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## Celebrating Our Anniversary!



James V. Donnaruma - Founder  
Publisher - 1896 to 1953



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Publisher - 1953 to 1971



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Publisher - 1971 to 1990



Pamela C. Donnaruma  
Publisher - 1990 to Present

*As we celebrate our anniversary,  
we would like to thank our advertisers and  
subscribers for their loyalty throughout the years.  
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## 127 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 loy-

ally 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

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## Keep Columbus Day A State Holiday

### Anti-Columbus Day Bill Advancing

### Friends of our 25 Italian American Organizations to Save Columbus!

***We have been emailing the Speakers Office and making an impact!***

The Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight has voted favorably on both H.3191 and S.2027 and the bills are now out to the House Steering, Policy and Scheduling Committee and Senate Rules Committee.

***If passed by the legislature, these bills would eliminate Columbus Day as a state holiday and replace it with Indigenous Peoples Day.***

These committees must schedule the bill for a vote by a full session of the legislature by the deadline of July 31st. (THIS IS THE LAST WEEK!)

***If this bill is not supported by Speaker Mariano then this bill will not be scheduled for a vote and will die for this session.***

Many of us have already emailed Speaker Mariano these past months asking he not support this bill.

Even if you've already done so, WE ARE ASKING YOU AGAIN: PLEASE EMAIL SPEAKER MARIANO!

Here is the Speaker's office phone number: **(617) 722-2500**

Here is the Speaker's email: **Ronald.Mariano@mahouse.gov**

**Here is our suggested sample email:**

**Subject: H3191/S2027 An Act establishing an Indigenous Peoples Day**

***We are one unified voice!***

***Thank you,  
Tom Damigella Chair  
Save Columbus Committee of  
the IAA***



*Mr. Speaker,*

I am writing to you regarding the pending bill to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day as a State Holiday.

I believe Italian-Americans should be recognized and respected by not taking Columbus Day away from them as a State Holiday. No other group is expected to have their day merged with another group's. It is disrespectful both to Italian Americans as well as the Native American communities. It is not only important to Italian Americans, but has also been a proud part of America history and tradition.

There has been much misinformation circulating in the past few decades regarding the history of Christopher Columbus, and in a misguided effort to be inclusive and sensitive to all cultures, this bill produces the opposite effect - it foments exclusion and resentment, especially among Italian-Americans, who have struggled for decades to be accepted into the American national life.

I urge you to not support this Bill and keep Columbus Day as is. I also suggest that the day after Thanksgiving be recognized as Native American Heritage Day and that the entire month of November be Native American Heritage Month as already declared by proclamation by the Federal Government. Both groups deserve to preserve and protect their cultural heritage and it isn't fair to take away one people's holiday and replace it with another, especially when there are other available days appropriate for celebration.

Sincerely,

*Please email us with any questions  
you may have regarding this process*

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### ***You Need Lotsa Bread to Buy Bread Today***

Even bread is costing more, the price of artisanal and other premium breads have hit ten bucks a loaf. Add this to other consumer hikes like a quart-size plastic bottle of brand name soft drinks (now around \$2.65 each) and you wonder how ordinary folks with children can keep up with the soaring prices.

The consumer price index data released for last month showed the extent of the price surge. Vincent Colombet, owner of the Chicago-based bakery chain, told Bloomberg that he had to jack up bread prices by 10 percent to account for higher expenses. As Colombet added, "Can you pay \$20 for a loaf of bread? No. We are really squished between the hammer and the anvil."

### ***Biden Tells Nancy, Skip Taiwan***

The Biden White House was urging Speaker Nancy Pelosi to rethink traveling to Taiwan since Biden will be speaking with President Xi Jinping.

### ***Medical Students Walk Out on Speaker at Podium***

The news out of Michigan: Recently, just as a white coat assembly was being held at the University of


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# Stirpe Nostra

by Prof. Edmund Turiello

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



PIUS TIBERIUS

Tiberius Claudius Nero Caesar, second emperor of Rome, was the third of the twelve Caesars and was also the third member of the Julio-Claudian line. He was born on the Palentine Hill on November 16, 42 B.C., the son of Tiberius Claudius Nero and Livia. His mother Livia later married Augustus. His father died when Tiberius was only nine years old and at that young age he eulogized his dead parent from the rostrum in the Forum. While in his early teens, he and Marcellus accompanied the chariot of Augustus in the triumph at Actium (the defeat of Marc Antony and Cleopatra).

At a later age, Tiberius married Agrippina, the daughter of Marcus Agrippa, the army general, statesman and builder of the Pantheon. They lived happily for a few years, but he was forced to divorce her and to contract a hurried marriage to Julia, the daughter of Augustus, an act he regretted for the rest of his life. His marriage to Julia soon cooled to the point where he ceased to live with her.

His first military service was as a tribune of the soldiers (commander) wherein he led a campaign against Armenia and Parthia, and was responsible for resettling forty thousand prisoners of war into new homes along the Rhine. He returned to Rome riding in a chariot, honored with the Triumphal Regalia, a new kind of distinction never before conferred upon anyone. His popularity mounted and in time he held the offices of quaestor



Statue of Tiberius from Priverno, made shortly after 37 AD, now in the Museo Chiaramonti of the Vatican Museums

(public prosecutor), praetor (chief magistrate), and consul (one of the two highest magistrates).

During the height of his success, Tiberius withdrew from political life, asking for leave of absence because of weariness of office and a desire to rest. He made a hasty departure from Rome and settled in Rhodes for about seven years. He returned to Rome and took up residence on the Esqualine Hill where he attended mostly to his personal affairs and exercised no public functions. Claudius was adopted by Augustus along with

Marcus Agrippa. The practice of adopting adults was not uncommon in Rome during imperial times.

