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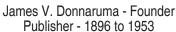
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## Celebrating Our Anniversary!







Caesar L. Donnaruma Publisher - 1953 to 1971



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As we celebrate our anniversary, we would like to thank our advertisers and subscribers for their loyalty throughout the years. We couldn't have come this far without you!

## 128 Years of Continuous Publication

One hundred and twenty-seven years ago, an Italian immigrant who arrived in Boston when he was only 16 years old saw the realization of his fondest dreams, the establishment of an Italian language newspaper that would be the genuine voice of the increasing flow of Italians to the United States. The boy was James V. Donnaruma, and the newspaper was LA GAZZETTA DEL MASSACHUSETTS which is now published in English as the POST-GAZETTE.

He remained at the helm of this well-known publication until his demise in 1953, at which time his son, Caesar, took over the reins of running the now famous national weekly newspaper located in the North End of Boston. Caesar was loyally assisted by his ingenious wife, Phyllis, who assumed the role of publisher in 1971, becoming one the nation's first Italian-American women publishers. Upon Phyllis' death in October 1990, their daughter, Pamela, continued the tradition as the third generation publisher of the POST-GAZETTE.

LA GAZZETTA, as it was properly called, was very short on financial means but had a large vision, to give its readers a better and wider understanding between two countries. The so-called Italian Colony, or "La Colonia," had to face a

variety of complex problems and LA GAZZETTA had to understand the slow and difficult transition of men who, in most cases, had been engaged in agriculture in their home country. Here, they had to work in construction, factories and restaurants, eventually becoming small business owners, and finally professionals, heads of business enterprises, industrial leaders, even heads of state — people to be respected by others.

If America was to some a bitter disappointment, to more it remained a great adventure filled with excitement. There were new ways to be learned as well as new institutions. There were speculators and exploiters to be fought, and a "padrone" system that needed to be destroyed. There were churches to be built and, above all, education to be had. Immigrants took great advantage of America's free education while learning the process of citizenship. We devoted pages and pages to that very important mission!

LA GAZZETTA became a guide, so to speak, the gobetween that brought American political life to the Italian immigrant. Many times, our people were sent unknowingly to work in places subject to a strike and were therefore exposed to physical violence on the part

of strikers ... in time, the situation changed as they learned more about the new land of opportunity.

The Italian immigrant was a hard worker, a thrifty man, a family man. He had pride. As a family, their goal was to build a future in America. LA GAZZETTA stressed these virtues. We began to publish an all-English section which became a real forum for discussing many problems, and criticizing discriminating laws while advocating Americanization and responding to community needs such as the Red Cross appeals.

A typical Horatio Alger story could be repeated by thousands of immigrants and their American-born children who became an integral part of this great country, fighting in its wars and facing every national crisis. It would be impossible to enumerate here the many initiatives taken by our publication, from its inception as "LA GAZZETTA" to its present-day format as the "POST-GAZETTE," in its 128 years of uninterrupted publication. We have never missed an issue, even when the going was very hard.

The moral reward, over the years of hard work, came in many ways when American

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## **News Briefs**

by Sal Giarratani

#### Trump: You Gotta Be Coking

The White House official line on the recent cocaine found inside the White House isn't all it's cracked up to be, former President Trump implied on Fox News Sunday Morning Futures.

Trump, 77, voiced his disbelief at the Secret Service's insistence it could not identify a suspect following its 11-day investigation into cocaine found in the West Wing earlier this month. Trump also added that "I don't think it is possible for bags of cocaine to be left in a certain area, in the Situation Room."

#### Point-Counterpoint

Here's the point

Last week, during a House hearing on favoritism, U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin (a Democrat) stated "There is no evidence that Hunter Biden has received any kind of official favoritism in this prosecution for being Joe Biden's son."

Here's the counter

"Was Democratic Rep. Jamie Raskin unaware of the subject of ... the hearing, where he made this truthdenying claim? It was to hear two IRS whistle blowers testify that Biden and by extension his family including

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## **West Nile Virus Detected in South Boston Mosquito Pool**

Risk Remains Low, but BPHC Encourages Residents to Take Precautions

Commission (BPHC) today announced that a mosquito tested positive for West Nile do not have any holes. Virus (WNV). The virus is carried by mosquitos and can be spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. This is the first mosquito pool to be confirmed with WNV in Boston this summer. There are currently no confirmed human cases of WNV among Boston residents and the risk of transmission remains low, however BPHC still encourages residents to protect themselves.

The best way to reduce the risk of WNV is by avoiding mosquito bites. BPHC recommends the following strategies:

- · Avoid spending extended periods of time outdoors from dusk to dawn, when mosquitos are most active.
- Wear long clothing and high socks to keep mosquitos away from your skin.
- Use EPA-approved insect repellents like DEET, oil of

or IR3535.

- Make sure screens in winpool located in South Boston dows and doors fit properly and
  - · Regularly empty out and clean bird baths, unused flowerpots, and other vessels containing standing water to prevent mosquitos from breeding. Flip over unused kiddie pools and dispose of old tires, which are also known to attract mosquitos for breeding.
  - · Regularly clean out gutters and remove any debris or blockages.

"The Boston Public Health Commission works closely with our partners at the State Department of Public Health to monitor mosquito pools and alert residents of the risk of West Nile Virus," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "During this time of the year and into the fall, we encourage residents to protect themselves by using insect repellant and wearing

The Boston Public Health lemon, eucalyptus, picaridin, long sleeve clothing when outside at dusk and dawn for prolonged periods of time."

> Most people who are infected with WNV do not experience any signs or symptoms of illness. In some cases, people will experience a headache, fever, nausea, vomiting, and body aches which can last for a few days or several weeks. In most cases, individuals with mild symptoms recover on their own.

> Although rare, people who are older than 50-years of age are at higher risk of developing serious symptoms, including high fever, severe headache, confusion, lack of coordination, and muscle paralysis or weakness. If you or someone you know is experiencing these symptoms, contact a health care provider immediately.

> More information on WNV and other mosquito-borne illnesses is available on BPHC's website at www.boston.gov/government/ cabinets/boston-public-healthcommission/infectious-diseases/infectious-diseases-z/ west-nile-virus-wnv.

# Stirpe by Prof. Edmund Turiello Nostra A weekly column highlighting some of the more interesting aspects of our ancestry...our lineage...our roots.

#### **COMMODUS ... ADDIO BASTARDO**

Having shaken off the fear of his own assassination, Commodus now satisfied his mad desire to drive a chariot in the circus races, appearing there dressed in the Dalmatian tunic (long sleeves and purple stripes); he often gave the signal for the races to start. He fought over 300 gladiatorial combats during his father's reign and about 400 more as emperor. He also killed at least 1,000 wild beasts with a single blow during contests in the arena.

Finally, after heaping all of this degradation and misery on his subjects, a prefect of the guard and one of his concubines conspired to assassinate him. They gave Commodus a poison, which proved to be ineffective. This failed attempt was quickly followed by strangulation at the hands of a former exercise partner named Narcissus. The people and the Senate demanded that his body be dragged with the hook and cast into the Tiber; however, at the intercession of Pertinax, the succeeding emperor, it was taken to Hadrian's Tomb.

There are no public works that bear Commodus' name or memory. Even where he inscribed his own name on the structures of others, the Senate ordered it removed. He did not even finish any of the public works that his father left incomplete.

There were loud cries in the Senate after the death of Commodus. In order that their opinion might become known for all time to come, they issued a formal decree containing more than a thousand words. The first few are: "From him who was a foe of his fatherland, let his honors be taken away and let this murderer be dragged in the dust," and it goes on ... and on ... and on. The last few words are: "His name will be erased from all public records and all things shall revert back to where they were before his scourge fell upon the Roman State." Imperialism, anyone?

During the past months, we have examined and reviewed the authentic historical record of the dictator Julius Caesar and 18 of the 106 men who ruled the Roman Empire after Caesar's death. Perhaps we can continue with the record of another group of emperors at some future date; however, I feel that it would be most merciful to get off the Roman Empire at this time and get onto something else. This something else will be a series of articles on the daily activity in old Rome.

