



PUNCHLINES

by Charlie Ross



MYSTERY PHOTO



Everyone knows Chief Boatswain's Mate Charlie Ross, III, USN, of course (me son!), but your job is to identify the former world champion he's pictured with. Clue: His nickname is "Dynamite." Send your answer, on a postal card, with your name and hometown. Correct answers, in order received, will be published late June. (Photo by Mike Neporadny, Anaheim, California).

"MY LIFE AS A JEWISH BOXER"

Your writer, my "W.W.", Jack and Fran Hurley, Attorney William McDermott, Sara Wennig, and boxing author/historian Hy Rosenberg, along with many boxing fans and friends, were on hand at The Boston Synagogue, May 7, as Malden's sensational middleweight Dana Rosenblatt was the featured speaker — expounding on the theme, as per headline.

Speaking off the cuff, Dana told of his experience in Karate, as a former champion kick-boxer, noted his lack of amateur bouts (before turning Pro), explained his psychological reaction to his first ring fight (remember yours?) shared his broken-hand lay-off period (and thoughts on his only losing fight, to Vinny Pazienza) and left all aware of his deep pride in the many, many friends he's made in boxing while representing, most proudly, his Jewish ethnicity. An appreciative gathering took advantage of an extensive question/answer period, and, as is usual, Dana finished on his feet to a well deserved "standing O."

Temple spokesman Jonathan Slate's introduction of Dana included a comical story of yesteryear's great, great lightweight Benny Leonard, leaving many in the audience (along with "Punchlines") to surmise that the day will come when Dana's name, too, will be synonymous with many of ring history's legendary Jewish fighters. Most importantly, you can add to that what has become almost cliché — "Dana is such a nice guy!"

The evening concluded with Mr. Slate's presentation of homemade gifts from children of the congregation, an inscribed book ("Jews in Boston"), a certificate denoting Dana's Honorary Life-time Membership in The Boston Synagogue, and a personally engraved silver Kiddush Cup.

NOTE: Dana next fights at Foxwoods, June 25, vs. Arthur Allen (24-3), on the Buster Douglas/Lou Savarese undercard. See ya ringside!

Question: Who were those Guys? Joseph Youngs, Francisco Guilled, Judah Bergman, Eligio Sardinias and Al Rudolph. (Answer elsewhere).

WRITE JABS . . .

For whom the bells tolled . . . 1928 U.S. Olympic bronze-medal winner "Harry" Devine, 88, of Worcester, Adam J. Bardy, Jr., 90, of Thompson, Conn., a "circus boxer" with Coleman Bros. Circus, and Dom Uva, of West Roxbury, former U.S. Army boxing champion and long-time member of Boston's Veteran Boxers Association. **R.I.P.**

• Referee Dick Flaherty (Braintree) penned-in from Manila, Philippines, where he worked the Penalosa vs. Zarate W.B.C., 115 pounds World Title Fight, Al "Shiner" and Carol Couture (Glastonbury, Conn.) wrote while cruising the

DON'T LET YESTERDAYS USE UP TOO MUCH OF TODAY

KEEP PUNCHING

Paddock.....to.....Post

by Ralph Dello



Horse Racing

It was most unfortunate for the super horse Halory Hunter to fracture his leg before the Preakness stake race. Trainer Nick Zito tried to control his emotions, but tears flowed from his eyes. Nick loved this horse immensely and rightfully so, because this runner had the potential to be a champion.

Owner Rick Patino, sadly accepted the tragic news of his pet horse. Hopefully, Halory Hunter survives this ordeal, and will at least be very successful in the breeding business and sire a future champ.

Handicappers Advice

Good handicapping starts with all the information you can gather from the daily racing form; start reading the conditions of the race. Next item, the track surface. How does the horse set with its post position? Is the horse presently in good condition? Entered in its proper distant race, does the jockey suit the mount? How much money has the horse earned? How good is his stamina? Does it fade in dual stretch runs? It's highest speed ratings can be duplicated while posting gaining ground with good present condition. Is the horse well-bred? How good is the trainer and jockey? Does it break well from the

gate, or lag behind? Can it handle off tracks?