During a revolt and ensuing three-year war with Illyricum, Claudius was given command of fifteen legions plus an equal number of reserve forces. His perseverance was amply rewarded by a complete victory over this territory which now makes up a part of Yugoslavia. The victory took on more importance because of a simultaneous defeat of three Roman legions in Germany. Thus, through Claudius the day was saved for Rome in this area. Because of this success, a "Triumph" or great victory parade was held in honor of Tiberius. He was offered the surname of Pannonicus, Invictus, or Pius. It is interesting to note that this all took place in the year 9 A.D. and the name Pius in Latin means conscientious, godly, holy, motherly, brotherly, sisterly, good, sacred or patriotic. I'm not complaining, just explaining.

NEXT WEEK:  
Tiberius the Plunderer

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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 go-between 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 127 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 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.




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- Councilor Flaherty

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OUR POLICY: To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: In all ways to aid in making this country greater and better than we found it.

In Loving Memory of  
Gabriel Robert "Bob" Caggiano  
August 2, 2016 - August 2, 2022



My Dearest Bob

On that sad day that you left me  
A part of me died too  
Each moment of every day,  
You can be sure I'm missing you...  
My heart is sincerely broken,  
I've lost "My Soulmate," "My Best Friend"...  
The one and only person,  
On whom I could depend....  
I look back on our happy times,  
Visit places we used to go....  
In my mind I see your smiling face,  
And the tears just start to flow...  
Walk beside me "Always,"  
Hear me when I call your name...  
I'll watch for little signs from you,  
And always love you just the same...  
One day we'll be reunited,  
Never again will we have to part...  
For now you're "My Angel in Heaven"  
And remain always in my heart...

Your devoted and loving wife  
Winetta

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The Post-Gazette invites its readers to submit Letters to the Editor

- Letters should be typed, double-spaced and must include the writer's name, address, and telephone number. Anonymous letters are not accepted for publication.
- Due to space considerations, we request that letters not exceed two double-spaced, type-written pages.
- This newspaper reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and taste and to limit the number of letters published from any one person or organization.
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Send letter to: Pamela Donnaruma, Editor,  
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DONNE 2000  
Pilgrimage Tour to Fatima, Burgos, and Lourdes

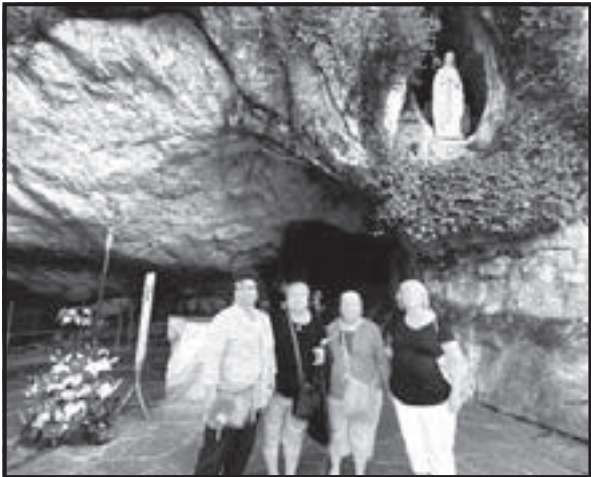
by Doreen Giammarco



Donne 2000 members and friends

Donne 2000 members and friends traveled to Europe for a memorable pilgrimage tour organized by Collette Tours. This pilgrimage was an incredible journey of faith and spiritual growth and renewal. The tour started in the beautiful city of Fatima, Portugal. While in Fatima we visited the Sanctuary of our Lady of Fatima, the Chapel of the Apparitions, the Parish Church of Fatima and the homes and grave sites of the three children, Francisco, Lucia, and Jacinta, whom Our Lady appeared to. It was a very moving experience to say the rosary, attend mass, and participate in a candlelight procession on the same holy grounds on which Our Lady appeared.

On our way to Lourdes, we took a bus to Burgos, Spain. Here we attended mass at a 12<sup>th</sup> century monastery of Santa Maria Real



The Grotto at the Sanctuary of Lourdes



Sanctuary of our Lady of Fatima

de las Huelgas. We visited the Cathedral of Burgos which is the third largest cathedral in Spain, a masterpiece of Spanish Gothic architecture and a UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage Site. We also experienced a scenic bus ride through the Pyrenees Mountains, which is where the Camino de Santiago di Compostela, The Way of St. James, takes place. This is a network of Pilgrimages leading up to the shrine of the apostle St. James the Great in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, where tradition holds that the remains of the apostle are buried.

In the beautiful city of Lourdes France, we enjoyed a walking tour of the birthplace and parish Church where St. Bernadette was baptized. At the Sanctuary we attended mass and prayed the rosary in the beautiful and peaceful Grotto where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette. At night we participated in a moving candlelight procession in honor of our Lady of Lourdes. Crowds of pilgrims travel from all around the world to experience the beauty and peacefulness of this sacred place. Many people who are sick come to receive the miraculous water that flows from the Grotto through the fountains. Others come to strengthen their faith and spiritual growth.



Monastery of Santa Maria Real de las Huelgas

Finally, our last stop was the spectacular city of Barcelona. We toured La Sagrada Familia, the renowned, elaborate, and expansive basilica designed by Antonio Gaudi. Gaudi dedicated his life to designing this basilica. Construction of this masterpiece is ongoing. Once completed, Gaudi's masterpiece will have 18 towers, 12 dedicated to the apostles four to the evangelists, one to Jesus and the other to Mary. We attended mass in the Crypt where Gaudi is buried. We also experienced more of the city's treasures such as Gaudi's Mila House (UNESCO) and the Christopher Columbus Monument.

Our pilgrimage tour ended with a delicious farewell dinner in Barcelona with many memories of spectacular lands, each with their own diverse, rich cultural heritage and a renewed sense of our faith and spiritual growth.

2000 is a non-profit organization that keeps traditions alive from generation to generation through ethnic and cultural events.



# L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

## Lammas and the Hope of Harvest

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-to-school 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 home-made 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 hay baking under the sun in the fields that dotted the Italian countryside. After all, late summer in Italy means *la mietitura*, or haying, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 very name Lammas harkens 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 holidays like Lammas or harvest 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.