**NEXT WEEK:** The Three R's During Ancient Times

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Riding a Bike Provides Kids with the Freedom to Explore Their Neighborhoods, Develop Physically, and to Have Fun

Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston Parks and Recreation, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, and the Office of Early Childhood announced investments in child bikes and bike instruction through "Connect, Learn, Explore: Boston's Commitment to Youth." The City, in partnership with Highland Street Foundation and other local organizations, will be offering free bike instruction at 15 sites across the City for ages 4 to 13. Connect, Learn, Explore reaffirms Mayor Wu's commitment to making Boston the best City in the country to raise a family by ensuring all of Boston's children learn how to ride a bike, swim, and connect with their communities through sports, the arts, and gardening.

"Biking is more than just a fun way to stay active, it's a great way to get around and a crucial life skill - one that all of our young people deserve the opportunity to develop," said Mayor Michelle Wu.

"This is an exciting initiative for our children and youth," said Council President Ed Flynn. "Learning to ride a bike, much like learning how to swim, is an important skill that allows our young people to get active, have fun, and explore new places with families and peers in the City. I encourage our youth to take advantage of this program

to learn about the basics of balance, bike safety, and bike rules."

Riding a bike provides kids with the freedom to explore their neighborhoods, develop physically, and to have fun. Through bike education programs at Boston parks, BCYF centers, and community partners, all of Bostons' kids will learn to ride a bike safely by third grade.

This summer, biking is being offered in three Boston Parks to approximately 300 youth at Almont Park, East Boston Stadium, and White Stadium as a part of the Parks and Recreation Summer Sports Centers. In each of the sports centers, Boston youth hired through the Success Link Summer Jobs Program have been trained by Boston Bikes (BTD's bicycle education program) personnel to teach young children bicycle safety and mechanics in addition to the basics of riding. South Boston Neighborhood House is providing a fourth park site at Moakley Park, offering bicycling instruction to children enrolled in their childcare and summer programs. Next year, the City will expand the Parks programming to include all five Summer Sports Centers serving nearly 500 kids annually across all Boston neighborhoods.

"We are pleased to join in this

initiative adding bicycle riding and safety lessons to the other free recreational activities we provide for Boston's youth at our summer sports camps," said Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods. "Our parks and playgrounds open up a world of nature and healthy outdoor exercise to young people; bicycle riding will add another dimension of freedom and wonder with exciting new opportunities to explore our parks and city."

The City is able to serve an additional eleven early childhood sites by partnering with Highland Street Foundation's Let's Get Rolling Initiative. Through their generous donation, Highland Street provided each of the eleven sites with new bikes through REI Co-op, instruction with Bikes Not Bombs, and site coordination through Neighborhood Villages. Together the sites will serve several hundred young children during the summer and the school year.

A list of sites offering bike instruction can be found at www.boston.gov/news/connect-learn-explore-bostons-commitment-youth#bike.

"Highland Street Foundation is excited to partner with the City of Boston to provide bikes and instruction to several of

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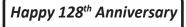


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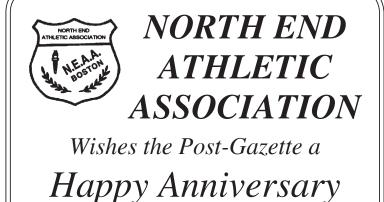
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#### Anthony Dominick Benedetto

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Anthony Dominick Benedetto, known professionally as Tony Bennett passed away peacefully at age 96.

My heart goes out to his wife, Susan, four children: Danny, who served as his manager; Dae, a music producer and engineer; Johanna; and Antonia, singers, his nine grandchildren, and his Aunt Mary Benedetto.

I worked with Bennett for more than 45 years in New York, Oakdale Summer Theater, 30 Rock, Boston Park Plaza, etc.

Bennett's hits included "Rags to Riches," "I Left My Heart in San Francisco, I Got You Under My Skin," and many more. The last of the "Crooners," Tony brought so much joy and love to everyone. He will certainly be missed. A private Mass will be held at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. So long my DEAR FRIEND, GOD BLESS. Thank you for all the music and

memories.

Joey Alessandro

## Frank Bellotti's Lawn Party



Former Attorney General Frank Bellotti invited a few of his friends to a lawn party last Wednesday at his Hingham home. Guests included Joe Faretra, Bob Ciampa, Bob Travaglini, Frank Bellotti, Richard Settipane, Jim Nigro, Steve Murphy, and Sal Paterna, and others.

Frank celebrated his 100th birthday on May 3rd with a tremendous party in Quincy with over 150 guests attending, including former governors, legislators, judges, and friends of all walks of life. Bellotti's lawn party was catered by Frank's son-in-law Artie Kouyoumdjian of Artie's Famous Sausage. Friends enjoyed great conversations of the latter days. Frank at 100 years still goes to his office at Arbella Insurance Company at least four days a week.

Frank has served as Attorney General for three terms.

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### L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Harvest Loaves on Lammas

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

I can feel the month of August approaching like a golden ray of sun, a month perfectly poised between the warm, blithe nature of summer and the rhythmic pulses of autumn. Back-toschool ads beckon from television commercials and posters plastered on shop windows, recalling the scent of freshly sharpened pencils and smooth notebooks. The honey-colored sunset occurs earlier and earlier each evening, prompting me to spend cozy nights indoors with a homemade meal. This is the time for the high produce of summer, for the delectable tomatoes and corn and zucchini that line the stalls of farmers' markets, and also for the crisp first fruits of the autumn, such as succulent red and green apples. However, whenever August looms near, my mind always drifts to the summer I spent in Italy years ago. Throughout the quiet month of August, it was common to see round, tightly bundled bales of hav baking under the sun in the fields that dotted the Italian countryside. After all, late summer in Italy means la mietitura, or having, in preparation for the autumn months. It was in Italy that I truly felt the power of Lammas, a wonderful seasonal holiday that carries with it the poignant symbolism of harvest and the arrival of autumn.

Lammas, which occurs on August 1st, was a widely celebrated feast in Europe until the Industrial Age pushed it into obscurity. Fortunately, interest in this rustic festival has been rekindled recently across Europe and the United States. Lammas stems from the ancient Celts, who viewed the holiday as the first day of autumn. Modern audiences may find it hard to associate the first days of August with the fall, as the temperatures still soar to ninety-degree heat and the leaves remain full and vibrant green. However, Lammas honors the start of the agricultural autumn, when farmers harvest grain along with the first fruits of the year. Indeed, the verv name Lammas hearkens back to this harvest, as it derives from loaf-mass, the ritual in which bread made from the first harvested grain of the year was brought to the local church for a blessing. Preceding Lammas was



the pre-Christian festival known as Lughnasadh (pronounced loo-na-sah), a harvest feast held in honor of a god of light known as Lugh. Lughnasadh celebrations involved igniting bonfires, trekking to mountaintops in order to be closer to the sun, gathering the first fruits of the harvest, and dancing. Evidence of Lughnasadh celebrations has even been found in Northern Italy, a region with Celtic influence! Lammas is still a holiday in Ireland today, full of reunions between families and friends, and ritual blessings of fields by parish priests. Lammas remains one of my favorite holidays because it combines the communal pleasures of summer reuniting with loved ones and enjoying the outdoors — with the honoring of the Earth's bounty, which will become more evident as the autumn progresses.

