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An Attack on Paris is an Attack on Us All

by Sal Giaratani

Two days after the deadly ISIS terror attack on Paris, France, France is promising to “destroy” radical Jihadists and ISIS who killed 132 people and injured about 350 others in seven attacks committed by eight jihadists. Two of the terrorists killed reportedly entered France through Greece and were so-called refugees from Syria. Others in the plot were apparently French-born jihadists, which is even scarier if there is something scarier than what happened on Friday the 13th.

President Obama, in a TV interview taped the day prior to the Paris attacks, stated his belief that ISIS had been contained. Within 24 hours of that statement, like his statement earlier this year that ISIS was a J.V. team, proved incorrect. The attacks on Paris weren’t

just an attack on the French people, but on all of western civilization. Radical Islam isn’t just about Syria and Iraq or the Middle East, it is a worldwide threat, cancerous, with no borders.

The Sunday Globe headline says after “horror” there is “resolve.” What resolve and by whom? Are those words going to be followed through or are they just reactive sound-bites serving to sooth the anger growing over such a bloody attack.

The United States made a big deal about a drone strike that took out a character named

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Jane Richard, age 9, a Boston Marathon victim who lost her eight-year-old brother Martin in the bombings shares a message of “peace” for Paris.



News Briefs

by Sal Giaratani

We are All French Today

The attack overseas on the city of Paris in France was called an attack on humanity by President Obama who condemned this act of terrorism and extremism, but once again will not utter the words “ISIS” or “Radical Islam.” He’s still in his denial. However, I think this was an attack against western civilization because France is the seat of this civilization of ours. These religious fanatics see all of western Europe and the English-speaking world as their sworn enemies. They prove over and over again that they can strike anyone at anytime without warning and inflict their brutality on innocent people around the world. Secretary of State John Kerry said they cannot win, but I don’t think ISIS cares you-know-what about Kerry’s thinking.

Western civilization is at a war of someone else’s making and we can’t defeat this enemy until we first recognize who it is. Ask Britain, they know. Ask France, they know who to blame for the worst attack on France since the Second World War.

Civilization must stand together against the barbarians at the gates.

Dr. Ben Carson’s Exaggeration on West Point

Recently, the liberal news media starting with Politico jumped all over something in Carson’s autobiography concerning his “appointment” to West Point back in 1969. He says he was offered an appointment based on his high marks in high school while also being a top ROTC leader in the Detroit area.

When you read his autobiography, it does sound like he was accepted to West Point before turning it down. However, he admits recently that he never

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CRUX



“Cruciatius” or “Cruciare” are the Latin expressions for torture, torment, or to put to the rack. “Crux” refers to the cross as an instrument of capital punishment during ancient times in eastern countries. Darius, an early king of Persia (about 500 B.C.), boasted that he had crucified the leader of every rebellious group that had opposed him. Persons who had been executed by other means were sometimes placed on a cross after death as an indication of dishonor upon the deed which caused their demise. Tarquinius Priscus, the first Etruscan king of Rome (about 600 B.C.), resorted to this kind of disgraceful display of deceased

bodies in an attempt to stop the suicides of those persons who were driven to despair in forced labor camps. We are also told that executions by crucifixion were very common with the Carthaginians, who were noted for the cruelty of their methods, and through them it was introduced into Rome.

The ancient Romans were naturally a hard-hearted people. This fact is alluded to by many historians. The great Cicero inferred that crucifixion was in use during the regal period (700 B.C.-500 B.C.) when he argued against the revival of laws permitting this kind of execution, and against capital punishment of citizens in any form.

When Spartacus, the famous gladiator, was finally defeated in his servile war against Rome (70 B.C.), about 6,000 of his followers (slaves) were crucified all along the Appian Way between Capua and Rome. This was the time when masters enjoyed such absolute power over their slaves that crucifixions were ordered for even slight offenses.

The first laws passed in favor of slaves occurred during the reign of Augustus. Later, the emperor Hadrian decreed that slaves could not be executed without the sentence of a magistrate. Finally, Antoninus Pius, successor to Hadrian, ordered that the murder of a slave by his master was punishable as a homicide.

In addition to slaves, those persons living in the Roman provinces were subject to crucifixion for such major crimes as murder, piracy, revolt, and conspiracy. During the Roman war and occupation of Jerusalem, the obstinacy and rebellious nature of the Jews caused the wholesale infliction of this punishment. Varus, a Roman consul, crucified 2,000 Jews at one time, while Florus, a procurator, crucified several hundred, including Roman citizens of Jewish birth. When Titus was commanding the Roman legions in that country, it was said that, “Room was waiting for the crosses, and crosses for the bodies.”

NEXT WEEK: *Crucifixion*

Saint Florian

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Florian was born about the year 250 AD in the ancient Roman city of Aelium Cetiumin in what is today Sankt Polten, Austria. He joined the Roman Army and advanced through the ranks rising to the position of commander of the Imperial Army in the Roman province of Noricum. In addition to his military duties, Florian was also responsible for organizing fire-fighting brigades. He organized and trained an elite group of soldiers whose sole duty was to fight fires.

Florian was a Christian at a time when the Roman emperors were trying to eliminate Christianity throughout their realm. It was the time of the Emperor Diocletian’s persecution of Christians. Word had reached Florian’s superiors that he was not enforcing the persecutions against Christians in his territory. Aquilinus, Florian’s superior, was sent to investigate these reports. When he ordered Florian to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods in accordance with the Roman religion, he refused. Florian was arrested and condemned to be burned at the stake. Standing on the funeral pyre, Florian stated that it was his intention to climb to heaven on the flames of the pyre prepared for him. Aquilinus became apprehensive and decided



to dispose of him in a different manner. Instead of burning Florian, Aquilinus executed him by drowning in the Enns River with a millstone tied around his neck. The execution took place in the year 304 AD.

Saint Florian is the patron saint of Linz, Austria; chimney sweeps; soap makers, and firefighters. The St. Florian cross is widely used in firefighter emblems. His feast day is May 4th. St. Florian is also the patron of Upper Austria, jointly with Saint Leopold, as well as one of Poland’s patron saints.

Five Tips for Outwitting Porch Pirates
During the Gift-Giving Season

Land-Locked Blackbeards Who Snatch Packages from Doorsteps
May Also Hack into Online Tracking Systems

Online shopping has made life easier for consumers — and is especially handy during the holidays — but it’s also created more opportunities for “porch pirates,” the thieves who prey on those parcels left on our doorsteps.

Many porch pirates are low tech, simply cruising neighborhoods where they know deliveries are taking place and grabbing the unattended packages.

But porch pirates who also happen to be cyber criminals can use your own technology against you, says Gary Miliefsky, CEO of SnoopWall (www.snoopwall.com), a company that specializes in cyber security.

“A more sophisticated porch pirate might send you an SMS message or email with malware,” Miliefsky says.

“That would let them gain access to your computer or smartphone, and they could install a RAT (Remote Access Trojan). Then they can eavesdrop on your orders and deliveries.”

They also might be able to locate you through the geolocating feature on your phone, he says. That would tell them when you are away from home, the final link in their well-laid plan.

“If they know you aren’t home and that a package is scheduled for delivery, it’s going to be easy for them to steal it,” Miliefsky says.

Miliefsky offers these tips for outwitting porch pirates and keeping those packages safe:

- Get permission to ship all your packages to work. That way they aren’t left unguarded at your doorstep for hours where anyone walking by could snatch them. If this arrangement works out, be sure to tell all your friends and family also to ship packages to your work address.

- Ask a friend or neighbor to receive your packages for you. You might not be home on work days, but plenty of people are. Trusted friends who are retired or who work at home might be happy to let you have packages delivered to them for safe keeping.

- If a neighbor can’t receive your packages and you can’t get them at work, another option is available. Miliefsky suggests trying Doorman, a service that lets you arrange for a package to be held at a warehouse until you arrive home. Then you can arrange delivery for evening hours that better suit you.

More on Doorman is available at www.doorman.com.

- Disable geolocation on your smartphone so that porch pirates — or other hackers — can’t track your location.

- Set up a live recording video camera aimed at your porch. That could allow you to spot a theft as it happens and alert law enforcement, or at least provide you with video later that might help identify the porch pirates.

“Porch pirates count on you being lax with your defenses,” Miliefsky says. “But with a little preparation, you can thwart their plans and leave them empty handed.”

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Tree Lighting November 30th

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and The Friends of Copley Square welcome the holidays with the annual Copley Square Tree Lighting on Monday, November 30th, from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

The free event will feature appearances by Mayor Walsh, “Dining Playbook” host Jenny Johnson, Santa Claus, and Rudolph along with live entertainment including members of the Boston Pops Brass Ensemble, Berklee College of Music’s co-ed contemporary acapella group Pitch Slapped, “The Voice” contestant Brittany Butler, and a holiday sing-along. In addition, the U.S. Postal Service will unveil its new holiday stamp.

The Old South Church bell will toll when the tree is illuminated. Light refreshments will be provided by New England Coffee, HP Hood LLC, Polar Beverages, Essential Water, and local businesses. The Fairmont Copley Plaza will host a family reception immediately following for all in attendance. The reception will include cookie decorating, photos with Santa and treats from Georgetown Cupcakes and the Fairmont Copley Plaza.

In addition, beginning at 4:30 pm Copley Square will become a spot for family revelry with jugglers, stilt walkers, and festive music provided by Magic 106.7, Boston’s holiday music station.

Even more festivities will take place in and around Copley Square on November 30th. The Boston Public Library and The Catered Affair will host a Storytime and Candy Cane Tea at The Fairmont Copley Plaza from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. The tea is free but reservations are required by calling 617-859-2282.

For additional information please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505. To learn more about The Friends of Copley Square, please visit www.friendsofcopleysquare.org.

Faneuil Hall Marketplace Tree Lighting Spectacular & Blink to Kick-off the Holiday Season

Kick off the holidays at the Tree Lighting Spectacular on Saturday, November 21st with a live broadcast on WBZ-TV, Channel 4 and simulcast on myTV38 (WSBK-TV). Join Governor Charlie Baker in flipping the switch to the tree and the first Blink! light and sound show of the season!

Blink! — the state-of-the-art light & sound extravaganza that transforms every inch of America’s first open marketplace — returns to Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Marketplace Center for a fourth year. This magical and unforgettable light show uses over 350,000 LED lights to illuminate Boston’s skyline — to the song styling’s of the Holiday Pops in a seven-minute spectacle that runs continuously each evening beginning Sunday, November 22nd.

Join thousands of Bostonians in lighting the city’s first holiday tree of the season! The stage will be filled with entertainment all day starting at 2:00 pm leading up to the live broadcast on WBZ-TV and myTV38 (WSBK-TV). from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Performance Times

Blink! Light and Sound show lights up the entire Marketplace and begins at 4:30 pm daily. The first show starts on the Main Tree at Marketplace Center and on the trees in South Market at 4:30 pm and runs every hour on the half hour. The North Market show begins at 5:00 pm and runs every hour on the hour.

Entertainment Schedule:

2:00 pm The Revels Singers
3:00 pm Women of the World presented by Scullers Jazz Club
4:00 - 6:00 pm Dress Rehearsal for the Tree Lighting Spectacular
6:00 pm Amy and the Engine presented by Hard Rock Café
7:00 pm Faneuil Hall Tree Lighting Spectacular Live Show

8:00 pm The Sugarbabies Band

Blink! Fun Facts

It is the FIRST tree lighting ceremony of the season.

Last year’s event attracted over 30,000 attendees for the opening night ceremony and over 200,000 additional visitors over the holiday season.

The holiday tree is the biggest tree in the Northeast, even bigger than the beloved Rockefeller Center tree.

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Holiday Entertainment

To keep the holiday excitement growing, a series of outdoor performances will take place throughout the season featuring touring companies of Broadway shows, pop bands, holiday carolers, dance troupes, bell ringers and local musicians.

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Remembering
John James Fiorini
July 22nd, 1933 – September 27th, 2015
“Life has been good to me”


“Our Cousin Johnny” was born at home at 69 No. Margin Street in the North End on July 22nd, 1933, the fifth child of Leo and Rose Ranauro Fiorini.