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 hay 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.*

# THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



## This Liberal World Order is Killing Us

I get so tired of liberals out there talking about our transitioning into some kind of liberal world order. Transitioning from what and to what? As soon as Biden took office, he set his eyes on Big Oil not even waiting one day to put the screws to our energy independence. All it took was a mere 24 hours and we got just what he was promising. He’d said he’d do it and he did it without batting an eye.

The war on fossil fuel was just the beginning since fossil fuel fuels our economy. Here we are near the half-timer show and the Democrats keep pushing us into a deeper hole. We recently saw Biden fist-bump a crown prince for fossil fuel.

Been to the store lately? Try shopping without your eyes popping out of your head. If you want a bottle of Coca Cola or Pepsi, get ready to fork over about \$2.65 per liter. Remember when these items went for 99 cents not that long ago? Those days are gone forever. Gasoline at the pumps has dropped somewhat but still far too expensive and we know if the Dems win in November, gas hikes will return in a flash.

Democrats are running for their political lives away from all things Biden. They know he could be rat poison for them in the mid-terms. This year the November elections should sweep out that Democrat gang but I have seen Republicans snatch defeat from victory all too often.

Latest news, the Dems are pushing those January 6<sup>th</sup> hearings because what else do they have to run on? As far as COVID, they won’t give up that panic porn either. Everything is now just called an emergency and the Dems in the House and Senate sit by idly and demand Biden do his Executive Order.

Oh, and now with the Democrats pushing the White House to declare a climate change emergency. We have been going through a massive heat wave like New England hasn’t seen in a while. The Democrats tell us this is the biggest and most dangerous heat wave ever. Next time it might just set fire to our entire planet. Crazy stuff pushed by crazy people. Look at the characters. We have John Kerry the Climate Czar riding around in his very large fossil- fueled private jet. We have Al Gore. Remember him? Thirty years ago, he said the planet would be destroyed in 50 years. Ask him today, the end is no nearer, still 50 years

away. Listen to Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, her timetable is now 12 years away. But last I heard, either they’re all buying electric cars none of us can afford or they’re flying around in fossil-fueled jets or they do some other stupid thing that makes little sense. Who takes Kerry or Gore seriously, they are so Eighties?

I wish I had more faith in Republicans but they’re almost just as bad. Republicans like to talk the talk but they seem more like a bunch of con artists at times.

I think most of us have had it up to HERE with this transition stuff. It ain’t working. Life is getting worse and it seems all we are getting is hotter under the collar. We need to stop fighting each other. Nobody wins.

If Biden ran again and I think that is highly unlikely, he will lose big time in 2024. Would I support Trump again in 2024? It depends who else is running.

I also think for the good of the American people, I hope Trump waits until after the midterms. Otherwise, the Democrats will go to Trump. Trump, Trump and the real issues get lost in all the political bluster. We need to make 2022 about the way Biden and the Democrats are turning us into an impotent third world country.

Our country is in trouble as the lunatic left pushes itself over into a fringe party of wackadoodles. Hopefully, most of us are still sane enough to know we can’t go on the way we have been going since Biden moved into the Oval Office or the fake Oval Office. Also, how much larger will the teleprompter screen have to get before Biden can make sense of it or anything else he says or does.

America is in a state of limbo and change is in order. We have our sworn enemies like Russia and China smirking with joy as we continue along our merry way. Oh, don’t forget Iran or anyone else out there watching us act like fools on a hill.

I say what I have always believed. Government is our business. Either we run it or it runs us. Aren’t you tired of the way those we elect to serve our needs only serve their own ends. Is that the government that Jefferson, Madison, Adams, Franklin and the rest of the Founding Fathers gave us? We indeed do have a republic if we can keep it. Stop transforming everything, give us back our America. In November vote as if everything depends on you because it does.

## Happy 127<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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# THE ANNUAL SQUANTUM JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> PARADE

By Sal Giarratani



Welcome mat goes out to all

There is no better place to be than in the city of Quincy on the Fourth of July attending the Squantum Fourth of July Parade. It is a holiday must-see. The whole world may be going *pazzo* but not in Squantum. They have been having this Parade for 113 years now. What a great time and place to catch up with long time friends and family members. Watch the parade, cheer on the marches and then settle down for a great July 4<sup>th</sup> cookout. I enjoyed the day celebrating with my daughter and grandkids. We were blessed with great weather and great everything!



Uncle Sam is one big shot in Squantum. Here he is with his lovely wife at his side with a trio of elected officials representing the City of Quincy at the State House and City Hall too (State Representative Bruce Ayers, and City Councilors Noel DiBona and Chuck Phelan).



Plenty of bands in the parade line



Parade Color Guard



Happy Fourth of July to All!



Look at this 1931 Ford obviously built to last



1957 Chevy Bel Air. What a beauty, huh?



We can't forget the militia who made this day possible 246 years later



Plenty of floats to see like this one remembering the old Squantum Naval Air Station. At the end of the parade my daughter Nealia and her two children, Emily and Owen had the chance to sit in the cockpit and smile for the camera.

(Photos by Sal Giarratani)

## Happy 127th Anniversary

◦ A Frank DePasquale Venture ◦

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by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Marcellina was born in Trier, Gaul (France) around the year 330 into a Roman Christian family. Her father served as Praetorian prefect of Gaul. She was the oldest child, her two brothers were Ambrose (St. Ambrose) and Satyrus. About the year 354, Ambrosius, their father, died, whereupon the family moved to Rome. Their mother subsequently passed away and Marcellina took responsibility for the upbringing of her younger brothers.

Even before her father’s death, Marcellina went to Rome, the ancestral home of her family, and, before her mother’s arrival at the capital with her two sons, she had already forsaken the world, and chose to live a life of Christian virginity, and devoted herself to the practice of piety and asceticism.

On Christmas Day 353, she received the veil of consecrated virginity from the hand of Pope Liberius. The advice, which the pope addressed to



her on this occasion, (has been preserved by St. Ambrose), especially emphasized being the obligations of Christian virgins to preserve virginal purity. After Ambrose had become Bishop of Milan (374), he summoned his sister, and found in her a zealous assistant in fostering and extending the ascetic life among the young women of Milan. To her Ambrose dedicated his work on virginity, written in 377 (“Libri III de virginibus ad Marcellinam”).

