in games before Atlanta came back for a victory in game four. But the Green and White dashed any hopes of the Hawks with a 132-99 triumph in game five at the Garden to close out the series.

The Eastern Conference finals against the Milwaukee Bucks wouldn’t even go that far with the Celtics sweeping the series, 4-0. The Bucks only came close in Game three where Boston prevailed for a four point victory, 111-107.

Many thought that Boston would face the Los Angeles Lakers in the 1986 NBA Finals. The Celtics were looking forward to a rematch with L.A., a team that had beaten Boston for the title in the 1985 finals. But the Houston Rockets upset the Lakers in the Western Conference Finals.

That set up an All-Celtics coaching matchup in the finals pitting Bill Fitch, who guided the Celtics to the 1981 NBA Championship, against K.C. Jones, the former player who was now coaching the team.

The format for the finals was 2-3-2. The Celtics won the first two games at the Garden, came away with a narrow victory in the second of the three games in Houston and then wrapped things up with a victory in Game 6 at the Garden on June 8th.

It was Banner 16 and would be the culmination of special year in a special way. Even though succeeding years and decades would bring additional stars and accomplishments, the players on the 1985-1986 squad continue to shine forth with a special radiance within the galaxy of great accomplishments by NBA franchises.

The historic 1985-1986 season marked the first time an NBA team would lose only one regular season game at home plus the first time an NBA team

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