In the summer of 1937 the family moved to Pittsfield, MA.

Johnny was a star football player in high school, college, and in the U.S. Army while stationed in the Bordeaux region of France during the Korean conflict.

After his honorable military discharge, this “good man” became a police officer, high school teacher, and football coach for the city of Pittsfield.

He and his wife Alice raised a family of three in a very loving and caring way. Of this he was most proud.



John’s life philosophy was, “Work hard, do your best, live graciously and take a good vacation.”

He is survived by his wonderful wife Alice, son Donald, daughters Judith and Assunta and his grandchildren, sisters Rosemary and Rita, brothers Leo and Michael. He is now reunited with his brother Anthony and sister Theresa.

We, your very admiring cousins of the North End of Boston, salute you and will miss you so much, but take comfort in knowing that you have the precious gift of eternal life in heaven and you are back in your mother’s loving arms.

Love and Blessing. Watch over us.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

The Food that Makes the Feast

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



What is it about the winter that makes us turn to feasts of delicious food? Everywhere I turn, I see abundant reminders of Thanksgiving, from cornhusks decorating lampposts to overfilled supermarkets. Magazines feature succulent, briny turkeys on their covers. Slices of pumpkin pie, replete with a dollop of whipped cream, make their way towards tables across the nation. Cooks debate over what exactly constitutes a perfect stuffing, or whether cranberry sauce should be jellied or more like a chutney. Yes, with Thanksgiving approaching, my mind invariably turns to the delectable dishes that characterize the holiday. This is the time of year, after all, when we need that extra sustenance that feasting can provide. The nights are darker and the air is chilly with cloudy skies that promise snowflakes. Feasts like Thanksgiving provide us with the opportunity to honor the harvest of the season that just ended, and to gather with our family and friends to form a barrier against the cold. This Thanksgiving, I will honor my love for cooking while continuing to be thankful for the loved ones that surround me.

Cooking has always formed an integral part of my family life. My mother is famous for several recipes, including her potato croquettes, which have a crispy exterior and are soft like mashed potatoes on the inside; and her orechiette with broccoli rabe and just enough crushed red pepper flakes to give a subtle kick. She learned cooking from her grandmother, my Nonna, who still keeps

stacks of worn cookbooks with hand-written recipes. Within those cookbooks, I find much loved Italian recipes like *struffoli*, or small honey balls for Christmas; and *taralli*, pretzel-like biscuits flavored with fennel. Though I grew up watching both my mother and grandmother cook, I did not develop my own true passion for the kitchen until college. That was when I started collecting issues of *Taste of Home* magazine and marveling over the pictures and stories that accompanied each recipe. Nowadays, I am always making something, and my true love is baking. I believe that my kitchen, with its warm yellow light and its small nooks and crannies, forms the coziest space to be in the dark and rainy evenings of late fall. When I pull a cake or a batch of cookies from the oven, the warmth envelopes me like a hug. During the autumn, these metaphorical hugs smell like the fruit of the harvest — rich pumpkin, tangy apples, and zesty spices.

Thanksgiving is the supreme food holiday of the year, and I put my cooking hobby to full use. Everyone in my family contributes a dish to the Thanksgiving feast, and my two contributions are a pumpkin swirl cheesecake with a gingersnap crust and a salad with apples, cranberries and blue cheese. What makes the food so special, however, are the stories behind each recipe. Whenever I see my mother's sweet potato casserole with a pecan-brown sugar topping, I remember how we pored over many recipes in magazines and online before we found the perfect one. Spaghetti reminds

me of my paternal grandmother making the noodles on an old-fashioned crank instrument known as *la chitarra*, popular in her home region of Abruzzi in Italy. My husband loves the gingersnap cookies that form the crust of my cheesecake, and will eat them out of the box before I remind him to save some. Meanwhile, my aunt's appropriately named Pilgrim Pie, an apple cake with a thick crust, has garnered somewhat of a cult following in my family. It truly is the family atmosphere that makes these foods so memorable. If I had a table with all of these delicious treats, but no one to share them with, any sense of magic would be lost. The food of Thanksgiving symbolizes so much more than a meal — it is the laughter and funny anecdotes shared around the table, it is the passing of tradition from one generation to the next.

This Thanksgiving I plan to be extra grateful for the blessings in my life: the ability to enjoy food and the loving family that surrounds me. So many people out there will be hungry and alone this holiday, and they deserve our help. Donate food items or coats to a charity, and spread the true meaning of the holiday to those in need. As winter descends upon us and early nights cloak the world, everyone should have the opportunity to relish the security of a safe home, a special meal, and a network of support. Each ingredient I put into a dish this Thanksgiving will be a reminder of the joy and cheer that characterizes the holiday season, traits which we should be mindful to pass along as the year goes on. So on Thanksgiving, enjoy your feast and count each and every one of your blessings, for they are truly the nourishment that bolsters this holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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THINKING
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

We Are All France Now

What happened last week in Paris, France, is probably just the beginning of a new ISIS strategy to scare the hell out of the European Union. They showed clearly that they can strike anyone, anytime and anywhere.

This is a war and has been for some time. It is more than the Islamic State and more than a Syrian-Iraqi caliphate. Radical Islam is about a world caliphate.

We have a president who has trouble recognizing the threat for what it is. He keeps talking about the Muslim faith being a religion of peace. With France, he stated, it was an attack on all people in the world. Clearly, he believes this, but more likely the rest of us see it for what it really is. Radical Islamists are Muslims and believe the Koran allows their reign of terror.

Watching President Obama's press conference at the summit of nations in Turkey earlier this week made me sick. He clearly thinks his policies are working, but who are we to believe him or his lyin' eyes. Whoa! I think President Obama actually believes the drivel he is trying to sell us.

We have not contained the power of evil from religious extremists within Islam. They roam at will. The greatest danger we face is the massive denial of the progressive liberals running around pretending things aren't as bad as they seem.

They are right, things are far, far worse than they seem and we have politicians in Washington living in the neighborhood of make-believe.

No wonder Donald Trump's numbers keep going higher and higher. His latest poll numbers show 42 percent support for Trump. Obviously, he is resonating with many voters in this nation. He says it like it is and isn't in the tank for anyone.

Will ISIS strike again and soon? Maybe. However, surely the attack on Paris looks like the beginning of a new and more deadly move on the part of Radical Islam to bring the war to Europe and the West.

Our president says accepting refugees from Syria is still on the books and he promises all will be vetted before coming to America. Does anyone believe a word he says anymore?

America is a target, too. Let us not forget September 11, 2001. It can happen again here and elsewhere in the world. The war is on. They declared it. Two sides, Radical Islam and Western Civilization.

When I was in grade school, the nuns taught us about the Crusades. Back before the history revisionists took over our history books, the Pope and Crusaders were the good guys. The more I look at current events dripping in blood, the more I think the nuns in grade school had it right.

Peace is always elusive. Sometimes we think we see it on the horizon and then it vanishes as quickly as it appeared.

It is too bad that we can't learn from history. It is too bad that humanity's history is filled with many wars and few peace conferences.

Today we stand on the mountaintop looking at hateful events. Everywhere, near and far, we hear leaders talking about doing the right thing and watch others do the wrong thing.

As a former police officer, one of my favorite saints is St. Michael the Archangel. Defending us in our battles with evil which roams throughout the world.

I pray to him much more now than ever before.

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North End Against Drugs Holds Family Dinner

Guest Speaker: Maryanne Frangules

by Sal Giarratani

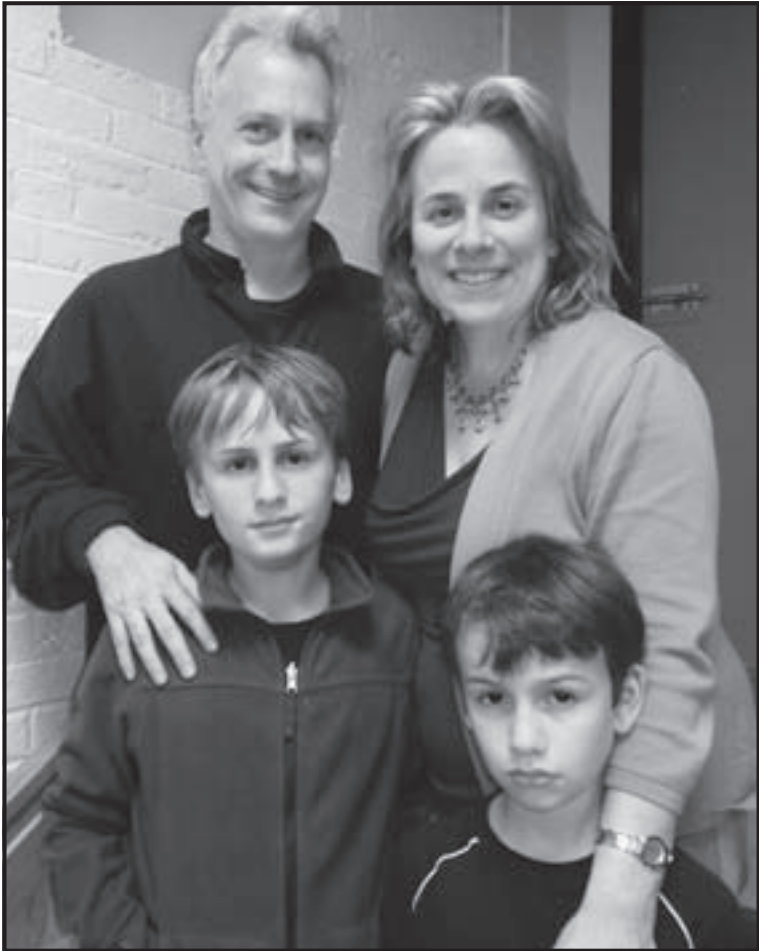


MOAR Executive Director Maryanne Frangules

The Nazzaro Community Center was packed with young families, plenty of small children and many teens at another great Pasta Family Dinner hosted by the North End Against Drugs (NEAD) board of directors. The meeting was chaired by John Romano, who thanked all for showing up. These dinners bring together many folks where they can discuss issues of vital importance to their families. The scourge of drugs has been headlined again as we have been seeing so many deaths due to drug overdoses. This epidemic falls below the radar at times, but never goes away.

As a police officer for many years with the Department of Mental Health, I have seen firsthand the devastation of human beings and families when drugs take over and destroy so many lives.

The best prevention of drug



Family Dinner Night brought out many families. Among them were Dave Griffin, his wife Mary Garippo, and their two boys, Steve and Matt from the West End. The Griffin family are part of the Nazzaro Center family and supporters of NEAD.

abuse is education, education and education. At this latest dinner, the guest speaker was Maryanne Frangules, the executive director of MOAR (the Massachusetts Organization for Addictive Recovery), and her speech was well received, especially by the youngsters who asked many questions.

NEAD has existed for years, sadly because the need for it never goes away. We are fortunate to have board members, led by John Romano, who seek

a future world of children addicted to life, not drugs.

The next dinner is scheduled for February.

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IAN SMITH

(April 8, 1919, Seluke, Rhodesia — November 20, 2007, Cape TownSouth Africa):

Was “Good Old Smithy Right”?



Although Great Britain sanctioned Ian Smith's Rhodesia, the USA continued to do business with the unrecognized country

“It was Marxism I fought, not blacks. I have lived all my life among blacks. I know them. I respect them.” With that quote in 1987, almost a decade after he stepped down as Prime Minister of Rhodesia, and the land he ruled was renamed to Zimbabwe, Ian Smith summed up his recollection of his time in office and the bloody Bush War that ravaged the country from 1965 to 1979 when he finally conceded to the Marxist guerrillas, led by future president of Zimbabwe Robert Mugabe, and turned the country over to majority rule.

For many, this was the last step toward a new liberated Africa under black majority rule, and it was celebrated throughout the continent as well as the West, particularly in Great Britain.