Marcellina survived her brother, and died in 398 or shortly afterwards. She also was buried in the crypt under the altar of the Ambrosian Basilica, and was honored as a saint. Her feast is celebrated on 17<sup>th</sup> of July.

She lived a life of great austerity, which Ambrose tried to persuade her to mitigate when she went to Milan to visit him. It was to Marcellina that he dedicated his treatise on virginity, “Libri III de virginibus ad Marcellinam.”

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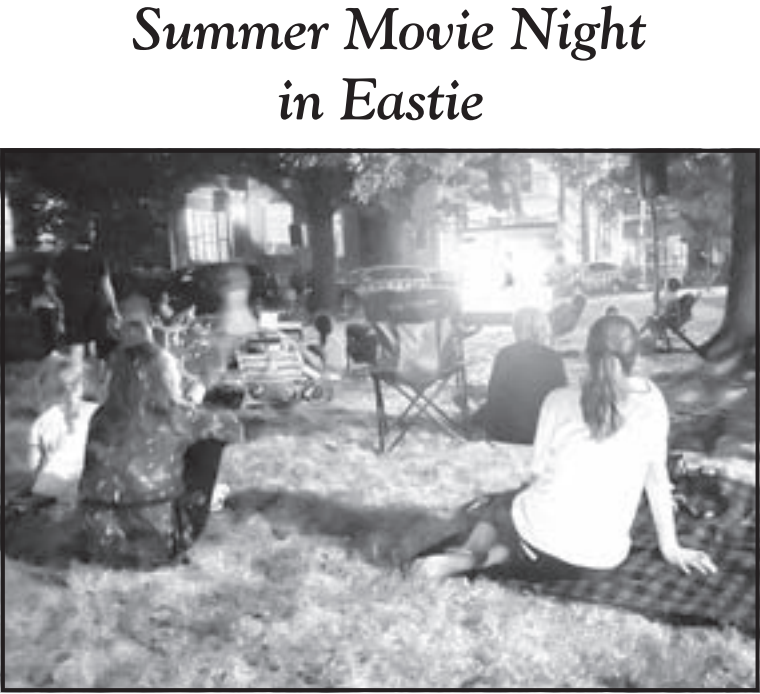
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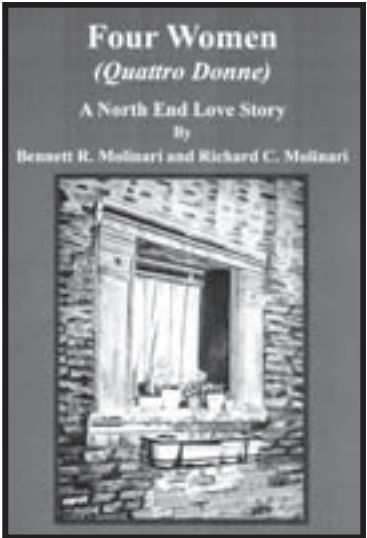
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Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari,  
lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:  
**Four Women “Quattro Donne”**  
subtitle, **A North End Love Story**  
In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

CHAPTER 82  
**The Saint Theresa Feast**  
continued

“Pietro, please go to the refrigerator and take out a loaf of bread,” Mom requested. Today, we are going to have something that I can make quickly. We will have ham and cheese sandwiches and for the first dish, pastina with eggs.” Making fast dinners was Mom’s specialty, and it often came in handy. Even though it was 2:30 in the afternoon, Mom planned to get dinner out of the way and take us over to Grandma’s flat where we would leave for the procession. Mom called out to Dad, “Joe, we will be eating with you today, so by the time you go to work at 3:30, we will be on our way to Mama’s.” Pietro called Anthony over to help make the sandwiches, while Bobby and Charlie helped set the table. During the midst of preparing the dinner, Dad motioned to Mom to come into the parlor. “Carmela, how are things going with Pietro and Carla?” He asked. “Is there going to be more trouble with the Ricci family, and has anyone heard further from your relatives in Italy?” “Joe speak softly, Pietro will hear you,” Mom whispered. “There has been no word from Italy. The last thing we heard is, they are very unhappy with us because of all that’s happened and are anxious for Pietro to return.” “What about the Riccis? Are they making trouble for our family because of Pietro and Carla?” Dad asked, while anxiously watching out for Pietro. “No, Joe. They are not making trouble for us. Ever since Frank beat up Pietro in the Saint Theresa Shrine, they



have been quiet. Mama has met with Egidio, and there appears to be a truce.” “Carmela, what about Carla and Pietro? How do they feel about this?” Dad asked. “What do you think?” Mom impatiently responded. “They love each other, and everyone has interfered with them. The kids should have been left alone. Now it’s a mess, and our family is the talk of the North End.” Dad cautioned, eyeing Pietro glancing in their direction. “Carmela, Pietro is getting wise. Is dinner ready?” “Yes, Joe, everything will be ready in five minutes.” “Why don’t you call the boys, and we will all have dinner together.” We sat around the table, eating, and discussing Mom’s yearly act of devotion offered up to Saint Theresa, for her continued intercession for our family. With the conclusion of dinner, Dad got ready for work, while Mom and the rest of us prepared to go to Grandma’s house, where we would meet up with Auntie Angie, Auntie Stella, Grace, and Theresa, and eventually

make our way to the church, joining the procession. At 3:30, we said goodbye to Dad, who was off to the newspaper, and left for Grandma’s flat. As we walked toward North Square, Mom turned to Pietro and said, “Pietro, today I will be marching in the Saint Theresa procession for two intentions, one is for the family, and the other intention will be for you.” “For me, Cousin!” Pietro responded somewhat surprised. “Pietro,” Mom responded, “Saint Theresa has always been good to our family. I’m asking her to bring peace to our families and to bring happiness to you and Carla.” “Cousin, that is wonderful of you, but I think you are asking too much from Saint Theresa,” Pietro said haltingly. “No, Pietro. Nothing is too much for Saint Theresa. She will help us, and she will help you and Carla.”

