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## 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Attack

President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared it a "date which will live in infamy" — December 7, 1941, when over 300 Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor, compelling the US to enter WWII by declaring war on Japan the next day. Next week marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this terrible day, and a small non-profit museum in Natick, MA, is commemorating the anniversary with an exhibit entitled "Why We Still Remember."

The Museum of World War II's new display chronicles the mood in the U.S. and Japan leading up to and after the December 7, 1941, attack by Japan. The exhibition features artifacts evoking the imperialistic ambitions of Japan, such as news accounts and propaganda celebrating recent victories over the Chinese, and America's

preoccupation with the war in Europe while being complacent regarding any threat in the Pacific arena (the latter suggested by photos of sandy beaches and hula girls taken by U.S. Servicemen in Hawaii).

The comprehensive exhibit goes on to cover the attack itself, which killed over 2400 U.S. personnel, and destroyed or damaged 19 U.S. ships, including 8 battleships. (Many of the U.S. casualties were stationed on the USS Arizona, which was sunk in the harbor.) Artifacts from the damaged US ships and shot down Japanese warplanes are on display. Headlines in Japanese newspapers are contrasted with U.S. publications, and the heightened fear of Japanese living in America resulting in the internment camps is reflected in some of the displays. The



### News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

#### ***The Twinkie is Back***

Newly revived Hostess has decided to let Twinkies be Twinkies, the famous pale yellow calorie tubes with a cream-like filling. The marketing is aimed at their biggest customer base, which they call "Bubbas in trucks." I also assume their old base; kids looking for a sugar buzz, will also bring them corporate success, too. A snack that has no expiration date could become once again the biggest moneymaker it once was back in my young Twinkie days.

#### ***No English Test for NYC Cabbies***

In New York City, they are actually debating whether or not to require city cabbies to speak and understand English. Why is this even a debate? Why make it easier for foreign-born immigrants to drive cabs if they can't understand their customers. This is America. Learn English if you want to work with the public. Period.

It is a problem here in Boston, too. It can cause all sorts of trouble when drivers and riders when don't understand each other. An English test doesn't seem ominous to me.

#### ***Trump Needs Pat Buchanan***

Pat Buchanan has been one of my favorite conservative commentators for most of my adult life. He started off in the late '60s as a great columnist for the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*. He ended up working as President Richard Nixon's right-hand man when it came to policy. A great conservative, he took on George H.W. Bush in 1992 at the Houston GOP Convention where he put America First into play. He talked about the oncoming Cultural War still in its infancy at that time.

Just before the 1996 GOP primary in New Hamp-

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story of a Japanese-American serviceman wounded in France and awarded the Purple Heart while his parents were sent to an internment camp back home is told through photos, letters, and other personal effects.

This very special exhibit runs through Jan. 7, 2017, and is open to the public by appointment. Visits may be scheduled for Tuesday through Saturday by emailing [visit@museumofworldwar2.org](mailto:visit@museumofworldwar2.org). There are many other wonderful special exhibits to see as well. Visit [www.museumofworldwar2.org](http://www.museumofworldwar2.org) for complete listings, articles, and directions. The museum is located at 8 Mercer Road in Natick, MA.

Other local commemorative events include a special ceremony aboard the USS *Massachusetts* at Battleship Cove (5 Water Street, Fall River, MA) on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:55 pm (the time of the end of the attack, 7:55 am in Hawaii). The ceremony, which will take place in the Memorial Room aboard the battleship, is open to the public, but seating will be limited.

There will also be a talk by historian Bob Farley entitled "The Attack on Pearl Harbor – 75<sup>th</sup> Retrospective" at the

Ipswich Public Library on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 pm. The talk is sponsored by VFW Post 1093 (where Mr. Farley is a member) and the Library, which

is located at 25 North Main Street in Ipswich, MA. The talk will be in the Collins Room and light refreshments will be served.

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# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



AT HOME IN OLD ROME, THOSE FABULOUS ROMAN ROADS

A Roman road may be defined as a way made for traveling between places or for the transportation of beasts and vehicles. From the days of antiquity to the present time, the condition of roadways was a barometer or yardstick which measured the civil advancement of a community. Historical records show that as far back as 2000 B.C. in the city of Babylon, there were broad straight streets crossing at right angles, and also that roads were built in ancient Egypt to transport building materials for the pyramids. The earliest roads that were constructed in Greece were called Sacred Ways. These were unpaved and led only to the important religious centers.

Growing nations seem to have drawn upon past civilizations when developing their cultures and technologies, but the finest work in building long-lasting roads was done by the Romans. They might have copied other constructive arts from the Etruscans and the Greeks, but in the building of roads they had no equal.

During the height of power in the Roman Empire, there were about fifty thousand miles of roads. These roads were constructed mainly for military purposes and they served to connect Rome with all of the conquered provinces. They were laid out in a straight line whenever possible. High spots were cut away, low areas were built up. Hills and mountains were cut or tunneled through. Streams were bridged over and valleys were crossed by viaducts.

There were twenty-nine great roads leading to and from Rome.

The Via Appia, the great south road, was the first one built. It is named after Appius Claudius Caecus, a consul and praetor, who started the construction about 312 B.C. It began at the Porta Capena in the Servian Wall and ran about one hundred thirty miles to the ancient city of Capua, about eighteen miles north of Naples. The Via Appia has often been called the “Queen of Roads” and was wide enough for two broad wagons to pass each other. The engineers of those early days chose their routes so wisely that the present road to Naples follows very nearly the same track. The Via Flaminia was known as the great north road and was constructed about 220 B.C. It began at the old Porta Ratu- mena near the present Capitol and ran along what is now the Via del Corso, then across the Tiber to the Apennines and to Rimini. It was by this Via Flaminia that the Roman legions went to conquer Gaul, Spain, Germany and Britain. Some of the other roads were the Clodia, Aurelia, Latina, Popilia, Egnatia and Labicana.

The Roman legions made their conquests and, with captive labor, they built a great system of rock-paved roads all around the Mediterranean Sea. It is important to emphasize that this was the only great road system that was ever built up to modern times.

They started their roadways by digging two parallel trenches which marked out the desired width, and then removed the earth between these trenches down to firm soil or stratum. The first operation was to

spread a layer of sand, which they called the pavimentum or floor. The second layer was formed of large stones held in place with clay or cement. Then came the third layer which was compressed gravel, and then this was followed by a layer of well-tamped sand, chalk, earth, and broken brick. Finally they applied the top course of pebbles or stones, which was called the summa crusta or the main shell. This summa crusta was pitched for good drainage. The total thickness was usually between thirty-six to fifty inches, and was increased over marshy land or decreased over rocky soil. Additionally, there were hundreds of bridges that were built.

Traveling long distances was made a little easier by the establishment of posting houses where horses were changed, and by the use of way stations or resting places. The cost of

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Castro Dead at 90  
What Next for Cuba?

by Sal Giaratani

On Thanksgiving night, the Cuban community was dancing in the streets, especially in Miami. For Cuban exiles here in Florida, it was a day many had been waiting for for decades. When Fidel Castro overthrew the pro-American dictator and took over the reins of government at age 32 in 1959, he promised much, but delivered little in his near 57 years of power. A few years back, he handed over the government to his younger brother Raul (now 85 years old).

Since assuming power, Raul has proved himself less a leader blinded by ideology and more of a political realist. What happens now in Cuba is still anyone's guess. Will post-Castro Cuba be able to communicate better with their neighbor to the North? Will the total control on the island ease up and will forms of capitalism ease their way into the Cuban economy? Time will tell, but this is a moment in history dreaded by pro-Castro forces and welcomed by the Cuban people, especially exiles in Florida waiting the day they can return home to a free Cuba.

Now is an important moment in the history of the Western Hemisphere, where everyone really needs to be working with each other. Not just for

economics, but for liberty, too. The exiles here in our country hope the future of their homeland is positive. For them, it has been a long night of oppression.

I hope that President Barack Obama and President-elect Donald Trump do not waste the opportunity to reach out; a window has opened and it needs to stay open. Should the United States attend Castro's funeral? Should we move beyond the nearly six decades of raw relations and seek an opening dialogue bridging our differences?

This latest news can be an important moment for President-elect Trump and for President Raul Castro. It can be an opening between the two nations. Out of the ashes of Fidel Castro, can we find a new place to stand? I think we can and I think we should.

Cuban exiles in Miami have waited this moment for generations. Many long to travel freely to their homeland. Many in Cuba wish the very same thing, traveling here to see their distant relatives.

A free Cuba is a dream that now seems moments away if it can just get past old politics. People always trump politics.

Saint Radegund

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Saint Radegund was born about 520 to Bertachar, one of the three kings of the German land Thuringia. Her uncle, Hermanfrid, killed his brother, her father, in battle, and took Princess Radegund into his household. After allying with the Frankish King Theuderic, Hermanfrid defeated his other brother Baderic. However, having crushed his brothers and seized control of Thuringia, Hermanfrid went back on his agreement with Theuderic to share sovereignty.