On Lammas, when I can sense the changing of the seasons pulsing beneath my feet, I also honor grain by making a lemon-blueberry quick bread. Blueberries are another Lammas staple, due to their seasonality in August and their resemblance to bilberries, some of the first fruits to be harvested in the Celtic Lughnasadh. The recipe I use is a traditional one, made with plump blueberries, tangy lemon zest, and hearty walnuts. I admire the way the lemon juice and milk mixes with the flour to create dough as if by magic, and I feel a special kinship with my ancestors who scraped a living out of Italian farmland by using the most basic ingredients. Indeed, my Italian forbearers viewed

like la mietitura with a special significance precisely because bread played such an essential role in the diet. Bread, known as pane in Italian, is more than a food, but also a cultural touchstone, a staple that brought life to peasants and formed the basis of the society's major dishes. Bread serves a deeply religious function in Italian life as well, as the bread honored in the sacrament of the Eucharist symbolizes a spiritual nourishment that is just as crucial as a physical sustenance. No wonder then that Italian superstition brims with warnings against disrespecting the essence of bread, such as the restriction against turning bread upside-down or, even worse, discarding bread. Italians in olden days believed that these actions insulted the Earth's bountiful harvest and affronted one of the most vital cores of their diet. Unfortunately, we have lost this spiritual connection with our food and the Earth which provides it as society industrialized. For this reason, I think it is important to honor seasonal festivities like Lammas, which connect us to our ancestors and teach us that the food which springs from the Earth is a sacred gift.

holidays like Lammas or harvest

Celebrate Lammas this August by honoring the grain that forms the building blocks of our lives. Whether you bake a focaccia or quick bread from scratch, or simply remain conscious of the Earth's abundance as you bite into a sandwich roll or cut into a loaf of bread, think about the nourishment that goes into both your body and soul. By reveling in the joys of seasonal food and respecting the signs of the changing seasons around us, we can truly appreciate the glorious rhythms of the natural harvest. Lammas tells us not to mourn over the end of summer, but rather recognize the necessity and the wonder of the cycle of the year. Without autumn, there would be no harvest to sustain us through the dark winter nights. Let the sight of wheat waving in the golden sun and hav bales standing proudly in fruit-laden fields remind us of the way our ancestors lived so close to the Earth, and let us vow to keep that sacred connection even within the busiest moments of our lives.

Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz is a high school history teacher. She appreciates any comments and suggestions about Italian holidays and folklore at adicenso89@gmail.com.



## Sitting in a Sailboat in the Middle of Boston Harbor

Recently I have been suffering from writers' block. I hate this ailment. I began writing back in the sixties and from time to time, my writing gets blocked. Thank God it doesn't happen that often. Baseball pitchers get their version of writers' block, they call it the yips. The most recent pitcher that had it was David Bard and it appears he's finally back pitching from the mound again.

The last couple of weeks have been a challenge for me, but I think I am back. No one can force writing and sometimes you just have to chill through it, which is what I've been doing. Sailing out in Boston Harbor helped. Going to the beach with my old Radio Shack radio has also helped. I even think a recent concert that began at 9:00 p.m., long past my sleeping time helped, too.

I love the feedback I get right here on these pages. It helps me write so much better and thinking out of the box has always been fun for me. If everyone loved my writing, I must be doing something wrong. I like to be challenged on my political outlook.

There's lots of garbage out there. Too much if you ask me. I stay positive. You should too and, for God's sake, keep smiling. There is always a newspaper deadline here, so very soon I will be outdoors suntanning, doing my power walks or anything that pushes me forward. You know, sometimes I think it is good to use summertime to recharge yourself, too. I'm looking for a sailboat at the moment.

See everyone back here next week. Until then, keep sailing through life.

#### • Investment in Citywide Bike Riding Instruction

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our community partners," said Highland Street Foundation Executive Director Blake Jordan. "Every child should have the opportunity to experience the joy that riding a bike provides and if there are barriers to that, it is our role as a community to lift them."

"We are so excited to support the City's summer bike riding program for Boston's youngest residents to encourage them to explore and connect with their vibrant communities," said Devin Cole, Senior Director of Program Operations at Neighborhood Villages. "Programs like this are critical to building infrastructure in early childhood education and providing children with opportunities to grow and learn at the most developmentally significant time in their lives. We're proud to be a part of this program and thank Mayor Wu for her ongoing commitment to Boston's children and families.'

Additionally, community partners Boston Children's Hospital

and Project KidSafe provided helmets through their injury prevention programs for all kids who are participating at the 15 sites citywide.

"No biking program would be complete without helmets to ensure that our youngest children are biking safely," said Kristin McSwain, Director of the Office of Early Childhood. "We greatly appreciate Children's Hospital and Project KidSafe who donated over 300 bike helmets to protect our littlest learners as they explore new frontiers and take on new challenges."

The announcement builds on the goals of Mayor Wu's Connect, Learn, Explore initiative. Earlier this month, Mayor Wu announced Swim Safe, offering free swim lessons to kids ages 3-12 at pools across the city, free life jackets for youth that are swimming with their families in open water locations, and incentives and free training for lifeguards to keep our city pools safe throughout the year.

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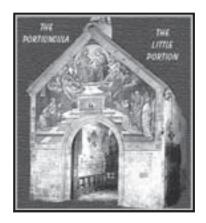
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The Portiuncula (small portion) refers to the Church in Assisi, Italy, that belonged to the Benedictines dedicated to the Virgin Mother of God.

St. Francis had great devotion to the queen of the world and when he saw that the church was deserted, he began to live there constantly and repair it. He heard that the angels often visited it, so that it was called St. Mary of the Angels.

The Benedictines wanted to give Francis the church but in order to remain faithful to Lady Poverty, Francis rented it from them with the annual compensation of a basket of fish from the Tescio river.

Here is where Francis began his service to Christ and His Church. Here Francis founded his Order, received Clare as his spiritual daughter, and where he died commending this spot above all others to the friars.

St. Francis had great love and compassion for everyone.

On a night of July, 1216, Francis was praying in the little church of the Portiuncula devoured by love for God and a thirst to save souls. He prayed for the forgiveness of sins of humankind.

Suddenly a brilliant light shone all around. In great splendor Jesus and Mary appeared in the midst of a dazzling cloud surrounded by a multitude of radiant angels.

Out of fear and reverence, St. Francis adored Our Lord prostrate upon the ground.

Then Jesus said to him: "Francis you are very zealous for the good of souls. Ask me what you want for their salvation." St. Francis was rapt in ecstasy before Jesus.

When he regained his courage he said:

"Lord, I a miserable sinner beg You to concede an indulgence to all those who enter this church, who

are truly contrite and have confessed their sins. And I beg Blessed Mary, your Mother, intercessor of man, that she intercede on behalf of this grace."

Our Lady at once began to beseech her son on behalf of Francis. Jesus answered:

"It is a very great thing that which you ask Me; but you are worthy of even greater things, Friar Francis, and greater things you will have. So I accept your request, but I want you to go to my Vicar, to whom I have given the power to bind and loose in Heaven and on earth, to ask him on my behalf for this indulgence."

With one of his companions, Francis hastened to Pope Honorius III and prostrate implored him to proclaim that every one visiting the church and confessing their sins with a contrite heart would be as pure from all sin and punishments as he was immediately after baptism. The Pope granted this petition. This indulgence has been extended to all parish churches throughout the world.

The conditions to obtain the Plenary Indulgence of the Forgiveness of Assisi is (for oneself or for a departed soul) as follows:

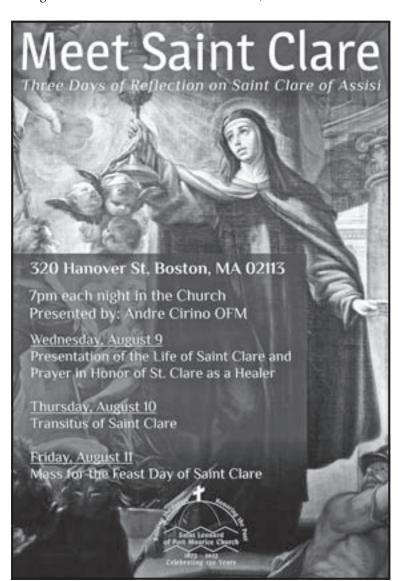
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## Friday, August 11th

6:00 PM Stands open 6:30 PM Procession from the Italian **American Citizens Club Pearl St** 7-11 PM Beatlejuice performs live

## **Sunday, August 13th**

1:00 PM - Procession w/ Statue of St. Rocco

2-5 PM - 'SeaBreeze' with Steven Savio entertains live

6-9 pm - 'Heart Attack Ack Ack Ack Ack' performs live

Billy Joel cover band, paying tribute to one of the most successful solo artists of all time. The band's dynamic live shows features Billy's more rocking mid 70's to early 80's favorites.

