



City of Cambridge

R-87.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 19, 2001

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WHEREAS: Shawn will be sorely missed by all he touched and loved; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record extending its deepest sympathy to the family of Shawn D. Patterson 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 Patterson 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;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

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MARCH 18, 2001

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P-87**Vitto Gobbi, 88;
city train engineer**

Vitto N. Gobbi, who worked as a Boston train engineer for 40 years, died Thursday in Natick. He was 88.

Mr. Gobbi was born in Gatteo, Italy, and came to the United States at a very young age, settling in Allston.

He served in the National Guard from 1930 to 1940 and in the US Navy during World War II.

Mr. Gobbi worked first as an engineer for Boston Albany Railroad, then later for Conrail. He retired in 1978.

Mr. Gobbi was passionate about working for the railroad, according to Mr. Gobbi's granddaughter, Elaine Driscoll of Boston. All of Mr. Gobbi's sons and one of his grandsons went on to work for Amtrak, she said.

She added that Mr. Gobbi was fascinated with the new high-speed Amtrak Acela train and only wished he could have had the opportunity to drive it.

Mr. Gobbi leaves his wife, Elaine F. (Bills) of Allston; three sons, Victor J. of Milford, Richard C. of Hyde Park, and Robert A. of Phoenix; two daughters, Barbara DiRusso of Randolph and Judith Driscoll of West Roxbury; 13 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be said in St. Patrick's Church in Natick tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at Otis Air Force Base.

**P. J. Cogswell, 77;
reporter, editor**

Philip J. Cogswell of Concord, a retired newsman, died Thursday at Emerson Hospital from emphysema. He was 77.

In a lengthy career working for various news organizations, Mr. Cogswell was a reporter for the Worcester Telegram, the Evening Gazette, and the Boston bureau of United Press International.

**William Diman,
Newton alderman**

William A. Diman of Marlborough, a former Newton alderman and a retired senior vice president for John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., died Friday at Bolton Manor Nursing Home in Marlborough. He was 83.

Born in Greenwood, Miss., Mr. Diman moved with his family to the Boston area in 1919. He was valedictorian of Newton High School's class of 1936. In 1938, he graduated from the Bentley School of Accounting.

After becoming a certified public accountant, Mr. Diman began working for John Hancock in 1942.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Diman served as a Navy lieutenant and as controller of the San Pedro, Calif., shipyard from 1944 to 1946.

After his military service, he returned to Hancock and settled in Newton. He served as senior vice president and controller of Hancock until he retired in 1982.

Mr. Diman was also active in numerous community matters, including serving as a Newton alderman-at-large from 1957 to 1963. He also was a member of the Newton Savings Bank board and was treasurer of Jackson Homestead First Baptist Church of Newton Center until 1955. He also served as treasurer of Eliot Church in Newton until 1966.

A genealogist, Mr. Diman served as the second vice president general of the National Society of Americans of Royal Descent. He also enjoyed making jewelry.

Mr. Diman spent several years in Charlottesville, Va., following his retirement, and moved to Marlborough in August 2000.

Mr. Diman leaves his wife, Phyllis (Hood) of Marlborough; a son, Charles N. of Billerica; two daughters, Alice Pratt of Newton and Margaret of Needham; three stepsons; and 14 grandchildren.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Carleton Funeral Home in Hudson.

**S. Patterson; fisherman
killed in car accident; 19**

By Pamela Teehan Miele
GLOBE CORRESPONDENT

Shawn D. Patterson of Scituate, a freshman at Massachusetts Maritime Academy, died Friday from injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Rhode Island. Mr. Patterson was 19.

After Mr. Patterson graduated from high school in June, he spent the summer catching dogfish and running a 42-foot gill-netter. He struggled with a decision to stay and fish or to leave Scituate and go to college. An acceptance letter from the academy sealed his decision.

But when he was home on weekends and school breaks, he found a way to be out on the water, fishing.

"He was a hard worker," said Edward Hathon, a company commander at the academy. "I remember one time during boot camp when he got hurt and we tried taking him to the nurse's office, but he wouldn't go because he didn't want to let his fellow cadets down. That's how dedicated he was."

Mr. Patterson entered the maritime academy in Buzzards Bay in September. He was a member of the rowing crew and ski club.

At Scituate High School, Mr. Patterson was cocaptain of the skiing and football teams. In his senior year, he was named most valuable player for the Thanksgiving Day game.

His coach, Philip Pisano, remembered him as an outstanding student, on and off the field. "He was an excellent player, but more importantly, he was a leader, and



SHAWN D. PATTERSON

because of those qualities, he was selected as captain by his teammates," Pisano said.

When he wasn't playing sports, or studying at the academy, Mr. Patterson, a fourth-generation Irish mosser, lobsterman, and fisherman, enjoyed all activities that involved boats and the ocean.

"Even as a kid, Shawn collected Irish moss and lobstered with a student license out of his 18-foot dory that we unofficially named The Green Hornet," recalled his uncle, Tucker Patterson.

He leaves his parents, Douglas H. and Jill (Carchia) of Scituate; a sister, Katie of Plymouth; his grandparents, Pat and Gil Patterson of Scituate, and a large extended family in Scituate.

A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. tomorrow in St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate Harbor.

**H. M. Dobrusin, 79; was
educator, businessman**

H. Manuel Dobrusin of Brighton died Friday at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton. He

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✓ Mary O'Brien

17 yr ^{male} Patterson (fisherman)

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✓ 3/31 at EC VFW.



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