In the early 1960s, as the Empire began to crumble, many African nations earned their independence, some (like Kenya where the Mau Mau rose) after much violence and brutality. Under the leadership of Harold Wilson, Great Britain began to concede to the new so-called “winds of change” blowing throughout Africa. By 1964, one of the last holdouts was Southern Rhodesia. In the eyes of the newly elected Smith, a cattle farmer born to English settlers who had served the country during WWII in the Royal Air Force, majority rule was coming too fast, before the countries were ready. As chauvinistic as his idea may sound, it was not without precedent. For evidence, there were a number of surrounding countries with a newly-found independence that fell into the hands of dictators. One need look only to Uganda where Idi Amin began a reign of terror. Sekou Toure was ter-

rorizing Guinea, and Macias Nguema did his own number in Equatorial Guinea, massacring entire villages.

Rhodesia would be no different, Smith concluded., Handing it over to majority rule, (basically the Marxist guerilla fighters), would turn the country into a one-party dictatorship. Britain didn't see it that way and continued to push for majority rule. Smith responded by unilaterally declaring independence from the Commonwealth in November of 1965, a move Wilson declared illegal, hitting Rhodesia with full economic sanctions. But Smith stood firm and kept his nation going for over a decade. Trade with the USA and other nations ensured a steady economic flow in Rhodesia, but a bloody war was brewing.

Two groups of Marxist rebels — Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army and Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army, led by Mugabe's former ally turned rival Joshua Nkomo — revolted against the Rhodesian government in a battle that would last more than fifteen years and take close to 20,000 lives, almost half of them civilians. Villages were raided and government buildings attacked. Mugabe quickly rose through the ranks, earning a reputation as a tough crusader while leading his army, a reputation that was only strengthened while he served time in prison. Indeed, by the time the Bush War came to a close, Mugabe not only succeeded in the signing of the Lancaster Agreement, but also in becoming president of the country that would be renamed Zimbabwe in 1982.

Smith's unwillingness to compromise has been blamed for the long duration of the war, and consequently the death toll, but he stood by his convictions. To further ensure the country not fall into a dictatorship, he enforced the voting rights which were open to all races. However, a certain level of education and qualified franchise was required. His reasoning was that villagers who were disadvantaged either by education or economic standing could more easily be coerced or swayed by rebels and guerilla soldiers, giving the Liberation Army an easy way in. This applied to all Rhodesian citizens, but the reality is that those excluded were disproportionately black. Many had different standards of education, namely tribal over Western. Roughly seventy

percent of the black population could not meet the voting standards, but Smith insisted in the importance of standards and resisting the rush toward majority rule. He also denied that it was racially motivated.

“I think we should continue to strive for the best possible government in Rhodesia, irrespective of the color of skin. We want the best government, not necessarily a black government, not necessarily a white government,” he told a reporter in 1976. “Voting is exactly the same for the black man as it is for the white man. Black men can come into Parliament as can the white men. There is nothing in this country preventing a black man from sitting in my chair provided he has the right ability. We have standards for black men and we have standards for white men.”

When told that under the current requirements, there wasn't enough room for every black man to make it, Smith reminded the reporter that, “there isn't enough room for every white man either,” but did concede that “there are certainly fewer of them [eligible black men] than there are white men.”



It seemed that a number of blacks were indeed in agreement with Smith's philosophies or at least willing to work with them (the Rhodesian Front, fighting the Liberation Army, was, eighty percent black). Ironically, one of his greatest defenders during the latter part of his leadership was Ernest Mtunzi, former UK representative of opposition leader Joshua Nkomo, who spoke highly of Smith. “Smith was misunderstood in a lot of ways. He is an African, understands the African mentality. It wasn't his problem what happened in Rhodesia. He came in 1965 after Winston Field, so he was along the system that had been created. If you look at the development of Rhodesia, Smith contributed enormously to that. It didn't only benefit the whites, it benefited the blacks.”

Mtunzi also said, “Smith was being realistic. If you give people something before they are ready, they are going to mess it up. And that has happened. If he had had the opportunity to work with the people and help bring them up, Zimbabwe would be a better place now. Smith did make it better dur-

ing his government. There is no reason why he could not do that if he had been allowed to go on.”

Indeed, Rhodesia's economy was doing really well under Smith, earning the country the title of “the breadbasket of Africa.” It was, to be sure, an inequitable system. The very fact that seventy percent of blacks did not meet the standards of qualified franchise speaks volumes in itself but, years later, many black Zimbabweans admit to having had a better life under Ian Smith.

Patrick Kombayi, a political figure in Zimbabwe recalled, “The roads that we are using today were all built by Smith. The entire infrastructure is Smith's. We never suffered the way we are suffering now because Smith took care of the economy that supported all people and they had enough to eat. When he left power the British pound was on a par with the Zimbabwean dollar, but President Mugabe has killed all that.”

What ruined Smith was his infamous speech in which he asserted that “not in a thousand years” would he see Rhodesia give in to majority rule. His critics still use that cherry-picked line as proof of his racially driven intentions, leaving out the context in which the quote was stated. Agree with his ideology or not, those words take on a different meaning in the context of the entire quote, which reads, “Let me say it again. I don't believe in black majority rule ever in Rhodesia — not in a thousand years. I repeat that I believe in blacks and whites working together. If one day it is white and the next day it is black, I believe we have failed and it will be a disaster for Rhodesia.”

However, it cannot be denied that this quote was the final crippling blow. Under pressure from the United Nations, the USA was beginning to waver. Henry Kissinger was even sent on a special visit to try and convince him to give in. Smith finally resigned to international pressure when South Africa, Rhodesia's strongest ally, ended support.

In 1979, Smith dissolved Parliament and with a heavy heart signed the International Settlement. After a brief transitory period, Robert Mugabe became president of the country that would be renamed Zimbabwe within two years.

At first, there was much hope for the future of Zimbabwe and Mugabe seemed like the sort of leader the new Africa needed. He promised reconciliatory regime with whites and would use the Lancaster House Agreement of 1979 to buy back land from willing white sellers and redistribute it to the black majority. Smith himself was invited to stay on in Zimbabwean politics and the former prime minister even second-guessed his earlier skepticism about his former prisoner turned president.

“Here's this chap, and he was speaking like a sophisticated, balanced, sensible man,” Smith



Smith's autobiography, in which he blames Great Britain for what transpired in what is now Zimbabwe.

said of Mugabe. “I thought: if he practices what he preaches, then it will be fine. And for five or six months, it was fine.”

True enough, almost immediately after Mugabe was elected president in April of 1980, almost half of Rhodesia's white population left the country. It looked like an unfair prejudiced move, but many of the blacks who had backed Mugabe could soon attest to how right those who fled the country were in their suspicions. That, in fact, has been the irony of Mugabe's brutal and disastrous legacy, the black majority has suffered the most under him, and a lot more than they had under Ian Smith.

The first indication of Mugabe's murderous intentions was his conflict with former ally Joshua Nkomo, leader of the Zimbabwe African People's Union which had now feuded with Mugabe's ZANU (Zimbabwe African National Union). It started as a common politician squabble with Mugabe initially denying Nkomo the position of Minister of Defense, but the situation soon turned far uglier when ethnicities became a factor. Mugabe had a long animosity toward Nkomo's tribe, the Ndebele. By the late 80s, Mugabe's paranoia took over and he launched a massive attack against the Ndebele people, sending combat troops into their village in Matabeleland and massacring civilians. Nkomo fled the country and found refuge in the UK, but close to 20,000 Ndebele were slaughtered.

Mugabe's killing blow to Zimbabwe was his fast-track Land Reform initiative launched in 2000. For a decade, he abided to the terms of the Lancaster House Agreement and bought back what land he could from white farmers. By 1997, however, he had grown impatient with how slow the program was moving and the number of farms still in white hands. He then simply ignored the terms and began taking the farms by force. Between 2000 and 2002, almost all of the country's white-owned farms were invaded, seized, and the whites chased

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Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Mayor of Revere Dan Rizzo pulled papers asking for a recount. Is he kidding? He lost by 117 votes; the taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for a recount because he lost. Rizzo can raise the money by selling the stone monument with his name located on the side of City Hall. Enough said! ... State Representative Adrian Madaro hosted a successful fundraiser last Thursday evening at Spinelli's Function Facilities in Day Square to a sold-out crowd. Friends, family and supporters were there to show their support to the young, popular, and energetic state representative. Madaro hit the ground running after the election by joining colleagues in getting bills passed. State Rep. Madaro is also continuing a tradition State Rep. Carlo Basile, Madaro's predecessor, started

at the Sacred Heart Church for low-income and elderly East Boston people, providing them with a soup-to-nuts Thanksgiving Day dinner ... Speaking of tradition, well-known Eastie activists Jim and Patti Sartori have spent the last 50 years having Thanksgiving dinner with relatives in the North End, owners of La Famiglia Spagnuolo Italian Ristorante on Hanover Street. Cousin Claudia Iandolo will be preparing the dinner. Spagnuolo's, one of the oldest restaurants in the North End, has been in business for 58 years. The original owner, the grandfather, opened Massachusetts' first pastry shop in the North End, known today as La Famiglia Spagnuolo ... The Lombardo family, started by patriarch Sal Lombardo, held a Thanksgiving dinner at Lombardo's Function Hall in Central Square for many, many years, as many of you in East Boston

have not forgotten. After the function facility was sold, the family transferred the Thanksgiving Day dinner tradition to their function facilities in Randolph where East Boston residents were welcomed ... Mary Catino, a pillar of the East Boston community, passed away recently. Mary will be remembered for the unselfish time she gave readily to the community. For years, Mary worked tirelessly to help raise money for the East Boston Columbus Day Parade. And as a community activist, she attended all important meetings pertaining to East Boston to either voice her approval or objection. Her contributions to East Boston will always be remembered ... Another woman of substance who recently passed away at the age of 107 was Giovanna Colarossi, mother of Debora Tauro and mother-in-law to Benny, both of East Boston. Many of us have had the pleasure of meeting her while living with son-in-law Benny and her daughter Debra Tauro. She was a great Italian cook that helped prepare food at Benny and Debra's great parties and BBQ's held for family and friends ... People continue to complain over the huge liquor trucks that double park on Bennington Street blocking in cars, and creating traffic jams for a period of time. The Traffic Division needs to look into this and designate legal spaces where these semi-wheeler delivery trucks can park during deliveries ... Heard Suffolk Downs is seeking a license for the year 2016 to run live horse racing ... Heard approximately 2,000 renters and owners combined will be taking up occupancy on Ocean Avenue in Revere. Not only are these buildings hideous and look like housing projects, the new occupants will create mucho traffic problems in the area. Did Rizzo consider this before signing off! Drivers will not be able to get on or off the beach. As it stands now, the traffic on Revere Street and North Shore Road is bumper to bumper! Taxpayers are asking if these eye-sore buildings will give them any real estate tax breaks. I think not! ... Happy Thanksgiving!Till next time!

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Avruch will be signing and offering pictures and DVDs of the actual shows from the '60s. *Bozo's Big Top* was syndicated nationally in the '60s



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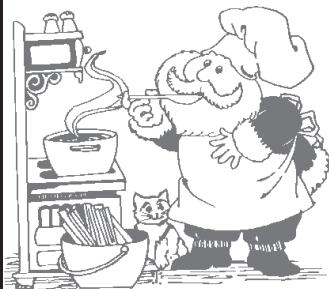
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“Evening for Education” Raises Over \$125,000 for Eliot School

by Jeanne Brady - photos by Michele Morgan



Eliot School Principal Traci Walker Griffith presents Jorge Mendoza with a gift in appreciation for all he and his family have done for the Eliot School.



Frank and Debbie DePasquale with Eliot School Principal Traci Walker Griffith.



City Councilor Sal LaMattina, Eliot School Principal Traci Walker Griffith, Jorge Mendoza and friends enjoying the evening.



Friday the 13th was a lucky day for the North End’s Eliot School! Over 130 people came out to support the school’s Deepening Enrichment initiative, which makes several extra programs possible for its students. In addition to continuing the Eliot’s successful robotics program, funds raised (over \$125,000!) will go towards grade school level Italian books and language tools; a variety of science materials; and expansion of the school’s sports programs for PE classes, recess and after-school recreation.