*Four Women “Quattro Donne” A North End Love Story, is available at R. Del Gaudio Gift Shop, 17 North Square North End (617-227-5915), adjoining Paul Revere House; Post-Gazette; Saint Francis Book Store and Gift Shop at Saint Leonard Peace Garden; lulu.com; molinaridesign.net; Amazon.com; and Barnes and Noble.com. Bookshop.org; Greetings from Boston, Faneuil Hall.*

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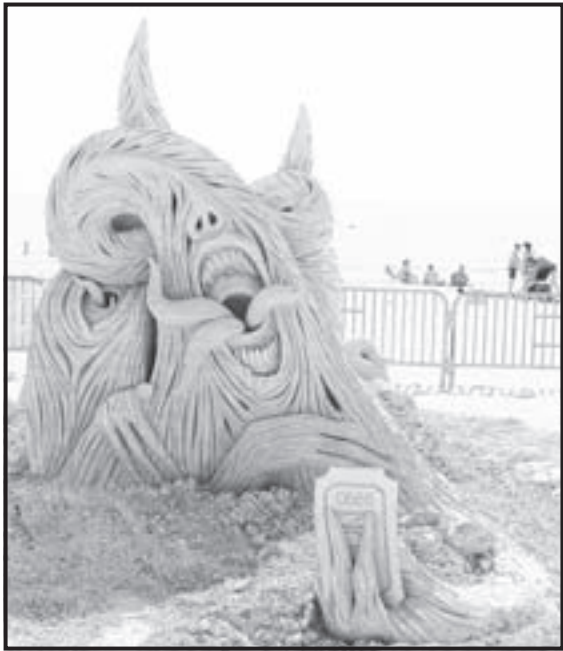
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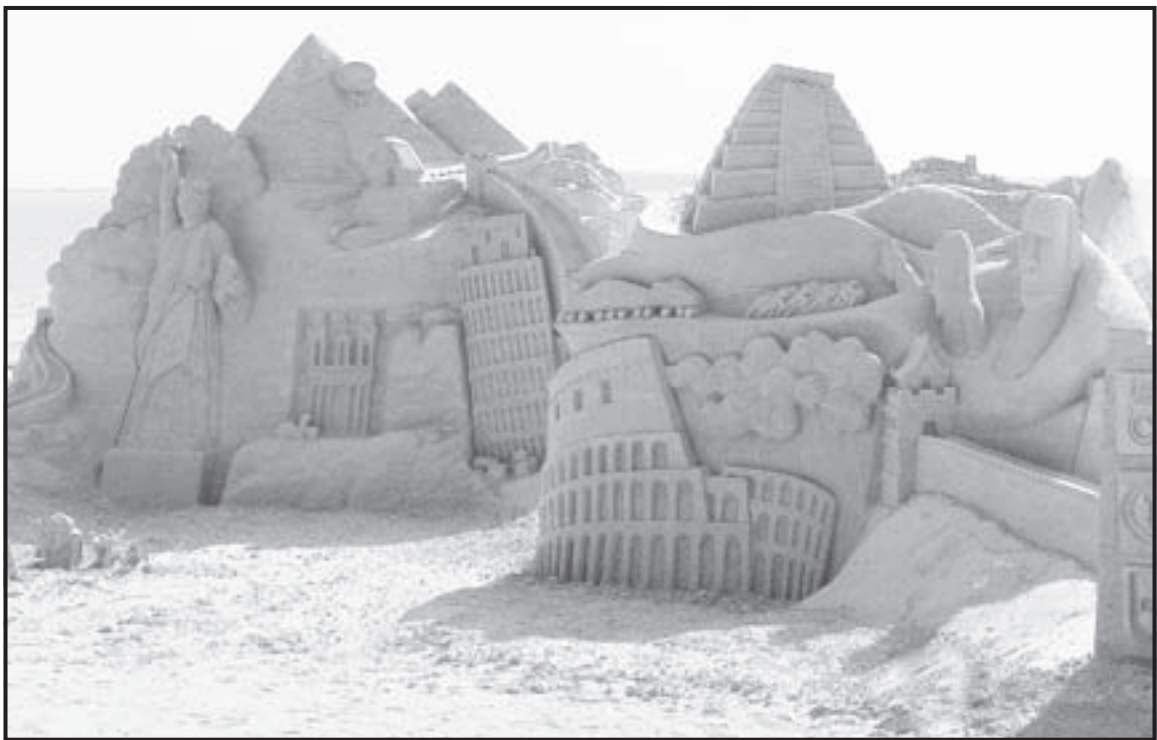
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**Wonders of the World**

*(Photos by Gerri Palladino)*

With temperatures ranging in the high 90s during the weekend, Revere Beach was much more than a place to cool off. Thousands upon thousands came to enjoy the water and to partake in the festivities.

Fifteen sculptors from distant to local competitors competed in this year's competition themed "Wonders of the World," featuring the world's famous landmarks. Abe Waterman of Canada won first place for "The Devil is an Angel Too."

Entertainment for the weekend included live entertainment, food trucks and specialty food vendors, amusement rides, exhibitors.

The Saturday night fireworks show was one of the major highlights of the weekend.

Mayor Brian Arrigo said, "We are so excited to welcome everyone to Revere Beach for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual International Sand Sculpting Festival."



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The time has come, the walrus said,  
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by Sal Giaratani

**LET’S ALL SING  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
I noticed recently that both Paul McCartney and Mick Jagger just celebrated birthdays. Paul turned 80 in June and Jagger, a bit younger at only 79. How old is this making you feel right now?  
**REMEMBER THE CLASSIC IV AND DENNIS YOST**

Dennis Yost was the lead singer in the Classic IV band that had a series of big hits in the late 60s (Spooky, Traces and Stormy). Yost passed away 14 years ago at 65 years old and would have celebrated his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday this past July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**RAYLA CAMPBELL  
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Secretary of State hopeful Rayla Campbell running on the Republican ballot unopposed in the September primary held a very successful fundraiser down at Hardy’s Pub and Restaurant in West Bridgewater. Also in attendance at this time was Jay McMahon who is running for Attorney General as a Republican this year.