SeaBreeze Steven Savio

6 pm: Stands Open

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Next year, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission will launch an expanded stormwater program that meets an elevated need for investment in stormwater infrastructure and green solutions. The program will include the creation of a proposed separate stormwater charge and credits/grants for customers who work to reduce stormwater runoff from their property.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

King Philip's War was an armed conflict in 1675–1676 between New England Native American tribes and New England colonists and their Native American allies. The war is named for Metacom, the Wampanoag chief who adopted the name Philip because of the friendly relations between his father Massasoit and the Mayflower Pilgrims. The war continued until the signing of the Treaty of Casco Bay on April 12, 1678.

Massasoit had maintained a long-standing alliance with the colonists. Metacom (c. 1638-1676), his younger son, became tribal chief in 1662 after Massasoit's death. Metacom, however, renounced his father's alliance between the Wampanoags and the colonists. The colonists insisted that the 1671 peace agreement should include the surrender of guns by the native Americans. Tensions increased when three Wampanoags were hanged in Plymouth Colony in 1675 for the murder of another Wampanoag. Native American raiding parties attacked homesteads and villages throughout Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Maine over the next six months, and the colonial militia retaliated. The Narragansetts remained neutral, but some Narragansetts participated in raids of colonial strongholds and militia, so colonial leaders deemed them to be in violation of peace treaties.

The colonies assembled the largest army consisting of 1,000 militia and 150 Native American allies. Governor Josiah Winslow marshaled them to attack the Narragansetts in November 1675. They attacked and burned Indian villages throughout

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Rhode Island territory, culminating with the attack on the Narragansetts' main fort in the Great Swamp Fight. An estimated 600 Narragansetts were killed, and their coalition was taken over by Narragansett sachem Canonchet. They attacked farms and homes in Massachusetts Bay and Plymouth colonies, burning towns as they went, including Providence in March 1676. However, the colonial militia overwhelmed the Indian coalition. By the end of the war, the Wampanoags and their Narragansett allies were almost completely destroyed. On August 12, 1676, Metacom fled to Mount Hope where he was killed by the militia. The war was the greatest calamity in seventeenth-century New England and is considered by many to be the deadliest war in Colonial American history.

King Philip's War began the development of an independent American identity. The New England colonists faced their enemies without support from any European government or military, and this began to give them a group identity separate and distinct from Britain.

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of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani



The Burger King Crew showed their free burgers at the latest monthly community dinner at Sacred Heart Church

(Photo by Tess Malionek)

#### **UPCOMING SAL BAGLIO**

Sal Baglio will be teaming up with Dan King at one of his latest live performances. This one is up in Rockport on Monday, August 28th. He will be appearing with Dan King at the Rockport Gazebo on Back River. For more info, go to danking andfriends.com.

#### EVERETT CONCERTS IN THE PARK'S

Once again, Everett will be hosting its summer concert series down at Lt. Joseph Wehner Park on Thursdays starting at 6:00 p.m. First order of business my pal Smokin' Joe will be on stage with the Henchmen, of course, on Thursday, August 3rd.

#### '80s & '90s FLASHBACK DANCE

If you loved the Eighties and Nineties, then you better get over to the Hancock Adams Common in Quincy Center for a flashback event with plenty of dancing on Sunday, August 6th. Don't come as you are, dress up in your '80s and '90s outfits. Bands on stage all afternoon for your dancing pleasure. All sponsored by the city of Quincy, where else but Quincy?

## LONG HOT SUMMER IN PHOENIX

Lately, it has finally gotten hot in these here parts. We have had a pretty rainy summer keeping us off the beach for much too long, Things are heating up. However, thank God we don't live in Phoenix where folks reached a miserable milestone. They had 19 days in a row of



I bumped into an old friend and co-worker back in my days as a DMH police officer while shopping at Roche Bros supermarket in West Roxbury. Here I am with Eleanor Temelini, ace social worker and myself, Sgt. Sal the DMH police sergeant. We often had to team up during patient encounters. I hadn't seen her, maybe, in 19 years when this photo was frequently taken.



A selfie taken by Sandra Nijja from the East Boston Soup Kitchen with Sal Giarratani, and Alex DeFronzo from the Piers Park Sailing Club relaxing after a recent sailboat race in the harbor.

110-degrees or more breaking a 1974 record.

#### SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL RETURNS TO REVERE BEACH

This year, the 19th annual festival returns from Friday, July 28 through Sunday, June 30th. A friend of mine from Revere, State Rep. Jessica Giannino tells me, "I am so happy this event on America's first public beach continues to gain more momentum with each passing year as folks keep returning year after year enjoying all that Revere and our beach has to offer."

## TASTE OF EASTIE RESCHEDULED

The Taste of Eastie scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th has been reschelued due to inclement weather until Tuesday, August 1st from 6:00-9:00 p.m., on the Tall Ship, featuring food from 30 local "Eastie" restaurants and live music by Louie Bello.

## Saint Emygdius

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Saint Emygdius was born about the year 279 in the city of Trier, a southwestern German city founded by the Romans. Raised a pagan, Emygdius converted to Christianity some time near the end of the third century. He then travelled to Rome, where he tirelessly worked to convert other pagans. Emygdius willingly risked his own safety to promote his faith. He once stormed a temple and destroyed a statue of Aesculapius, the Roman god of healing. This act angered many Romans, who clamored for retribution. Although some records say Emygdius turned to Pope Marcellus for protection, it is now believed that Emygdius probably received help from Marcellus' predecessor named Marcellinus.

The Pope ordained Emygdius, made him a bishop, and then sent him to Ascoli Piceno, a region just northeast of Rome. Once again, Emygdius eagerly spread the Word of God



and converted many. Polymius also offered him the hand of his daughter Polisia. Instead Emygdius baptized her as a Christian in the waters of the Tronto, along with many others. In 304, the bishop was swept up in the persecution of Christians carried out by Emperor Diocletian, who, in 309 ordered Emgydius and several of his companions to be beheaded. After Emygdius' martyrdom, his followers attacked Polymius' palace and pulled it down.

Emygdius became particularly venerated in Italy. He is said to offer protection against earthquakes, and people in other areas prone to quakes also turned to him for protection. In 1863, the Vatican approved

a request from Catholics in California to name Emygdius the patron saint of the Los Angeles diocese. The Feast Day of Saint Emygdius is August 5th.



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The Boston Host Lions will be collecting Old / Used - New Eye Glasses at North End Against Drugs' Family Pride Day on Sunday August 6th at Christopher Columbus Park from 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m. Stop by and enjoy a great Family

Fun day and drop off old or unused prescription eyeglasses to the Lions!

If you are unable to stop by on Sunday, you can drop them off on Tuesday,
August 1st at National Night Out at the Paul Revere Mall from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.,
at the North End Against Drugs Table.



by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



All about Nanna. A couple of readers have asked why I don't write more about Nanna.

To satisfy them, this week's column is on her life: My maternal grandmother was born Giovannina Ceruolo in Avellino, Italy in 1886. Her older brother, Antonio, had immigrated to America before the turn of the century and settled in Boston. He did hand carving in plaster and made a good salary. As a result, he sent for his siblings, one by one, traveling first class, not in steerage, the way he sailed to the new world. The last of his sisters was Giovannina, who landed at Ellis Island in New York just after the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Antonio's friend, Michele Contini, (Babbononno) accompanied him to New York to greet the new arrival. She was late arriving at the reception area as she stopped at the gift shop and bought a miniature of the Statue of Liberty. (She would keep her first purchase in America on the night stand, next to her bed for the rest of her life.) When she showed up, she was carrying a large portrait of the saint the ship she sailed on was named after, and a bag with the statue. A porter followed her with her steamer trunk on a dolly. (I still have the saint's picture and the steamer trunk saved.)