In 531, Theuderic returned to Thuringia with his brother Clotaire I and together they

defeated Hermanfrid and conquered his kingdom. Clotaire I also took charge of Princess Radegund, taking her back to Merovingian Gaul with him. He sent the child to his villa of Athies in Picardy for several years, before marrying her in 540. Radegund was one of Clotaire I's six wives. She bore him no children. Radegund was noted for her almsgiving.

By 550, Princess Radegund's brother was the last surviving male member of the Thuringian royal family. Clotaire had him murdered. Radegund fled the court and sought the protection of the Church and the bishop of Noyon. She helped establish the monastery of Sainte-Croix in Poitiers in 560, where she cared for the sick. She ate nothing but legumes and green vegetables: neither fruit nor fish nor eggs. Radegund was widely believed to have the gift of healing.

Living under the Rule for Virgins of Caesarius of Arles, the nuns were cloistered and required to be able to read and write, and to devote several hours of the day to reading the scriptures and copying manuscripts, as well as traditional tasks such as weaving and needlework.

Her abbey was named for the relic of the True Cross that Radegund obtained from the Byzantine Emperor Justin II. Although the bishop of Poitiers, Maroveus, refused to install it in the abbey, at Radegund's request King Sigebert sent Eufronius of Tours to Poitiers to perform the ceremony. To celebrate the relic and its installation into Sainte-Croix, Venantius Fortunatus composed a series of hymns, including the famous vexilla regis, considered to be one of the most significant Christian hymns ever written, it is still sung for services on Good Friday.

Radegund was a close friend of Junian of Maire, Saint Junian, who was a 6<sup>th</sup>-century Christian hermit and abbot. He was the founder of Mariacum, Abbey at Mairé-Levescault in Poitou, France, and is the patron saint of Poitou farm laborers. Junian and Radegund are said to have died on the same day, August 13, 587. The Feast of Saint Radegund is celebrated on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## Sara J. "Suddi" Sclafani

NOVEMBER 19, 2016



Sara "Suddi" J. Sclafani died peacefully at her Woburn home surrounded by her loving family on Saturday evening. She was 92.

Born and raised in Boston's North End, she was the daughter of the late Michael and Giuseppina (Turco) Zarba. The beloved wife of the late Joseph V. "Red" Sclafani, she was a devoted mother to Sandra Pascucci and her husband John of Stoneham, JoAnn Cerasoli and her husband Bob of Quincy, Paula Ferrara and her husband

Steve of Braintree, Jodi Pietroforte and her husband Carl of Florida, and Donna Sclafani of Woburn. She was a loving grandmother to Marla Pascucci-Burns, Thomas Arcadipane, Gia Anderson, Robert Cerasoli, Carla Pierson, Kacy Maitland, and CJ Pietroforte, and was a loving great-grandmother to nine great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Rose Sanseverino and Diego, Phil, and Michael Zarba.

A Woburn resident for many years, she worked for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue until her retirement. She also enjoyed helping out at her daughter's hair salon Snips in Stoneham.

Family and friends honored Suddi's life with a funeral mass at St. Barbara Church, 138 Cambridge Road, Woburn on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Services concluded with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Suddi's name to the National Shrine of Saint Jude, 3200 East 91<sup>st</sup> Street, Chicago, IL 60617, or at [www.shrineofstjude.org](http://www.shrineofstjude.org).

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## 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass. Italian American Police Officers Banquet

by Sal Giarratani



**Superintendent-in-Chief William Gross, a/k/a Supt. Barry White.**

Once again, the National Italian American Police Officers Association held its Annual Awards Banquet in support of the Massachusetts chapter in North Reading at the Hillview Country Club. The hall was packed in blue, as in full of police officers. It is an annual gathering that remembers the actions of our law enforcement personnel who serve and protect all of us.

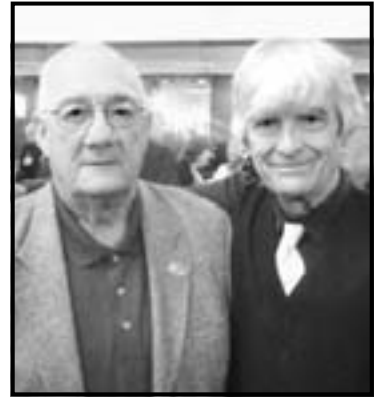
A few years ago, I was presented a retirement plaque honoring my 28 years of service as a police officer for the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. Recently, we have seen tragedy after tragedy where police officers across the country have been killed in the line of duty. To all in the hall, Blue Lives Matter every day and on every shift. Too often, others cry out in vengeance and demean

the police across the nation.

Here at this awards banquet, the color of blue denotes the sacrifices made in every waking moment to protect the innocent and keep the peace. Police officers representing the state, municipalities, and the federal government sit and break bread. To be a police officer is a noble calling and deserves gratitude for all that he or she does for the community they serve.

This year, Michael Giacoppo, president emeritus, received the Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, while Larry Lucchino, president & CEO of the Boston Red Sox and chairman of the Jimmy Fund, was awarded the St. Michael the Archangel Award.

This year's Law Enforcement Medal of Valor Award, a medal presented for acts of outstanding bravery in the performance of duty, went to four Boston Police Officers: Ellys Lee, Eric MacPherson, Michael Taylor, and Det. James Coyne.



**Retired sergeants John Sacco, BPD-D-4 and Sal Giarratani, DMHPD-Boston.**

Frank Addivinola was the recipient of the Guglielmo Marconi Distinguished Service Award.

Finally, The Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Award was presented posthumously to Glen A. Doherty, United States Navy Seal. Accepting the award were family members present at the banquet, who were very proud that their son and brother was so honored.



**L-R: Larry Lucchino, Michael Giacoppo, and Fr. John Nazzaro.**

## NEAD Family Dinner/Family Talk with Mayor Walsh Draws a Sellout

by John Romano

For those of you old enough to remember, you will know what this means: There were 13,909 in attendance at the Nazzaro Center last Monday night. The NEAD Family Dinner/Family Talk with Mayor Marty Walsh packed the house.

Entering the 8th year of a fantastic event that was the brainchild of deceased NEAD President Bobby DeCristoforo, this was certainly the best and the biggest — Bobby would have been very proud. His idea was — growing up in the North End we all got together every night at dinner time with our families and talked about our day, our lives, our family. Today, family is made up differently for everyone, but nonetheless, we are all still family. So we get together as a big neighborhood family and have a great Italian meal and a talk!

Avellino's in Medford supplied the food at a discount for us, Bova's donated the bread and cookies, and Johnny from Mangia Mangia donated the cannolis! Our corporate sponsor, EVERSOURCE, helped pay for the event through their annual grant. Mayor Walsh provided the talk, an important one, to young and old in the room. We had children and parents from age 3 to 86, and everyone listened to the Mayor's important message about the

dangers of using drugs and alcohol, and how they can destroy your dreams. The Mayor told people he was a fortunate one who was able to turn his life around, not something he can say about others he knew.

In attendance and supporting this event were several community groups that collaborate with NEAD on a regular basis: Traci and Lydia from the Eliot School; Sherri and Diane from NEMPAC; Michelle Deveau from the Nazzaro Teen Center along with a dozen or so teenagers; James Luisi, Zack and Mary Wright of North End Waterfront Health; Becca and her family from Boston Community Collaborative; Dan Toscano and his family from North End Youth Hockey; members of the NEAA and Nazzaro Center Staff; as well as, State Senator Joe Boncore, Representative Aaron Michlewitz, City Councilor Sal LaMattina; Maria Lanza and Stephen Passacantilli from Mayor Walsh's staff; and NEAD Board Members. It was also great to have Phil Orlandella of the Regional Review and Matt and Isabella from Emerson College in attendance.

A huge thank you goes to NEAD Board members Karen D'Amico, George Hadaya, Officer Ted Boyle, Ann Fitzgerald, John Pregmon, Olivia Scimeca,

Rosina Fabbo, Kathy Carangelo, and volunteer Patricia Romano for all of their help with preparing the event ahead of time and setting up, serving food, and breaking down at the end of the event! Also thanks to Nazzaro Center Director and NEAD Board Member Carl Ameno for letting us use their space and take over the space early to set up — it was greatly appreciated.

NEAD also collected new adult winter hats and gloves for the St. Francis Homeless Shelter, and Sharon Lee from St. Francis was in attendance as well.

This was a great event; the whole community showed up to show the children and their families that they are all very important and that we care for them. We showed the Mayor how much we support his efforts working with children and families, as well as, trying to help solve the drug and alcohol issues in the neighborhood, city, and state. "It was a great event and a great turnout," stated NEAD President John Romano, "We are grateful to all our local elected officials, Aaron, Sal, and Joe, who support us day in and day out, and we are thankful to the Mayor for speaking to our young children and families." It was an awesome start to Thanksgiving week!