This seventh annual “Evening for Education” was generously hosted by the Mendoza family of the North End’s Vinoteca di Monica, who provided their delicious food and drink to community members, school parents and alumni turning out for the children of the North End. The event was also sponsored by DePasquale Ventures, City Suites, MSA Mortgage, and JW Capital Partners.

Eliot School Principal Traci Walker Griffith said, “I’m so grateful to the caring community that comes together each year to support the Eliot. The Eliot’s ongoing improvement since I began as principal would not be possible without the Mendoza family and the entire North End coming together to on behalf of our spectacular students.”



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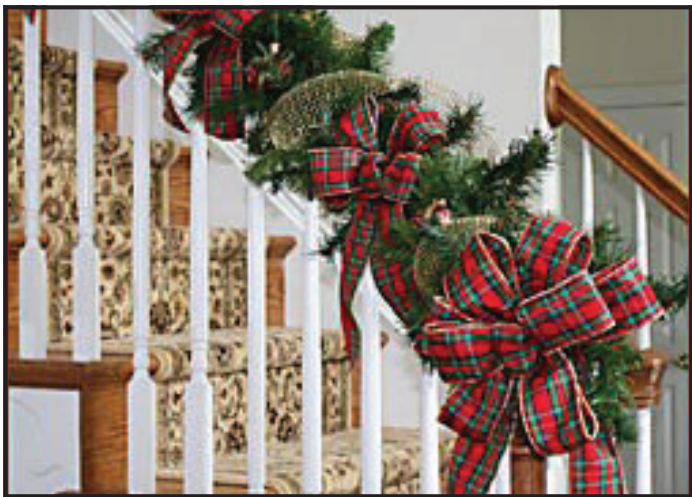
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Chef Ilan and his display of house-made desserts.

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Among the new sweets are: Pavlova meringue cups filled with vanilla pastry cream and fresh berry coulee; Biscotti filled with pistachios, almonds and raisins; Fruit Compote, accented with almond cream; White Chocolate Coconut Macaroons; Apple Crunch; and Almond Cookies. Gleaming samovars offer three choices of hot, hand-blended, house-brewed tea each day, including Hibiscus Green Tea, Jasmine Tea with Mint and Black Tea with Sage.

With a playful nod to the culinary term "bon appétit," BONAPITA roughly translates to "Good Pita." The restaurant is known for its house-made Pita bread, served hot and fresh from the oven, complemented by thoughtfully prepared chicken, beef, vegetarian and vegan entrees that are roasted, chopped or grilled to perfection.

The menu at BONAPITA is dairy-free and fryer-free, resulting in highly nutritious choices that make it easy to eat healthy. Chef Ilan's signature creations include: Chicken á la Plancha; BONAPITA Meatballs, oven-baked and then slow-cooked with lemon and fine herbs; Black Bean & Beet Patties accented with a touch of garlic; and Mushrooms, Lentils & Thyme sautéed to order. BONAPITA also serves two home-made soups each day and offers a full catering menu for private parties — a great choice for the holidays ahead.

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(DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.**

When established Director Arnold Albertson (Owen Wilson) casts call-girl-turned-actress Isabella “Izzy” Paterson (Imogen Poots) in a new play to star alongside his wife Delta (Kathryn Hahn) and her ex-lover Seth Gilbert (Rhys Ifans), a zany love triangle forms with hilarious twists. Jennifer Aniston plays Izzy's therapist Jane, who is consumed with her own failing relationship with Arnold's playwright Joshua Fleet (Will Forte), who is also developing a crush on Izzy. A screwball comedy featuring the interconnected lives of the cast and crew of a Broadway production.

**THE END OF THE TOUR
(Blu-ray)
Lionsgate Home Ent.**

A warm, winning road-trip movie that follows journalist David Lipsky (Jesse Eisenberg) as he interviews legendary author David Foster Wallace (Jason Segel). *The End of the Tour* explores friendship, fame, and creative rivalry through two people on a journey that is as enjoyable as it is unforgettable.

**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

**NORTH END'S 45TH ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Doesn't Christmas seem to arrive faster and faster these days? This year's 45th Annual North End Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, December 13th at 1:00 pm and, as always, is sponsored by the North End Athletic Association. See Santa arrive at Puopolo Park by helicopter. In case of inclement weather, the rain date is December 20th.

**SHERIFF BENNETT OFF
AND RUNNING AGAIN**

I just picked up Doug Bennett's latest home-made piece of literature. He is off and running again against Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins. This will be BENNETT 0-TOMPKINS 3. So far, Tompkins keeps winning and Bennett keeps trying. Bennett's website for 2016 is www.DougieBennett.com. Apparently, he is now Dougie, as in everyone's old friend Dougie.

Don't forget, the election is Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Time flies much to fast when you are on the campaign trail. I am sure there will be much more homemade literature and wooden billboards to come. The election is, after all, nearly a year away. Assuming he is running in November, he must have decided to run as an Independent. Otherwise his next losing election would have been in September 2016.

This doesn't matter much to me since I am with Sheriff Tompkins.

NORTH END CHRISTMAS FUND LUNCHEON

This year's North End Christmas Fund Luncheon to benefit North End families and elderly will be held on Thursday, December 17th, at Filippo's Ristorante. For ticket information, call the Nazzaro Center at 617-643-8105.

**SALESIAN PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER
A GREAT SUCCESS**

The annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser for the Salesian Boys & Girls Club in Eastie was a huge success. The hall was overflowing with plenty of pasta and hungry mouths.



Shown with Father John Nazzaro (center) are L-R: Nicole McCormack, Joe Bruno, and Stephen and Kathleen Scire.

THEY LOVE THE POST-GAZETTE IN QUINCY

I have introduced the Post-Gazette to many folks in Quincy, who now can't be without their latest copy. A big hello goes out to Betty and Pauline at Colonial Federal Savings Bank in Wollaston, and to Ray and Anna Zanelli. Ray's roots are from northern Italy. Up there, look out a window and you can hear French spoken. Down where my grandparents came from, you can see North Africa across the water. It is all Italy, but don't tell that to a Sicilian.

**SACRED HEART PARISH
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

East Boston's Sacred Heart Parish Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday, November 21st in the downstairs church hall on Paris Street. It starts at 11:00 am with breakfast with Santa for the kids and goes until 6:00 pm. Check this out.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

The East Boston Community Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted this year by State Rep. Adrian Madaro and family, will be held at the Sacred Heart Church Hall on Thanksgiving Day. Doors open at 10:30 am. Dinner served from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm.

**THE RIDE MAY HIKE
PRICE FOR VAN RIDE**

The MBTA is between a rock and a bus stop as it faces more deficits due to rising costs. It says it could save \$8 million annually by increasing fares for its door-to-door service for disabled passengers from \$3.00 to \$4.20 per ride. Advocates for the disabled say a fare hike would severely limit travel for many of The Ride's users.

The Ride is a great service for the disabled, but it is also a budget buster. Hikes seem reasonable to keep the whole program alive. There is no such thing as a free ride or a free lunch. Someone has to make up the shortfall in funds, and that someone is all who ride the MBTA everyday to work.

The government doesn't give away free stuff for nothing, does it?

SUNDAY COMIC PAGE FAVORITES

You know when I read the Sunday comics in the funny pages of my Globe and Herald, I miss two old favorites from my much younger days. However, while down in New Haven recently, I picked up the Hartford Courant and there to my surprise on the funny pages were BOTH “Shoe” and “Blondie.” I have missed that old bird newspaper editor and his typewriter and I missed Dagwood and Blondie, or should I say Blondie and Dagwood. After all, I have identified myself with Dagwood for a long, long time.

DON'T FORGET

THE ANNUAL QUINCY CHRISTMAS PARADE

This year's annual Quincy Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, November 29th, starting at 12:30 pm in Quincy Center by the Church of the Presidents. Last year's parade was held in balmy 60 degree temps. Can't guarantee those temps, but remember it is a parade worth seeing whatever the temperature. Dress warm just in case.

FINALLY ...

Did you hear this one? There is a chance that Governor Baker may appoint District Attorney Dan Conley to a judgeship. If this happens, Baker could appoint City Councilor Michael F. Flaherty to complete Conley's D.A. term. If that happens, the 5th-place finisher in the at-large race could stay in his old city council office. Musical Chairs is a great game, isn't it?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DREW



(Photo by Danikka Moses)

My little great-nephew, Drew Moses, just celebrated his 5th birthday in grand style by showing up at the Centre Street Firehouse in West Roxbury for a photo shoot wearing his firefighter outfit. With him was his little brother, Chase.

Following the firehouse stop, everyone went over to the West Napoli pizza shop for his birthday party.

Thanks to all the guys at the firehouse for making Drew's birthday so special and also to the owner of West Napoli for opening up his shop on a Sunday just for the party.

MADARO FUNDRAISER AT SPINELLI'S

State Rep. Adrian Madaro, D-East Boston, held a very successful event at Spinelli's in Day Square last week. The function room was mobbed and all had a great time.



Shown in photo with Adrian (center) are L-R: former state Reps. Carlo Basile and Gus Serra.

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LYNN AUDITORIUM

3 City Hall Square, Lynn, MA

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www.LynnAuditorium.com

PAUL ANKA — December 11, 2015. Anka wrote "Diana," a love song, for the 18-year-old babysitter of his younger brother and sister. The song became America's top song in September of 1957. He wrote "Lonely Boy" for his mother, who died of a liver disease. To date, Paul has recorded 125 albums — including songs in

Japanese, German, Spanish, French, and Italian — and sold more than 15 million worldwide. He wrote "My Way" for Frank Sinatra. He was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1993. Anka discovered Michael Bublé, Corey Hart and David Clayton-Thomas. He was awarded a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

THE CABOT

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www.TheCabot.org

CHRISTMAS WITH DARLENE LOVE

— December 13, 2015. Everyone has seen Darlene on *Late Night with David Letterman* singing "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)" for 30 holiday seasons. Now "Christmas with Darlene Love" is coming to Beverly for an exclusive Boston-area performance!!! Darlene Love was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2011 and she was featured in *20 Feet from Stardom* in 2013. In 2014, that documentary won an Academy Award and Darlene was featured from the Dolby Theater stage on the Academy Awards Show. As she raised the Oscar, the entire house stood with a cheering ovation lead by the wildly applauding Bill Murray. Darlene, who celebrated her 74th birthday in July, is killing it! She is touring non-stop, appearing on late night TV, and she has a hot new CD produced by Steven Van Zandt, the guitarist and member of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band, titled *Introducing Darlene Love*.

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THE FOUR SEASONS Presented by

Boston Baroque — December 31, 2015 and January 1, 2016. New Year's Eve (Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 8:00 pm) and New Year's Day, (Friday, January 1, 2016 at 3:00 pm) will once again soar — not only with champagne and chocolates — but this year with Antonio Vivaldi! *The Four Seasons*, Vivaldi's most popular work, will feature Boston Baroque's concertmaster Christina Day Martinson as she takes center stage in

this mesmerizing and celebratory concerto. Martinson is featured in Boston Baroque's recording of this work. Many of the movements of Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* have been used in movies like *Tin Cup*, *Spy Game*, *A View to Kill*, *What Lies Beneath*, *White Chicks*, *Saved!*, *Pacific Heights*, *The Other Sister* . . . the list keeps going. These two concerts will also include Vivaldi's Concerto for Soprano Recorder, featuring Aldo Abreu, recorder. George Frideric Handel's Concerto Grosso in D, op. 6, no. 5 completes the festive program. Champagne and chocolates at intermission will once again apply festive notes.

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CARRIE UNDERWOOD — February 23, 2016. Seven-time Grammy winner and Pollstar's three-time top female country touring artist, Carrie Underwood, who just released her fifth studio album, *Storyteller*. "I can't wait to play new music from *Storyteller* for the fans," shares Underwood. "I am so blessed to have this career and get to do to the things I do, but there is nothing like that moment when I get to step onto the stage to sing and all the fans are singing along with me." *The Storyteller Tour — Stories in the Round* will be Underwood's first tour "in the round." With the stage in the middle of the arena floor, the 360-degree setting will allow fans on all sides of the arena to get a very intimate and unique concert experience.