Giovannina and Michele hit it off and began to date under the supervision of her brother, Antonio, and his sisters who were already here. They were married in 1905 (I think), at the Mt. Carmel parish in East Boston. They soon adopted American first names, and Michele became Michael and Giovannina, Jenny. (not a translation, but she liked Jenny)

Not long after, Nanna discovered that Babbononno had been married as a young man in Foggia, and while in the Italian marines, widowed, his wife dying in child birth. He had two children (one whom he never saw) who were living with his mother, my great grand-mother, Maria. My grandfather's rationale was that, if he told Nanna about his first wife and his two children, she might not marry him. After chewing her husband out, she gave him the money to bring after Paul and Grace arrived, first of the Contini family born in America. She was followed by Nicola, Antonio and Luigino. Antonio, at the age of three, pulled a pan of boiling water off the kitchen stove, burned himself all over his body, and didn't survive. There was friction in the family and I never got to know Grace. Angelina and her remaining brothers Anglicized their first names and Paolo became Paul; Nicola became Nick and Luigino became Gino to family members and Louis, Louie, or Lou to the outside world.

Babbononno called himself the head of the family, but Nanna was the center of it, like most Italian families of old. Babbononno worked two jobs, furniture making during the day and music at night. (He played guitar and drums.) Nanna worked in Boston's garment industry until my mother was born but couldn't after that.

My uncles learned trades in high school and worked in their respective areas following graduation. Uncle Paul went into the printing business, Uncle Nick into music and Uncle Gino into ship building. Mom worked at East Boston department stores until she married my father and then went on the road with him in the late 30s, when he played for the swing bands of the day.

Around 1920, Babbononno moved the family to Eagle Hill in the northern end of East Boston. He bought the house at 70 Eutaw Street and the family grew up there, Uncle Paul was the first to marry and the top floor of number 70 was made into an apartment for him and his wife, Aunt Eleanor. Uncle Nick married Mom's best friend, Ada Georg-one, and moved to Allston. When Mom and Dad were married, Dad was still on the road with the big bands, but when they were local, they had an apartment in Allston, near Uncle Nick and Aunt Ada. After I was born, they moved in with Nanna and Babbononno.

Uncle Gino was still single at that time and lived at home.

World War II changed everything. Uncle Paul was too old for the service, but Uncle Nick, to avoid the draft, joined the navy. Uncle Gino joined the army air corps right after Pearl Harbor. his kids to America. Not long Dad was going to wait until he received a draft notice and then my mother was born as the join the marines, but that's a

story for another day. After two of her sons were in the service, Nanna worried herself sick. Uncle Nick never left the states, but Uncle Gino fought his way across the Pacific islands, right to Japan. At the beginning of 1942, Nanna had a massive heart attack. As a result, she couldn't handle the house even with Mom's help and so, it was sold. She and Babbononno would spend the next 16 years living in apartments, first on Princeton Street and then on Lexington Street. It took quite a while, but Nanna recouped nicely and things normalized, only at a slower pace.

World War II ended Uncle Nick and Aunt Ada's marriage. Nanna tried to be the peace maker but nothing worked and they were divorced as the war ended. (In 1950, he would marry Dorothy Hanscom and live happily ever after.) On leave in New York, Uncle Gino met a Flamenco dancer and they soon were engaged. Once they were married, he and Filomina Romeo (Ninna Ravel on stage) moved to Boston and Uncle Gino went into sales, working in Boston's liquor industry until retirement many years later

I was the first male child born into the Christoforo/Contini family. Uncle Paul and Aunt Eleanor had two daughters, Uncle Nick never had children with either wife, and Uncle Gino and Aunt Ninna didn't start a family until 1950, at which time I was 12 years old.

Being the first born male in my generation, as I mentioned, I was placed on a pedestal and worshiped. I guess I was spoiled rotten, but I loved it. Babbononno taught me how to make things out of wood using hand tools. He also taught me the rudiments of music which helped me become an accomplished musician years later. In the mean time, Nanna taught me how to shop for food and clothing, and she taught me how to cook all types of Italian dishes, especially those originating in Naples and Avellino. Being illiterate, Nanna didn't know measurements, when she seasoned her foods, it was a pinch of this and a pinch of that, and that's the way I learned. I became proficient at making soups, salads, main dishes, side dishes and all the rest. She even taught me how to bake bread, brew American and Italian coffee, and make cookies.

In 1957, Nanna was diagnosed with breast cancer, she was 71. Treatment in the 1950s was barbaric and the cancer spread to her lungs. She passed away just after her 72nd birthday in 1958 ... to be continued.

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Shrimp Scampi is a dish that's origin is subject to debate. Though many like to believe it originate in Italy, the "Scampi" we have in the states is a bit different. There's a strong possibility that Italian immigrants may have adapted traditional Italian techniques to American ingredients, leading to the creation of the dish we know today as Shrimp Scampi. Scampi, also known as langoustines, are small, lobster-like crustaceans with pale pink shells. In Italy, they are sautéed with olive oil, garlic, onion, and white wine. Italian cooks in the United States likely replaced shrimp for scampi, but kept both names. "Shrimp Scampi" gained significant popularity in the states in the 1950s, and has since become a classic entree found on the menus of many noteworthy Italian-American restaurants.

As with most Italian recipes, there are several variations of "Shrimp Scampi" with most including a combination of olive oil, butter, lemon, white wine and parsley. This recipe uses those exact ingredients along with the addition of a small amount of chicken broth that can easily be omitted if preferred. The ingredients may be simple, but the quality of the dish is completely dependent on the quality of the ingredients used. In New England, shrimp are abundant throughout the summer which makes this the perfect time to enjoy "Shrimp Scampi" with family and friends!

#### SHRIMP SCAMPI



1 pound linguine 6 tablespoons butter 6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil 3 cloves garlic, minced Pinch red pepper flakes, (more if desired) 1½ pounds shrimp, peeled, deveined, tails left on Salt and freshly ground black pepper 1 cup dry white wine ½ cup chicken broth Juice from 1 extra-large lemon 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

For the pasta, put a large stock pot of water on the stove and allow it to boil. Add a couple of tablespoons of salt and the linguini. Cook until al dente, set aside.

At the same time, in a large skillet over medium-low heat, melt the butter and then add the olive oil and minced garlic, cook until the garlic softens slightly. Season the shrimp with salt and pepper; add them to the pan and cook until they have turned pink, about 2 to 3 minutes. Remove the shrimp from the pan; set aside and keep warm. Add the wine, lemon juice and chicken broth and bring to a boil. Return the shrimp to the pan along with the parsley and cooked pasta. Stir well and season with salt, pepper and red pepper flakes. Toss together and serve immediate

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# THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT



with Daniel A. DiCenso

#### Where to Next?

So here is forty and a good amount of my travel goals have been realized and then some. First and foremost I got to visit my family's homeland, having toured Italy in 2005 and then eleven years later. I have visited my mother's country of birth, Panama, three times between 1986 (my first flight) and 2014. I feel fortunate to have had the chance to visit Cuba in 2013. I have since visited various countries in Latin America, Europe, and between 2009-2010 fulfilled a lifelong dream and experienced two African safaris in Kenya and Tanzania.

As expected, some of the most breathtaking trips I took were in the national parks of my own country, my favorite still being Yosemite.

At forty I am asking where to next? Well, the next year is well planned out but at some point, I have to fit in Australia, a country I have dreamed of visiting since childhood. The very aspects that draw me to it, its remoteness from my homeland and the amount of time needed to traverse the land, however, are what have delayed my visit. But it will come.

Asia is another continent that I have not yet made it to and three of her countries have been calling me for many years. Japan, India and parts of China have a pull on me.