# L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



The Christmas season, that most wonderful time of the year, is fully upon us! I feel its merriment whenever I take a sip of spicy eggnog, its velvety texture warming me inside with the taste of the holidays. On the first day of Advent, my husband and I decorated our home for Christmas, setting up our small tree and placing an evergreen wreath on our door. The twinkling lights of these adornments shine through even the darkest midwinter night, while the greenery reminds me that the cycle of life rolls on despite the blustery cold of the season. Christmas carols, ubiquitous on the radio, compose the soundtrack of my days now, filling them with the sounds of jingle bells. However, the most inescapable symbol of secular Christmas celebrations remains the jolly man from the North Pole himself — Santa Claus! Santa Claus appears everywhere nowadays, from thrones in shopping malls to television ads, from cookie faces to household decorations. Sometimes, Santa Claus manifests as the elegant Father Christmas — a serious-faced man clad in long, intricate robes, holding a staff. More often, however, he is a rotund, merry-faced man with a bushy white beard and a red suit, a bag bursting with gifts slung over his shoulder. Though Santa Claus has become a prominent figure in Christmas commercialism, in his purest form he is a comforting symbol of the mirth, goodwill and kindness which characterize this season. This complex character even has his own holiday on December 6<sup>th</sup>, a day abounding with Christmas history!

The idea of Santa Claus may seem rather strange, even bizarre. Here is a man who lives in the North Pole, wears red, owns a toyshop run by elves, and hops aboard a sleigh to deliver presents to children on Christmas Eve. Why is this figure so attached to the holiday season? Like most Christmas symbols, Santa Claus derives from both Christian and pagan roots. Some of his characteristics harken back to the Norse god Odin, who led a wild hunt across the midwinter night sky on an eight-legged stallion. Children would leave carrots out overnight for Odin's horse, similar to the tradition of offering cookies and milk to Santa Claus. Elves also form a major part of Scandinavian folklore,

where tales abound of magical creatures who were especially active during the Twelve Days of Christmas. Nevertheless, Santa Claus's most immediate ancestor is St. Nicholas of Myra, a fourth-century bishop hailing from Asia Minor, now modern-day Turkey. St. Nicholas became famous for his generosity, eventually serving as the patron saint of children. His association with gift-giving stems from a famous legend in which he secretly made gifts of gold for three sisters too poor to afford a dowry. The very name "Santa Claus" is a corruption of "St. Nicholas," hailing from Dutch settlers who brought the figure of *Sinterklaas* to America. In other countries, such as England, Santa Claus' name is "Father Christmas." This corresponds to his Italian moniker as well, as the jolly man is known as *Babbo Natale* — literally, "Father Christmas." Though the premiere gift-bringer in Italy remains *La Befana*, the kindly witch who circles the world on Epiphany Eve, *Babbo Natale* has an enormous presence there as well, and Italian children write letters to the merry, red-suited man.

St. Nicholas, Santa Claus' predecessor, even boasts his own feast day on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December. My grandmother hails from the southern Italian city of Bari, which holds the relics of the saint, so *la Festa di San Nicola*, or St. Nicholas' Day, endures as one of her most cherished holidays. She still speaks fondly of citywide celebrations on this day, replete with parades and processions, most centered around the Basilica di San Nicola. In other areas of Europe, St. Nicholas' Day functions as a quaint

and charming precursor to Christmas, a day devoted to the happiness of children. Children in Germany, Hungary and the Czech Republic leave their shoes or boots on the windowsills during the eve of St. Nicholas' feast, only to find them filled with candy and trinkets in the morning. Polish children find small bags of candy tucked under their pillows, while their counterparts in France bake gingerbread and brioche to mark the holiday. My family honors St. Nicholas' Day with customs that awaken my inner child. My husband's parents bless and distribute candy canes on this day, sharing the joy of this nostalgic treat. I bake an eggnog cake for this feast. Silky and warm, studded with golden raisins and topped with a brown sugar streusel, this cake tastes like the Christmas festivities. As its scent fills the air, I become thankful for the pleasures of home and hearth that form the crux of holidays like St. Nicholas' Day.

Though the modern age seems bent on commercializing Santa Claus, we should pay attention to the true significance of this enigmatic and jovial figure. With a combination of Christian and pagan roots, Santa Claus celebrates the values of compassion and kindness. The feast day of his predecessor St. Nicholas honors children and is imbued with the optimism and generosity that characterizes the Christmas season. While it may seem far too easy to impatiently wait for Christmas' arrival, St. Nicholas' Day serves as a welcome reminder that the whole Advent period brims with unique and special holidays that reveal the various facets of Christmas. During the holidays this year, let us make a pact to face life with the same sense of magic and wonder that typifies Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, or *Babbo Natale*. When we look at Christmas with joyous, childlike eyes, we can finally enjoy the true magnanimous spirit of the holidays, making our souls as bright as Santa Claus' smile!

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### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O Blessed Saint Joseph, tenderhearted father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of the Mother of God, I pray you join with me in praising God the Father through His divine Son, who died on the cross and rose again to give us sinners new life. Through the holy Name of Jesus, pray with me, that we may obtain the eternal Father the favor we ask for (state intention).  
We have been unfaithful to the unfailing love of God the Father; beg of Jesus mercy for us, His brother and sisters. Amid the splendor of God's loving presence, do not forget the sorrows of those who weep. By your prayers and those of your most holy spouse, our Blessed Lady, may the love of Jesus answer our call of confident hope. Amen

# THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



## Trump is Not the End of the World

As someone who ended up voting for Donald Trump on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, I felt I had no other choice since he was running against one of the most perceived corrupt presidential candidates of all time. Clinton didn't lose because of FBI Director James Comey, and Trump didn't win because of white supremacists. I disagree with the pessimists out there who think the sky is falling now that we have President-elect Donald Trump going into the White House on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

The American voter was left with two flawed candidates, one of the worst choices I've faced in my lifetime. With Clinton, little would change. With Trump the outsider, there was a chance to shake up a tired old system that needed some new energy.

Trump is not my ideal candidate. He said incredibly distasteful things about women. He shot from the hip, and opened his mouth too quickly. But in the end, I was faced with a Hobson's choice. I did not believe that Clinton could carry America forward.

Democrats in an era of populism worldwide choose the most establishment candidate available, one that by hook and crook seemed to push the real populist Bernie Sanders to the curb. I expected more out of Sanders, and he did not

produce. Kissing up to Clinton, I regretted voting for him in the primary.

Growing up in Roxbury, I belonged to an Italian-Irish Catholic Democratic family. My dad rarely voted Republican if ever. My political heroes growing up were James Michael Curley, Jack Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Hubert Humphrey, and Bobby Kennedy, all Democrats.

However, since 1972 and George McGovern, the Democrats started turning away from their traditional base and moved leftward. Donald Trump won this year not by attracting white supremacists, but by voicing the concerns of the average blue-collar, middle-class voters abandoned by the Democratic Party decades ago. Like Reagan, Trump reached out to a voting bloc that searched for someone speaking up for them.

America will survive. Trump is not the end of the world. Government is our business. We the people rule, our elected officials work for us. Don't let fear-mongering get to you. We will never elect a perfect president. Our job remains to always communicate with our leaders. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights are on our side. Government will always be as good as we want it, or as bad as we allow it. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, and remember, no matter how flawed America is, it is better than any alternative out there.

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# East Boston Salutes WWII Veterans

by Sal Giarratani



**Pictured, L-R: Theresa Malioneck, Judge Joseph Ferrino (Ret.), Post 6 Commander Tommy Capobianco, John Aylward, Fran Riley, Marion Curtis, Jack Scalione, and Buddy Mangini.**

The East Boston Museum & Historical Society recently presented a Salute to Our WWII Veterans on Saturday, November 19th. The ITAM Post 6 was packed to listen to panelists share their memories and experiences during World War II.

Among those sharing their stories were retired Judge Joseph V. Ferrino, Marion Curtis, John Aylward, and Ray Barron. Mrs. Curtis was the spouse of a Pearl Harbor survivor on that dreadful

day, December 7, 1941. She also spoke about East Boston during the war, when Logan Airport and the City of Boston started dismantling Eastie's paradise, Wood Island Park. Ray Barron spoke about his exploits in Germany during the war, seeking out the enemy and finding a nice German girlfriend, too.

Last to speak was John Aylward, who was the youngster on this panel who served during the Korean War.

## Annual Mayor's Holiday Special

Designed to ensure everyone can share in holiday joy this season, the Mayor's Holiday Special is a two-month celebration of Greater Boston's performing arts, featuring thousands of great deals to over 500 holiday performances, as well as more than 30 dining offers and an online calendar of free festivities throughout the city. Tickets are on sale at the ArtsBoston BosTix Booth locations in Copley Square and at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, and online at [calendar.artsboston.org/categories/mayors-holiday-special/](http://calendar.artsboston.org/categories/mayors-holiday-special/).

"There is no place like Boston during the holiday season. In every corner of the city, you can find a performance or a show," said Mayor Walsh. "We



are proud to partner with ArtsBoston, the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, and the Highland Street Foundation to provide everyone with the opportunity to experience all the arts and culture our city has to offer."

In 2016, the Mayor's Holiday Special shines a spotlight on

local favorites that have been helping residents and visitors create memories for years. Shows like the *Boston Pops Holiday Pops*, Langston Hughes' *Black Nativity*, *The Christmas Revels*, and *A Christmas Celtic Sojourn* will return this year, along with performances of Handel's *Messiah* from both the Handel and Haydn Society and Boston Baroque. Boston favorites *Shear Madness* and *Blue Man Group* pull out all the stops with some added holiday fun, while *Disney On Ice* returns to Boston University Agganis Arena with "Dare to Dream."

