



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
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WHEREAS: Walter played semiprofessional football and baseball; and

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WHEREAS: Walter worked in the insurance industry where he was President of the Auger Insurance Agency in Salem and the Bay State Insurance Association in Boston; and

WHEREAS: Walter's passing will leave a void in the lives of all his surviving family, his wife Barbara Lally; his daughters Mary Kathryn, Martha and Gretchen Lally and Sharon Lally Doliber; his sons Peter T., David M. and Michael Lally; his three sisters, one brother and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: Walter will be sorely missed by all she touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Walter E. McCusker at this time of such personal loss; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the McCusker family on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council March 19, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Walter on George McCusker (Article in
today's Globe)

is coordinator and assistant scientific researcher at the Boston University Marine Program at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole.

In 1996, Ms. Karnofsky used her marine research to write and illustrate several articles and books. She wrote the "Octo's Ocean" column for The Compass, Caribbean newspaper. She also completed three children's books on coral reefs, mangrove swamps, and sea grasses.

Over the years, she resided in Boston, New York, Paris, San Francisco, Bar Harbor, Woods Hole, and Bequia, Wis. She had lived in Thetford for the past three years.

She leaves two sisters, Tania of Bloomington, Ind., and Dee of Bar Harbor; and a brother, Thomas, of Bar Harbor.

The service will be held at 4 p.m. in Thetford Community Center.

Alfred Magnani, carpenter; at 79

A funeral Mass will be said tomorrow for Alfred P. Magnani, 79, Malden, a carpenter and World War II combat veteran. He died Monday at home.

Born in Philadelphia, he was raised and educated in Malden. During his senior year at Malden High School, he left to join the navy.

During World War II, Mr. Magnani was a member of the American Division, 1st Battalion, 182d Infantry, where he saw 3½ years of combat duty in the Pacific.

He fought in the invasion of the Solomon Islands and at Guadalcanal, the Island of Cebu, the Fiji Islands, and Bougainville. At Bougainville, Mr. Magnani contracted malaria and was returned to the Islands for rehabilitation.

He returned to his division and fought in the Philippine Islands, where he suffered shrapnel wounds and was subsequently discharged.

A short time after he returned to the Boston area, Mr. Magnani ran his own carpentry business, which he ran until his retirement at age of 75.

He leaves his wife, Eleanor; a son, George, of North Reading; a daughter, Doreen Johnson of Malden; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

The Mass will be said at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Malden. Burial will be in Puritan Lawn Me-

German prisoner of war camp and was awarded a Purple Heart.

Mr. Kaufman was a former resident of Swampscott and Brookline. He owned and operated Admiral Folding Box in Methuen from 1950 until 1998.

He leaves his wife, Donna; three daughters, Lana of Miami, Kathi Talluto of North Reading, and Rhonda Lenair of Newbury; two sons, Roger of Sarasota, Fla., and Richard of Charlestown; and two grandchildren.

The service will be held at noon in Stanetsky-Hymanson Memorial Chapel on the Salem-Swampscott line. Burial will be in Pride of Lynn Cemetery in Lynn.

M. Russillo, name changed for ballot

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JOHNSTON, R.I. — Mario R. Russillo, the former town official who gained national attention for adding two small "a"s to his last name to propel him to the top of the ballot, has died.

Mr. Russillo, who changed his name to Mario R. aRussillo, then Mario R. aaRussillo, then back to Mario R. Russillo, was 76. He died Friday at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital in North Providence.

The Democrat was elected the town's first administrator — a position now with the title of "mayor" — in 1964.

It was during this election that Mr. Russillo made his first name change. Mr. Russillo, then town clerk, wanted to run for town administrator and Ralph R. Russo, then a councilman, wanted to run for state senator.

The two decided that something needed to be done to give them an edge over their competitors. So they got together at Town Hall and, acting as probate judge, Mr. Russillo signed papers changing Russo's name by adding a small "a." Mr. Russillo's deputy then took over and did the same thing for her boss.