Finally, I hope to someday see Antarctica. Its isolation, largely undisturbed biodiversity and mysteries allure me.

With the continent I've visited I am by no means done. In Latin America I still have Brazil and Argentina as my top contenders. When I return to Africa I would love to see the southern half of the continent, specifically South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe. In Europe I have yet to see France, the Netherlands and the beaches of Greece.

Arriving at my fortieth year my travel bug has never been stronger. It has reminded me of how many parts of the world are still on my bucket list at what I am treating as the divisor point in my life. The world is big and I have time, if I make an effort to find it. For now, I consider myself privileged to have seen what I have seen thus far and eager for new discoveries.

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

the president were indeed given special treatment. Parts of their testimony have been backed by an FBI agent on the case."

#### NY Post Editorial Board Baby Found in Doggy Bag

A stray dog was found carrying an abandoned baby girl who had been thrown into a garbage bag left outside a municipal building in Lebanon. Last week, a passerby heard the sound of a baby crying coming from a trash bag, which was being held in a dog's mouth and sprang into action taking it to a nearby hospital before the baby was transferred to a Tripoli Government Hospital.

#### Third Party Possible in '24?

Centrist political organization No Labels held its convention in New Hampshire last week to unveil their "Common Sense" platform. The group has teased a possible third party race if it comes down to another Trump-Biden faceoff. According to news reports, No Labels could be an alternative to another "lesser of two evils" ballot.

Many are reporting that West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin who spoke up at the NH summit calling himself "the most independent Democrat you ever met "could be the No Labels candidate next year.

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## Plant Now for a Bountiful Fall Harvest

by Melinda Myers

Boost your fall garden harvest with some midsummer plantings. Fill vacant spaces left in the vegetable garden after harvesting lettuce, spinach, and other early maturing crops. Expand your edible plantings to other vacant spots in flowerbeds, mixed borders, and containers.

Sow seeds of beans, cucumbers, carrots, beets, and other vegetables that will have time to reach maturity before the end of your growing season. Simply count the number of days from planting to the average first fall frost in your area. You'll find frost dates for your location on the internet, extension publications and other gardening resources. Next, check the back of the seed packet for the number of days needed from planting until harvest. As long as you have enough time for the seeds to sprout, grow and produce before the first frost, they can be added to the garden.

Some plants like collards, kale and broccoli tolerate, and even taste better, after a light freeze. This makes them great choices for a fall-harvested garden. Some garden centers sell transplants of these and other vegetables suitable for summer planting. Check the plant tags for the number of days needed for transplants to grow and start producing.

Extend the harvest season by providing frost protection in the fall. *Cold frames* and cloches that act like mini greenhouses for individual plants protect the plants from frost. Vent them on warm sunny days and close the lids when frost is in the forecast.

Use floating row cover fabrics for an even lower maintenance option. They are designed to let air, light, and water through to the plants while protecting



Floating row cover fabrics are a lower maintenance option, protecting plants from frost while letting air, light, and water through.

(Photo courtesy of www.MelindaMyers.com)

them from frost. You will find row covers available in various weights that provide different levels of cold weather protection. Select the one best suited to your climate and the vegetables you are growing.

Loosely cover the plants with the fabric and anchor the edges with stones, boards, or landscape pins. Just lift the row cover to harvest, recover, and leave it in place until the harvest is complete, or the temperatures drop below what the row cover and plants can handle.

Wait for the soil to cool before planting lettuce, spinach, and other vegetable seeds that require cooler temperatures to germinate. Increase germination success by planting the seeds as directed, watering them in, and covering the row with a wooden lath to keep the soil cooler. Remove the lath as soon as the seeds sprout. Or start the plants indoors and move them into the garden as

transplants. Then help keep the soil cool throughout the remainder of summer by mulching with leaves, evergreen needles, or other organic mulch.

Increase the health and productivity of your second planting by preparing the soil before planting seeds and transplants. Mix an inch of quality compost into the top six inches of soil or fertilize with organically rich low-nitrogen fertilizer.

Once your seeds and transplants are in the ground, be sure to water them properly. Keep the seedbed and roots of transplants moist for the first few weeks. Gradually reduce the watering frequency as seedlings sprout and grow, and transplants become established. Most plants need about an inch of water each week. Water thoroughly whenever the top

few inches of soil are crumbly and slightly moist. Adjust your watering schedule based on your weekly rainfall, soil type, and air temperatures.

Harvest vegetables when they are at their peak of ripeness and early in the morning after the dew dries whenever possible. Regular picking avoids waste and results in a bigger harvest of flavorful and nutritious vegetables to enjoy throughout the fall.

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

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presidents, senators, congressmen, governors, and other officials praised the work of the newspaper in times of war and peace. The newspaper had to fight vigorously against all forms of discrimination in employment and immigration laws, yet on the issue of loyalty and patriotism, there was never any question.

The Italian immigrants, after a long period of confusion which was often bewildering, accepted in full the American concept of school, church and state and have become an integral part of this democratic society, bringing to it all the qualities the Italians have always possessed as builders, dreamers, organizers, fighters, artists, inspired teachers and defenders of both Italian and American ideals.

Throughout the U.S., especially in Boston where freedom began over 240 years ago, *LA GAZZETTA* or the *POST-GAZETTE* has played a vital part in history.

Today, the University of Minnesota and the University of Florence in Italy have compiled all of our issues from the first to the current publication on micro-film for future generations, thereby recognizing the *POST-GAZETTE*'s historical contribution to this country and the contribution of our unique culture to the people on these shores. We continue to bring to our readers the incredible stories of Americans from coast-to-coast who are the "Builders of America." We salute these great men and women who have made a tremendous contribution to our country and heritage.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after August 12, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2005 MERCEDES BENZ C-CLASS VIN # WDBRF81J95F582906

2017 VICTORY OCTANE
VIN # 5VPFTB003H3000602
2008 DODGE CALIBER

VIN # 1B3HB48B68D753452 2008 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE VIN # 1J8GR48K28C246164

Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 07/28, 08/04, 08/11/2023

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Suffolk Division

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

Docket No. SU23P1459EA Estate of

ANNE HOLLYDAY FLAHERTY
Also Known As
ANNE H. FLAHERTY; HOLLY FLAHERTY
Date of Death: March 19, 2023
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Melissa M. Fricke as Senior Vice President of Wilmington Trust, N.A. of Stuart, FL, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Melissa M. Fricke as Senior Vice President of Wilmington Trust, N.A. of Stuart, FL has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 07/28/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** 

**Essex Probate and Family Court** 36 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970 (978) 744-1020

Docket No. ES23A0352AD **CITATION** G. L. c. 210, § 6 In the matter of

JAMES GORDON HENKLE-MOTA To Jason Chaves Mota of Medford, MA any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

280 Merrimac Street, 2nd Fl., Lawrence, MA A petition has been presented to said court by Noel Evon Napolitano of Andover, MA. Michael Ranaldo Napolitano, III of Andover, MA requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to **James** 

If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

Gordon Henkle.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO. YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

Witness, HON. FRANCES M. GIORDANO, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 05, 2023

Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate Run dates: 07/14, 07/21, 07/28/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given by O'Shea's Towing Service, 15 Speedway Avenue, Allston, MA, pursuant to the provisions of MA G.L. c. 255. Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicle on or after July 29, 2023 beginning at 10:00 am by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage. and notices of sale. Vehicle is being stored at O'Shea's Towing Service.

2003 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 VIN # 1GCFK19T93F353282

> 2021 HONDA CRF125 VIN # LALJE0372M3301975

Signed Brendan O'Shea, Owner Run dates: 07/14, 07/21, 07/28/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given by Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255. Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after August 05, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2010 KIA FORTE VIN # KNAFW4A30A5140351 2014 CHEVROLET VOLT VIN # 1G1RE6E41EU139005

1997 FORD RANGER VIN # 1FTCR10A2VTA56903

Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed by appointment only.

