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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Both Political Parties Have Intraparty Fights

It does seem clear that the recent midterms turned out to be not so consequential after all. The Democrats held on to the Senate by a very thin margin. If the Democrats win the Georgia run-off they will stay in place with a 50-50 split and Harris controlling the Democratic agenda for the next two years.

The Republicans did take back the House with the smallest majority in nearly 50 years. A Republican will sit at the Speaker's Desk in January and Speaker Pelosi becomes the Minority Leader again. It looks like Kevin McCarthy becomes the new speaker, but getting chosen could also bring some drama from the House Freedom Caucus.

New Jersey Man Crushed to Death by Garbage Truck

A 19-year-old New Jersey man was crushed to death by a garbage truck that scooped him up while he was sleeping inside the dumpster, which he had reportedly crawled into after a night of partying. His remains were located at a recycling facility in Pennsylvania. The victim was a drummer for a local band and had been reported missing to the local police.

Surveillance footage shows him climbing into the dumpster behind a Dollar Tree Store. A few hours later the truck arrives and empties the contents into it.

Border Collie Pup Surrenders!

Rosie, a lost British border collie, entered a police station and took a seat. Leicestershire posted on its Facebook page showing Rosie surrendering herself to the law. She was wearing a collar so she was quickly reunited with her owner who said she was "delighted (Rosie) had been found safe and well." A social media influencer posted, "Clearly understands the stranger danger rule and headed for the police for help."

Disney World Hikes Prices

Disney World will hike ticket prices next month to enter the Magic Kingdom to nearly double for the holidays. While Disney reported record sales for the year, it announced it will jack up prices on single-day tickets on December 8th. Currently, single-day tickets at all its Orlando theme parks go for \$109, but the price will soon start at \$189. Happy Holidays from Disney!

Meanwhile,

Sam's Club Lowers Prices

Sam's Club, owned by Walmart, is cutting prices on the hot dog and soda combos from \$1.50 to \$1.38. This move undercuts Costco's price of \$1.50. According to corporate headquarters, the price drop is part of an effort aimed at "making the everyday shopping trip better."

Removing a Stiff and Taking His Bag, Too

A worker in the New York City Medical Examiner's Office reportedly swiped an \$800 Louis Vuitton bag from the home of a corpse he was driving to the morgue. The worker got busted for stealing the bag on August 9th when he allegedly stuffed it in a pillow case and stashed it in his city vehicle, according to officials at the city's Department of Investigation. He was arraigned last week in Manhattan Criminal Court on misdemeanor charges of petit larceny and official misconduct.

End Quote

"If we don't unify behind Kevin McCarthy, we're opening up the door for the Democrats to be able to recruit some of our Republicans."

— U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-GA

Christopher Columbus Park Trellis Lighting



(Photo by Gerri Palladino)

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park hosted the 20th annual holiday lighting of the signature trellis at Christopher Columbus Park in the North End on Monday, November 21st.

Located at 110 Atlantic Avenue on Boston's historic waterfront, Christopher Columbus Park was transformed into a beautiful holiday display when the park's 260 feet of trellis were illuminated with 50,000 blue lights near the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel and throughout the park.

The celebration is sponsored by H.P. Hood LLC and the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park. Entertainment was provided by students and instructors from the North End Music and Performing Arts Center, vocalist Ackeem Hill performing holiday classics, Northeastern University a cappella group Pitch, Please!, and special guests Santa Claus and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Refreshments included eggnog from H.P. Hood, clam chowder from Joe's Waterfront, and hot chocolate and cookies from the Boston Marriott Long Wharf.

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Boston Public Health Commission Encourages Precautions Ahead of Holidays

Testing Before Gathering,
Getting COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations Can Minimize Transmission

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) advised residents to stay vigilant to protect themselves from COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses such as flu and RSV when celebrating the Holidays, as gathering indoors and travel increases the likelihood of transmission.

Levels of COVID-19 virus in local wastewater are now at 404 RNA copies per mL, which is a 3.3% increase over the past 7 days and a 17.5% increase over the past 14 days. (Data through November 18th).

In addition, the 7-day total of new COVID-19 hospital admissions has increased by 44.1% over the past seven days and have held stable, increasing by 21.6%, over the last two weeks. (Data as of November 17th). Boston's hospitals are straining to meet the influx of flu and RSV pediatric patients, and an increase in COVID-19 cases could put even more pressure on

our health care system, which is why BPHC urges residents to take appropriate precautions.

"As many people travel and spend time with family, we can reduce the risk of transmission of respiratory illnesses, like COVID-19, flu, and RSV," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations, getting a flu shot, wearing a well-fitted mask while traveling and testing for COVID-19 before gathering are important ways to protect yourself and your family and friends during this holiday season."

BPHC encourages residents to test for COVID-19 before gathering, stay home if you are sick or test positive for COVID-19, wear masks indoors and while traveling for added protection, keep windows open to promote proper air filtration, and spend

as much time outdoors as possible. Proper hygiene practices like washing hands often, regularly disinfecting shared surfaces, and covering your mouth when coughing and sneezing are also effective for reducing the spread of COVID-19, RSV, and the flu.

COVID-19 vaccines, boosters and testing, as well as flu shots, are widely available throughout Boston. BPHC offers free, walk-in COVID-19 and flu services at multiple locations in the city.

If you or anyone in your family tests positive for COVID-19 or flu, ask your doctor about getting treatment. Treatments for COVID-19 and flu are available for adults and children and can save lives.

For more information about where to find a COVID-19 vaccination or testing clinic near you, visit [boston.gov/covid19](https://www.boston.gov/covid19).

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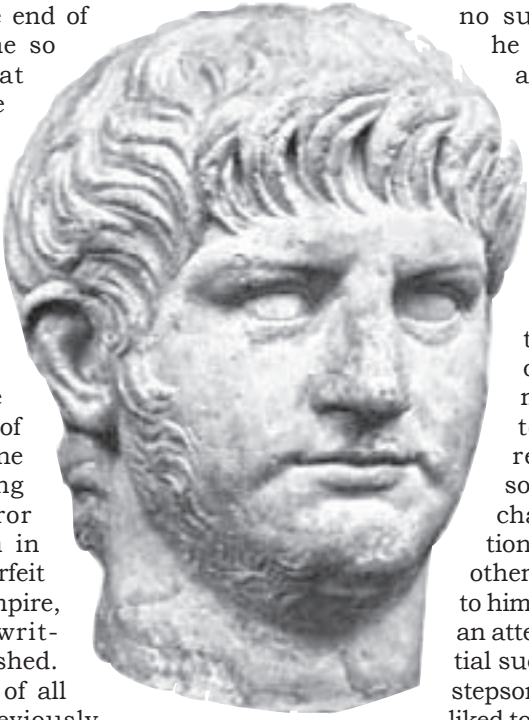
by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



DISHONOR THY MOTHER

Nero finally came to the end of his resources and became so utterly impoverished that he was unable to pay the soldiers or the benefits which were due the veterans. This financial condition caused him to make new laws which were designed to replenish his treasury. Any persons who bore Nero's family name or were even remotely related were required to will five sixths of their estate to him. Anyone who was accused of being ungrateful to the emperor by not remembering him in his will was required to forfeit his entire estate to the empire, and lawyers who had written such wills were punished. He demanded the return of all rewards that he had previously given, and even stripped temples to melt down their gold and silver images.



He began his career as a murderer with Claudius, and often referred to mushrooms as the food of the gods. Later he succeeded in poisoning his half brother, Britannicus. His attempts to do away with his own mother and beyond comprehension. She offended him by strict surveillance and criticism. Nero responded by depriving her of all honors, her guard of soldiers, and he evicted her from the palace. He bribed men to annoy her with lawsuits while she remained in the city. She retired to a kind of beach house and was still harassed by land and sea with abuse and mockery at all hours of the day and night.

He attempted to poison her at least three times but she was thought to have made herself immune to taking antidotes. He even had the ceiling of her bedroom rigged with a device to loosen the panels so that they could drop on her while she slept. After this scheme failed he devised a collapsible boat to destroy her by shipwreck or by the falling-in of its cabin and she even escaped from this ordeal by swimming to shore. He killed an ailing aunt by giving her an overdose of a strong physic, then nullified her will and seized her property almost before she was cold.

After tiring of living with his wife Octavia, he tried to strangle her several times. Having

no success with these efforts he had her put to death on a trumped-up charge of adultery. Historians tell us that he dearly loved his mistress Poppaea Sabina, but he kicked her to death while she was pregnant because she complained about his coming home late from the races (a strange kind of love). He then offered to marry Antonia, the daughter of Claudius, but she refused this great honor so he put her to death on a charge of attempted revolution. He then put to death all other persons who were related to him by blood or by marriage, in an attempt to wipe out any potential successor. He even ordered a stepson to be drowned because he liked to play at being a general and

an emperor. He banished his nurse's son because he bathed in some baths which were built to honor Nero's visit. He harassed his tutor to the point of suicide, and poisoned all who had helped him to the throne. As a precautionary measure he even condemned the children of those whom he had put to death. A number of these children were slain together at a group meal along with their attendants.