ORPHEUM THEATRE

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BONNIE RAITT — March 29, 2016. Bonnie Lynn Raitt is an American blues singer, songwriter and slide guitar player. During the 1970s, Raitt released a series of roots-influenced albums which incorporated elements of blues, rock, folk and country. In 1989 after several years of critical acclaim but little commercial success she had a major return to form with the release of her album *Nick of Time*. The following two albums *Luck of the Draw* (1991) and *Longing in Their Hearts* (1994) were also multi-million sellers generating several hit singles, including "Something to Talk About," "Love Sneakin' Up on You," and the ballad "I Can't Make You Love Me" (with Bruce Hornsby on piano). Raitt has received 10 Grammy Awards. She is listed as number 50 in *Rolling Stone* magazine's list of the 100 Greatest Singers of All Time and number 89 on their list of the 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time.

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THE NUTCRACKER — November 27-December 31, 2015. Mikko Nissinen's *The Nutcracker* captures your imagination and transports you to a magical world of brave toy soldiers and dancing candy canes. Follow Clara as she embarks on her journey filled with colorful characters, breathtaking costumes, and majestic scenery.

PIPPIN — February 2-14, 2016. A young prince sets out on a journey to find the ultimate meaning of life in the vaudevillean spectacular of Pippin, from Godspell creator Stephen Schwartz. Told by a roving cast of an anachronistic acting troupe, the musical first wowed audiences in 1972, seducing them with an astonishing musical fable set to a rousing 1970's rock score, including the hits "Magic to Do" and "I Guess I'll Miss the Man." With elements of surrealism and naughtiness, there is a moving core to this quest for fulfillment, told through a medieval fable that still connects with contemporary audiences. Revived on Broadway by director Diane Paulus (Porgy and Bess and Hair) this new incarnation of Pippin won four 2013 Tonys, and is now hitting the road for a bombastic and vivid tour of the USA!

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ARABIAN NIGHTS — November 27, 2015 through January 3, 2016. Become enchanted by the power of storytelling one final time! The Nora Theatre Company and Underground Railway Theater revive their award-winning production of Dominic Cooke's *Arabian Nights*. Based on *One Thousand and One Nights*, a collection of folk tales from the Middle East and Asia, *Arabian Nights* is rich with suspense, romance and hilarity —

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LOVE LETTERS — February 2-7, 2016. One of the most famous on screen couples of all time are back together for the national tour of A. R. Gurney's *Love Letters*. Ryan O'Neil and Ali MacGraw first set hearts a flutter in 1970 when they starred in the iconic weepie *Love Story*. A massive commercial success, the movie was nominated for seven Academy Awards and its tagline alone — Love means never having to say you're sorry — is still enough to get millions reaching for a box of tissues. What is *Love Letters* About? Melissa and Andrew have been in love since second grade, yet circumstance and their own crushing insecurities have resulted in this inevitable romance never materialising. Opting instead for the safety of friendship, the pair keep up a constant correspondence through letters, cards, notes and invitations, a 50-year-old paper trail which details all of their victories, defeats and dreams as life pulls them ever further apart.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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— December 12, 2015 – August 14, 2016. Kenneth Paul Block (1925–2009) is arguably the most important fashion illustrator of the second half of the 20th century. His versatility and ability to create a graceful gesture or evoke the high energy of the post-WWII generation make his work stand out among illustrators of his time. Throughout his career, mainly with *Women's Wear Daily* and *W Magazine*, he chronicled fashionable designs and the lifestyles of the people who wore them. Blending illustration and portraiture, his drawings of figures like Jacqueline Kennedy, Babe Paley and Gloria Guinness capture the sophistication of the era's socialites and celebrities. This chronological survey contains approximately 30 works spanning Block's career from the 1950s into the 1990s — drawing from the MFA's repository of Block's extensive archive of drawings. Including examples of fashion illustrations and society portraits, works range from early black-and-white drawings in charcoal to later works in watercolor and colored pencil.

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"Italia Oggi" — Sundays 11:00 am to Noon with host Andrea Urdi 1460 AM.

"Dolce Vita Radio" — Sundays DJ Rocco Mesiti 11:00 am-1:00 pm; 90.7 FM or online www.djrocco.com.

"The Nick Franciosa Show" — Sundays from Noon to 3:00 pm on WLYN 1360 AM.

"Guido Oliva Italian Hour" — Sundays 8:00 am-9:00 am on WSRO 650 AM and online at www.wvro.com.

"Tony's Place" on MusicAmerica WPLM FM 99.1 — Sundays 7:00 pm-2:00 am on MusicAmerica. Host Ron Della Chiesa presents Tony's Place. Visit www.MusicNotNoise.com.

"L'Italia Chiamo Italian Radio Show" hosted by Stefano Marchese and Elisa Meazzini — Thursdays 3:00 pm-4:15 pm. Visit litaliachiamo.com; email: litaliachiamoshow@gmail.com. Tel. 857-334-0868.

"Intervallo Musicale" — Sundays 10:00-10:30 am; Host Carmine Guarino on WUNR 1600 AM and online at www.wunr.com.

Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Great woman! Dana Marlowe is giving homeless women some much-needed support. The mother of two donated all her old bras to charity when she learned that homeless women often go without them because they're so expensive. A friend added her own to the pile, and Marlowe decided to start an online bra donation drive. She was soon receiving bras of all sizes from across the world, and dropped off 1,051 of them at a Washington D.C. homeless charity. "Bras are considered superfluous items," she explained. "But they're essential for women — for health, self-esteem, employment, and more."

Propio un stronzo! A Georgia man facing 20 years in prison on fraud charges fled the courthouse in a panicked moment before the jury declared him not guilty. "I felt kind of stupid," said Saladin Ghani after learning of the verdict.

A Louisiana public school is insisting it has a legal right to promote Christianity. Students at Airline High School are drilled in *Bible* verses, warned against contraception, and taught creationism in science class. Despite a formal complaint from the ACLU, the school board vowed to maintain its practices, saying, "Our history and traditions respect the freedom of religion, not the freedom from religion."

An African-American man is seeking political asylum in Canada on the grounds that police racism has put his life in jeopardy. Kyle Canty, 30, says cops have frequently harassed him on minor charges and that police are exterminating blacks "at an alarming rate." "This is a well grounded fear," Canty told the Immigration and Refugee Board, which is considering his request for refugee status.

Good start, after incoming speaker of the House, Paul Ryan, revealed that he is working on ways to "detoxify" his new office from the smell of cigarettes left behind from his predecessor, John Boehner. "You know if you ever go in a hotel room or a rental car that's been smoked in," Ryan said, "that's what it smells like."

From Fox Lake, Ill. Cop shooting ruled suicide. An Illinois police officer, whose September shooting sparked a massive manhunt, actually killed himself, investigators revealed, because he had been stealing money from his department and feared being found out. Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz, 52, was on patrol when he radioed for backup, saying he was pursuing two white men and a black man for suspicious activity. Officers responding to the call found his body with gunshot wounds to the torso, which led to a weeks-long manhunt involving hundreds of law enforcement officials. But investigators said that Gliniewicz had shot himself with his own weapon in "a carefully staged suicide." Gliniewicz, who had experience staging mock crime scenes for police training, had allegedly stolen money estimated in "five figures" from a police-mentoring program over at least seven years.

Wow! Otha Anders, a school teacher in Louisiana, cashed in his collection of more than 500,000 pennies, which he'd been gathering for the last 45 years. The coins weighed nearly 3,000 pounds and were worth \$5,136.14.

News from the Vatican City. Vatican officials announced that they arrested two people on suspicion of leaking documents that exposed shenanigans in the Holy See's finances. Spanish priest Lucio Angel Vallejo Balda and Italian public relations executive Francesca Chaouqui were both members of a financial reform commission set up by Pope Francis in 2013. The pair is suspected of having provided documents to two Italian journalists who have books out this week. Gianluigi Nuzzi's "Merchants in the Temple" portrays the Vatican as packed with hypocritical officials to hide their spending. Emiliano Fittipaldi's "Avarice" details how greedy Vatican officials allegedly siphoned off church funds intended for sick children and the poor.

News from Australia. Australians are calling a grandfather from Perth "Ant Man" after he survived six days in the outback with no water by eating ants. Reg Foggerdy, 62, was hunting feral camels in the wilderness and had just returned to camp and taken off his survival gear when a camel wandered by. He pursued it, but eventually found himself lost with a dead camel he couldn't eat because he had no knife. Foggerdy said he'd seen survival expert Bear Grylls eat ants on TV, so that's what he did. He was near death when rescuers found him, acting on a tip from an Aboriginal elder who had seen a footprint in the sand.



For decades Tom Jones' soulful, power house baritone, olive complexion, and thick mane of curls have sparked speculation that he may have some African ancestry. Now, at 75, the Welsh crooner says he plans to take a DNA test and find out once and for all. "A lot of people still think I'm black," Jones told The Times (UK). "Black people still tell me I'm just passing as white." Jones believes that if he does have African roots, it might be through his mother, who, he says, was born with "big dark patches all over her body. They asked if she had any black blood and she said she didn't know."

Unbelievable! A Long Island, NY man got an unpleasant surprise when he returned from a trip to Florida to find an empty lot where his house had stood. Phil Williams, 69, went south to get knee surgery and recuperate in the Sunshine State's warmth. But neighbors had been complaining that the house was poorly maintained and an eyesore. While he was away, local officials had it razed and carted away. "You don't expect to leave and get surgery and come back to find everything gone," Williams said. "They shouldn't be able to do that."

Ouch! A sword-wielding burglar who broke into a Wichita home was chased down the street by a home owner armed with a spear. Police said a woman at the property awoke to find the man with a samurai sword in her bedroom, taking her valuables. She woke her son, who snatched up a spear he uses in medieval re-enactments and chased the intruder. Neighbors called police to report two men "running through their backyard with this large spear and armed with a sword," said Sgt. Brian Sigman. "This is definitely a first."

Gee, late-in-life divorces are becoming more common. The divorce rate for people age 50 and over doubled from 1990 to 2014, even while the rate for younger people was dropping. With life expectancies rising, said sociologist Pepper Schwartz, a lot of people in their 50s and 60s with unsatisfying marriages are saying, "Do I really want 30 more years of this?"

If it weren't for divorce courts separating people, the police would have to.

Propio Stronzo says, "In the old days a woman married a man for his money, but now she divorces him for it."

For the record, *death rates for white Americans* ages 45 to 54 rose significantly between 1999 and 2013, even as those for other racial and age groups continued to drop, according to a new federal study. Researchers said economic problems appear to be driving high rates of alcohol and drug abuse, smoking, and poor eating.

Bow wow! Since 2004, at least 10 Americans have been accidentally shot by dogs. The latest canine shooting occurred in Indiana, when a woman left her loaded shotgun on the ground and her dog, Trigger, stood on it — blasting her in the left foot.

Americans are becoming less religious, according to the Pew Research Center. 77 percent of Americans say they're "religiously affiliated," down from 83 percent in 2007. 63 percent of Americans say they're "absolutely certain" that God exists, down from 71 percent in 2007. These trends are most pronounced among millennials.

Italians have supported American independence. Three Italian regiments, totaling some 1,500 men, fought for American independence: the Third Piemonte, the 13th Du Perche, and the Royal Italian.

The distinguished musicologist Al Natale reminds us that East Boston produced many great Italian-American musicians from 1920 to 1960. Geraldo Graziano/ Jerry Gray. Louis Prima's drummer Jimmy Vincent. Michael Cassaletto, banjo player from Paris Street, recorded with jazz great Red Nichols and Miff Mole. Sonny Dee-Colangelo, bass player, worked for many big bands. Another popular East Bostonian was Pete Chiriani, better known as Pete Herman. Pete and his trio worked at the Hi-Hat Club broadcasted on WHDH. Ralph Chioni, a cellist from Sumner Street, known as Ralph Scott, served as president of the Boston musicians union. And of course, bandleader Joseph Barisano, who changed his name to Ray Barron.