"The holidays are a special time for all of us to create lifetime memories with our family and friends, taking in some of the amazing performances Boston is known for," said Catherine Peterson, Executive Director at ArtsBoston. "We want everyone to have the chance to enjoy these holiday performances and the Mayor's Holiday Special creates that opportunity, making it easy and affordable to share the joy of the holiday season through arts and culture."

Interested in seeing a performance of *The Nutcracker* this year? There are many options to choose from, including Boston Ballet, Moscow Ballet's *Great Russian Nutcracker*, José Mateo Ballet Theatre, and Tony Williams' *Urban Nutcracker*. The Worcester Area Ballet will also present *The Nutcracker* at The Hanover Theatre in Worcester.

Not quite feeling the holiday spirit yet? Ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy, New Repertory Theatre presents *Fiddler on the Roof*, the Huntington Theatre Company performs *Bedroom Farce*, Actors' Shakespeare Project has *The Tempest*, and Lyric Stage Company offers *Murder for Two*.

For complete listings, go to [calendar.artsboston.org/categories/mayors-holiday-special/](http://calendar.artsboston.org/categories/mayors-holiday-special/).

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## Theatre to Die for *Murder for Two* at the Lyric Stage



**Jared Troilo and Kirsten Salpini.**  
(Photo by Mark S. Howard)

Two actors playing 13 characters while singing, dancing, and playing the piano. Sounds a bit complicated. That's what I thought as *Murder for Two* began Sunday afternoon. How would I ever be able to keep track of all that was going on? Well, when the two actors are Jared Troilo and Kirsten Salpini, it is not a problem. Add in the fine direction of A. Nora Long and a very funny and fast-moving script and music by Joe Kinoshian and Kellen Blair, and you can just sit back, relax, and enjoy a great time at the theater.

The story is set at the home of the great American novelist Arthur Whitney where his wife has arranged a surprise birthday party for him. Unfortunately for poor Arthur, he runs into a bullet before he is able to open his presents. This is where police officer Marcus Moscovitz (Jared Troilo) comes on the scene. Moscovitz is mistaken for a detective, confusion he does nothing to dissuade the suspects from believing. Marcus sees cracking this case as his ticket to a promotion, as long as he can do it before his superior officer gets there. He is going to go strictly by Protocol, which also happens to be the name of his first musical number.

He begins interviewing the suspects, all of whom are played by Kirsten Salpini. She also plays the members of a boy's chorus who have been hired to provide entertainment for the party. Ms. Salpini switches roles from moment to moment without the aid of costume changes. She manages this, and very well I might add, by changing her voice and accent along with some very creative body language. I have seen some impressive performances

where one actor plays multiple roles solely by changing voice and movement, most notably Chaz Palminteri in *A Bronx Tale* and John Douglas Thompson in *Satchmo at the Waldorf*, and while Kirsten Salpini does not rise to their level, she is certainly a contender and does a fine job in her many roles. Ms. Salpini is funny, creative, and a joy to watch. Her singing is the icing on the cake.

Jared Troilo as pseudo Detective Moscovitz is right at home in his role as the nervous cop trying to solve the big crime. His singing and dancing is a reminder of how much fun theatre can be, even if it's about a murder. While the part was not written for him, he performs it like it was.

Finding two actors who can sing, dance, and also play the piano had to be a challenge for director Long. Finding two with these talents who could also work so well together had to be almost impossible, but with Troilo and Salpini, she found a theatre match made in Heaven.

I will not spoil the fun by letting on more about the details of the play, only to say that there was also another crime committed during the party, and those of you with a sweet tooth may consider that one more serious.

*Murder for Two* is a great way to take some time out during this busy time of the year to enjoy a very funny and fun play. A little song, a little dance, a little murder, what could be more enjoyable?

*Murder for Two* is playing through December 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon Street, Boston.

For more information, go to [www.lyricstage.com](http://www.lyricstage.com), or call 617-585-5678.

## THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

### Thoughts on the Murder of the Black Dahlia

Nearly 70 years later, the murder of Elizabeth Short still fascinates the public and has earned a solid place in the annals of crime lore. In part, this is because it is one of the oldest unsolved cases in the history of Los Angeles. But there are other, more sinister reasons, that the murder of Elizabeth Short is still talked about to this day. It is the test case for the role the media plays in sensationalizing crime and misleading the public, journalism ethics, the public's need for involvement in a horrible crime, and a possible link between the media and the public's involvement.

Short was born to a working-class family in Hyde Park, Massachusetts, but spent most of her troubled childhood in Medford. Her father left the family when she was very young, only to make his presence known years later through a letter. Her mother took odd jobs to support the family, but decided to send Elizabeth to Florida by the time she was 16 (in 1940), and the New England winters had become too tough on her asthma. Three years later, Elizabeth would move to Vallejo, California, to live with her estranged father. Short showed some signs of wanting to settle in California (she took a job at a post exchange near Lompoc), but after an arrest in 1943 for underage drinking she was forced to return to Florida. There was nothing particularly alarming about this arrest as underage drinking, although a serious issue, is hardly unusual among teenagers, and there is no evidence of further trouble involving Short.

This time around, Florida seemed to offer Short a chance at settling down when she met and became engaged to Major Michael Gordon, Jr., of the United States Army Air Force.



This dream was tragically cut short when Gordon was killed in a plane crash in August of 1945. Almost a year later, Short returned to California where she would spend the last year of her life and become immortalized after her murder as "The Black Dahlia."

Little is known about the last six months of Short's life. On January 15 of 1947, her naked and mutilated body was found in Leimert Park in Los Angeles by a passerby who immediately phoned the police. Her body had been cut into two pieces and her mouth slit at the corners. Her body had been drained of blood and deliberately posed.

Though some theories have circulated, mostly connecting the murder to other unidentified serial killings from around the country with a similar modus operandi, the murder of Elizabeth Short was never solved. But what remains of interest are two things, the public's hunger for involvement in the case and the media's lack of ethics reporting the case.

Almost immediately, police began receiving calls and letters from individuals claiming either to be Short's killer or to have seen Short in the weeks leading up to her death. Much of this was unsubstantiated, although some clues did lead

investigators to find some of Short's belongings, and some of her personal items (including her birth certificate) were delivered to the police by mail from an unidentified writer.

Undoubtedly, this was due in large part to the media buzz surrounding the case. *The Los Angeles Examiner* led the way in the frenzy. It was the first paper to break the story, with two of its reporters reaching the murder scene even before the police, and composed its own version of Short's final days based on pieces of evidence it collected with ruthless zeal. The paper spared little melodrama, depicting Elizabeth Short as a lonely woman of easy virtue (contributing to the unsubstantiated rumor that she was a prostitute). The *Examiner* was not above lying to the girl's mother back on the East Coast to get information, telling her that her daughter had won a beauty pageant and that they would like a backstory of her life. Only after obtaining this did they tell the woman that her daughter was dead. The paper's most lasting influence was dubbing Short "The Black Dahlia" after the dark blouse she was wearing at the time of her murder.

The brutality of the murder and the elusiveness of concrete clues are enough to sustain intrigue, but the death of "The Black Dahlia" lives on as a reminder of how little things have changed. Like the O.J. Simpson trial some 50 years later proved, the media often walks a fine line between capturing the public's interest and turning horror into entertainment. In the days of social media, the line is blurred even further. By early 1947, Elizabeth Short became one of the world's most notorious murder victims. Almost 70 years later, her murder case can be seen as a test case.

## Joseph J. Bevilacqua

### Named Citizen of the Year Haverhill Lodge of Elks

Joseph J. Bevilacqua, Haverhill City Councilor, and President/CEO of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce was named the Citizen of the Year for the Haverhill Lodge 165 Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Haverhill, MA.

Bevilacqua was recognized for his work for the City as a long time member of the Haverhill School Committee, and now as a member of the City Council.

Bevilacqua is also a past recipient of the Mass. Order Sons of Italy Public Service Award and the Pirandello Lyceum's I Migliori Award.

**Joseph J. Bevilacqua is pictured with Patrick Dean, immediate past Exalted Ruler. The award was presented at the Elks annual installation of new officers at the Elks Lodge, Haverhill, MA.**



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## Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

This month will be one of the most hectic of the year with Christmas shopping, stores overcrowded, heavy traffic, and all the pleasures Christmas brings ... My apologies to State Representative Adrian Madaro for erroneously omitting his name when mentioning the fundraiser given for Annisssa Essaibi-George in my last column. Madaro hosted, along with Joe Boncore, the fundraiser given for City Councilor-at large Annisssa Essaibi-George at Kelley's Pub. Madaro was also present for the annual Election Day Lunch at Santarpio's Pizza. State Rep. Madaro is held in high esteem among his constituents and is present at every meeting! ... The redesign of Central Square and the Park was a project of the late Mayor Thomas M. Menino in 2008 at an estimated cost of \$4 million. Construction did not begin until 2015 due to bidding problems. Central Square is expected to be completed by June of 2017 at double the cost, \$8 million (what else is new?)