After committing all of these heinous crimes, and encouraged by a lack of censure or condemnation, he put to death whoever he pleased without discrimination or mercy. He never gave a poor victim more than an hour of life after pronouncing sentence and even held a physician in readiness to quickly finish off any who lingered. He often boasted that no prince had ever known greater power.

All of the indignities, abuses and criminal acts heaped upon this unfortunate civilization were still not enough to satisfy the fates and the destinies. Dame fortune threw in her lot and provided a plague which took thirty thousand lives in the short time of one autumn, then two towns in Britain were sacked and great numbers of their citizens were butchered while during this same time many Roman legions were sent from Armenia to the orient where they were almost wiped out.

NEXT ISSUE: *Chicken Nero*

Saint Lawrence O'Toole

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Lawrence, was born about the year 1125. When only ten years old, his father delivered him up as a hostage to Dermot Mac Murehad, King of Leinster, who treated the child badly, until his father asked the tyrant to put him in the hands of the Bishop of Glendalough, in the county of Wicklow. The holy youth, grew to be a model of virtues. On the death of the bishop, who was also abbot of the monastery, Lawrence was chosen abbot in 1150, though he was only twenty-five years old, and governed his large community with virtue and prudence.

In 1161, Lawrence was unanimously chosen to fill the new metropolitan See of Dublin. About the year 1171 he was obliged, for the affairs of his diocese, to go over to England to see King Henry II, who was then at Canterbury. Lawrence was received by the Benedictine monks of Christ Church with the greatest honor and respect. On the following day, as he was going to the altar to officiate, a mentally disturbed man, who had heard of Lawrence's sanctity, struck him a violent blow on the head. All present concluded that he was mortally wounded; but Lawrence came to himself, asked for some water, blessed it, and had his wound washed with it, the bleeding was immediately stopped, and the Archbishop celebrated Mass.

In 1175, Henry II of England became offended with Roderic, the monarch of Ireland, and Lawrence undertook another journey to England to negotiate a reconciliation between them. Henry was so moved by his piety, charity, and prudence that he granted him everything he asked, and left negotiations to his discretion. Lawrence passed away on November 14, 1180, and was buried in the church of the abbey at Eu, Normandy. The feast day of Saint Lawrence O'Toole is November 14th.



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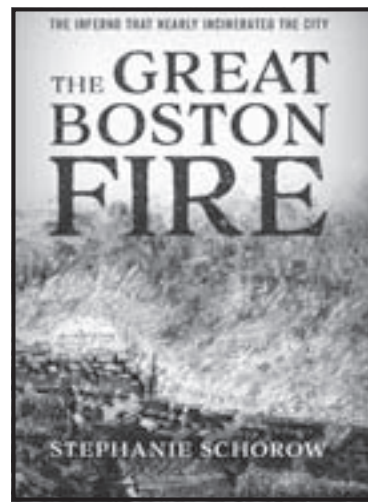
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The Great Boston Fire, The Inferno That Nearly Incinerated the City

BY STEPHANIE SCHOROW

Review by John Joseph Fahey



November is a month with no dearth of observances, given Veteran's Day on the 11th and Thanksgiving celebrated on the 4th Thursday; however, there are two other anniversaries, that while maybe not be all that familiar to the populace in general, are still notable in terms of historical significance here in the City of Boston: The Great Boston Fire of 1872 and the Coconut Grove Fire in 1942. The former resulting in significant destruction of the city's financial and business district and the latter causing enormous tragedy with the loss of 492 people in the once popular nightclub located near Park Square.

The Great Boston Fire, with subtitle *The Inferno That Nearly Incinerated the City*, (published by Globe Pequot) by journalist Stephanie Schorow, allows one to become familiar with the conflagration that occurred in a mid-November weekend in 1872 in the area that is now Downtown Crossing, more specifically the actual ignition point traced to the five-story, "six-teen-old building at 83-85 Summer Street, at the corner of Kingston."

The author presents a well-researched chronicle providing the reader an impressive educational background, both in terms of the political structure of the city and the officials entrusted to keep the city safe from a much dreaded blaze. The timeframe in which the book is based we find that the city was vulnerable to widespread fire due to the myriad of wooden structures built in close proximity to each other. And although there was technology available, it was not considered effective (or improved enough) in trying to control the "Fire Fiend," as a fire such as this has come to be known. The statistics are sobering: the total number of buildings destroyed were 776 spread over 65 acres. The total monetary loss was put at \$75 million dollars (\$1.6 billion dollars adjusted for inflation.) Certainly a theme of this work is looking at the resources that was needed to fight a fire of this scope, why these resources were not secured, and the attaining of improvements in firefighting technology. This is covered with a concise yet comprehensive treatment.

Imagine multi-story buildings for example, indeed multiple blocks, burning with an unbelievable intensity and consuming anything along its trajectory. The steam engines, employed by the city were utilized as best as possible, but with multiple stories of many of the constructions (Boston was being built up, both literally and figuratively) it was almost futile for the water to be effective given many of the structure's height and the low water pressure coming from the hoses. Other challenges related to the overall difficulties in trying to control the severe inferno can be attributed to other factors such as Mansard roofs, a style of roof that many buildings Boston used but deemed precarious to its construction (at least with many of Boston buildings) of pine wood and tar. And, another attribute contributing

to the crises was that during this time there were a lack of horses due to an "epizootic," a relatively brief time when horses were suffering from some sort of sickness (similar to a what would be considered a flu in humans) which, while the animals generally recovered, were unable to perform their everyday functions – truly debilitating given that horses were so essential regarding transportation; furthermore with the absence of the essential horsepower necessary to pull the fire apparatus in the event of a fire ("...thirty-two of the [fire] department's thirty-eight horses were down with the disease") fire officials had already employed men to take over this task. However, preparing humans to pull the apparatus versus horses once the alarm sounded compromised the response time. These factors all played such part in confronting what is known as the Great Fire of 1872 – but one individual in particular had a responsibility that most people would not envy – to be Boston Fire Chief (then called Boston Chief Engineer) during this crucial time – a title held by John S. Damrell.

Damrell is as much about Schorow's narrative as the conflagration itself; the author conveys an awareness of the plight that Damrell experienced in trying to control a fire that was unrestrained – a seemingly impossible undertaking. However, Damrell's resilience and conviction to limit the effects of an already catastrophic blaze over a period of 12 hours helped in eventually getting the fire under control. Although some measures taken (such as deliberately decimating buildings to further prevent their burning) were later considered to have been more detrimental than beneficial, the fire chief used the resources he had available. Helping also were the many nearby and not so near fire departments; indeed, firefighters came to assist from as far as Rhode Island and Maine.

Damrell certainly had his work cut out for him over the course of that critical Saturday night and Sunday, and Schorow's work engages the reader in presenting a vivid picture with both words and illustrations (reproduced from various publications at the time) to what Damrell was up against. Additionally, the author covers considerably the adversity he experienced not just during the fire but immediately after with hearings held by city officials as how the fire could have been prevented.

Indeed, in the official questioning, Damrell explained his position and what measure he had undertaken to prevent such a catastrophe.

It was only just about a year before, in October 1971, that the nation saw another conflagration; this was in Chicago. The Chicago fire proved to be much more destructive relative to its Boston counterpart, with its three hundred people killed (comparable to no more than twenty in Boston) and "...leaving more than two thousand acres scorched, seventeen thousand buildings destroyed, one hundred thousand people homeless ..." and with "Damages ... estimated to exceed \$200 million," (\$4.9 billion in today's dollars.)

Given this devastation of epic proportions, Damrell tried to be proactive in trying to preclude a similar situation in Boston. He visited Chicago in the wake of the fire and was determined that a situation like what happened in that mid-western city would not occur in Boston. Damrell petitioned the city to address issues that needed to be addressed such as "water problems, the lack of apparatus, and the hydrants." However, those salient requests were not acted on in the manner that Damrell had hoped, further compromising the safety of the city.

Schorow covers the official hearings and political aftereffects with several pertinent chapters – thereby giving the audience some insight of how Damrell not only defended his position of Chief Engineer during the crises but how politics prevented him from utilizing the optimal tools available should they have been approved.

Although Damrell was not part of the fire department after 1874, in 1877 he was "appointed Inspector of Buildings for the City of Boston," and "Soon after his appointment, he brought together builders, architects, and owners to consider amendments to the building laws and regulations for building construction."