Two medications are mostly used, "Butazolidin" and "Lasix." "Bute" for pain killer and "Lasix" stops bleeding.

Humorous

How do I know how the horse feels before the race unless I ask his trainer? The trainer absolutely ignored my question. "Sir, did you give your horse his "Bute" pill this morning? "No, only castor oil!"

Feed Box Special

If you haven't learned from your horse-racing experiences, it's time for you to "check-it-in."

Horses to Watch

Alpha Traders
Cope Del'Orage
Fortunate Al
Irish Pretty Boy
King Willow
Knightly Exclusive
Lost Coins
Over in Seconds
Pickwicks Peach
Proper Roman
Sopot
Sovereign Dreams
Tilly's Boy

Note

Mutuel Clerk Al Manzelli of Melrose has been awarded Clerk of the Week by his fellow co-workers. Al is personable, courteous and compassionate to his clientele. A fine asset for Suffolk Downs personnel.

FISHIN' CORNER

by Paul Maher, Jr.

The waters are warming up fast in all coastal waters and so is the fishing action! The Striped Bass are moving in brisk schools with the water literally boiling in some areas with the ravages of feeding activity. Along the southern coastal waters of Massachusetts, particularly Fall River, North Dartmouth, and the Vineyard, catches are being made in excess of 30+ inches or more. Generally, the keeper size is still the exception and not the rule this early in the season but my guess is that after Memorial Day they will be here along with the hordes of tourists flocking to all coastal beachfronts.

Hyannis, suffering from bouts of rain squalls and forceful northeast winds, did not stop the hard-pressed fishermen braving the elements to bring home some keeper-sized bass for the table. There was also a report of one gentleman catching the first bluefish of the season. Peters Pond also gave up a salmon for one youngster.

Along the North Shore, action is superb. Scituate is abundant with striped activity at the South River. Scituate Harbor has also been visited by mackerels already, this is generally an appearance staved off until after Memorial Day. Here in Boston, area fishermen trolling the waters off of the Constitution Marina have been pulling in some 17 to 20-inch strippers as well. The Amelia Earhart Dam at Mystic River has been equally productive only this time the strippers were keepers for most. Over at

Logan Airport's Landing Lights Pier, (according to *The Fisherman* weekly) they have been catching large sized 24-inch strippers with live herring.

The Merrimac has been a motherlode for fly fishermen and jiggers. The water was in a turmoil during the weekend of the 16th and 17th with schools of Striped Bass grazing the surface from the Plum Island shore all the way into the basin.

I don't think you can go wrong now . . . with the right know-how or a kiss of luck, you can get yourself some real action at any point along the ocean coast.

The fresh-water happenings are just as generous. Quabbin Reservoir has been seeing a lot of bass action. This holiday weekend try Laurel Lake in the morning as the bass hover around their spawning beds. Test out that new jig with some brooding pickerel or even maybe a fierce Northern Pike which has been stocked in some waters over in Western Mass. Now's a good time to take your kids out, let 'em fish for bluegills!

Fly fishing has never been better for those fishing in Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. Check out the more sheltered areas of the island and you shouldn't be disappointed. At Nantucket, catch your keeper at Madaket Harbor.

That's all! Please send in your stories and fishing pictures here at the Gazette and we will try and run them for you. Take care and Happy Fishin'!