**IRISH TENOR OPENS  
QUINCY’S FOLK FESTIVAL  
AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Internationally acclaimed Irish Tenor Ronan Tynan will be the opening act at the City of Quincy Multicultural Folk Festival next weekend, August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Hancock Adams Common in Quincy Center. Tynan will be on stage in front of the Old City Hall for one performance on Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

On Sunday, the festival will run from 3:00-8:00 p.m., multiple ethnic groups will be on stage from the afternoon into the evening. Relax, bring your own chairs and enjoy the show.

**JUST A FEW THOUGHTS**  
Why it that “abbreviated” is such a long word? Or did you ever notice that lemon juice is made with artificial flavoring or

that some dish-washing liquids are made with real lemons? Finally, did you ever think about the following?

They always sterilize the needles for lethal injections in prisons which beg the question, WHY? It isn’t like the patient is going to complain afterwards. Right?

**SUMMER COOKOUT  
SEASON IS HERE**  
Note to remember, the annual Sacred Heart Parish Summer Cookout in East Boston will soon be upon us. Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. For ticket info go to [sacredhearteb.org](http://sacredhearteb.org) or call 617-567-5776.



While I was over the Mayor Wu’s Neighborhood Coffee Hour by the Stadium on July 13<sup>th</sup> like Matt Pollock I too was given a pot of flowers to plant by Liz Scott from Boston Parks, Recreation (and Flowers). Speaking of Matt, he gave me a great silver-colored car decal stating that we should be “Eastie Weird.” I asked him did he get the idea from Austin, TEXAS because the city of Austin has been proudly WEIRD forever.

**PEARLS BEFORE SWINE**  
Here’s a great pearl of wisdom from the Wise Ass on the Hill. (I love this *Boston Herald* comic strip so much.) One of the latest has the pig asking the wise guy at the top of the hill, “Oh great Wise Ass, all I do is worry from the moment I get out of my bed in the morning ‘til I get back to bed at night.” What is the solution?” The answer comes quickly, “Stay in bed.” The pig while lying in bed tells his

mouse friend, “There’s a reason he’s so smart,”

**SUMMER CONCERTS  
AT LEGION LAWN  
OVER IN WINTHROP**  
The City of Revere is once again putting on a summer concert season. Big crowds always show up. Two weeks ago it was Trifecta, a great band with plenty of ’60s and ’70’ music to listen to or jump up and dance to.

This past week it was Smokin Joe and the Henchmen. Everything starts at 6:00 p.m. Bring your chair, blanket, whatever. You can even purchase something to eat from the American Legion Post BBQ. Stop by the Legion Lawn this Sunday, you’ll never know who’s there to entertain you. It is a nice way to start your upcoming work week or in my case the upcoming entire summer vacation.

**WONDER WOMAN AT 71**  
Isn’t it hard to believe that actress Linda Carter who is best known for playing *Wonder Woman* on TV just turned 71 on July 24<sup>th</sup>. I am closing my eyes right now bringing up an image of her dressed as Wonder Woman. Nice picture.

**WORDS OF WISDOM  
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“When I think about doing good and helping others, I ask myself a simple question ... What’s in it for me?”

**BOTTOM LINE**  
You should check out my latest online posting on: *EastBoston.Com*. While down at Constitution (Shea’s beach), I remembered something from the early ’80s and thought it was worth sharing with as wide an audience as possible. I thank Frank Conte for using it. Check it out. It should make you crack a smile or even a laugh or two.



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For the first time in over 20 years, 20 of the Sex Pistol’s recordings from 1976 to 1978 are collected together to tell the story of one of the world’s most influential and extraordinary bands. *Sex Pistols: The Original Recordings* covers an historic period when the band were rarely out of the news or the charts and is now available on double vinyl. The Sex Pistols left the British Establishment shaking when they exploded onto the music scene, kick starting what later became known as punk — a term the band was never comfortable with. Young people ripped up not just their musical forebears but their social ones too and Sex Pistols were the snarling, ferocious figurehead of the revolution. Their 1977 single “God Save the Queen” was banned by the BBC and reached Number 1 on the U.K.’s NME chart, but appeared at Number 2 on the Official U.K. Singles chart, leading to accusations that the song was purposely kept off the top spot. For the only time in chart history, the track was listed as a blank, to avoid offense to the establishment. The collection soundtracks the period and features key singles “Anarchy In The UK,” “God Save The Queen,” “Pretty Vacant” and “Holidays In The Sun,” essential tracks from *Never Mind The Bollocks*, further originals and covers from *The Great Rock & Roll Swindle* soundtrack album and some essential B-sides in “I Wanna Be Me” (the flipside of “Anarchy ...”), “Satellite” (the

B-side of “Holidays In The Sun”) and “Did You No Wrong” (from “God Save The Queen”).

**DEF LEPPARD -  
DIAMOND STAR HALO**  
*(Vinyl 2LP) / UMe*

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame-inducted icons and rock music legends Def Leppard return with their twelfth full-length album, *Diamond Star Halos*. It marks the band’s first new work since 2015s chart-topping self-titled, *Def Leppard* available in a Deluxe Edition 2LP. It heralds the arrival of *Diamond Star Halos*, the UK quintet — Joe Elliott [vocals], Rick Savage [bass], Rick Allen [drums], Phil Collen [guitar], and Vivian Campbell [guitar]— share a powerful and rip-roaring rock single entitled “Kick.” The song thrusts into an anthemic stadium-ready frenzy kick started with driving guitars and bombastic drums woven into its musical fabric. Meanwhile, the chorus has all the makings of another iconic Leppard hit with its skyscraping vocals and melodies the band has become synonymous for. Def Leppard is co-headlining a massive 36 city The Stadium Tour with Motley Crüe joined by special guests Poison and Joan Jett. The tour stops in at Fenway Park on August 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>. Over the past two years, Def Leppard recorded *Diamond Star Halos* simultaneously in three different countries with Joe in Ireland, Sav in England, and Phil, Vivian, and Rick in the United States. They poured all of their energy into crafting 15 meaningful tracks with a mixture of classic spirit meets modern fire. Leppard didn’t embark on this journey alone, the multi-Grammy award winning and legendary artist Alison Krauss lent her instantly recognizable and angelic voice to “This Guitar” and “Lifeless,” while David Bowie pianist Mike Garson performs on “Goodbye For Good This Time” and “Angels (Can’t Help You Now).”