Schorow's *The Great Boston Fire*, is a book that covers the Great Fire of 1872 in 15 chapters including an Afterword, chapters that will take the reader through an experience that is hard to imagine – not only form a safety perspective but from a physical and financial one as well. We glean the grief and despondency that many must have felt as their businesses and finances literally disappeared; however, we find the city rebuilt, and with the help of people like John Darnell, responsible for instituting improved building codes to help insure that a repeat of the Great Fire of 1872 not happen again.

This work also allows the reader some good visuals with impressive illustrations (actual photos of the fire do not exist due to the photographic technology of the time not permitting capturing such high intensity images,) which allows for a constructive supplement to both a descriptive and historical text.

Highly recommended to the student of history as well as to the casual reader!

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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Light, Hope and Advent

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Every year, I unfailingly hear the same refrain uttered from the lips of exasperated coworkers and family members: "The Christmas season starts earlier and earlier each year!" This nebulous phenomenon is actually known as Christmas creep, and it can be a real pain for those of us who wish to enjoy each season slowly, watching it unfurl naturally. I remember staring in shock at a commercial featuring Santa Claus which aired a few weeks before Halloween, and marveling at the boxes of Christmas lights that stocked store shelves before the last jack-o-lanterns or witches' hats made their way to the storage room. Then, of course, comes Black Friday, the day of long lines snaking out of department stores at the wee hours of the morning and crowds jostling to find the perfect deal. I try to avoid the rampant commercialization of Christmas. My Black Friday tradition involves a refusal to set foot in any store; instead, I spend a quiet day watching television, grading papers or eating sushi with my husband. I prefer to settle into the Christmas season calmly and organically, savoring it with the same appreciation as a cup of velvety eggnog. For this reason, I am especially thankful that the calendar sets aside a special time devoted to *waiting*, a value which too often seems lost in our fast-paced world. This period of reflective spirituality is known as Advent, and it brims with its own fascinating customs and traditions as it patiently ushers in the joyful Christmas holiday.

Advent, which begins on November 27th this year, stretches across the four weeks prior to Christmas. The

meaning of this deeply significant time period has changed considerably from its medieval roots. In the early days of Christianity, Advent meant spiritual cleansing in preparation for Christmas. It was time set aside for fasting, and vestiges of this practice can be seen in the many European cultures, including the Italian, which serve seafood rather than meat during the traditional Christmas Eve dinner. However, modern Advent celebrations focus more on the delightful anticipation for Christmas. This forms the symbolic crux of the Advent wreath. Every Sunday during Advent, someone lights one of the four candles — three purples, one pink — on the wreath until they all burn radiantly on the last Sunday of the season. These luminous candles cut through the dark nights of winter and reference the reemergence of light at Christmas, religiously through the birth of Jesus, and metaphorically through the slowly lengthening days after the winter solstice. I honor Advent with several quaint family traditions. My husband and I light a candle on our Advent wreath every Sunday, accompanied by the reading of an appropriate Bible verse and the singing of an Advent carol like "O Come Emmanuel." When we visit his parents, we attach a special ornament to an old cloth Advent calendar that they have held for years. On the first Sunday of Advent, I set out my Christmas decorations and begin baking my holiday cookies as well. These customs instill in me a keen eagerness for the Christmas festivities while still allowing me to revel in the unique delights of Advent.

During Advent, I also pause to remember my father's childhood memories of the Christmas season in Italy. Advent had a rustic and simple charm in his hometown of Sulmona, nestled in the mountains of the Abruzzi region, and every tradition was imbued with a profound sense of holiness. Bagpipe players known as *zampognari*, decked out in folkloric garb, still descend from the frosty mountain pasture to the haunting tune of their ancient Christmas melodies. They make their way to Rome and stay there until the Italian Christmas season ends on the holiday of the Epiphany. Throughout Advent, *presepi*, the quintessential Italian Christmas decoration, begin to appear throughout the whole country. *Presepi*, or Nativity scenes, adorn private homes, city plazas, and village squares, sometimes with live actors portraying the members of the Holy Family. These Nativities form such an indispensable part of Italian Christmas celebrations in part because they were created by the country's beloved patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi. My father always remembered with great love and nostalgia the enormous *presepio* he helped construct in his town church, replete with moss and running water. Finally, Advent signals the arrival of the ubiquitous Christmas markets in Italy. These enchanting bazaars grace nearly every Italian city, with the most famous located in Piazza Navona in Rome. Stalls burst with Christmas ornaments, toys and edible treats, all to the soundtrack of performers and musicians entertaining the shoppers. Tourists line up to try famous fruit-studded Christmas breads like *panettone* and *panforte*. These markets are just one of many customs which add to the magical charm of an Italian Advent, a season which excitedly awaits the arrival of Christmas while also commemorating the spirituality of the holiday.

I realize that it can be all too easy — and frustrating — to get caught up in the frenzied rush which frequently characterizes the holiday season. The incessant drone of commercials and the overwhelming surge of people in a crowded mall can either propel us to buy more and more material goods, or rather hide away at home. However, by honoring Advent, we give ourselves a reprieve from the holiday turmoil. This period shines with the themes of anticipation, light and the humble pleasures of a Christmas season spent with loved ones. It is a time for waiting, for shivering with the hope that soon light will break through the dark winter evenings and that the world will unite with love and joy. This Advent, always be sure to focus on the real pleasures of the holiday — all which are symbolic, communal, spiritual — rather than the commercialism, and always keep faithfully anticipating the light to come.

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NORTH END AGAINST DRUGS

Family Dinner / Family Talk

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) will be holding its first Family Dinner/Family Talk in a while.

Thanks to our friends at St. Joseph's Society it will be held at St. Leonard's Hall on Prince Street under the Church on Monday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m.

An Italian dinner will be served consisting of macaroni, meatballs, salad, bread & butter, and a soft drink. A presentation on Internet Safety will be presented by the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. This event is free to all North End families, Nazzaro Center member families, NEAA families, Eliot and St. John school families and NEAD sponsor families. Children must be accompanied by their parents and/or grandparents, this is not a drop off event. Also, parents/grandparents must be accompanied by their children/grandchildren as this is a family event. Space is very limited, so you must register in advance so we don't exceed capacity. Please email northendagainstdrugs@gmail.com to reserve your space no later than December 1st. We hope to see you all there!

The Program being presented is for all ages and is called: STOP BLOCK and TALK: Internet Safety Training for Students, Parents and Professionals

The Suffolk County District Attorney's Office is a leader in providing in-person internet safety programming for youth, parents, and professionals. Aimed to empower people of all ages to stay safe while using technology. By helping youth understand the risks that go along with social media, gaming, and just being online, we hope to reduce harm and prevent exploitation, cyber bullying, and more. The education program STOP BLOCK and TALK uses a simple message that we encourage everyone to remember and teach to others:

STOP the communication if someone is rude or asks for personal information or images,

BLOCK that person without feeling bad or guilty, and

TALK to a parent or trusted adult when you need help or feel uncomfortable.

While parents and guardians can't always prevent their children from having upsetting and even risky online encounters, they can always make sure that kids know they can talk to adults about things that make them feel uncomfortable and teach them how to respond when such an incident occurs.

Tell your kids that they can come to you without facing blame or judgment, and without feeling ashamed or embarrassed, when something makes them feel uncomfortable online. Teach them that they can talk to you anytime and you will help and support them.

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Boston's Puerto Rican Community Honors War Heroes

by Sal Giarratani



At the memorial were Governor Charlie Baker, Mayor Michelle Wu, and City Councilor-at-Large Erin Murphy



A large crowd came out for the November 14th memorial dedication

On Monday, November 14th, Boston's Puerto Rican community celebrated Puerto Rican Veterans Day in the City of Boston at the Puerto Rican Veterans Memorial in Boston's South End. This year a new monument was dedicated to eight Puerto Rican recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who gave their all for our nation and its freedoms.

A large crowd gathered to remember the contributions made to our nation's history from within the Puerto Rican community. Remembering U.S. Veterans of Puerto Rican ancestry in Boston's South End neighborhood is the right place to be. This neighborhood back in the late '50s and into the '60s became the home of a growing Puerto Rican community stretching from Washington Street to Shawmut Avenue to Tremont Street.

Over the decades, the presence of Puerto Ricans grew and grew and this community moved out into other parts of the city. The arrival of Puerto Ricans to Boston brought a Latino presence in our city and overtime, the Latino community grew expeditiously from Puerto Rico, but also from many Latin American countries in both Central and South America.

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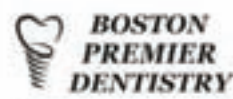
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Quincy Holds Annual Veterans' Day Parade

Quincy always holds one of the best Veterans Day parades in greater Boston. This year's parade was held on a great day with high temperatures. While the clouds were many, the blue sky eventually shone through it all which kept the marchers moving at a good clip. It was a great day to march and it was a great day to watch it all too.