Happy Thanksgiving!
AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME

Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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Nonna Lucy's Turkey Stuffing

2 large onions, chopped
3 celery stalks, chopped
2 cans chicken broth
2 chicken bouillon cubes
1 pound of white or brown instant rice
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning

2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 small French bread, cubed
3/4 cup pignoli (pine nuts)
2 tablespoons grated Romano Cheese
1/4 cup white wine
4 tablespoons butter or margarine
Salt and pepper

One day earlier, cube bread and place in a paper bag to dry, or slightly toast cubed bread and cool on day of stuffing preparation.

Use one can of chicken broth as the liquid for cooking the instant rice and follow direction on package for cooking time. When cooked, cover and set aside.

Meanwhile, melt butter or margarine in a large skillet. Add chopped onion and celery. Stir and cook until onion is opaque. Remove from burner. Carefully add remaining can of chicken broth to the skillet. Return to burner and heat broth slowly. Add cubed bread to the broth and mix until all bread is softened. If needed, add one chicken bouillon cube to one cup of boiling water. Dissolve bouillon cube and add gradually to bread as needed.

Combine rice and softened bread in a large bowl. Add parsley, poultry seasoning, grated cheese, wine, and pine nuts. Mix thoroughly. Salt to taste and store in refrigerator. When you are ready to bake the turkey, mix slightly beaten eggs thoroughly into the stuffing before you fill the turkey cavity. Place stuffed turkey into a proper-size baking pan and bake in preheated oven at 325°F until fork tender.

Since my family enjoys having some stuffing baked separately, I oil spray a 9" x 9" baking dish, or size needed, to bake any remaining stuffing. Baste both turkey and the separate pan of stuffing with turkey pan drippings.

This recipe is for a fifteen-pound turkey.

NOTE: I remember the days, as a child, when I grated the cheese and chopped the onion and celery for my mother for her turkey stuffing. My children, who called their maternal grandmother "Nonna," learned to prepare this same recipe by helping as I had done. Now we have another generation — my grandchildren — eager to follow in this tradition.

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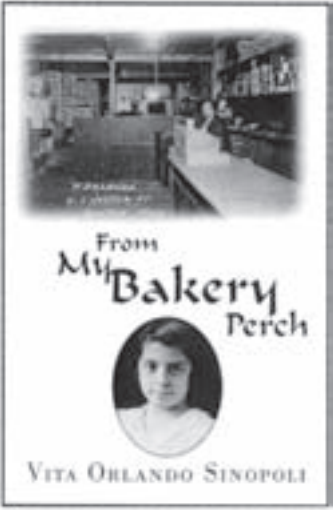
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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Thanksgiving is next Thursday and my family is going to do something a bit different this year. We will celebrate the day in Florida. My son, John, announced that he and my daughter-in-law, Beth, were going to head to her parents for the holiday because they would be here for Christmas. Cousin Ralph usually has us over, but his family is constantly growing due to the fact that it now includes his married children's in-laws. The best alternative is to head to Florida. My son Michael informed us that he was coming home and we are rerouting him to Florida, also. Some close friends will be joining us for dinner and a few more will join us later for coffee and my new invention. I have come up with something that expresses my ethnicity and the State of Florida. I've invented something called the Key Lime Canoli. I will let you know how it tastes.

I discussed with Loretta what we will need to put together Thanksgiving away from home. We've never done it before. When we traveled to my cousin Ralph's, we were assigned certain parts of the meal, and Loretta would prepare them. This is different. We will be flying to Florida just a couple of days prior to Thanksgiving and the concept of having to put everything together, last minute, is a bit unnerving. We then discovered another way out of the stress. There is a deli close to us where we often eat breakfast. They have a Thanksgiving Day special. They will prepare a complete turkey dinner, New England-style, for as many people as we request. We called, and now they will handle everything. I already have the wine, beer and soft drinks in the Florida house, so with the work being done by someone else, I can relax.

This isn't the way it was years ago, when Nanna and Babbononno were alive. The women in my family, headed by my grandmother, would begin to prepare for Thanksgiving weeks ahead of time. Over coffee, the ladies — Nanna, my mother and my aunts — would determine how many people there would be at the dinner table, and add in amounts of food for a few more, just in case. Let's see, there were Nanna and Babbononno, that's two. Mom, Dad and me, that's three more, five total. Add in Uncle Paul, Aunt Eleanor and their two daughters, Paula and Ellie, that's four more, nine total. Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna made it eleven (They didn't have any kids yet.) Last, but not least, would be Uncle Nick

and his lady friend, soon to be wife, Aunt Dorothy. This made the total thirteen. You might say that the number is unlucky, but the size of the crowd at the dinner table would never have stayed at thirteen. There were always paesani of Nanna and Babbononno who might be alone and they were always invited. These additions justified the "just in case" statement I used earlier.

Once the number was determined, the shopping would begin. Most of that was left up to Nanna and my mother. Now, you have to remember that this was a point in time when I was just a kid. There were no supermarkets. You shopped at specialty stores. Nanna would take me on the trolley to Maverick Square in East Boston where a poultry slaughter house existed. During the other weeks of the year, the women of East Boston would head there, pick out their chickens from the cages where they were housed, and have them slaughtered, de-feathered and dressed according to Kosher law. This place (I've forgotten the name) came into existence when East Boston had a large Jewish population, but that was many years earlier. When the Italians discovered the quality of their products, the place stayed alive.

Nanna would pick out the turkey she wanted and begin to bargain with the salesperson who was attending to her. She would speak to him in Italian and he would argue back in Yiddish. I don't know how they communicated, but my grandmother always got the bird she wanted, cleaned and dressed the way she wanted, and for the price she wanted.

After the turkey was paid for and placed in my grandmother's black oilcloth shopping bag, we would head back toward Central Square to buy the other things she would need for Thanksgiving. We would stop at Sal Lombardo's butcher shop, where we would pick up the hamburger to be used for meatballs. Next, there was Kennedy's butter and egg store on Bennington Street, where Nanna would buy eggs that would be included in the pasta she would make from scratch, and for the stuffing for the turkey. We would continue on Bennington Street until we arrived at Brooks Street and then stop at several stores for more items necessary for a Thanksgiving dinner. John Sava's and Tilley's Markets were as close to what you might call supermarkets. Here, Nanna could pick up the canned goods she needed to make her gravy. As

we progressed up the Brooks Street hill, we would stop at Umana's Bakery.

Guy Umana, brother to Mario Umana, was the owner and would always have a tray of Sicilian pizza on the counter. Two slices were my lunch and I loved it. As we progressed up the Brooks Street hill, there were several other stores that Nanna would stop at. First, on the next corner was another butcher shop. Here she would select the meats that would go into her gravy. The next stop would be at a green grocer's where she would pick up fruits, vegetables, and nuts. The last stop was at a mom-and-pop operation on the corner of Brooks and Eutaw Streets. Here my grandmother would pick up anything she had forgotten at the other stores we stopped at, and also play her number for the day. The proprietor would handle the numbers the old-timers would play on a daily basis for a nickel or dime. The legalization of the State Lottery killed this part of the game of chance for the old-timers.

Once home, Mom and Nanna would examine all the ingredients that were bought for Thanksgiving. They would plan out the menu together. First there would be the kitchen table with antipasti. Cut up Italian bread, an assortment of cheeses, cold cuts, olives, hot peppers and marinated mushrooms and eggplant would start out the dinner. When it was time to sit down, the first course would be escarole soup with pasta and tiny meatballs. Next would be Nanna's homemade ravioli, followed by hot and sweet sausages, chunks of beef, pork, lamb and meatballs, all having been cooked in her homemade gravy. Vegetables would follow, all prepared with garlic and olive oil. Then salad and later, fruits and nuts. There would be bottles of homemade wine and soda (tonic for us Bostonians) placed strategically on the table along with loaves of cut up Italian breads, maybe two or three different types.

Later in the day, or early evening, dessert would be served: canoli, sfogliadelle, badigini, and an assortment of Italian cookies and biscotti. These were accompanied by both Italian and American coffee and an assortment of after dinner drinks. I didn't mention the turkey. Well, it sat in the middle of the table, and for all intents and purposes, could have been made out of plastic. No one ate any of it. This was an American holiday, celebrated Italian-style.


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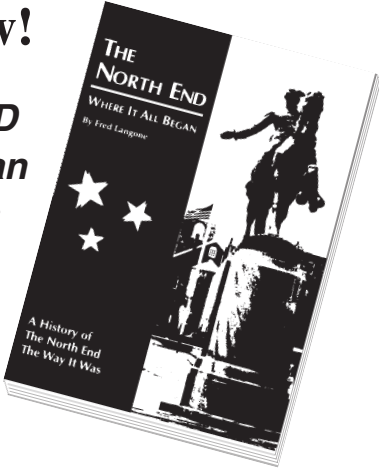
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• News Brief (Continued from Page 1)

applied to West Point, which means he was never accepted or turned it down. He never applied and that is not the same thing, is it?

He wasn't lying in his life story Gifted Hands, but he certainly implied something that didn't take place. His description certainly was misleading and even now he says it wasn't misleading. While he didn't lie, he certainly misled readers about the circumstances around not going to West Point. It isn't really a big deal, and the liberal media is over-blowing it all. However, politicians should never exaggerate their history because all should know the truth will find its way to the surface.

I never heard a presidential candidate working hard to show the American voter what a punk he was as a kid. The media is now looking for proof of his being a bad boy and is unsuccessful to date. Usually, it is the other way around in a normal political cycle, but there is nothing normal about today's politics.

Have You Watched The Latest Planned Parenthood Video Number 11?

This latest, like all that came before it, shows a blatant disregard for human life. Making jokes about body parts and talking about fetal tissue like a package of pork chops in the supermarket freezer is grossly inhuman and a Nazi-like disregard for all human life. As the great Russian novelist and Nobel Prize-winner Alexander Solzhenitsyn stated, "The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor be-

tween classes, nor between political parties either — but right through every human heart — and through all human hearts."

Trust President Obama?

If you like your doctor, you can keep your doctor. Trust me.

President Assad of Syria must go.

Trust me.

Benghazi was caused by an offensive anti-Muslim video.

Trust me.

This Iran nuke deal doesn't pave the way to a nuclear Iran that threatens America.

Where is Your Safe Space?

College students across the country are in a tizzy over not having their "safe space," as if there is any such place. In Missouri, students are afraid to see others in Halloween costumes, so ban Halloween. Lest anyone get upset, huh?

Safe spaces exist in Mr. Roger's Neighborhood of make-believe, but not in the real world. Hasn't Paris once again proved that explicitly?

Laws are not subjected to mob rule. You don't rule or win arguments by having the loudest voices or most supporters.

You want a safe space, go into your room, close the curtains and lock the door and then that isn't even a guaranteed safe space, is it?

End Quote

"Don't hardly like quitters, son."

— Billboard on Southeast Expressway in Dorchester showing an image of cowboy legend John Wayne with that message to passing drivers.

• Horror (Continued from Page 1)

Jihadi John who liked doing beheadings, as if there are no more Jihadi Johns out there ready to step up to the batter's box or the executioner's box.

Back during 2012, Democrats loved saying that Osama bin Laden was dead. Nothing has changed except things are worse with even more resolve from our enemies.

Kudos to Jeb Bush who made a valid point needed, saying "This is a war being created by Islamic terrorists. It's not a law enforcement operation and the mindset that in our country at least needs to change to recognize it for what it is. This is an organized effort to destroy Western civilization. And we need to lead in this regard, we need to re-garner the alliances, fortify those alliances, reconnect with our counterintelligence, and intelligence capabilities with our European allies and engage in the Middle East to take out ISIS, which is more likely to be the wellspring of this type of activity. If it's not them, there are other terrorist groups. This is the war of our time and we have to be serious in engaging and creating a strategy to confront it and take it out."

Last Saturday, I watched the Democratic debate for less than five minutes and all three candidates were mumbling about amnesty without borders for all. We have a president and Secretary of State John Kerry who actually believe that climate change is the greatest threat facing the world today.

Now this week, Jeff Kuhner reported that US Rep. Edward Markey supports President Obama's call to take in Syrian migrants here in the United

States. But rather than the 10,000 number Obama is floating, he thinks 65,000 is a better number. Hillary Clinton supports the 65,000 number, too.