... The Chamber of Commerce Prosperity Awards went to two deserving and hard-working families--Rita, Louie and Anthony Roberto of Spinelli's fame and Frank Santarpio of Santarpio's Pizza fame. These awards are given out once a year to people who have made a difference in their community. They are given to recognize East Boston's most influential and impactful business and community leaders. Congratulations to all the recipients, too numerous to name ... Idle people continue to protest over Donald Trump's victory. Get over it! Most of these idiots are Bernie "the communist" Sanders supporters whom he promised FREE college tuition for. These kids haven't put a dime into this country, yet they're trying to get a free education while other students over the years have paid! Once these teens begin to invest in the country and pay their fair share of taxes their attitudes will change. A quote from former U.S. President John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your coun-

try."... This country has been divided under the Obama administration, and people aren't too happy! A reason for Donald Trump's victory. It's a shame that Clinton supporters continue to protest the election results... People are shocked with the prestigious Tufts College in Medford that is putting up with student protesting ... The government needs to look into women wearing black Burkhas that have the entire face covered with only slits for eyes in public shopping areas. These women cannot be identified if a crime is committed. One can't tell if it's a man or woman under all that garb. A motorist can barely see them crossing the street at night. It is not only dangerous for them, but the driver also. It is also an issue for air travelers when they have to board a plane with someone whose identity is completely covered. Remember you can always find a Post-Gazette at Elite Donut in Day Square, along with many other drop off locations! ...

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## Over 800 People in Need Served Thanksgiving Dinner at Lombardo's



**Over 800 people in attendance at Lombardo's Thanksgiving Dinner Donation.**

Over 800 seniors and people in need were served a four-course Thanksgiving Dinner at Lombardo's in Randolph. This year marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lombardo's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Donation.

Over 100 volunteers helped serve soup, pasta, turkey, stuffing, green beans, and an assortment of pies. The Robison family (pictured below) has been volunteering for over ten years. This year, they had three generations there to help serve the Thanksgiving dinner. "We celebrate our Thanksgiving the Sunday before so we can be here today to volunteer. It started out with just me and my husband coming, but now my son, his wife and their kids come. It is now our family's tradition," said Mimi Robison of Weymouth.



**Volunteers Jordan Carbotti of Newport, RI, and Adam Ray of Boston helped serve over 800 people at Lombardo's.**



**Mimi Robison and her granddaughter, Delaney Robison, helped serve Thanksgiving dinner at Lombardo's.**



**Over 100 volunteers helped plate and serve the four-course traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Lombardo's.**

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by Jeanette Cataldo

### Let's Talk Wreath Decorating Ideas ...

It's now that time of the year when we're in the attic getting the Christmas decorations out!  
Here are a few decorating ideas I've collected throughout the holiday seasons.  
I always have fun decorating Christmas wreaths ... from elaborate to simple.

**Starting with a traditionally decorated Christmas wreath and spinning off with a few ideas ...**

**Try wrapping a styrofoam form in a metallic gold ribbon and add a big bow or some evergreen. This is a great look for over a fireplace or in your entryway.**

**Traditionally, wreaths are hung side by side. Try hanging your wreaths one over the other.**

**Another fun and simple idea is a "Snowball Wreath." Do this with styrofoam balls and a glue gun.**

**For the wine lovers, try a simple "Cork Wreath." This looks great when you're setting up a bar for the holidays!**

**Another easy idea is wrapping a wreath form in flannel ... very wintry!**

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Katy Armour of the MSPCA-Angell Boston thanks Freeway and Marie Simboli for the generous donation that was made on behalf of Freeway's Annual Pet Food Drive.

I am delighted by the outcome of my 6<sup>th</sup> annual Thanksgiving Pet Food Drive for all my pooch friends at the shelter. It was so successful, I am so thrilled! Let me explain, there were bags and bags of dog food, toys, treats, and of course, plenty of dry and wet cat food, plus cat toys and treats, too. My pooch and cat friends were so happy this Thanksgiving! I am only a four-legged pooch and I

think my pooch and cat friends deserve the best. Being in a shelter is very sad. Some pets come from broken homes, others have human companions that can't take care of them, and some are even abandoned. Sad, isn't it? These unwanted, loveable pets NEED A HOME; a place to feel safe, loved, warm, and taken care of. I'm lucky to have the pooch life that I do, and a human companion who is kind, caring, compassionate, and always there for me. Many individuals dropped off food. I have many friends in the North End and my human's personal friends from the Union Oyster House, Century Bank, close friends, and beyond. One donation that over-whelmed me was from a kind, thoughtful, and considerate individual who never thinks of himself, but always of others, and has no animal of their own. Just a giving person. That donation bought most of the food for the shelter. Also, I need to thank Joan, my co-worker from the Post-Gazette, who suggested from day one that we do a Thanksgiving Pet Food Drive. At first I didn't think it would be a good idea, but today, believe me, I am so happy she came up with the idea because each year it gets better and better. Don't let me forget my driver, Louie Graffeo, who packed the car up and off we went! "Thank you Lou." I THANK EVERYONE that shared in some way to make my shelter friends happy and I hope ALL of you had a Happy Thanksgiving!

Freeway

Don't Believe Everything You Hear!  
by Sal Giaratani



You know you hit big time when someone turns you into a cartoon caricature.



Ray Barron, the author hawking his books.

Recently, while attending a meeting at the ITAM Post on Meridian Street, I bumped into Ray Barron, legendary columnist at the *Post-Gazette*, who has been out of action for a while. Many of his old friends and readers wondered about him. Some thought he was dying or something. When I saw him at this recent meeting, I said people think you are either dead or dying and he reminded me of that famous Mark Twain quote, "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." The meeting was a salute to WWII veterans for Veterans Day. When it was his turn to speak, he did not talk of war stories or the brutality of war, he spoke of the many light moments you can have in the middle of death and destruction. He chooses not to think of the pain, but the joy which can be discovered in the middle of war. I drove him home to Nahant to his house by the water. It seemed so peaceful there for him and, I must say, for me, too. He invited me in to see his

house, which for him is filled with so many good memories of his long life. He talked about his wife who passed away 10 years ago. He called her a beautiful actress and how lucky he was to have married her. He talked about the days he was a Big Band music leader. He talked about all the great showgirls he had met up with back in his younger romantic days. He talked about the books he has authored and the beautiful paintings he has painted. He invited me down to his man cave, and what a man cave it was! Every guy wants a man cave like his. While he spends much time looking back, he also has the ability to enjoy things in the present. He's not planning on dying anytime soon, and he's not about to lose his wit, either. By the way, he says his column is coming back and hopefully very soon. He knows his fans miss him, and he misses them.



Ray's fantastic man cave.

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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

### IT'S ST. AGRIPPINA CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN

The St. Agrippina Society will be putting on its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Program for North End kids ONLY. The program runs from 12:00 pm until 200 pm at St. Agrippina's on Hanover Street on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Call 617-363-2678 if you are planning to attend between now and December 4<sup>th</sup>. Viva St. Agrippina!

### DOUBLE-DUTY SANTA

Don't forget Santa will be arriving by helicopter once again at Puopolo Park on Commercial Street for the Annual NEAA Christmas Parade through the streets of the North End. Get to the ballpark by noontime on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, and you will get yourself a good spot to watch Santa arrive in the North End.

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF FIRST

Have you ever bumped into someone, perhaps a relative or most likely a friend, who gets so into sports like football that he or she starts telling you how they could do better than the coach or they can do better than the quarterback, or whatever?

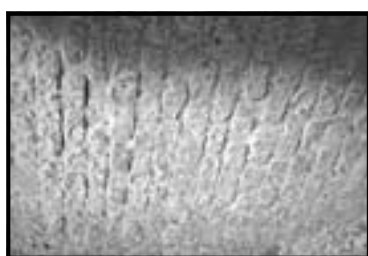
"If I were the coach, I would have done this." "He doesn't know what he's doing." "Why didn't the team anticipate that?" "The coach should be listening to me." "The team needs to hire me." Do any of the above questions remind you of someone you know?

Those folks who think they know everything tell half stories about this and that, that and this. After screaming at the TV set for two hours, they are so proud of themselves. If only they were in charge, we would have won.

Funny thing, when all is said and done, those coaches and players are still reaping their millions while the screamer goes to bed after the game and starts another day of work the following Monday morning, just as poor as he was last Friday.

I never worry about someone in the game doing something wrong because it does nothing that affects my life. Worry about yourself first. Your life, after all, is the only real game that puts money in your pocket.

### REMEMBER WHEN HANOVER STREET WAS LINED WITH COBBLESTONES?



**Look at those cobblestones. I wonder how they painted crosswalks onto them.**

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

It happened only a few weeks ago, down by Johnny & Gino's



**Once again, ITAM Post #6 sponsored its Annual Veterans Thanksgiving Day Dinner celebration for veterans who had no place to eat a Thanksgiving Day meal. They are always welcome to share some turkey here every year. Pictured in photo are cooks, L-R: Michele DeFronzo and mom Virginia Nano cooking up a storm in the Post 6 kitchen.**

(Photo by Sal Giarratani)

Hairstyling on Hanover. While digging up the street, the workers uncovered a good size section of the old cobblestones. I remember as a kid in the '50s that Boston still had plenty of cobblestoned streets. I am assuming this was good for those horses pulling those wagons, but I assume it was never that great for folks walking about. This is why I hate brick sidewalks today. Not that long ago, a brick sidewalk attacked my foot. Down I went, then over I went to the ER in East Boston. I decided to take a photo of those emerging cobblestones that popped up out of the street recently.