Quincy's history is rich when it comes to the American story. It was one of the many special places in America's birth. I have been marching in this annual parade going back some 35 years now. This year's parade

began at the Quincy High School parking lot and proceeded down Hancock Street to Merrymount Park and the World War II monument.

The keynote speaker for this year's ceremony was Navy Capt. Christopher "Chowdah" Hill who graduated from the North Quincy High School in 1992. He is currently the incoming commander of the USS *Dwight D. Eisenhower* aircraft carrier. Previously, he had been executive officer aboard the USS *George H.W. Bush* aircraft carrier.

Daniel Tinney, the Commander of the Quincy Veterans Council, served as parade marshal. Christine Cugini is the City's Director of Veterans Services and Commander of American Legion Post 95 was the parade chair.

It was a great day for all and to see how well Quincy treats all its veterans, past and present. If you are a veteran in need of services, remember the city's Veterans Services Department is no further than a phone call away at 617-376-1194.



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DYING COMES WITH AGE (Vinyl)

Rare Bird Books

Dying Comes With Age is the debut album by writer Ryan Kent. The LP (via Rare Bird Books) is mired with interesting lyrics that make it very hard to put in a specific genre. Kent incorporates dark gospel from the genres of spoken word, blues, stoner rock, Goth, metal, and folk. A mix that will bring back memories of Leonard Cohen, Nick Cave, and Tom Waits; a blend of an album that many, without realizing it, have waited for, and Kent delivers it in the wildest of ways. Kent takes the opportunity to record with a stellar group of metal music contemporaries as, Randy Blythe (Lamb of God), Jimmy Bower (Eyehategod/Down), Mike IX Williams (Eyehategod), Laura Pleasants (Kylesa), and Eugene S. Robinson (OxBow/Bunuel) to deliver the message. Kent is currently a staff writer for *RVA Magazine* and sang in the heavy metal band Gritter from 2008-2018 in Richmond, Virginia. Track Listing: Son Of A Bitch (w/Bower and Pleasants — first single), All The Others Were Just Years (Pleasants), I Know What Love Is (w/Bower), Goodbye Fella (Blythe), I'll Take The Usual (w/Bower, Adam Kravitz, Chris Farmer), Message From Someone Going Somewhere With Someone Else Who Is Going Somewhere (w/Bower), Couch Time (w/Pleasants), The Lurch (Robinson), Dying Comes With Age (w/Chris Farmer) — third single, My Blue Heaven (Dortheia Cottrell), Bring Me My Monster (w/Bower) — second single, and Cigarettes Roll Away The Time (Williams).

LOUIS ARMSTRONG — LOUIS WISHES YOU A COOL YULE (Vinyl) / Verve/UMe

Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong devoted his life to “the cause of happiness,” as he once put it, bringing joy to audiences around the globe every time he put his trumpet to his lips or crooned with his instantly recognizable, gravelly voice. Yet, while Satchmo’s holiday recordings have become standard yuletide fare, he never released a Christmas album. Now, for the very first time, *Louis Wishes You A Cool Yule*, presents Armstrong’s holiday recordings as a cohesive body of work, marking his first-ever official Christmas album. *Louis Wishes You A Cool Yule* features nearly the entirety of Armstrong’s holiday output: six Decca singles from the '50s, including “Cool Yule,” “Christmas Night in Harlem,” and the swinging “Zat You Santa Claus?” The 11-track album also features duets with two of Pops’ favorite vocal partners, Velma Middleton (“Baby, It’s Cold Outside”) and Ella Fitzgerald (“I’ve Got My Love to Keep Me Warm”). Rounding out the collection is the artist’s signature hit, “What a Wonderful World,” which has become something of a yearlong hymn of hope and celebrates its 65th anniversary this year, plus a previously unreleased reading of Samuel Clement Moore’s poem “A Visit from St. Nicholas,”

popularly known as “The Night Before Christmas.” Paired with a groovy, newly recorded musical underberd by New Orleans pianist Sullivan Fortner, the poignant recording marks the first new Louis Armstrong track in more than 20 years and is notable for being the last recording he ever made. Additional tracks include, “Winter Wonderland,” “Christmas In New Orleans,” “White Christmas,” and “Moments To Remember.”

ZAPP '75: ZAGREB/LJUBLJANA (2CD)

Zappa Records/UMe

In the fall of 1975, towards the tail end of a typically productive and prolific year, Frank Zappa and his band The Mothers played their first and only shows in Yugoslavia while in the midst of their fall tour. The “Mothers of Invention Yugoslavian Extravaganza,” took place in Zagreb and Ljubljana on November 21st and 22nd, 1975 with the slightly stripped-down lineup of Andre Lewis (keyboards), Napoleon Murphy Brock (tenor sax and lead vocals), Norma Bell (alto sax, vocals), Roy Estrada (bass) and Terry Bozzio (drums). In characteristically Zappa fashion, The Maestro made sure to record these historical shows behind the Iron Curtain. *Zappa '75: Zagreb/Ljubljana*, features the best performances of the Yugoslavian concerts sequenced in the exact order of the show’s set list. The 27-track live album boasts nearly two and half hours of completely unreleased music, available on 2CD complete with a 32-page booklet with photos of the era.

Zappa arrived in Yugoslavia on the heels of releasing *Bongo Fury*, his collaborative album with Captain Beefheart released in October. While several songs from the record were included in the set list, such as souped-up versions of “Advance Romance,” “Carolina Hard-Core Ecstasy,” and “Muffin Man,” Zappa treated the audiences to songs from his then already expansive catalog, from “I Ain’t Got No Heart,” “How Could I Be Such A Fool” and “I’m Not Satisfied” from The Mothers Of Invention’s 1966 debut, *Freak Out!*, and a three-song suite of songs from 1968’s *We’re Only In It For The Money* (“Lonely Little Girl,” “Take Your Clothes Off When You Dance,” “What’s The Ugliest Part Of Your Body?”) to 1973’s *Over-Nite Sensation* standouts “Camarillo Brillo,” “I’m The Slime,” and “Dirty Love,” plus tracks from 1974s *Apostrophe (!)* and 1975s *One Size Fits All*. One of the highlights of the album is the improvisational instrumental jams of the concert, specifically “Chunga’s Revenge” and “Zoot Allures.” Works in progress are embryonic versions of “Filthy Habits,” (1979s *Sleep Dirt*), “Five-Five-Five” (1981s *Shut Up And Play Yer Guitar*) and “Wind Up Workin’ In A Gas Station” (1976s *Zoot Allures*). Zappa used the opportunity to preview-compositions such as early versions of his signature songs, “Black Napkins” and “Zoot Allures,” which would end up on the album of the same name the following year.

The time has come, the walrus said,

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

by Sal Giarratani

DEMOCRATS GREAT AT DISINFORMATION

I just received my latest email from the Democratic Governors Association looking for campaign cash for the Senate run-off election in Georgia. The politics of disinformation is alive and well when it comes to Democrat fundraisers.

Here’s the latest nonsense: “Team Mitch McConnell is PETRIFIED that history will repeat itself and Senator Raphael Warnock will WIN the Georgia run-off. He just enlisted the modern-day architect of voter suppression Brian Kemp to try and save Hersh Walker’s faltering campaign.”

The Georgia GOP restricted vote-by-mail, slashed the number of voting locations and made it a crime to give water to voters in line.”

It is all unadulterated hogwash and 1,000 percent disinformation and it gets spread all over the place over and over again. They don’t want to tell folks that the “voter suppression” they talk about is a lie. More people voted in 2022 in Georgia than voted in 2020 or 2018. The new voting reforms pushed by Republicans actually increased voter turnout. As far as this so-called new law banning handing out water to voters in line, more nonsense. What candidates can not do is pass out bottles of water with a candidate’s name on it. That’s called politicking, and not simply giving drink to the thirsty.

MY DAD NEVER FORGOT THE NIGHT OF THE COCONUT GROVE FIRE

I have read almost everything on the Coconut Gove Nightclub

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Docket No. MI22P5690EA

Estate of

JOHN JOSEPH MULLANE

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Date of Death: October 04, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Carol T. Mullane of Somerville, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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fire that has ever been published because I remember all the stories my dad told me over the years going back to my childhood. On November 28, 1942, my dad was working as a hospital orderly at Boston City Hospital where more than half of the fire’s victims were taken that night. The remainder of the victims and dead went to Mass. General Hospital.

My dad told me he never saw so many stacks of corpses lining the corridors near the accident floor as more and more victims kept arriving. He told me the stench of death was everywhere. He quit his job not long after probably because of the horror he faced with his own eyes. He did return a few years later and completed nearly 34 years as a medical worker.

FATHER FRANCIS J. GILDAY, SJ STAYED FOCUSED THAT NIGHT

I also knew Fr. Francis J. Gilday. During my childhood, I was an altar boy at the Immaculate Conception near the hospital and he was the church rector. However, back in 1942, he was the hospital chaplain and told me once that on that night, he gave the last rites over and over again, maybe 250 times or more. Obviously, there were many more people affected by the fire who had never stepped foot in that nightclub.