U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano reportedly thinks Somerville needs some refugees and U.S. Rep. Joe Kennedy III seemingly desires refugees in his House District, too.

The only one who seems to have any common sense is U.S. Rep. Stephen Lynch, who reportedly backs Governor Baker's position against Obama's Syrian refugee policy.

I pray for peace, but recognize we have an enemy who terrorizes the world in the name of a twisted version of religious fanaticism.

How do you defeat such an ugly idea that leads people to kill innocent men, women and children in a holy cause? The Islamic State isn't a piece of territory as President Obama wants to believe, it is an idea that must be answered with a better idea.

It is easier to defeat an enemy state because you know its location. The war that Jeb Bush understands that we are fighting is much more difficult to fight, but if we don't fight, our civilization crumbles before eyes.

Sadly, I have greater faith in European leaders such as in France who know doing nothing is not an option. I hope there is a collective resolve worldwide. I hope America leads this resolve. This is a fight between two different moral universes and there can only be one winner.

The world must resolve to restore peace and fight the evil that is roaming the world today.



Gridiron Audibles

with Christian A. Guarino



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This time, Brady had the ball and the time to work with. This time, Giant circus catches were not enough. This time it was the Giants that committed cataclysmic miscues.

This time, just when it looked as though the football gods were once again clad in Giants blue, luck turned. In what will go down as an instant classic, the New England Patriots took down the New York Giants 27-26.

Ok, I know many will find this as overdramatizing a mid-season win, but didn't it feel greatly more than just that?

That feeling existed even before Patriots placekicker Stephen Gostkowski hit a 54-yard field goal to give the Patriots a 27-26 lead with one second to play in the game.

The game began with a methodical opening drive by Tom Brady and the Patriots offense.

Draining 8:20 of the first quarter clock, Brady surgically dissected the Giants defense in 14 plays covering 80-yards capped by a one yard toss to tight end Scott Chandler.

The opening series had Patriots fans thinking this game would be a cakewalk. But these were the Giants.

It took Eli Manning just two plays to draw level as on second down, he found Odell Beckham, Jr., streaming down the right sideline. The pass came a yard ahead of Beckham, who out maneuvered cornerback Malcolm Butler to snag it and then evaded Safety Devin McCourty before racing to an 87-yard finish. The play was the longest pass completion versus a Bill Belichick defense. EVER.

With the score even at 7 apiece, the Patriots suffered a major setback when wide receiver Julian Edelman went down with a foot injury. More on this later.

After exchanging field goals, the Giants took a 17-10 halftime lead when Manning led a 7-play, 74-yard drive in just under a minute.

In the third, the Giants would add a field goal to extend their lead to 10 points, the largest deficit the Patriots had faced all season.

The Patriots offense was sputtering, mainly due to the play of its' offensive line which was cracking under a surprisingly resurgent Giants pass-rush.

But just when all seemed lost, wide receiver Danny Amendola breathed life into the Patriots, with his 82-yard runback of a Brad Wing punt. The runback would have gone for points had teammate Duron Harmon not halted Amendola by inadvertently knocking him down at the 7-yard line. Harmon managed to accomplish what 11 Giant players could not do.

Four plays later, a one-yard touchdown leap by LeGarette Blount ensured that Harmon would not wear goat horns.

Following a Giants field goal by Kicker Josh Brown, who was 4-for-4 on his attempts Sunday afternoon, Brady found tight end Rob Gronkowski for a 76-yard touchdown giving the Patriots a one-point lead at 24-23. But there was still 11:33

on the fourth quarter clock. History has proven that whenever these two teams meet up, viewers are in for a wild finish.

With a chance to put the game away at the Giants five-yard line, Brady made a monumental mistake by forcing the ball in coverage to Brandon LaFell. Corner Trumaine McBride intercepted the pass and what happened next was the stuff of football greatness.

As expected, Manning led the Giants on what appeared to be a game winning drive. In 15-plays, the Giants offense drove 86-yards capped by a Beckham touchdown for a 30-24 lead. Uh, that's how games in this rivalry went the past three times, but not this time. Not in this meeting. Super Bowl hero Malcolm Butler swiped at the ball at the last second knocking it out of Beckham's hands. Beckham acknowledged his part in the Giants loss. "That's on me; I've got to catch that ball."

The Giants would have to settle for a field goal and a 26-24 lead, and also leave Tom Brady with over a minute and a half to bring his team back.

Overcoming a fourth and 10 and aided by a boneheaded dropped interception by Giants safety Landon Collins, Brady got the Patriots in range for a 54-yard field goal by Gostkowski. In crunch time, Brady and Gostkowski did what they always do.

"We needed to finish the game. This time, the other guy finished the game." said Giants Head Coach Tom Coughlin.

The win came at a price, as the Edelman foot injury was revealed to be a broken bone. Edelman had surgery on Monday and will be sidelined at least six weeks, meaning he may return for the playoffs.

"We've got to find different ways," said Brady on the status of Julian Edelman. "Guys stepped up when Julian got hurt. We're down a bunch of tackles and guys are playing out of their usual positions. I think we just keep grinding our way through it. You've got to find different ways to win."

Edelman took to social media following surgery with a promising message to Patriots fans.

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• **Thoughts by Dan** (Continued from Page 6)

out, assaulted and, in some cases, even killed. By the middle of the decade, only 300 of the nation’s 4,000 white farms were still in operation and the white population dropped from 110,000 at the time of Mugabe’s election to 20,000. In 2014, Mugabe took it a step further by making it illegal for whites to own any land, claiming it belonged to black Zimbabweans. They could only own apartments and businesses in the city. No matter, with the white population numbering less than one percent (it was just over five percent at its peak) and most of the farms gone, the damage was done. Those farms were the backbone of Zimbabwe’s economy, providing both exports (corn and tobacco mostly) and food for the country. Most of the surviving white owners packed up and left, but the thousands of black workers they employed added to the nation’s 85% unemployment rate. Zimbabwe has since become a failed state with the majority of the population facing starvation and a life expectancy of 58 years. The final insult, the seized farms were not even turned in to the black majority as promised, but to the war vets who keep Mugabe in power who have neither the know-how or desire to farm, turning the once rich lands into empty fields.

There is little dispute to the Daily Mail’s assertion that, “Life for the poorest black under Ian Smith was incalculably better than it is under Robert Mugabe.” But is Smith’s defiant stance on relinquishing minority rule to blame for the rise of an autocrat or does it prove Smith’s fears to be correct? Well, it’s important to note what Graham Boynton wrote in The Telegraph, “Let us not forget the context of Smith’s determination to hang on to white rule in the 1960s. Rhodesians had already witnessed the flight of Belgian refugees from the Congo; Idi Amin had trashed Uganda, and Mobutu Sese Seko was about to introduce an even more brutal and dysfunctional regime in neighboring Zaire; immediately to the north of Rhodesia, Kaunda’s Zambia was in a mess, riddled with corruption and economically mismanaged, and Malawi was being similarly misruled by the eccentric despot Hastings Banda. So why, Smith argued, would Mugabe be any different?”

To blame Smith for the rise of Robert Mugabe and his catastrophic rule seems unfair. As the Daily Mail observed, “A quick look at other first generation African leaders following independence hardly inspires confidence. There were the genocidal maniacs (Emperor Bokassa in the Central African Republic, Idi Amin in Uganda, Joseph Mobutu in Zaire); the corrupt tyrants (Jomo Kenyatta in Kenya and almost anyone you care to mention); and the socialists who ruined their countries (Julius Nyerere in Tanzania, Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana and a host of others.)

Some of these monsters may even surpass Mr. Mugabe in their sheer awfulness. They all emerged without any help from Mr. Smith, and it is a fair bet that Mr. Mugabe, or someone like him, would sooner or later have seized power in Rhodesia if Mr. Smith had stepped down in 1965.”

But Smith cannot be entirely absolved, either. As, the Daily Mail also observed in the same article written after Smith’s death in November of 2007, his biggest mistake was never spurring the growth of a black middle-class who would have found it in their best interest to oppose someone like Robert Mugabe.

Still, there is little mystery as to why the majority of black Zimbabweans, when asked after Smith’s death, preferred his rule to the current one while also being aware of its imperfections.

The Daily Mail summed it up best, “He was a man out of his time, holding beliefs that would have been standard in the previous generation in Britain. Without doubt he was somewhat narrow and stubborn: from his point of view, he should have accepted Harold Wilson’s offer in 1966, which foresaw majority rule being postponed until the end of the century. Yesterday morning, Radio 4 news quoted the Zimbabwean Information Minister who, not surprisingly, said Zimbabweans would not mourn Mr. Smith’s death. Perhaps not - but how they will rejoice at Robert Mugabe’s!” Why? Simple, the reporter continued, “Ian Smith allowed the BBC to report on Rhodesia, whereas Mr. Mugabe has banned it. Ian Smith helped create a deeply flawed but prosperous country. Robert Mugabe has made a wasteland.”

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Estate of
ALAN K. DER KAZARIAN
Date of Death October 1, 2015

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Isabelle DerKazarian of Belmont, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.
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. SU15A0070AD

In the matter of
SOFIA ALEZANDRA HERRERA
CITATION G.L. c. 210, § 6

To **Hamilton Mansilla of East Boston, MA** any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.
A petition has been presented to said court by: **Armando J. Aquino of Revere, MA** and **Beatriz E. Herrera of Revere, MA** requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to **Sofia Alezandra Aquino-Herrera**.
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: **Boston ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 A.M.) on January 28, 2016.**
WITNESS, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 4, 2015
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
Run dates: 11/20, 11/27, 12/4/15



EXTRA Innings

by *Sal Giarattani*



**Red Sox Pick Up
New Possible Quality Closer**



Craig Kimbrel

The Red Sox have completed a trade bringing four-time All-Star closer Craig Kimbrel to Boston. He is only 27 years old, he has an impressive fastball, and is a great closer. In six seasons with the Braves and Padres, he has a 1.63 ERA and 225 saves. His fastball averaged 97.3 this last season. Koji Uehara is still considered the team’s closer, posting a 2.23 ERA with 25 saves last year before getting hurt in August. He turns 41 in April. Before getting injured, he was starting to look ineffective. His age seemed to be showing.

The Sox may try using Kimbrel as their eighth inning set-up guy and turn to Junichi Tazawa in the 7th inning All this sounds quite interesting, doesn’t it?

2016 Hall of Fame Voting



Mike Lowell

Former Red Sox 3rd baseman Mike Lowell is among the 15 candidates for the Hall of Fame voting. Lowell was in Boston from 2006 through 2010 where he hit .290 with 80 homers and 374 RBIs in 5 seasons. Lowell was also an All-Star and MVP in the 2007 World Series. His chances don’t look that good to me, but another new entry is Ken Griffey, Jr., a 13-time All-Star, 10-time Golden Glove and 1997 AL MVP. He looks like a shoo-in. Another first time candidate is Trevor Hoffman with 601 saves. He could be a possibility after Junior.

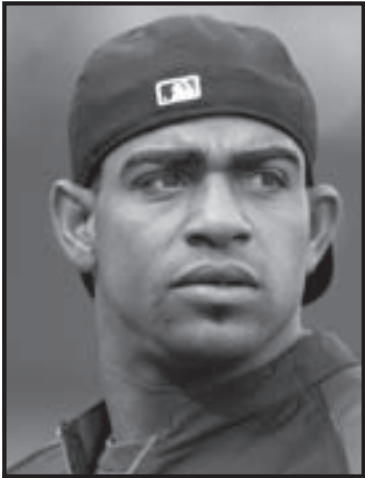
**Perez, Cespedes
Top Gold Gloves**

MVP of the World Series, Catcher Sal Perez for the Royals, and left fielder Yoenis Cespedes, who finished the season with the Mets, headlined the list of Golden Glove winners for 2015.

Cespedes won the American League Award even though he was traded from the Tigers to the Mets on July 31st.



Sal Perez



Yoenis Cespedes

Remember we had him for a short time, too. Liked his slugging a lot and we could have used him last season, huh?