### THE SOUND OF MUSIC CHRISTMAS WEEK

Back by popular demand at the Regent Theatre in Arlington will be the *Holiday Sing-a-Long Sound of Music* beginning on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. For further information, go to [www.regenttheatre.com](http://www.regenttheatre.com) or call 781-646-4849.

### OVER AT THE LYNN AUDITORIUM

If you're ever in the City of Lynn, you need to check out the entertainment at the Lynn Auditorium. Coming up on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January is *GET THE LED OUT The American Led Zeppelin*. Then the '60s, '70s, '80s *DECADES REWIND A Tribute to an Era* on January 27<sup>th</sup>, *The Classic Rock Show* on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, *Rain a Tribute to the Beatles* on April 14<sup>th</sup>, and *Brian Wilson* on April 29<sup>th</sup>. By then, winter will have passed and spring will be approaching. For more info, go to [www.lynnauditorium.com](http://www.lynnauditorium.com).

### REMEMBERING MY WRITING MENTOR

I began writing as a kid. When I was about 16 years old, I helped edit a weekly youth bulletin at St. Philip's Church



**Here is my Uncle Neal in 1948, the year I was born, in his Post Office uniform.**

on Harrison Avenue not far from City Hospital to the left and the Green Shoe Factory to the right. The magazine was named *Amorus, Latin for Love*. In college, I joined the campus newspaper and ever since then, I wrote and wrote, and got published, right up to now.

During my younger years, my writing mentor was my Uncle Neal, Neal Harrington, one of my mother's brothers. He too wrote and wrote and got published. We were always talking and comparing notes. He kept up on my writing, and I on his.

He passed away 37 years ago in the month of November, and every time I pass by Stoughton Street in the Uphams Corner section of Dorchester, I think of him. He was born in May of 1908, and died in May 1948. We were both Taurus and hardheaded, but skilled at writing without any formal training. My uncle called writing a gift, not something learned. Either you have it or you don't. He had it, and I still have it.

I miss him greatly, but I know he is still watching me and keeping up with my work down here.

## BEWARE of SCAMS

You might get a call from someone who says they are from your utility company, telling you your bill is overdue, and if you don't pay up, your power will be shut off. They want the money fast, usually through untraceable payment cards or a wire transfer. It's a scam! You should know that utility company representatives won't demand instant payment over the phone. Written notice is

always provided to customers in arrears, usually through multiple late and disconnection notices. If you haven't received a notice, the person calling you is a scammer!


Report scams to local law enforcement. Contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork) for more information on fraud prevention.



# Nanna & Babbnonno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Here we are at the beginning of December. Seventy years ago, World War II had ended that summer and things calmed down for the Contini/Christoforo family. Uncle Nick and Gino were on their ways home from serving in the Navy and Army Air Corps, respectively. Dad left the employ of the OSS, the forerunner to today's CIA. During the earlier part of the war, he interrogated Italian war prisoners who were housed on some of Boston's islands and at the closed immigration office on Marginal Street in East Boston. This was his part-time job two or three afternoons a week. Now he could concentrate on teaching machine shop at East Boston High School, coaching their football team along with a man named Bill McCarthy, and playing music five to six nights a week in downtown Boston.

That December, seventy years ago, Mom, her friend Grace Manfredonia, and Mom's cousin Louise Pepe all decided to bring their kids to see Santa Claus. Santa Claus appeared at most of the downtown department stores during the Christmas season, but we kids knew that most of them were, in reality, Santa's helpers. The real Santa Claus could only be found at the toy department at Jordan Marsh.

Raymond's and Gilchrist's Department Stores had Santas who would listen to the wishes of hundreds of kids during December. If I'm not mistaken, there was a 5 and 10 on Washington Street near Raymond's. It may have been a Kresge's, I'm not sure, but I remember that they had a Santa, too. His red suit was made out of corduroy, and when we kids saw the outfit, we refused to speak to the bearded old man wearing it. We insisted on continuing down Washington Street to Jordan Marsh.

Filenes had the best window decorations for kids that Christmas--mannequins dressed like 19th century Bostonians, robotic toys that performed timed activities, and, of course, a display of electric trains. There were two major electric trains set companies back then, Lionel and American Flyer. Marx Toy Company also manufactured electric trains, but we kids considered them inferior to the other two brands. I had discussions with John Manfredonia, my childhood chum, regarding which brand was the best. He was going to ask Santa for American Flyer and I hoped to obtain trains produced by Lionel.

We kids insisted on looking at the Filene's window displays, but only visiting the REAL Santa, and he was located in the Jordan Marsh toy department, on the 5th floor of the downtown store, if I'm not mistaken.

Out of all the kids in tow, my cousin Anthony Pepe, John Manfredonia and I were the oldest boys and we banded together like a Roman Triumvirate and dictated to the rest of the kids which trains were the best. Fred Manfredonia and my cousin, Ralph Pepe were a couple of years younger and their opinions didn't matter. As for the girls, my cousin Lulu Pepe and John's sister, Adelaide Manfredonia; we ignored them completely.

Once inside Jordan Marsh, we headed for the escalators that ascended to each floor until we arrived at the toy department. Our mothers would look for the line that formed to visit Santa and comment in Italian about how long it was and how long we might have to wait before it was our turn. Before getting in line, we boys were asked about needing to visit a bathroom first. When all biological problems were solved, we headed for the line that queued up to visit the true Santa. My cousin Anthony had a comment as we arrived at the back of the line, "How come the girls never have to pee?" No one answered, but I could see the smirk on my mother's face, and even at that young age, decided to be discreet and let the matter die quietly.

Well, it was finally our turn to see Santa, and yes, he was the real one. He wore a red woolen suit trimmed in fur, had on black boots that were shined and sported a real beard, not one of those phony ones that were held on by curved handles that wrapped around your ears. He was the real Santa. Just before we reached Santa's lap, an elf would hand us a wrapped present. Our mothers would have to pay for these, but it was Christmas season and no one cared.

When I made it to Santa's lap, I asked him for Lionel trains, an Erector Set with an electric motor, a chemistry set with a microscope, and a Strombecker model of a B29. Even at that early age, I loved making model planes from World War II. Santa told me that I asked for a lot of things, but he would see what he could do. That was enough for me. I knew that the base of our Christmas tree would be invisible due to all of the things I asked for. Later in the day, I would discover that the wrapped present from the

elf was a kid's puzzle of the continents of the world. Without knowing it, I learned a lot about geography from the contents of that box.

After the visit, we boys headed for the electric train display. I have seen many of these displays in my lifetime, but none have been as extensive as what Jordan Marsh put together in their 1940s toy department. I remember commenting to John Manfredonia, "See, they are Lionel, not American Flyer."

Once we were dragged away from the train display, we lured the rest of the tribe toward the display of airplane models. As I mentioned, I loved to make model planes. Back then, they weren't made out of plastic, they were wooden models, and the company I mentioned, Strombecker, made them out of hardwood and all of their bombers and fighters were on display. My cousin Anthony Pepe headed for the science display where chemistry sets and microscopes were displayed. Even at a young age, he loved the idea of working with chemicals. Later in life, he would graduate Northeastern University with a degree in chemical engineering.

While we boys were looking at the trains and plane models, our mothers would hunt for the girls who had headed to the doll department, something we boys shunned without reserve. While our mothers were gone, I would lure the rest of the boys to a display that was taboo as far as our parents were concerned, BB guns. Most were Daisy Red Ryder lever action BB rifles. A more expensive model, a pump action rifle, would be displayed with the lever action, but those "cowboy guns" were something we dreamed of for when we were older. When it was time to leave, our mothers would walk us back up Washington Street, past Scollay Square onto Hanover Street, past the Casino, a burlesque theater and into the North End to have lunch. At the restaurant, we boys would discuss our observations of the day and leave out anything related to BB guns. We had to be very careful.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

• **Stirpe Nostra**  
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**NEXT ISSUE:** *Roman Villas*

# Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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## CASSATTEDI

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### A Sicilian Christmas Ricotta Cheese Turnover

1 pound container ricotta cheese	1/2 teaspoon sugar
2 cups flour	Pinch of salt
1 tablespoon orange rind	Pinch of cinnamon (optional)
3/4 cups water	2 cups cooking oil
1 tablespoons red wine	Additional granulated sugar
1/4 cup shortening or margarine	10-inch Teflon skillet

Place ricotta cheese in a colander to drain.

Put flour in ten-inch bowl. Cut in shortening with knife and fork. Add sugar and salt. Mix while adding water slowly. Before using all water, work red wine into mixture. (Wine causes dough to bubble when fried.) Continue mixing dough until it holds together and all flour is used. Knead dough to a smooth consistency. Separate into three portions. Roll each into a long piece. Cut roll into smaller portions approximately one-inch thick. Place in bowl and cover.

Transfer drained ricotta into bowl. Add orange rind, cinnamon and mix thoroughly by hand. With rolling pin, roll each piece of dough into paper-thin rounds. Place a tablespoon of ricotta in center of dough. Fold over (like turnovers). Press lightly around filling to allow inside air to escape. Then seal edges with crinkled pastry cutter or press edge with fork. Set aside on pastry cloth or a flour-dusted tablecloth. Makes about twenty-four Cassattedi.