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On November 25, 1962, Anthony Marra, was interviewed by the *Boston Globe* on the 20th anniversary of the fire. At the time of the fire, Marra, was 15 years old, an Everett High School student, and working as a part-time busboy at the nightclub. Marra recalled, “Getting out of that place ... was like escaping from hell.”

LET’S DO A TRUMP POLL

Should Donald Trump run again in 2024? Are people getting weary of a third run for president? Can he win in '24? What about Ron DeSantis instead? Is Trump’s window of opportunity closing? Would you vote for Trump again? These are all important questions, let me know your thoughts. Respond to sal.giarratani@gmail.com.

ACCORDING TO THE DORCHESTER REPORTER

It appears that there are two sites being eyed for placement of formerly homeless individuals.

One site is by Adams Corner up the street from the Neponset Bridge, and the second site is the Comfort Inn on Morrissey Boulevard also not far from Neponset Bridge.

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

Toys for Tots is back again collecting unwrapped new toys for kids in need of some needed Christmas joy. The U.S. Marines are counting on your support right now. If you live in or near Jeffries Point, you can drop off these items at A & N Italian Bakery at 330 Maverick Street from now until November 30th. Here is your chance to make a child happy this Christmas. Happy holidays to all.

EASTIE ELVES

Eastie’s Elves is back in person for its 19th annual Eastie Elves Toy Drive. This year’s event will be held on Friday, December 9th from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor Hotel, 101 Harborside Drive, East Boston, MA. Enjoy a great dinner, live music & entertainment, reduced parking, raffles, and a cash bar. Cocktail attire encouraged, festive spirit required! Admission is one unwrapped toy.

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Nanna & Babbonnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Thanksgiving week is important for kids. When I was in school, the teachers told us about the Pilgrims and their attempt at survival in a, sometimes, forbidding land. They then went on and talked about a “thank you celebration” that was held at harvest time. When pictures of the Indians were shown to us, there was one who looked like one of my great uncles, and I thought maybe Indians were Italians with feathers; I didn’t really know as I had never met one.

At dinner that night, I asked the historian in the family about Indians. Babbonnonno loved history and told me as we ate, that calling American natives, Indians, was a mistake that was only recently changed. It seems that when Columbus landed in the Bahamas on October 12, 1492, the people who greeted him on the beach looked like Indians. Columbus’s reference to the Indians of Asia was from documents left by merchants who traveled the Silk Road from Europe to Asia and from the writings of Marco Polo that illustrated his travels to the east from 1271 through 1295, 197 years earlier. When Columbus saw the men on the beach, to him, they looked like the Indians described in the literature he read. He then assumed that he had landed on an island south of India. When Columbus charted his course, his calculations indicated that the Earth was 12,000 miles around the equator. He was off by 50%. In actuality, the Earth is 24,000 miles in circumference, but Columbus thought he was near India. His crew began calling the people they met, “Indios,” Spanish for Indians, and the name stuck.

Babbonnonno’s story fascinated me, and through the years since then, I have met people who are native American and they refer to themselves ethnically by the name of their nations or tribes: Naragansett, Algonquin, Chickasaw, Comanche, Dakota, Iroquois, Kiowa, Mohegan, Mohawk, Cheyenne, Pawnee, Wampanoag, Apache, and hundreds of others found throughout the Americas. In any event, that first autumn in Massachusetts, the Pilgrims celebrated the harvest and invited members of the local tribe to join them, and the tradition began. How we equate turkey and the fixin’s we add in to Thanksgiving might be clouded in history, but tradition indicates that turkey is the focal point of the holiday meal.

My family, and yours too if you are Italian, picked up on American traditional holidays but tweaked them a little. Thanksgiving is strictly American but when we celebrated, Nanna and my mother did the bulk of the cooking. As a child I would accompany them to the stores where they would buy the necessities for a holiday dinner. Back then, we didn’t have supermarkets in East Boston or the North End.

You shopped for meat at a meat market or butcher shop, fish at a fish store, bread at a bakery, fruits and vegetables at a green grocer, and pastry at a pastry shop. In East Boston, poultry was bought live at a slaughter house and they would kill and dress your purchase as you watched. At Thanksgiving time, Nanna and my mother would go to the one on Lewis Street near Maverick Square, pick out their turkey and watch the process from that point on. When it was ready, Nanna would put the wrapped bird in her black oilcloth shopping bag and we would head to the next store on her list.

When it was time to prepare Thanksgiving dinner, my mother and grandmother would begin early on the morning of the last Thursday in November. As I said, they would tweak the menu to reflect our southern Italian heritage. The menu would begin with antipasti on the kitchen table, Italian cheeses, cold-cuts, olives, marinated artichokes, roasted sweet peppers, hot peppers, sun dried tomatoes, and of course a selection of wines, both red and white, that Babbonnonno picked up from Zi’Antonio, his best friend and Nanna’s brother. After everyone had arrived and sampled the offerings on the kitchen table, the finishing touches would be done to the dining room table and when it was time to sit, Babbonnonno would say Grace.

The first course would be escarole soup with tiny meatballs. This was followed by home-made ravioli, meatballs, chunks of pork, lamb and beef that had been stewing in Nanna’s gravy. The next course included the vegetables that Nanna liked to prepare, stuffed artichokes, rappi with garlic and olive oil, Italian string beans, stuffed mushrooms, and maybe home-made turkey stuffing that was more like an omelet than stuffing. These were followed by a salad, just lettuce and tomato with vinegar and oil. Dessert was to come later. After these courses, fruit, unshelled nuts and hot chestnuts were placed on the table. Between the serving, eating and conversations, about two to three hours would be used up. After dinner the men would head for the living room for cigars and extra glasses of wine and the women would do the dishes.

Later, after the men woke up from the effects of a heavy meal and good home-made wine, dessert and coffee would be served. Every type of pastry that had an Italian name would be placed on the dining room table to be eaten and washed down by both American and Italian coffee. Of course, Babbonnonno would have a bottle of home-made anisette to spike the coffee a little as well as bottles of French cognac, Cuban rum, and Canadian whiskey.

Around the time the pastries and coffee were on the table, the door bell would begin to ring

and friends and relatives who were invited for dessert would begin to arrive, most of them adding to the sweets with their offerings. More bottles of whiskey would come out of a china cabinet and be combined with those already on the table. They would be served to the newly arrived friends and relatives. With conversations in two languages, the holiday would continue until around nine or ten in the evening. When it was time to leave, Nanna would have doggy bags filled with leftovers for everyone to take home. Saying goodbye as you leave an Italian house may take a half hour or more because it includes kissing, hugging, handshakes, pinching of cheeks (mine especially), lots of conversation and the distribution of the bags of leftovers.

When everyone was gone, it was time to clear the dining room table, and it was then that I noticed something ... the turkey that had been sitting there in the middle was never touched. It could have been made out of plastic to be reused the following year and no one would have known the difference. This was a genuine American holiday that was based on, by tradition, a turkey, but tweaked by a traditional Italian family.

Here it is, Thanksgiving, 2022. Nanna, Babbonnonno, my folks and all my relatives from their generations are gone.

My sons, John and Michael will arrive with their families on the 25th. The kids will play with their toys until called to the dinner table. My sons, brother-in-law and I will probably sip a before-dinner aperitivo while Loretta, my sister-in-law and my daughters-in-law finish the cooking my wife started days before. Times have changed and Americanization has set in, which means that this year, the turkey will be eaten. **So, from all of the Christoforos, Happy Thanksgiving. (Buon Ringraziamento) and, MAY GOD BLESS AMERICA**

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**Marianna
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The Christmas Season is upon us and in an Italian home, it wouldn’t be a holiday or celebration without including the world’s oldest cookie, the legendary *pizzelle*! In Italian, ‘pizze’ refers to “round and flat”, and ‘elle’ means small. This scrumptious round, flat Italian waffle cookie reportedly originated in the Abruzzo region of Italy. The *pizzelle* is an integral part of the iconic “Festival of the Snakes” and a cookie with quite a lot of history. Made using metal plates, either the present day electric or the original hand held stove top type, *pizzelle* are melt-in-your-mouth delicious!