POST-GAZETTE

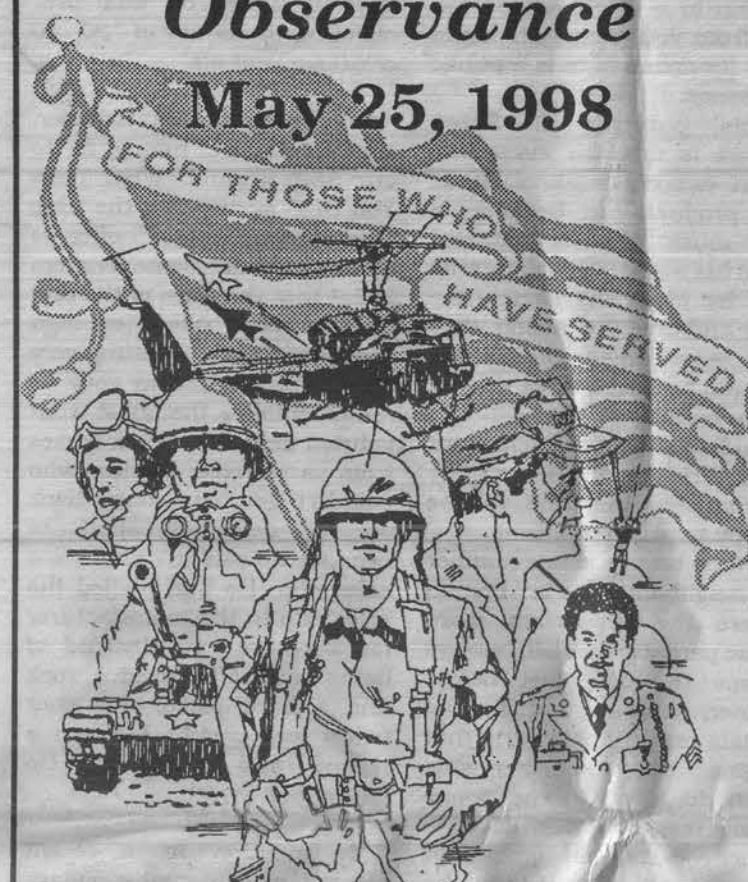
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Memorial Day Observance May 25, 1998



A day of prayer and remembrance for those who died that we may live in peace.

News Nuggets

(Compiled by Fred Langone)

Big Dig — Can The North End Survive? TV-3, June 2

A street survey was made recently of North End streets where "Big Dig" construction is underway. Questions were asked about the impact construction has on business, parking, noise level, and the effect of the excavation on adjoining properties and buildings. The interviews were conducted by Fred Langone, accompanied by several prominent business and market owners who participated in the survey. The views did not vary, most businesses have lost 30 to 40 percent since the digging began on North, Cross, Blackstone, Salem and Endicott Streets. Property owners and tenants have said they often feel tremors in the buildings while construction drills and jack hammers are in operation. They fear that the buildings might even collapse. The results of the survey and interviews were taped and will appear on television in June.

This television program will be shown on Tuesday evening, June 2 at 8 p.m. on Channel 3, Boston Cable Network. The producers are Dennis and Joan Martin. The show is very informative and for the first time, the public will be able to see how the quality of life has been affected by the "Big Dig" in the North End. Tune in on Tuesday, June 2 at 8 p.m., Channel 3, B.C.N.

Close Call for Accidental Water Poisoning!

The wrong chemical was inadvertently added to the Greater Boston drinking water, a mistake made by one of the fluoride suppliers, causing a potential public health crisis at the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority. Two and a half million Greater Boston water consumers were exposed to this danger, caused when 300 gallons of Ferrous

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THE ITALIAN-AMERICAN VOICE OF MASSACHUSETTS

King of Swoon Gone, "Ol' Blue Eyes" Legendary Songs Will Live On!

by Fred Langone

Frank Sinatra died, after a long illness, of a heart attack, last Thursday in the Emergency Room of the Los Angeles Cedars-Sinai Hospital at the age of 82. Sinatra had been ill since January of 1997 and was confined to his home. He was born in Hoboken, New Jersey on December 12, 1915 and was raised in an Italian-American community. Sinatra quit school at 16 to pursue a singing career, and sang at weddings and other local functions for experience. His father worked with the Hoboken Fire Department, and also worked in a local bar with his mother. Despite his parents' insistence that he get a meaningful job, Sinatra's ambition was to be an entertainer. He belonged to a group called the Hoboken Four, and they competed on the radio in programs such as the Major Bowe Amateur Hour, where they won first prize. This



Belting it out, Chairman of the Board, Frank Sinatra electrified Boston Garden crowd in April 1974.

Photo by Pete Anastasi, Jr.

started him on the fulfillment of his boyhood dream. In 1939, the famous band leader and trumpet player Harry James hired him because he

not only liked Sinatra's light baritone voice, but also his easy, carefree style, which later earned him the swoon crooner appellation.