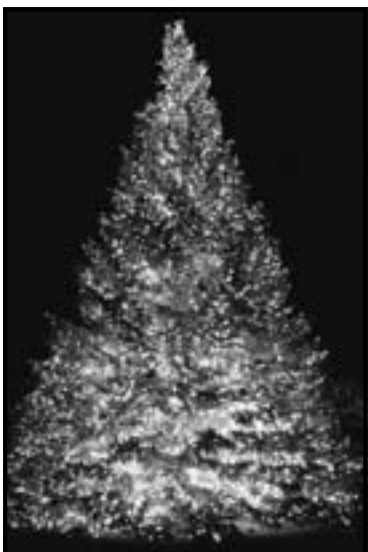
Pour enough oil in a ten-inch Teflon skillet to cover bottom. Prick top of 6 Cassattedi at a time (with a pin) before placing in hot oil *top down*. When frying, turn each one with spatula until golden brown on both sides.

When any ricotta or fluid escapes into the hot oil, the liquid will splatter and burn. Remove Cassattedi from oil. Clean skillet. Add and heat new oil and continue frying remaining Cassattedi.

Place fried Cassattedi in a serving platter layered with granulated sugar. Sprinkle additional sugar on each one. Serve hot or cooled. Leftover Cassattedi must be refrigerated.

## The Friends of Richard Cardinal J. Cushing Memorial Park, Inc.

### West End Christmas Tree Lighting



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# NEAD Basketball Bonanza

## A Huge Score for the Kids!

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Over 50 children participated in this exceptional event, which featured a skills game, three-point challenge, and a knockout competition. Trophies were kindly contributed by Mikey Fud Giannasoli and awarded throughout the night to the numerous winners of the various age categories.

Special thanks to Nazzaro Center Director and NEAD board member Carl Ameno, and NEAD board members Officer Teddy Boyle, Karen D'Amico, Rosina Fabbo, Ann Fitzgerald, Mikey Fud Giannasoli, George Hadaya, Maria Lanza, NEAD President John Romano, Olivia Scimeca, John Pregmon, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Rocco's Cucina & Bar, and all the fans who cheered and supported the kids throughout the evening!

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

shire, Buchanan riled his troops by ridiculing the GOP Establishment: "They are in terminal panic. They hear the shouts of the peasants from over the hill." He won the N.H. primary days later.

Trump to me is more like Pat Buchanan than any other Republican I know, and on November 8<sup>th</sup>, those peasants were shouting from over the hill all the way to the ballot box for Trump. Buchanan is a bit too old to be Chief of Staff, but Trump should make him one of his top counselors. He is an invaluable source of information and strategy.

### California Wants to Secede

Liberals out on the other coast in California are so angry that Donald Trump beat Hillary Clinton that some are organizing a strategy to secede from the Union. They are trying to gain signatures for a ballot

question in 2018. They call themselves Calxit after Brexit over in Britain.

Sounds like the kid who loses a ballgame and then gets so angry, he grabs his ball and goes home. Sore losers and sourpusses. When some conservatives down in the Red State of Texas talked of secession, the libs in the media called them racists.

### The Media, Especially CNN and MSNBC ...

Lately, instead of accepting a surprise defeat at the polls, the biased media is still trying to delegitimize Trump's victory. Now, all they talk about are white nationalists, white supremacists, the Klan, Burning Crosses, etc. Right after the election results came in, they were blaming old white guys, but now that's not cool, so they blame white racism for everything bad that happened.

### No Waterboarding

I don't believe in waterboarding, and I think Mike Pence was wrong in saying we should never take anything off the table. I think waterboarding should be off the table. When we lower ourselves to using blatant torture, we bring ourselves down to the levels of ISIS and other radicals. Pence should not even be suggesting that it can be appropriate to waterboard anyone, period.

### Trump Was Right About Clinton

President-elect Donald Trump now says he will not go after Hillary Clinton as he promised on the campaign trail, and I support his new position. Many who voted for Trump don't like his new stand on Clinton, and wanted her convicted and jailed.

What punishment for Clinton is worse than losing the right to be called the first woman U.S. President? She thought it was in the bag, but discovered on Election Day as results came in, that the bag must have had a big hole in it.

It is time for Trump to move forward, the past is yesterday. Too bad, the liberal media can't get on board the same train. Time to get over the loss and move on.

### Final Note

I feel good about the election results. The U.S. Constitution is safe from harm once again. We are a democratic republic, and it worked again on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time for all of us to come together. It is time for the dividers out there to get over it and move on to making America One Again.

# EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani

### I Still Think Letting Lovullo Go Was a Dumb Move

Well, former 2015 interim Red Sox manager Torey Lovullo is now the Arizona Diamond-back's eighth manager. Lovullo spent four years on the Red Sox coaching staff. In 2015, while John Farrell underwent cancer treatments, Lovullo filled in, leading the Sox to a 28-20 record in his stint as manager. He had nine seasons managing in the Minors with the Indians, and then 2010 with the PawSox.

I wish him well. He is definitely ready to be a big league manager.

### Should Manny Being Manny Get into the Hall of Fame?

I say NO, but others appear to be kinder to him now. I'm not one of them. Hey, if using performance-enhancing drugs is cheating, then Manny

Ramirez is a proven cheater. This winter marks the first time Manny goes on the Hall of Fame ballot. Ramirez hit 274 of his 555 lifetime homers with the Red Sox. And now he will be one of 19 new candidates up for induction.

Vladimir Guerrero, shortstop Edgar Renteria, catcher Jorge Posada, and Pudge Rodriguez will all be first-timers, too. Whispers have followed first baseman Jeff Bagwell over PED use. This past year, he got 71.6 percent of the votes, just shy of the 75 percent needed to join the Hall of Fame. This will be Bagwell's seventh time on the ballot.

Ramirez, 44, used PEDs and got caught. His lifetime batting average is .312, he hit 555 homers, and has a lifetime .585 slugging average, too. In 1999, with the Indians, he drove in 165 runs. I believe he broke the rules as often as he could.

Letting him in means everybody can come in. But when you cheat, it has consequences, and one of them means you have to buy a ticket to get inside the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

### Colon Another Oldie for the Braves

The Atlanta Braves are apparently going retro for their 2017 starting rotation. Not content with adding one 40-something year old starter, they then agreed to go for Bartolo Colon, who is 43 years old. Before Colon, they decided on adding 42-year-old R.A. Dickey, who has one of the best knuckleballs in the game today. Together, their combined age is 85 years old.

The 1990 Rangers had 43-year-old Nolan Ryan, and 42-year-old Charlie Hough. You rarely get two old guys in the same starting rotation. Let's see how the Braves do in 2017. Was it a good move or a PR move? Time will tell.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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Middlesex Division  
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Docket No. MI16P5969EA

Estate of  
ROBERT H. SURABIAN

Date of Death June 13, 2016

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joan A. Surabian** of **Winchester, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Joan A. Surabian** of **Winchester, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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Docket No. MI15P5842EA

Estate of  
ELIZABETH LACSON RAMOS-MANN  
Also Known As  
ELIZABETH L. RAMOS-MANN,  
ELIZABETH RAMOS-MANN

Date of Death September 27, 2015

INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert C. Mann** of **Concord, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Robert C. Mann** of **Concord, 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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# INMOTION

## Boston Bruins vs. Calgary Flames

Friday, November 25, 2016

**Boston Bruins 1 – Calgary Flames 2**



In net for Boston Bruins, #35 Anton Khudobin.



In net for Calgary Flames, #31 Chad Johnson.



The Calgary Flames defend their net.

(Photos by Rosario Scabin, Ross Photography)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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Docket No. MI16P5902GD

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

In the matter of  
LISA T. SASSO  
of Reading, MA

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by John A. Sasso of Reading, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Lisa T. Sasso** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Robert L. Tosi, Jr.**, of Arlington, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **December 20, 2016**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr.,  
First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 29, 2016

Tara DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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## Ezzard Charles — A Gentle Terror

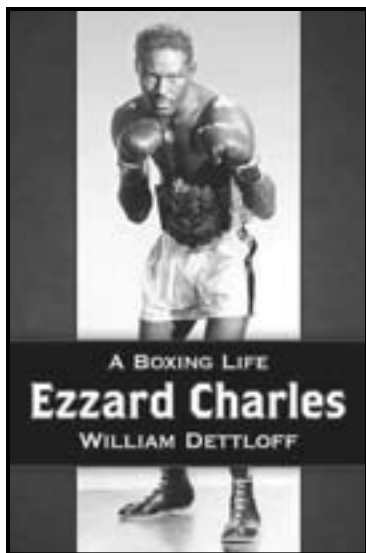
*Ezzard Charles: A Boxing Life*

By William Dettloff

Published by McFarland, [www.mcfarlandpub.com](http://www.mcfarlandpub.com), 232 pages

Ezzard Charles was not someone you would look at and think of a vicious fighting machine. He looked more like a member of Duke Ellington's jazz band. He was also very mild-mannered with a gentle air about him. As a kid in Lawrenceville, Georgia and later in Cincinnati, Ohio, he was friendly but quiet. He did always love boxing and dreamed of one day becoming a world champion.