**THE WHO - MY GENERATION  
& A QUICK ONE**  
*(Vinyl LP) / UMe*

The Who have released the first in a series of half speed mastered studio albums from The Who: *My Generation* and *A Quick One*. The limited-edition black vinyl versions have been mastered by long-time Who engineer Jon Astley at Abbey Road Studios with a half-speed mastering technique which produces a superior vinyl cut and are packaged in original sleeves with obi strips and certificates of authenticity. First released in 1965, *My Generation* was The Who’s debut album. It unleashed The Who on the world, and has been described as one of the greatest albums of all time by *Rolling Stone*, *Mojo*, *NME* and was selected to be the U.S. Library of Congress’s National Recording Registry as ‘culturally significant’ to be preserved and archived for all time. The band’s follow up album *A Quick One* was released in late 1966, it contains more experimental compositions including the nine-minute title track which act as precursors to what was to follow in later years as well as classic Who tunes as “So Sad About Us” and “Boris The Spider.”




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Estate of  
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Date of Death: June 27, 2021

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Judith A. Reitano of North Reading, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Judith A. Reitano of North 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.

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Estate of  
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Date of Death: May 06, 2022

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

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**Linda Vaccari of Milford, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI22D1224DR

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MARGARET W. MAINA  
vs.  
DANIEL M. NJUGUNA

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Margaret W. Maina, 48 Fulton Street, Lowell, MA 01850**, your answer, if any, on or before **September 01, 2022**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

**Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS, First Justice of this Court.**  
Date: June 20, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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# New Park Space Opens at North Meadow on the Greenway

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy this week celebrated the opening of North Meadow on The Greenway, the newest park space in Boston’s contemporary public park formerly known as Parcel 2, in a public Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

The Ribbon Cutting included a short speaking program featuring Conservancy and Greenway Business Improvement District (BID) leadership, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler, and elected officials representing The Greenway including State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, State Senator Lydia Edwards, City Council President Ed Flynn, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, and City Councilor Kenzie Bok.



North Meadow Ribbon Cutting of Ceremony  
*(Photo courtesy of the Greenway Conservancy)*

“The creation of new open space is always an important step to promote climate and connectivity goals, especially in an urban context,” said Greenway Conservancy Executive Director Chris Cook. “The critical nature of this work is especially evident here, though, when we think about the history and impact that the elevated highway had on Boston’s people and neighborhoods from Chinatown to the West End.”

Located where Boston’s West End, Bulfinch Triangle, and North End meet and bordered by North Washington Street, Anthony “Rip” Valenti Way, and Beverly Street, North Meadow on The Greenway is a site of constant reinvention. Originally open water within the Charles

River estuary, this location was dammed to become Mill Pond and then filled in as a part of the Bulfinch Triangle development in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, this site was overshadowed by the elevated highway Interstate 93. As part of the “Big Dig,” the highway was submerged, allowing the Rose Kennedy Greenway, the contemporary public park in the heart of Boston, to be built.

“There were so many moments where we all individually thought that this tiny little park might not happen. Over the years, the BPDA has remained dedicated to the realization of this green space, and we are thrilled it will stand forever as a credit to the many people who were involved, at different

stages, and across different scales,” said BPDA Director of Planning Lauren Shurtleff. “We would not be here if it were not for the persistent and dedicated collaboration between the public sector, private sector, and the community.”

As the northern terminus of the park, North Meadow is both a gateway to The Greenway and a pocket of open space for residents and visitors to the surrounding neighborhoods in the West End and North End. Reflecting a commitment to making thoughtful enhancements along the entirety of The Greenway, Greenway BID members provided and leveraged enhancement funds to make this project and placemaking improvement possible.

## The 70s

ACROSS

- 1. Come clean, with “up”
- 5. \* \_\_\_\_-a-Soup, launched in 1972
- 8. Hefty volume
- 12. Maui party
- 13. Detective’s assignment
- 14. One that insists
- 15. Seed covering
- 16. Dull pain
- 17. Waltz, in France
- 18. \*Francis Ford Coppola’s “The \_\_\_\_”
- 20. Part of an eye
- 21. H. pylori consequence
- 22. Labor org.
- 23. \*\*“Feathered” 1970s icon
- 26. One who delivers coal
- 30. \*1978’s “Night Fever” spent 8 weeks in this Billboard slot
- 31. Fire-breathing monster, Greek mythology
- 34. Type of list
- 35. Open-mouthed
- 37. Acorn producer
- 38. Glossy fabric
- 39. Denim innovator
- 40. Enlist or talk into (2 words)
- 42. Golf accessory
- 43. Gracefully thin
- 45. Meat and vegetable stew
- 47. Stumblebum
- 48. One way to prepare an egg
- 50. Chicken pox mark
- 52. \*Type of 1970s shoes
- 56. Top dog
- 57. Laughing on the inside, in a text
- 58. Bye, to Sophia Lauren
- 59. \*1971’s “Sooner or \_\_\_\_” by the Grass Roots
- 60. \*\*“Beneath the Planet of the \_\_\_\_”
- 61. Very light brown
- 62. Research facil.
- 63. \*Progressive rock band of “Roundabout” fame
- 64. Fishing pole spool

DOWN

- 1. Capture the \_\_\_\_
- 2. Continental capital
- 3. Aforementioned
- 4. Substance with rotten egg smell
- 5. Secret stash
- 6. Theater employee
- 7. Jury member
- 8. \*Olivia Newton-John’s 1978 co-star
- 9. Eye amorously
- 10. Table hill
- 11. Before, to a bard
- 13. Can’t-get-it-off-one’s-mind kind
- 14. Throat dangler
- 19. Winged