I remember him being at the Keith Boston Theater on Washington Street, corner of Essex, the lines of people stretched all the way around the block trying to get in to see and hear him. After several highly successful years with Harry James, he was lured by Tommy Dorsey to headline at the front of his band. During the World War II period Sinatra introduced many songs that skyrocketed to fame. Among them was one of my favorites during the time I was in the service, "All or Nothing At All," which was also a great favorite with most of the boys.

Later, Sinatra left Tommy Dorsey and went on his own,

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Memories of the "Rat Pack", Dino Martin and Frank Sinatra were on stage together in Boston in a rare concert appearance. Photo by Pete Anastasi, Jr.

McDougal Book

"Clinton Promised Susan McDougal Pardon"

by Fred Langone

James McDougal, former business partner of President Clinton, claimed in a book written before his death with Curtis Wilkie of *The Boston Globe* that President Clinton promised him that he would eventually pardon Susan McDougal for her part in the Whitewater scandal. He also described, among other things, how he arranged secret cash payments through a contractor for Clinton of \$2,000 monthly. McDougal wrote that Clinton

told him in 1996 at a White House deposition at the White House that, "You can depend on that; if you all hang with me, I'll do it," in response to James McDougal inquiry about his wife's pardon. She got three years in jail for not answering questions about Clinton's role in the Whitewater scandal.

Also in the book, McDougal claims that his wife Susan admitted having an affair with Clinton, even though she

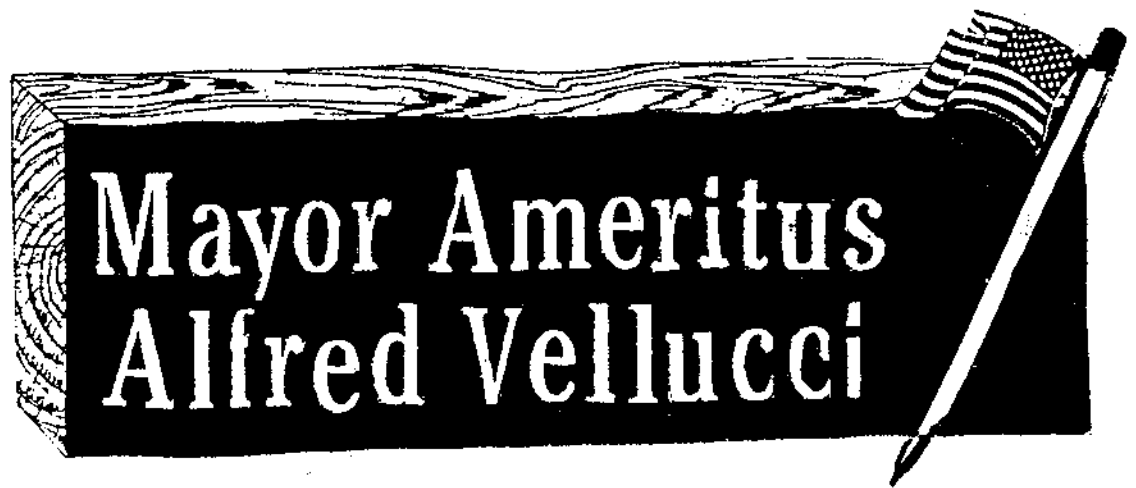
recently denied the allegation. McDougal wrote, "I found myself plugged into a conversation between Bill and Susan when I called home and the telephone lines malfunctioned, and they were talking intimately with giggles and sexual innuendo." McDougal confronted his wife about the phone call that day. Rather than lying clumsily, Susan acknowledged her

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MAYOR EMERITUS



Today is Friday,

May 29, 1998, A.D.

Dear Good People, please allow me to
make a speech before the City Council, that
is, with the approval of his Honor the
Mayor of Cambridge.

I wish I could come before the Council
on Monday evening, June 8, 1998.

I am desirous to talk on the issue
of the future of the Verille Manor, once
the home of the Aged and infirm. Thank
you. Al Vellucci, Mayor Emeritus. (Salute!)

Consent Communication #31

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A communication was received from
Al Vellucci, transmitting a letter
and newspaper article regarding the
future of Neville Manor.

In City Council June 1, 1998

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