In 1949, after an amateur career and almost ten years of fighting pro, he attained his dream by beating Jersey Joe Walcott for the title Joe Louis had vacated. Unfortunately



is worn out." William Shakespeare would be envious.

There are also other interesting facts related here. It turns out a young Charles, while serving in the military, fought a three-round exhibition with Joe Louis. Also, while training for his bout against Bob Satterfield, the Charles people brought in a crude young heavyweight by the name of Sonny Liston to be a sparring partner. Liston was not up to the task at that point in his career.

After Charles lost the title to Walcott, and a rematch with Jersey Joe, it looked like his hopes of ever regaining the title



Charles vs. Louis.



Charles vs. Marciano.

for Charles, he had two things against him. He was stepping into the shadow of the beloved Louis, and he did not possess the exciting and dramatic style of the Brown Bomber. The public just did not take to him. It's not like Charles hadn't earned respect. He had fought and beat a number of the Black Murderer's Row fighters. He had two wins over the very great Charley Burley, as well as a decision win and a knockout over Archie Moore.

While Charles may have looked more like a piano teacher out of the ring, when the bell rang he was a brutal competitor. As I was reading William Dettloff's excellent biography of Charles I couldn't help thinking that Ezzard had to have a lot of anger in him that he could only express in the prize ring. He could also be erratic in his performances, sometimes not looking motivated enough to win convincingly. Charles would be a ripe candidate for some psychoanalysis, and in fact, before his rematch with Rocky Marciano, the press had a psychiatrist visit the camps of both fighters in an effort to drum up interest in the fight. The doctor described Charles as "a dreamer type ... who loses the spontaneity in his dreams" because of his many "inhibitions." Interesting insight, even if it was just hype to sell tickets.

Mr. Dettloff has done exhaustive research on the life and fighting career of Ezzard Charles. He takes us to the tragic night in 1948 when Charles fought Sam Baroudi. Baroudi would be carried from the ring and die the next day. Ezzard was devastated by this tragedy, but just three months later would step back into that very same ring and knock out the

very formidable Elmer "Violent" Ray. In fact, he would fight four more times in 1948, including a win over Jimmy Bivins.

Charles would continue winning and often, finally landing a fight with Jersey Joe Walcott for the vacant heavyweight crown. Beating Walcott may have made him champion, but he still had to live in the shadow of Joe Louis. He defended the title often and even went on to defeat his idol Louis in a brutal fifteen-round affair that should have removed all doubt to his legitimacy as champion. It did not. The problem was, as Dettloff points out, Ezzard Charles was not Joe Louis.

This lack of public support may have had something to do with his not being always able to motivate himself. Another reason was his fighting so often and against such tough competition. Ezzard rarely got an easy opponent. In fact, in reading this biography we are treated to a history of the light heavyweight and heavyweight divisions in the 1940s and '50s. Mr. Dettloff gives brief but very interesting biographies of many of Charles's opponents: Archie Moore, Walcott, Bivins, Harold Johnson, Bob Satterfield, and many others. This all makes for a very interesting book.

Dettloff also introduces us to many of the characters who occupied the world of boxing during that era. One of the most quotable was Charles' manager (he had many) Jake Mintz. Mintz could twist the English language amazing ways. For example, when recounting surgery he had to repair a hernia he said, "They thought I had some gallstones there so they took an autograph of my heart and said, 'One of your ulsters

were over. He began campaigning for another shot at the title, but lost back-to-back matches against Nino Valdez and Harold Johnson. Charles was getting tired and old, but he did come back to life with wins over Satterfield and Coley Wallace. It was enough to earn him a shot at the new and exciting young champion, Rocky Marciano.

Dettloff writes about this fight in detail. He discusses Charles' training and strategy for the fight, a strategy that at first glance may have sounded foolish but made sense. Ezzard went into the Marciano motivated to win, but came up short. He also earned the distinction of being the only man to take the Rock the full 15 rounds and came closer than any fighter to taking the title from him, though the decision was clearly in Marciano's favor.

Charles would get a rematch based on his performance, and even though he severely cut Rocky's nose, he just did not have anything left. Though he would continue to fight on for another four years, it was all downhill from there. He would end up broke, take up professional wrestling, and struggle to make ends meet. His final years were spent suffering from Lou Gehrig's Disease. A very tragic end for such a great fighter.

William Dettloff has written a fine biography of a great champion, and one that Ezzard Charles deserves. Boxing fans should take the time to read this very interesting book and learn about this man who deserves to be remembered. It has often been said that Charles is the most underrated of all heavyweight champions. Mr. Dettloff has done a terrific job in changing that perception.

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Looking down the entire length of the ice, Calgary Flames goalie Chad Johnson could see his past, what could have been his present and even what might have been his future.

For as he scanned the familiar frozen surface of the Garden, where he had played a significant number of games not too far back, the scene at the other end registered remembrances of things past, games won and a playoff berth attained.

As the game started, he could look down the ice and see the goal nearest the Bruins bench. Only some three years earlier, it was he that would come off that bench, ready and primed to serve as the skilled backup netminder to Bruins star goalie Tuukka Rask.

For Chad Johnson was once a Bruin, and a good one, too. When Rask had a spectacular 2013-2014 season on his way to winning the Vezina Trophy (emblematic of best goalie over the course of the regular season), Johnson also had been impressive as his backup.

Rask was the NHL's leading goalie, compiling a list of impressive stats that would win him the award, going 36-15-6 with a 2.04 goals against average and a .930 save percentage.

But Johnson, as his backup, wasn't far behind. The Saskatchewan native played in 27 regular season games — one third of the schedule — posting a fine 2.10 goals against average and a 0.925 save percentage while going 17-4-3. Just how good were those stats? They were good enough to place him sixth among all goalies in the 30-team NHL that season, the only one he would play for the Bruins.

It was his best year in hockey since he turned in a dazzling senior season at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks back in the 2008-2009 campaign, capping his four-year collegiate career with a sparkling 1.66 goals against average over the course of a 35-game span, coupled with a 0.940 save percentage and six shutouts, the most in any season of his career — amateur or pro.

On this night after Thanksgiving against his former team, he would also be a leader — earning the game's number one star in a 2-1 victory over the Bruins as he turned aside 35 shots in the process. Coming before a Bruins home crowd in Boston, it was a statement about what could possibly have been, if doubts and dollars had not intervened.

It was Bruins head coach Claude Julien, who, during Johnson's single season on Causeway Street, proclaimed the transition as "seamless" on the nights when Johnson started in place of Rask. With a statement of confidence like that coming from his well-respected mentor, it appeared that the question of who would spell Rask — at least for the next year or two — had indeed been answered.

But it hadn't.

Instead, there would come to be a rotating cast of goaltenders serving in the backup role.

The night that Johnson was in town it happened to be Anton Khudobin, a netminder on his second tour of duty with the Bs after seeing action in 14 games during the 2012-2013 season. He's not a bad goalie. Calgary scored only two goals, but his teammates could only get him one, a current version of the timeless tale concerning how the offense failed to do its job for the defensive side.

Still, Julien's remark in his pre-game media availability was in stark contrast to the "seamless" statement he had made about Johnson three years earlier. Coming off a rehabilitation stint at AHL Providence, Khudobin was "good enough that they (Bruins management) called him back up and think he can play for us tonight. I don't like to lie, so I'm not going to make things up."

Regardless of whether it's Zane McIntyre, Malcolm Subban or Khudobin, it's obvious that there's a drop-off after Tuukka, one that might have been avoided if the B's had been willing to extend Johnson's contract. He was earning \$600,000 on a one-year contract, but the Bs passed on him for another season so he went to the Islanders for \$1.3 million per year in a two-year deal.

So how much more money would the Bruins have had to spend in the summer of 2014 to avoid an unsettled situation concerning Rask's relief? About \$700,000 a year.

The Bs refusal meant that not only did Johnson leave the Bruins, he became an itinerant netminder, playing with the Islanders, later with the Buffalo Sabres, and currently with the Flames where he's on a one-year, \$1.7 million contract.

THE BRUINS AT THANKSGIVING — As Thanksgiving Weekend came to a close, the Bruins stood just outside the playoff picture — a place they've occupied at the conclusion of the regular season for the prior two years. The top three teams in each division qualify for the playoffs. The Bruins were fourth in the Atlantic Division with 24 points (12-12-0). In addition, two Eastern Conference teams will earn wild card berths. The Bs were third in that race behind Columbus (26 points) and New Jersey (25 points). Overall, the Bruins were 15th in the 30-team league.

LINKED IN LIFE AND DEATH — Its obvious to all that Fidel Castro, who was one of the last remaining world figures from the mid-20th century, often tangled with U.S. authorities of the era, notably President John F. Kennedy. Castro came to power in Cuba in 1959, the year before JFK was elected President in 1960.

Yet even in death Castro had a link to Kennedy. Castro's passing on Nov. 25 came 53 years to the day (November 25, 1963) of JFK's funeral at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C. Castro was 90 at the time of his passing. If Kennedy had lived, he would have been 99 when Castro died.