My Nonna always referred to *pizzelle* as “waffles” and typically made them using her stovetop model, from the “old country”. She used a few different recipes; some called for oil or shortening, and others butter. Flavored with vanilla, lemon, almond, anise or chocolate, *pizzelle* were always included alongside of our holiday cookie trays. To help you get your holiday baking underway, I am sharing three of my favorite *pizzelle* recipes. Along with their unique texture and taste, another benefit of the *pizzelle* is that they can be made weeks ahead of time. If stored in an airtight container in a cool dry place, they will remain as crisp and delicious as they were on the day you made them. *Happy Holiday Baking!*

PIZZELLE

Note: You will need a Pizzelle Machine



Zia Millie’s Pizzelle

- 6 eggs (at room temperature)
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup of butter or margarine (melted)

- 2 tablespoons anise or vanilla extract (I use 1 tablespoon of each)
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- Confectioners/powdered sugar (for sifting)

Beat eggs, then add sugar gradually, and beat a few minutes, until smooth. Add cooled melted butter and extract, mix well. Sift flour and baking powder and gradually add to the mixture while blending. Let rest 15 minutes before cooking. Drop by spoonful (size of spoon will depend on the *pizzelle* maker used) on hot *pizzelle* iron and cook until golden brown. Remove with metal spatula and cool, lying flat on parchment paper lined cookie sheets. Sift with confectioners/powdered sugar just before serving.

Nonna’s Chocolate Pizzelle

- 6 eggs (at room temperature)
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup of butter or margarine (melted)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup pure unsweetened cocoa
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- Confectioners/powdered sugar (for sifting)

Beat eggs, then add sugar gradually, and beat a few minutes, until smooth. Add cooled melted butter and extract, mix well. Sift flour and baking powder and gradually add to the mixture while blending. Let rest 15 minutes before cooking. Drop by spoonful (size of spoon will depend on the *pizzelle* maker used) on hot *pizzelle* iron and cook until golden brown. Remove with metal spatula and cool, lying flat on parchment paper lined cookie sheets. Sift with confectioners/powdered sugar just before serving.

Nonna’s Friend’s Pizzelle

- 1 stick or 1/2 cup margarine, softened
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups oil
- 6 large eggs, room temperature
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

- 1 1/2 teaspoons anise
- 1 1/2 teaspoons anise seeds (optional)
- 3 1/2 cups flour or more if needed
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- Confectioners/powdered sugar (for sifting)

Cream together margarine and sugar. Add oil, eggs, vanilla and anise, mix well. Sift flour and baking powder together and gradually add to the mixture while mixing. Batter will be heavy. Drop by spoonful (size of spoon will depend on the *pizzelle* maker used) on hot *pizzelle* iron and cook until golden brown. Remove with metal spatula and lie flat on parchment paper lined cookie sheets to cool. Sift with confectioners/powdered sugar just before serving.

Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com

Brighten the Holidays with Colorful Plants

by Melinda Myers



Cyclamen plants have uniquely shaped flowers, come in a variety of colors, and stand above attractive variegated leaves.
(Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

Garden centers, florists and grocery stores are filling their shelves with a variety of holiday plants; a sure sign the holidays are approaching. This is the time of year to give, receive or fill your home with colorful poinsettias, Christmas cactus, cyclamen, and other holiday plants. Extend their beauty and longevity with proper care.

Start by selecting healthy plants that have been receiving proper care. The plants should be free of insects, disease and have no yellow leaves, brown leaf edges and spots. Flowering plants should have just a few open flowers, some buds showing color, and the rest healthy plump buds. You will enjoy watching the flower buds open, blooms expand, and a longer flowering period.

Always protect your gift plants from the harsh outdoors. Professional florists and garden center staff should provide a care tag and wrap your plants in a plastic or paper sleeve for the ride home.

Carefully remove the wrap as soon as you get home. This is especially important when caring for poinsettias. The upturned leaves emit ethylene, a ripening hormone that can shorten the longevity of your poinsettia's colorful display.

Rewrap your holiday plant anytime you move it outdoors and never leave it sitting in a cold car while running errands. A chilled plant looks fine until it warms. By the next day, the plant turns grayish-green, wilts and may die. Not such a nice gift or addition to your holiday décor after all.

Once home, place it in a cool, brightly lit location. The cool temperatures and indirect light help the blooms last longer. Remove or fold down the foil wrap, if present, to allow sunlight to reach all the leaves. Avoid drafts of hot and cold air. These can dry or chill the plant resulting in leaf and blossom drop.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition and Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* How to Grow Anything instant video and DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by Wild Valley Farms for her expertise to write this article. Myers' website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Check the tag for watering instructions. Most holiday plants prefer moist but not wet soil. Use your finger as a moisture meter. Water thoroughly whenever the top few inches of soil are crumbly and just slightly moist or according to the directions on the care tag.

Pour out any water that collects in the foil, basket, decorative pot or saucer. Or place pebbles in the bottom of these or the saucer to elevate the plant above sitting water. This reduces the risk of root rot and makes care much easier.

Lengthen the time between watering and increase success by amending the potting mix with a moisture-retaining product like *wool pellets* (wildvalleyfarms.com). This organic and sustainable product reduces watering by up to 25%. Just spread it over the soil surface and push it into the soil around the plant.

Keep your floral display looking its best by removing spent flowers from azaleas, Christmas cactus, cyclamen and kalanchoes. This keeps the plant looking fresh and often encourages more blooms.

Once the holidays have passed, keep enjoying these plants through the gray days of winter. Move the plants to a sunny window, fertilize with a dilute solution of complete or flowering plant fertilizer, and water as needed.

Add some artificial berries, cut flowers in water picks, or silk blooms to replace the faded flowers. Use colorful stakes or natural twigs for added beauty and to support floppy leaves and stems.

Boost your spirits and those of family and friends this holiday season with a few colorful plants. Giving them as gifts and using them to decorate your home is guaranteed to brighten your holiday celebrations.

Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari, lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:

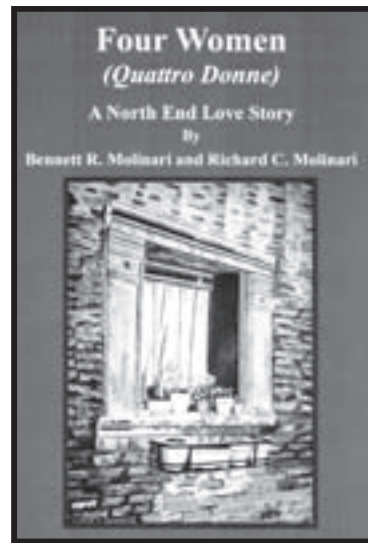
Four Women "Quattro Donne"

subtitle, *A North End Love Story*

In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

CHAPTER 89 The Departure (continued)

Turning to Auntie Angie, Grandma became quite solemn. "Angie, in my absence, I want you to watch over your sisters and the family. I know you and Carmela have your husbands, they are the strength, but the women are the heart of the family. Listen to me Angie, I know what I'm talking about. You are my eldest child, I have always turned to you when I needed help or advice. I'm asking you to watch over the family while I'm gone. I know I can count on you." "Ma," Auntie Angie responded. "I'll do all you ask and will pray for you while you're away." The two then embraced, tears flowed from their eyes. "Dio sia con voi" (God be with you), Grandma whispered. Auntie Angie returned, "Dio sia con voi." She kissed her



on both cheeks and etched out a small cross on her forehead as a blessing. Grandma then called Uncle Carmine over. "Carmine, you are the man of the family, I know you are busy with your career and family, but I ask you to please stay in touch with your sisters while I'm away. She kissed him on both cheeks and etched out a small cross on his forehead as a blessing. She called Aunt Loretta over and repeated her blessing. The grandchildren then came forward and surrounded Grandma. She motioned to them to come over one by one, kissed each from cheek to cheek and once again, etched out a little cross on each of their foreheads as a blessing. Grandma completed her departing ritual

with Dad, Uncle Jimmy and Uncle Tino.

While all this was happening, Egidio was saying goodbye to each of his sons, mirroring Grandma's parting gestures and blessings. The sons then came over to Grandma, each kissing her and wishing her well. Everyone now turned to Carla and Pietro who were quietly observing our parting rituals. Mom shouted out, "Before you leave, we want to see Carla and Pietro kiss each other!" Auntie Angie and Auntie Stella seized on the idea and joined in, "Yes, yes, one kiss before you leave." Grandma then spoke up, "Carmela, you're embarrassing the couple." Egidio, prompted by Mom's suggestion, gleefully added, "Carla, Pietro, it would be a wonderful way to say goodbye." Grandma, taking Egidio by the arm, shouted out, "Carla, Pietro, *fa'cosi*" (do it this way)! With that, she gave Egidio a peck on the cheek, catching him totally by surprise. Delighted, Egidio returned the gesture, causing Grandma to blush. Egidio's sons then yelled out, "Bravo, bravo!" Finally, Pietro turned toward Carla, shrugged his shoulders as if to say, "What do you think?" Carla burst into a huge smile, all her pent-up emotions released. Throwing her arms around Pietro, she kissed him on both cheeks and lightly on the lips, then whispered, "Pietro, I love you." "I love you, Carla," Pietro responded. We all began to clap. It was a wonderful moment for all of us, but particularly for Carla and Pietro. They were beaming with love for each other. "How close we all have become," Grandma exclaimed, "*Santa Teresa ha veramente fatto un miracolo*" (Saint Theresa truly made a miracle). In the distance, we could hear the conductor shouting, "All aboard!" Suddenly, we knew it was time for us to say goodbye, and once again, emotions bubbled up and tears flowed.