> Signed Todisco Services, Inc. Run dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04/2023

## **EXTRA** Innings

by Sal Giarratani



#### Happy Birthday Greetings

Baseball Hall of Famer Joe Torre recently turned 83 on July 18th.

#### Portland Sea Dogs Go National with Rich Lowry

I always read Rich Lowry's conservative newspaper commentaries. He reminds me a lot of Patrick Buchanan in his younger days. Buchanan still writes occasionally and I still enjoy reading him too. Both speak truth to power.

Recently, Lowry told his readers he was on some summer vacation time up in Maine and took in a Portland Sea Dogs game against the Rumble Ponies and went home quite happy. After reading his piece, I have this urge to see the Sea Dogs play in Hadlock Field, one the best minor league parks anywhere. Starting with ticket prices on down, the price is always right.

As Lowry noted, you get to feel again how baseball everywhere once felt before. Say back in the '60s as a kid, the tickets were still under a dollar for a bleacher seat at Fenway, and where you could actually talk with players without having to purchase an autograph, which I would never ever do.

Lowry even mentioned the title of a book on the minor leagues titled Where Nobody Knows Your Name. Nobody who loves watching minor league games gives a hoot about players' names. They go to these games just to have lots of fun with family and friends. Going to Fenway Park isn't that much fun anymore, especially with prices and all the traffic, too.

It's nice to know that Lowry doesn't just eat, sleep, and drink politics. I also noticed he didn't give even a little hint to his favorite team either. I betcha, he has one, but he keeps it to himself.

#### The Run for Last

This is what the baseball rivalry between the Yankees and Red Sox this season has come to be. Both teams are currently fighting to finish next to last. Neither of these teams wants to end up in the wine cellar of the AL East. The last time they both were in this kind of race before, it was 1966. That year they both fought hard to avoid a cellar not stellar finish. I was18 years old watching the Sox do what they always did back in those days, which was STINK.

In the end, we finished ninth out of ten in the AL standings. BY A HALF-GAME. The Yankees fought hard for that cellar position. That was a race I was glad we lost.

This year, it is brutal watching the standings. Neither the Yanks nor Sox seem to be able to break away from this race. It could be a photo-finish again like '66.

#### Mets Thought They Had it in the Palm of Their Hands

When the NY Mets lost Jacob deGrom, they really thought getting Justin Verlander and putting him in the Mets' rotation with Max Scherzer would be smooth sailing at this point in the season. After all, what these two future Hall of Famers could bring to the 2023 World Series, until reality set in. While both these pitchers are headed for Cooperstown, but not by this year's pitching stats. Remember the movie GONE WITH THE WIND? That's where the Mets sit right now in the NL East.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Edmond A Prawl Jr. to Brother United, Inc. dated October 27, 2014 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 53634 Page 182, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction at Eleven o'clock (11:00) A.M. on the Twenty Ninth (29th) day of August, 2023 at 38 Cedar Street, Unit 38-1, Roxbury, MA, Suffolk County, Massachusetts 02119. The premises to be sold are more particularly described as follows:

WITH QUITCLAIM COVENANTS, Unit 38-1 of the Cedar Street Condominium, Roxbury, Suffolk CountyMassachusetts, a Condominium established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183 A by Master Deed dated October 22, 1986 and recorded with Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Suffolk District of Deeds, Book 13143, Page 261, which Unit is shown on the Floor Plans of the Building, including areas of co-exclusive use as designated and boilers, hot water heaters and plumbing/heating lines appurtenant thereto, such plans filed simultaneously with said Master Deed in Suffolk District Deeds and on the copy of the portion of said plans attached to the first unit deed and made a part hereof to which is affixed the verified statement of a registered architect in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A.

Said Unit is conveyed together with:

- 1. All undivided 4.12% interest in the common areas and facilities or facilities of the Property described in said Master Deed attributable to the Unit.
- 2. An easement for the continuance of all encroachments by the Unit 011 any adjoining units or Common Elements existing as a result of construction of the building, or which may come into existence hereafter as a result of settling or shifting of the building, or as a result of repair or restoration of the Building or of the Unit, after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty after taking on condemnation or eminent domain proceedings, or by reason of an alteration or repair to the Common Elements made by or with the consent of the Trustees; and

Said Unit is conveyed subject to:

- 1. An easement in favor of Historic Boston, Inc. to ensure the preservation of the historically significant characteristics of the Building by means of a preservation restrictions as such term is described in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 184, Sections 31 and 32 recorded in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds at Book 12081, Page 047.
- 2. Easements in favor of the adjoining units in favor of the Common Elements for the continuances of all encroachments of such adjoining units or Common Elements on the Unit now existing as a result of construction of the Building, or which may come into existence hereafter as a result of repair or restoration of the Building or any adjoining unit or of the Common Elements after damage or destruction by fire or other casualty, or after taking in condemnation or eminent domain proceedings, or by reason of an alteration or repair to the Common Elements made by or with the consent of the Trustee
- 3. An easement in favor of the other units to use the pipes wires, ducts, flues, conduits, cables, public utility lines and other Common Elements located in the Unit or elsewhere on the property and service
- 4. The provisions of the Master Deed, Bylaws, and Floor Plans of the Condominium recorded simultaneously with and as part of the Master Deed, as the same may be amended from time to time by instrument recorded in the Suffolk District Registry of Deeds, all rules and regulations as adopted thereunder shall constitute covenants running with the land and shall bind any person having at any time any interest or estate in the Unit, his family, servants, and visitors as though such provisions were recited and stipulated length herein; and

The Unit is intended only for residential purposes. No use may be made of the Unit except as a residence of the Owner thereof or his permitted lessees and the members of the immediate families, and no portion or all thereof may be used as a professional office whether or not accessory to the residential use.

For Grantor's title see Deed recorded with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds in Book 49770, Page 234.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

Terms of sale: A deposit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to the Law Offices of Kenneth B. Phillips, 12 Walnut St., Suite 21, Natick, Massachusetts 01760 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale,

Brother United, Inc. Present Holder of the Mortgage.

By its attorneys Kenneth B. Phillips, Esq. Law Offices of Kenneth B. Phillips 12 Walnut Street, Suite 21 Natick, MA 01760

Run dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given by Stanley Service, Inc. 3430 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain. MA. pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after August 5, 2023 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

2016 JEEP CHEROKEE VIN # 1C4PJMCB6GW272169

2013 CHEVROLET EQUINOX VIN # 2GNFLCEK0D6178704

2013 FORD ESCAPE VIN # 1FMCU9GX0DUB16978

2021 HONDA CIVIC VIN # 2HGFC1F35MH702066

2018 ARCTIC CAT VIN # 4UF18ATVXJT202721

Vehicles are being stored at Stanley Service, Inc., and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed Stanley Service, Inc., Owner Run dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04/2023

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court **Suffolk Division** 

**Suffolk Probate and Family Court** 24 New Chardon Street Roston MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

> Docket No. SU23P1537EA Estate of DAVID L. WATSON

Date of Death: May 08, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Martha E. Watson of Roslindale, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

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

Run date: 07/28/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Division

Middlesex Probate and Family Court - North **Lowell Justice Center** 370 Jackson Street, 5th Floor Lowell, MA 01852 (978) 656-7700

> Docket No. MI23P3744EA Estate of

JOHN D. CHURCHILL Date of Death: June 08, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE

**PUBLICATION NOTICE** To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Mark A. Churchill of Lowell, MA, Petitioner Carol A. O'Donoghue of Reading, MA, a Will has been

admitted to informal probate.

Mark A. Churchill of Lowell, MA, Carol A. O'Donoghue of Reading, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 07/28/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc., 2 Emery Road, Allston, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after August 5, 2023 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

> 2010 BMW 328 VIN # WBAPK7C54AA460960 2010 HONDA CR-V VIN # 5J6RE3H3XAL039603 2015 BUICK VERANO

VIN # 1G4PR5SK2F4149961 2008 FORD EDGE VIN # 2FMDK49C98BA92800

2014 FORD FUSION VIN # 3FA6P0H72ER189156 Vehicles are being stored at

D & G Towing and Auto Repair Services, Inc. and may be viewed by appointment only. Signed D & G Towing

Run dates: 07/21, 07/28, 08/04/2023

#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

**Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Division

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23P2662EA

> Estate of JAMES D. BARRY, JR. Also Known As JAMES D. BARRY

Date of Death: April 15, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Jean M. Barry of Somerville, MA.