**Red Sox May
Keep PawSox After All**

Pawtucket Red Sox Chairman Larry Lucchino has put McCoy Stadium and the City of Pawtucket, RI, back on the table months after they said they were pursuing waterfront land in downtown Providence. No timetable has been set for a final decision on the future home of the Triple A team.

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. **T.M.S.**

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Docket No. MI13P4283EA

CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT

Estate of
CHERYL B. CHILVERS
Date of Death August 7, 2013

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by **Derek Chilvers** requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue approve an accounting determine Testacy determine heirs compel or approve a distribution adjudicate a final settlement and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
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 November 30, 2015.
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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 21, 2015
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 11/20/15

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN:
(never known to fail) O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here You are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech You from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none who can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer 3 consecutive days and then publish, and it will be granted to you. **T.M.S.**

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Docket No. MI15P5882EA

Estate of
STANHOPE HUGO WOMACK, JR.
Date of Death May 28, 2010

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Charlotte H. Womack of Cullen, VA**.
Charlotte H. Womack of Cullen, VA 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




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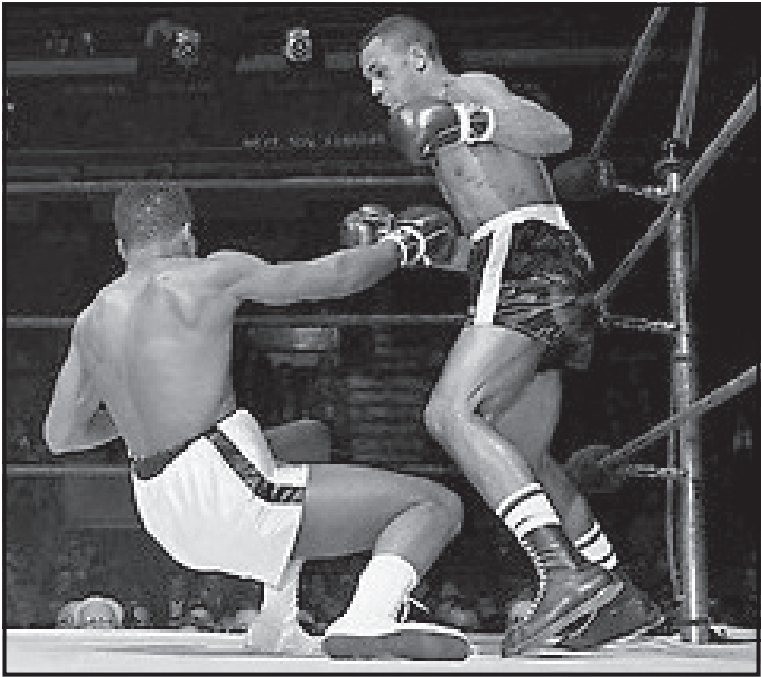
HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



But Can He Take a Punch?

A Young Cassius Clay Answered that Question Early in His Career



Banks drops Clay.

When Cassius Clay exploded on the professional boxing scene after winning a gold medal at the Olympic games in 1960, the public knew they were witnessing the rise of not just a very talented young boxer, but also seeing a figure that was going to make boxing interesting and colorful again. This was in his pre-Black Muslim days, when he was known for his braggadocio rather than his political views.

Young Cassius watched how professional wrestlers would attract crowds by putting on a show before the matches. They would brag about what they were going to do to their opponents, and in the case of one who had a particular influence on Clay, Gorgeous George would talk about how pretty he was. Cassius, with his outgoing personality, good looks, and gift of gab was a natural for this approach. It also didn't hurt that he was an extremely talented boxer.

Of course, this bragging didn't sit well with all boxing fans. Some did pay to see him get beaten, as he knew would happen. They felt the loud-mouth deserved to have his big trap shut by a knockout blow.

Another thing that irked those rooting against him was the fact that he moved fast and was very difficult to hit with a solid shot. Cassius played on that as well by saying, "I am just too pretty to be hit." Those who wanted to see him take a licking came to believe that if he was finally tagged, he would not be able to take a punch, and that he really wasn't tough enough to deal with being in a serious slugfest. They questioned his heart. If only an opponent could reach his jaw, this big mouth would be finished. He was just talk and would never be able to back it up in a real fight.

The question about Clay's ability to take a punch lingered for years, but he proved his mettle in only his 11th fight against the hard-punching Sonny Banks. Not only could he take a punch, but he also showed he could fire right back when hurt.

Sonny Banks came into the fight with a record of 10 wins

via knockout and just two losses. He was another young prospect and, even this early in his career, was known for his punching power.

The two met on February 10, 1962, at Madison Square Garden in a ten-round main event. Clay had predicted he would stop Banks in the fourth round, but the fight almost ended much earlier than that, and not in Clay's favor.

In the opening round, Cassius came out dancing. He was circling Banks and throwing jabs. In his usual form, Clay had his hands down and was avoiding punches by moving his head and staying mobile.

Not long into the round Clay backed Banks into a corner. Clay squared-up with Banks,

and Banks fired a solid left hook that caught Clay flush on the jaw, dropping him. It was a solid punch and Cassius went down on his back. It should also be mentioned that, shortly before the hook was landed, Clay was on the receiving end of a solid right hand.

It can be argued that Clay went down because he was somewhat off balance when he was hit. But make no mistake about it, this was a hard left hook to the jaw.

So, how did Clay react now that he had finally been tagged?

He got to his feet at the count of two. He took the mandatory eight count and then he changed his style. There was no quit in him at all. When the action resumed, Clay steadied himself and began throwing very hard shots at Banks. Sure, he was still circling, but he was more sure-footed now and throwing hard punches with great accuracy. He was also throwing them with tremendous speed. He was angry that he had been decked and was now taking that anger out on Banks.

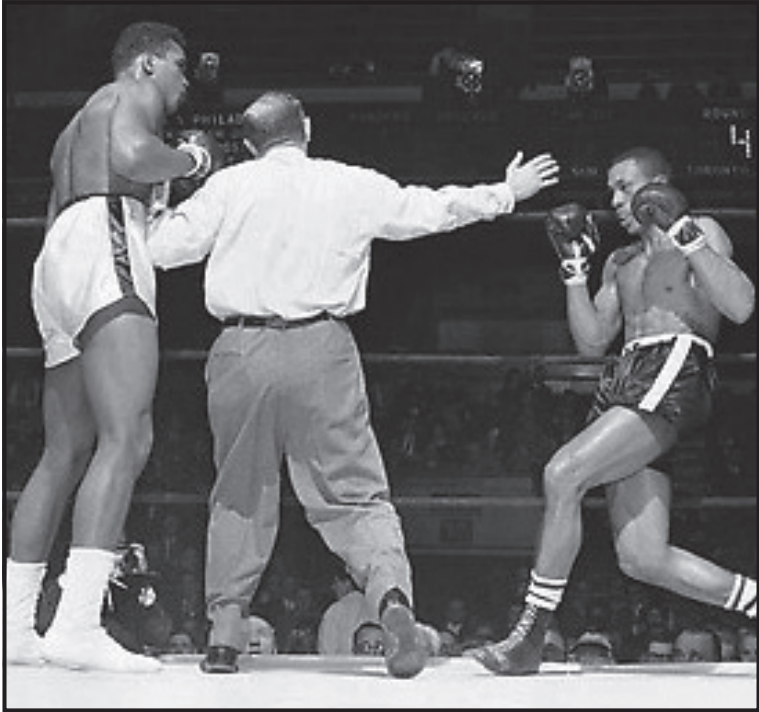
In the second round, he dropped Banks with a lightning fast right/left combination. He then battered him constantly, and referee Ruby Goldstein was about to step in and stop the bout when the bell rang ending the third round. The doctor was called in to examine Banks before the start of the fourth and allowed the fight to continue. It didn't last much longer, as Clay unloaded a fusillade of punches causing Goldstein to jump in and stop the fight at 26 seconds into the round.

For those paying attention at the time, they would have seen a number of things in young Clay that had champion written all over him. He was able to take a great shot to the chin and not only survive it, but not even be flustered by it. His first thought when hitting the canvas was to get up again and get back into the fight. He also showed the heart of a champion by fighting back with an intense fury. He adapted his game plan and would not be hit with another good shot for the remainder of

the bout.

Any talk about Cassius Clay's heart and ability to take a punch should have ended that night in Madison Square Garden, but many were so blinded by their dislike of the brash youngster, they would not give him the credit he earned in that fight. He would go on to prove the critics wrong time and time again.

Looking back on that February night in 1962, I would say Clay answered his critics and the smart money should have been on him after that.



Clay stops Banks.

It's been a sore point with Boston Bruins fans so far this season. No one can really point to an exact reason for it, but the results so far are clear — the Bruins play better when they are on the road and not as well when they are at home.

In a way, it defies the natural order of things, causing fans to pause and ponder the meaning of it all. But the fact remains that through games of mid-November, there hasn't been a home ice advantage for the B's. So much so that, in fact, it's been said that some members of the team prefer to play in games scheduled far from Causeway Street.

"The point with our game is where it's been going at home," said Bruins head coach Claude Julien shortly before his charges took to the ice for another contest in a five-game home stand in the period leading up to Thanksgiving. With a week to go before Turkey Day, his team was 6-2-0 on the road but only 2-6-1 at home.

"I think a lot of the focus has to be on us and knowing that every team that comes in here looking at our home record certainly comes in here with a lot of confidence right now."

What coach Julien would really like to see is more of what he calls "60-minute efforts" on the part of the team, especially at home. Often this season, in his press conference after a game at the Garden, Julien would come in and describe scenarios where he felt his team played well in the first period nor didn't play well at the start but played better in the third period, often when it was a bit too late.

The key, the coach has indicated, is to play well for the entire game, because in today's NHL, one team will probably not dominate too many games.

"This playing once in a while in games is not going to cut it in this league," said a visibly perturbed Julien following another home setback, this one a 5-3 loss to the San Jose Sharks. "It has to end. It should have ended by now. The most important part is go out there and do it and show it. It's not happening. We know it isn't acceptable and it shouldn't be."

"Every team in this league is good," stated Julien, "so you can't expect to dominate for 60 minutes. But if you continue to grind your way throughout the game, eventually you get rewarded."

The coach added that he feels the team still has potential — a feeling that hasn't changed since the start of the season. "I was excited about the potential. There's potential here if everybody really takes charge of their jobs and then shows up every night. We've got to be willing to be able to play and adjust (to

varying game situations). But right now I don't think we've got the focus or the commitment of the whole group."

Julien indicated that he intends to lay down the law in private meetings with the team, not in front of media members. "That's something I'll deal with internally," said the coach. "I'm certainly not going to elaborate on that here (in front of the media). This is where part of my job has to be worked on in the dressing room and certainly not outside the dressing room."

After hearing those comments, one could not help but feel that it would be a less than pleasant experience for a player to be in the locker room the next day. Over the years we've observed how thick the walls are that lead into the dressing room from the outside corridor. Their ability to contain the sounds that emanate from within may be put to their ultimate test over the course of the next few days.

And if you feel that goalie Tuukka Rask is the main man to blame in all of this, then you need to pause and consider the following: "He had some good games," said Julien in defense of the 2014 Vezina Trophy winner (best goaltender in the regular season). "I think right now we keep looking back at some average games. But he'll find his game. I'm going to be backing him and supporting him all year long because I know what kind of goaltender he is. When things go bad, that's when you support your goaltender. That's when you show trust in him — because we know he's going to help us win games like he did against Detroit."

For his part Rask feels "there are nights where I have to make big saves and play real good. I think a lot of times I go hand-in-hand with the guys. I look good when they look good and vice versa. Obviously some nights are tougher than others. We just have to understand that when that happens we stick together. If we really keep the game simple then we are going to get even more results. We want to get the wins but we want to feel really good about the wins. I think that's where it's at right now."

We still believe that the Bruins have the talent to be a Stanley Cup playoff team next spring. As noted, the team possesses quite a bit of potential. It is up to the players whether that potential will be squandered away or utilized in a positive manner. If the latter choice is made then the reward should come next April with a berth in the playoffs. The Bruins right now are looking at a fork in the road regarding their season. The direction they choose to take will be made over the course of the next few weeks.

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