Four Women "Quattro Donne" A North End Love Story, is available at R. Del Gaudio Gift Shop, 17 North Square North End (617-227-5915), adjoining Paul Revere House; Post-Gazette; Saint Francis Book Store and Gift Shop at Saint Leonard Peace Garden; lulu.com; molinariadesign.net; Amazon.com; and Barnes and Noble.com. Bookshop.org; Greetings from Boston, Faneuil Hall.

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Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **November 26, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

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1997 HONDA ACCORD
VIN # 1HGCD5556VA248534
2008 HONDA ELEMENT
VIN # 5J6YH28788L019795
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VIN # 1HGEM22583L078173
2008 BMW 528xi
VIN # WBANV13558CZ53086

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Signed
Todisco Services, Inc.

11/11, 11/18 & 11/25/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
Lowell Justice Center
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 656-7700**

Docket No. M122P5682EA

Estate of
DAVID WALTER SODANO
Also Known As
DAVID W. SODANO

Date of Death: September 17, 2022
**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Nancy M. Sodano of Needham, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Nancy M. Sodano of Needham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 11/25/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. SU22P2480EA

Estate of
ANDREW J. FARRO

Date of Death: April 05, 2022

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Andralyn Farro of North Reading, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Andralyn Farro of North Reading, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of December 16, 2022.

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

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,
First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 04, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Run date: 11/25/2022

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10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI22P5972EA
Estate of
ELIZABETH H. O'CONNOR
Date of Death: May 01, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Marilyn E. Smith of Melrose, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Marilyn E. Smith of Melrose, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
10-U Commerce Way
Woburn, MA 01801
(781) 865-4000
Docket No. MI22D2793DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
AKASH YIGA
vs.
SHAKIRA KYEBALABA

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Akash Yiga, 27 Heather Road, Watertown, MA 02472**, your answer, if any, on or before **December 21, 2022**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: November 10, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
 Run date: 11/25/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
Lowell Justice Center
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 656-7700
Docket No. MI22P5350EA
Estate of
LILA FINA
 Also Known As
LILA CORBETT FINA, LILA C. FINA
Date of Death: August 17, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Barbara Duff of Framingham, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Barbara Duff of Framingham, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 11/25/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **December 03, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

- 2008 FORD TAURUS**
VIN # 1FAHP24W48G143180
- 2017 CHEVROLET EQUINOX**
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- 2005 NISSAN ALTIMA**
VIN # 1N4AQL11D15C349621
- 2010 FORD EDGE**
VIN # 2FMDK4KC7ABA62422
- 2001 HONDA CIVIC**
VIN # 2HGES16531H593215

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Signed
 Todisco Services, Inc.
 11/18, 11/25, & 12/02/2022

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court - North
Lowell Justice Center
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 656-7700
Docket No. MI22D3421DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING
GLEIDI C. BAPTISTELLA
vs.
JEAN G. BAPTISTELLA

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Gleidi C. Baptistella, 33 Middle Street, Unit 4, Lowell, MA 01852**, your answer, if any, on or before **December 22, 2022**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: November 09, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
 Run date: 11/25/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
Lowell Justice Center
370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 656-7700
Docket No. MI22P5559EA
Estate of
DAVID BRUCE LESTER
 Also Known As
DAVID B. LESTER
Date of Death: August 07, 2022
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John Spector of Mattapoisett, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

John Spector of Mattapoisett, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 11/25/2022



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Judge Wins AL MVP, Goldschmidt Wins NL MVP

Aaron Judge of the NY Yankees won the American League MVP Award as most expected him to do and St. Louis Cardinals slugger Paul Goldschmidt took the NL award. After hitting 62 homers, he easily beat the Angels' Shohei Ohtani in the MVP race that many thought would have been a tighter race. Aaron received 28 of 30 first place votes. Aaron finished with 62 home runs, 131 RBI and a .311 batting average. Ohtani finished 15-9 with a 2.33 ERA and at bat, he went 34 homers, 95 RBI with a .273 average. Goldschmidt meanwhile had a great year, 35 homers, 115 RBI,

.317 average, 41 doubles and scored 106 runs.

Verlander, Alcántara Win Cy Young Award Unanimously

The Astros's Justin Verlander and the Marlins's Sandy Alcántara were both selected unanimously for the Cy Young Award. The last time winners in both leagues were unanimous since the award began in 1956 and the first time since the Tigers's Denny McClain in the AL and the Cardinals' Bob Gibson swept the voting in 1968.

The 39-year-old Verlander also won this award in 2019 with Houston after winning both the MVP and the Cy Young with the Tigers in 2011. He is also one 11 players to win it three times. He was also unanimous in 2011. Verlander led the majors with a 1.75 ERA. The 27 year old Alcántara had a 2.28 ERA and had complete games.

Bombers Sign Rizzo Quickly

The NY Yankees wasted little time when it came to keeping

slugger Anthony Rizzo in pinstripes. The Yankees brought back the 34-year-old Rizzo on a two year, \$34 million with a \$17 million club option in a third year that includes a \$6 million buyout.

After hitting 32 homers in his first full season with the Yankees, Rizzo opted out of the second year of the two-year, \$32 million deal he signed back last spring and rejected the team's qualifying offer worth \$19.65 million. He now gets a raise and an extra year.

Rizzo led the Cubs to the 2016 World Series title and is the only Yankee to have won a championship and the Yanks value that experience. This past season, he remained the second best hitter behind only Aaron Judge.

Showalter's 4th Manager of the Year Award

For the first time in NY Mets history, the Mets have a Manager of the Year. Buck Showalter was named NL Manager of the Year last week beating out Dave Roberts of the Dodgers and Brian Snitker of the Braves. It marked the fourth time and fourth team with which Showalter has won the Award (1994 Yankees, 2004 Rangers, the 2014 Orioles). He joins Tony La Russa and Bobby Cox as four time winners of this award. Showalter is the only one of the three to win it with four different teams.

The American League Manager of the Year was a repeat winner. In 2021 it was the Indians, this year, it's the Guardians. He also won one right here in Boston which Red Sox fans will always remember as the year when the Sox broke the Curse of the Bambino.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stephens Automotive Transport, 60 Union Street, Medford, MA 02155**, pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.255 539A, that on **November 26, 2022 at 10AM**, at said address, the following motor vehicle(s) will be sold, in as is condition, no keys, at public sale to satisfy our garage keeper's lien thereon for towing, storage, and expenses of notice and sale:

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 Brighton, MA 02135

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 Vin: # 19UUA66244A030291
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 107 Broadway, #2
 Salem, MA 01970

2001 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE, BLACK
 Vin: # 1J4GW58N21C707735
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 Run dates: 11/11, 11/18, 11/25/2022

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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- 2011 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE**
VIN # 1J4RR5GT3BC525947
- 1990 NISSAN 300ZX**
VIN # JN1RZ26A7LX004473
- 2010 GMC ARCADIA**
VIN # 1GKLVMD7AJ195208

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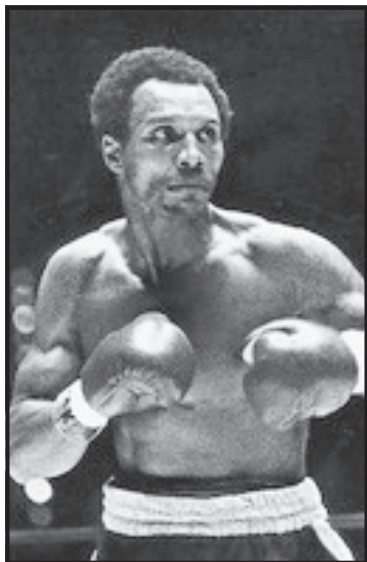
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Reggie Ford



Marvin Hagler



Sugar Ray Phillips

How many times had young prospects been lured into fighting opponents that were far more experienced and talented than they were? This often happened when a promoter found himself in a spot with a scheduled card in which one of the main event fighters had pulled out at the last minute. It also happened when a promoter was looking for a soft touch for a fighter who was on the brink of breaking into major contention, and the fighter's manager didn't want to risk his losing a chance at a big money fight. No matter the reason, the inexperienced and often decent prospect was sold on the idea of jumping in way over his head by the promise of it being "a great opportunity" to break into the big time. The promise of this once in a lifetime break was also used to justify giving the fighter a very small payday.