Jean M. Barry of Somerville, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 07/28/2023

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services**, **Inc.**, **of 171 Boston Street**, Salem, MA pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after July 29, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2003 FORD FOCUS VIN # 3FAFP373X3R159397

1987 CHEVROLET P-SERIES VIN # 1GBKP37W6H3308451 **2011 INFINITI G37** 

VIN # JN1CV6AR9BM408266 2015 FORD EXPLORER VIN # 1FM5K8D86FGB45019

**2014 TAOTAO ATM50-A** VIN # L9NTEACB4E1179230

2006 SUBARU OUTBACK VIN # 4S4BP86C664312907 Vehicles are being stored at multiple Todisco Services, Inc. locations, and may be viewed

by appointment only.

Signed Todisco Services. Inc.

Run dates: 07/14, 07/21, 07/28/2023



### When Boxers Were Role Models for Kids And Boxing Was a Way of Teaching Life's Lessons



Jack Dempsey gives some pointers on the speed bag

Looking at many of today's so-called boxers and their aberrant behavior, it's hard to believe there was ever a time when children would look to professional boxers as role models. Now I'm not saying these men from previous generations were angels, and many came from some pretty tough beginnings, but just about all of them knew they had a responsibility to act in a decent and appropriate manner in public.

As with most athletes from an earlier time, they understood they had a strong influence on young people and did their best to put forth an image to be emulated.

For decades it was a part of growing up for boys to put on a pair of boxing gloves and be taught a few of the basics. The instruction usually came from the fathers. Most would never go beyond a little sparring in the backyard, but they were taught some important rules about life while learning to throw a little leather.

First off, they were taught some fundamental rules of self-defense. This usually consisted of learning the proper stance from which to throw punches and move the feet while employing a good defense. The punches that were taught were usually the basic one/two, or one/two/three: left jab, right cross, and left jab or hook to finish.



Looks like this young man has the right to call himself the greatest

the art



Jersey Joe Walcott passing Joe Louis teaching his son on some wisdom to a future champ



Max Schmeling with a couple of admirers

For southpaws it would start with the right jab. The more important lessons came after getting these basics down. Those were that with these learned skills also came responsibility. You were never to start a fight. Never hit a man when he was down. Always fight fair. And never hold a grudge. All of these rules could, and should have, been applied to life as well.

This all sounds so reasonable, yet I fear much of it is now forgotten. We now live in a time where, when boys behave like boys they are likely to be singled out for having an emotional disorder. The whole gender identity madness is infecting our culture, while parents today have to fight to have a say in their own children's upbringing.

I hope and pray sanity returns at some point. In the meantime, protect yourself at all times, in the ring and out. And remember, when it comes to role models, there is no substitute for parents.



Battling Siki with a couple of young lads in



Ted Kid Lewis facing a tough challenger

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB by Richard Preiss

BARRASSO MAKES HALL OF FAME — The uniform was black and gold but the B on the jersey was not a spoked letter — and it was preceded by an A of the same dimensions. And the numerals adorning the uniform were a big 3-0 — as in 30.

Welcome to the high school world of TB30, no relation to the other TB, the one with the number 12 on his uniform who threw all those footballs for all those years down in Foxborough.

No, the one we are talking about is Tom Barrasso who some 40 years ago was all the rage in this area as one of the best high school goaltenders to ever patrol a crease in the Commonwealth.

And now, some four decades later - after leaving Acton-Boxborough Regional High School and commencing a lengthy NHL career — the star that once dazzled is about to receive a long overdue honor — induction into the Hockey Hall of Fame up in Toronto in November.

When Tom Barrasso came upon the scene in high school the hockey landscape was different. Elite players in Massachusetts overwhelmingly played for their high school teams, not opting as many top players now do, to forego high school hockey in favor of junior teams or national development programs.

Every February at the Beanpot Tournament we scan the rosters of the four participating schools - BU, BC, Northeastern and Harvard. Whereas in earlier times most players had previously played on their high school teams, it is different now. True, all the players are high school graduates but the vast majority didn't play for those schools. Rather, they chose to play junior hockey with an increasing number having also gained experience under the auspices of a national development program.

That is the contemporary path for many elite players. But just like them, Tom Barrasso also was a product of his time and place in a different era. Born in Boston and raised in Stow, he played all four years at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School - from the fall of 1979 straight through to the early spring of 1983.

And while he was there he put up some amazing numbers. Over the course of a 23-game schedule in 1981-1982 he posted seven shutouts. For an encore during his senior year (1982-1983) he led the Colonials to an undefeated season (22-0-1) while registering 10 shutouts and posting an eye popping 0.99 goals against average.

He was on the fast track — zooming right on up to the National Hockey League as quickly as the schedule of events permitted. And thus it was when the powers that be convened in the historic Montreal Forum on June 8, 1983, one Thomas Patrick Barrasso was selected in the first round (fifth overall) by the Buffalo Sabres. And it just so happened that his selection came four notches higher than another who went on to some renown in these parts - Cameron Michael Neely - a prospect chosen ninth overall by Vancouver.

Four months later on October 5, 1983, Barrasso debuted in nets for the Sabres against the Hartford Whalers in the Buffalo Auditorium, thus becoming the only player to go directly from high school to the National Hockey League.

Barrasso won the opening night encounter, the Sabres posting a 5-3 victory. It was the first win of his career, one that would eventually end with 369 victories across 777 regular season games played. He also won 61 career playoff games.

The night was replete with history. In addition to being the only goaltender ever to come directly from high school to the NH, he also was youngest netminder in four decades to play and win in his first NHL start. Way back during the 1943-1944 season Harry Lumley (who would later finish his NHL career with the Bruins) was younger (17) when he played in just one game for the Rangers at age 17 — during World War II when there was a shortage of goalies.

But Barrasso was not a one night wonder in his first campaign. All he did was proceed to win the Calder Trophy as the NHL's top rookie for the 1983-1984 year as well as the Vezina Trophy — awarded to the league's top goaltender in the regular season — after compiling a fine 26-12-3 record.

Imagine that. By age 19 (his birthday is March 31) he not only had played one complete season in the NHL but had won the award that is emblematic of being the top goalie in the league for the entire season. His stats included 2.84 goals against average and .894 save percentage

Barrasso is the youngest goaltender to have won either award and is one of only three players to have received both trophies in the same season. The others were Tony Esposito in 1969-1970 and Ed Balfour in 1990-1991 — both while playing for Chicago.

Sometimes second seasons do not go as well as the initial ones. But Barrasso was even more impressive in the 1984 – 1985 campaign with a 2.66 goals against average. He and fellow Sabres goalie Ed Sauvé partnered to win the Williams Jennings Trophy, having allowed only 237 goals between them across the regular season.

This year Bruins netminders Linus Ullmark and Jeremy Swayman were presented with the award. The pair allowed only 177 goals during the Bruins record setting regular season.

For Barrasso, the seasons continued and eventually he was traded to Pittsburgh and TB30 became uniform number 35. Yes, he was the goalie on that Pens team during the 1992 Stanley Cup Playoffs that swept the B's in the conference finals, denying them a berth in the Stanley Cup Final — a result that led to the dismissal of first year Bruins head coach Rick Bowness. Having won the Cup in 1991, the Pens went on to repeat as victors in 1992 with Barrasso in the nets both years.

Although Barrasso would continue with the Pens until the start of the 21st century, those two consecutive Stanley Cup titles were the pinnacle of his 18-year career that will culminate with enshrinement into the Hockey Hall of Fame in November.