It only half worked: aRussillo won the election but aRusso lost.

There was a falling out between the two in the 1968 election, and aRusso ran against aRussillo for town administrator.

Looking for a way to make himself stand out again, aRussillo turned back to his old trick, and added another "a" to his name.

It worked. aaRussillo beat aRusso in the election.

After aaRussillo's career in

Walter McCusker, insurance executive

A funeral Mass will be said tomorrow for Walter E. McCusker of Marblehead, an insurance executive and semiprofessional athlete, who died of cancer Monday in Salem Hospital. He was 73.

Mr. McCusker was born in Cambridge, was raised in Billerica, and attended Billerica public schools. He graduated from Boston University School of Business.

A decorated naval officer, he served aboard the USS Shelby in the Asia-Pacific Theater in World War II.

Following his discharge, he worked in the insurance industry. He served as president of Auger Insurance Agency in Salem.

From 1965 to 1969, Mr. McCusker was the youngest president of the Bay State Insurance Association in Boston.

He played semiprofessional football and baseball in the Cambridge area. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2005 in Marblehead, and the Corinthian Yacht Club.

He leaves his wife, Barbara (Weston) Lally; four daughters, Mary Kathryn, Sharon Lally Doliber, Martha Lally, and Gretchen Lally, all of Marblehead; three sons, Peter T. of Beverly, David M. of Salem, and Michael Lally of Raleigh, N.C.; three sisters, Florence Bickford of Orange, Anne Wall of Saugus, and Bernadette Aylward of Melrose; a brother, George, of Cambridge; and seven grandchildren.

The Mass will be said at noon in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Marblehead. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Salem.

Rita A. Taylor, 77; telephone operator

Rita A. (Foley) Taylor of Lynn, a retired telephone operator, died Sunday in Union Hospital in Lynn. She was 77.

Mrs. Taylor was born and raised in Lynn. She was an operator for New England Telephone Co. for 41 years until her retirement in 1986.

She leaves her husband, George A.; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be said at 9 a.m. tomorrow in St. Mary Church

for hazardous materials violations, researchers there helped draft regulations specific to a research setting. But the EPA rejected the guidelines as a substitute for federal rules, saying they were not strict enough.

University officials also complain the EPA regional offices inconsistently enforce their rules.

"We've heard from faculty that comes to Stanford from other parts of the country that there is a more intrusive set of regulatory conditions here," Gibbs said.

Henry said each EPA region has different priorities.

The EPA started to focus on colleges and universities once pollution from industrial sources had been greatly reduced over the last three decades, EPA Boston spokesman Mark Merchant said.

Agency officials did not know the exact number of schools sanctioned but said colleges and universities in nearly every part of the country have been fined.

The EPA's Boston office has collected more than \$1 million in fines since making university enforcement a priority two years ago, mailing notice of their focus to New England's 258 schools.

In South Kingstown, officials are negotiating a settlement with the University of Rhode Island for violations found during a 1997 inspection. Neither the agency nor the university would release specifics.

EPA scrutiny prompted Boston University to draft tough internal environmental safeguards and dig up most of its oil tanks. The school has since transferred many of its buildings to natural gas.

BU spent another \$500,000 cleaning up a contaminated neighborhood garden and redirected parking lot drainage to keep runoff away from the Charles.

"The EPA forced us to look at more efficient, cost-effective practices," said Peter Schneider, hired to overhaul the BU Office of Environmental Safety.

Fatal fire was not arson, police say

BENNINGTON, Vt. — A fire that swept a home in December, killing six people, started in a bathroom and was not intentionally set, Vermont State Police said. The cause of the fire is unknown, fire investigators said Tuesday.

Two smoke detectors in the house were not working. The fire killed Harriet and Richard Sulli-



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**Councillor Sullivan and entire
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