The promise of fame and riches generally began to evaporate not long after the bell rang to start the match. It usually ended with the fighter being hurt, feeling dejected, and in so many cases, seeing a young pro go from prospect to opponent overnight. I have a couple of examples to share that by coincidence-involved fights in Marvin Hagler's career. Please, this is no knock on the Marvelous One. Hagler was never guilty of looking for soft touches, and in many ways he was in over his head early in his career but always survived and went on to greatness in one of the great boxing careers of all time.

Both matches I will discuss took place in 1977 as Marvin was really hitting his stride as a contender and future champion. The first of the opponents was Reggie Ford an outstanding amateur star from Guyana. Ford won a bronze medal at the 1971 PanAm Games and went on to compete at the 1972 Olympics where he lost in the early going to future world middleweight champion Alan Minter. Ford also competed in the Central American and Caribbean Games in 1974. He would turn pro in January of 1977.

Now you would think a young and talented amateur star would have been brought along facing solid but competitive opponents. Well, in his first

fight he did face a solid opponent. He stepped into the ring in Pensacola, Florida against top contender Bobby Boogaloo Watts. At this point in his career, Watts had a record of 30 wins, 3 losses, and one draw. Those wins included victories over Willie Monroe, Eugene Hart, and Marvin Hagler. Quite a choice for Ford's first professional opponent. The fight went the full ten rounds with Watts winning a one sided decision.

Ford's management wasn't content with his facing Watts. They figured they would continue starting at the top, and in his next fight, he traveled to Boston where just three months later he stepped in with Marvin Hagler. At this point Hagler was sporting a 31/2/1 record with wins over Johnny Baldwin, Eugene Hart, and Willie Monroe. Ford was kayoed in the third round. Two fights, two beatings against two top ranked middleweights. Quite a way to start a career.

After the loss to Hagler, his management went in opposite directions and had Reggie fight four opponents with little or no experience. He scored wins against John LoCicero (5/2/0), Charles Dione (debut), Manuel Melon (5/0/1), and Morris Watkins (1/1/0).

For some reason, his managers decided those wins had him ready to go back to the top and matched Ford with undefeated Ayub Kalule in a fifteen round fight for the Commonwealth Boxing Council Title. Kalule kayoed Reggie in the 5th round.

After the Kalule fight Ford's career never went anywhere. He had become an opponent by now and other than wins over Davey Green and welterweight Kirkland Laing he was finished. From 1982 till the end of his career in 1984, Ford didn't win a single fight. He lost his last eight fights, five by knockout and ended his career with a record of 10 wins (2 by KO), 15 losses (8 by KO), and 1 draw.

Ford was a good prospect. A proven world-class amateur star that should have been brought along in a timely fashion. Instead, it appears his managers were hell bent on destroying him. Reggie Ford passed away in February of 2021.

The other fighter with a similar experience was Sugar Ray Phillips a 1975 National Golden Gloves Champion and Southwest AAU Champion. Phillips had begun his pro career in 1975 and was being brought along slowly. He obviously had better management than Reggie Ford. However, when they got the call that Ray was being offered that "great opportunity" they couldn't resist.

It was in September of 1977. Marvin Hagler was scheduled to fight Vinnie Curto in Boston in a highly anticipated matchup. Curto pulled out at the last minute leaving promoter Rip Valenti with a venue and fans but lacking a main event opponent for Hagler. With just two days' notice, Ford took the fight. He had to be flown in from Dallas and had barely arrived before he was weighing and waiting to enter the ring.

Ray was undefeated with ten wins at this point, but not a single one of his opponents was of main event stature. In fact, only one of his bouts was scheduled for ten rounds. Hagler was at 34/2/1 by this time.

Phillips gave a very good account of himself but just could not withstand the fists of Marvin Hagler. Ray was kayoed in the 7th round. He would fight 12 more times after that night in Boston but only win four bouts. He was kayoed six times. His overall record was 14 (4 KOs), 9 (7 KOs), 0.

The Hagler fight had taken a lot out of him. He almost immediately became an opponent after the loss and went on to lose to such names as Rocky Mosley, Jr., Fulgencio Obelmejias, Robbie Epps, Oscar Alvarado, and Juan Domingo Roldan.

Both of these cases are examples of promising young prospects being thrown to the wolves early in their careers and never having a chance at developing their talent.

In what other sport would such a thing happen? Does NASCAR allow drivers to compete with learner's permit? Do you get to bat in Major League Baseball with just little league experience? Boxing has no rules to prevent this and certainly no ethics guiding the managers.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



FLUTIE'S FLING TO IMMORTALITY — It was 38 years ago (November 23, 1984) that Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie threw New England's most remembered college football pass, defeating the powerful Miami Hurricanes on the last play of the game.

At the end of three quarters, the game was tied at 31 in Miami. As the fourth quarter played out BC trailed 45-41 with 28 seconds left and the Eagles deep in their own territory. Three plays moved the ball forward 32 yards to the Miami 48 with just six ticks left on the clock.

That's when Flutie called the famous play that had all receivers head for the end zone. While they were headed downfield, Flutie eluded one potential tackler and finally uncorked the pass from his own 37. That meant the ball was in the air for at least 63 yards before being caught by Gerard Phelan, Flutie's roommate, for the winning score.

The victorious heave was Flutie's 46th pass of the game. He wound up with 472 yards passing on the day, delivering three touchdowns passes, as he became the first college quarterback to exceed 10,000 yards passing in a career.

The game was played on a Friday afternoon on the day after Thanksgiving in 1984. Only 30,225 people were in attendance at Orange Bowl Stadium for the dramatic 47-45 victory that earned BC a trip to the 1995 Cotton Bowl where the Eagles defeated Houston 45-28 on New Year's Day. With the triumph, BC finished as the No. 5 ranked team in the nation according to the Associated Press poll.

Flutie was a remarkable athlete who was adept at many sports. At Natick High, he was an all-league player in football, basketball and baseball. Although he could not play college basketball because the hoop and football schedules overlapped, it was said by several observers that he would have been the sixth man on the BC basketball team if he had played.

And there was one time it almost happened. It was the fall of 1985 and Doug Flutie had returned to BC to complete his degree. After that historic 1984 football season at BC Flutie had signed a five-year, \$7 million contract to play with the New Jersey Generals in a new spring league — the United States Football League (USFL).

The team's owner? None other than Donald Trump, who is pictured with Flutie on February 23, 1985, the day of Flutie's introductory press conference. Flutie, accomplished in the classroom as well as on the playing field, was back at BC in the fall of 1985 to complete his degree, his college football career concluded but his amateur eligibility in other sports still intact.

Flutie indicated he wanted to play basketball, his favorite sport during his high school days. According to an article by Randy Harvey that ran in the November 1, 1985 edition of the *Los Angeles Times*, BC hoop coach Gary Williams invited Flutie to join the team as a point guard.

Although he would have been playing basketball, not football, he was still under contract to the New Jersey Generals. When Trump heard about Flutie's plans, he invoked the contract and vetoed the Heisman Trophy winner's hopes of heading for the hardwood. Although not stated in the article, there is often a concern about possible injuries when athletes engage in other sports during their offseason break. And Flutie was the quarterback, leading the Generals to an 11-5 record before being injured late in the season. New Jersey finished at 11-7, earning a playoff berth in the process.

However, it was probably one of the more unpopular decisions in BC athletic history — made by the man who later went on to become the 45th President of the United States.

"I think he would have really helped us," said Coach Williams in the article. "Doug played some games with some of the Celtics players this year (summer of 1985) before they went to camp and he held his own. I would have used him at point guard, which is like the quarterback of the offense."

The 1985-1986 Eagles went on to post a 13-15 overall mark, including a 4-12 record in the Big East that saw them finish seventh in the conference. It would be coach Williams' final season at The Heights, something of the opposite of his first (1982-1983) when BC went 25-7 overall, captured the Big East regular season title with a 12-4 record and earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament. He moved on to become the head coach at Ohio State in the fall of 1986.

The USFL folded early in 1986 so after his initial season with the Generals Flutie went on to play an additional 20 years with several teams—eight years in the Canadian Football League and 12 in the NFL. In the end, he went out with a flourish — against another team from Miami — no less. On January 1, 2006 when the Patriots played the Dolphins in their last regular season game, Flutie utilized a drop kick to convert an extra point, the first successful drop kick in the NFL since 1941.

Off the field, he has had a successful broadcasting career as a football analyst. He and his family now live in Florida. Today, Doug Flutie, the gifted all-around athlete, is 60 years old.

And still going strong. In 2014, he sponsored a charity team in the Boston Marathon. Only two days before the event Flutie himself decided to participate. With no long distance training, he completed the course in five hours, 23 minutes and 54 seconds.

Like everyone on earth, it would be Doug Flutie's fate to experience some profound sadness in his life. That time would come for him on November 18, 2015 when both his parents — Richard and Joan Flutie — would die from separate cardiac events on the same day one hour apart. Richard had been hospitalized prior to his passing. They had been married for 56 years.