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- 22. Charge carrier
- 23. Young horses
- 24. \*One of three 1970s TV crime-fighting women
- 25. Plunder
- 26. \*\*\*“I’d like to buy the world a \_\_\_\_”
- 27. “Semper Fidelis” to U.S. Marines, e.g.
- 28. Bye, to Edith Piaf
- 29. Group of nine singers
- 32. \*\*“Rich Man, \_\_\_\_ Man” miniseries
- 33. As opposed to mishap
- 36. \*Salvador Allende successor
- 38. Chow down

- 40. Game official, for short
- 41. Inflammation of iris
- 44. Capital of Senegal
- 46. Footstuffs merchant
- 48. North face, e.g.
- 49. Intensely dislikes
- 50. Architectural drawing
- 51. Prefers
- 52. \*Neil Simon’s “The Sunshine Boys,” e.g.
- 53. \*\*“Interview with the Vampire” author
- 54. Kate Winslet as \_\_\_\_ of Easttown
- 55. \*\*“\_\_\_\_ Train”
- 56. \*\*“Thrilla in Manila” winner

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# THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

## The Return to the Screen

Admittedly what inspired me to write this article was that *Elvis* was one of the best movies I have seen this past year. But, it did get me thinking about something good that happened in 2022. Cinema is back. Yes, there were a few stumbles, but grand entertainment is here again.

One could see it kicking up gear again in 2021, with a lot of backlog titles being released after the Pandemic delayed their opening date and, truthfully, there were few titles that interested me or, for that matter, drew big numbers. That is not to say, of course, that box office results are always indicators of quality but, given the circumstances, it did indicate a tepid return to theaters after 2020.

The reasons were not only related to fear of the virus. The most anticipated movies were held back, for one thing. Again, this wasn't only because crowds were still wary about going to the movies but also because the blockbusters scheduled for 2021 would not have to compete with the ones from 2020 and so there was a notable spacing in the release schedules. But another development had occurred which, sadly, may have further reaching consequences. Simply put: the public had grown accustomed to streaming movies at home.

By late 2020 this was a fairly common occurrence. The

studios had to release the year's catalogue somehow and so titles like *Soul* and *Luca*, which in any other year would have been surefire hits from Pixar, went straight to streaming for the majority of the public after extremely limited runs in international film festivals.

This actually began before the pandemic, with many movies going exclusively to new highly anticipated streaming services like Disney + as a subscription incentive, but the safety measures of early 2020 turned it into a necessity.

By late 2020 and the first half of 2021 movies ranging from sleepers to hits were getting either limited theatrical runs or were being released simultaneously in theaters and streaming (HBO Max being one of the pioneers of this strategy). The first movie I went to see in theaters since March of 2020 was *Space Jam: A New Legacy* in the summer of 2021.

By early 2022 I started returning to the movies with more frequency. I saw *Ghostbusters: Afterlife*, *Death on the Nile*, *Encanto*, *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings* and *Spider-Man: No Way Home* in the first half of the year.

What kept me from going earlier? Time played a part for sure but, for many of the reasons stated above, there weren't many films I was compelled to go see. Like many others, and

this is not entirely a bad thing, I had discovered new series I had missed and binge watching or even catching older films I had missed upon original release satisfied me. But then came the spring of 2022 which kicked off (for me) with *Batman* (which I enjoyed), *Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness*, *Minions: The Rise of Gru* and *Thor: Love and Thunder*.

Last week I finally got around to seeing *Elvis* which is one of the best new releases I have seen in over two years.

As many good movies do, *Elvis* made me reflect and I came to a realization. Cinema is coming back strong. While not all of the titles I saw are masterpieces, they and even disappointments like *Jurassic World: Dominion* reminded me of what I missed about going to the movies. The dark room, the shared experience and the planning and anticipation for that experience, things watching movies at home (which has its place and advantages of its own) can never duplicate. Yes, movie making and cinemas are back and, for the most part, so are we. There were costly flops like Pixar's *Lightyear* (which I have not seen) but the receipts of *Top Gun: Maverick*, *Minions: The Rise of Gru* and *Thor: Love and Thunder* offer a hopefully sign. Fans have never left and as long as the power of the movies calls us we will be there.

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Docket No. MI22P3880EA  
Estate of  
CHARLENE FAHEY  
Date of Death: December 07, 2021  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Josephine Amico of Watertown, MA**, requesting that the Court enter a Formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests that **Josephine Amico of Watertown, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of August 19, 2022.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

### UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: July 22, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 07/29/2022



## • News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Michigan Medical School, a number of aspiring doctors at the med school decided to walk out together in protest of the choice of a doctor invited as the guest speaker over that doctor's personal pro-life position on abortion. She wasn't there to talk about abortion and the subject never was mentioned during her speech.

Many who criticized the move to walk out of the speech called those who left the hall political ideologues. Anyone out there have an opinion on this news story, email me at [sal.giarratani@gmail.com](mailto:sal.giarratani@gmail.com).

### From The Right Be Careful on Post-Roe Rhetoric

"Republicans need to get their act together on abortion" in post-Roe world, warns John Heehery at The Hill. For one, state "unequivocally that they do not support banning contraception," as it is "not a politically sustainable position." And be clear that abortion isn't interracial or gay marriage: They're not dedicated to rolling back either. "Be very careful on the rape and incest issue." and avoid politically foolish actions like "chasing down

women who travel across state lines to get an abortion" and banning the morning-after pill. As states address laws limiting abortion, "Republicans would be wise to come up with the most politically defensible position" and "define the Democrats as the real extremists on the issue."

### New Textbooks for Hong Kong Students

Many school children around the world have been taught that Hong Kong was once a British Colony for some 90 years until Britain in 1997 returned the territory to China. However, textbooks are being changed. Now there will be no mention of what Hong Kong was before 1997. If China says so, it must be so. President Xi believes these new textbooks will "protect young minds" and raise loyal, patriotic citizens.

### End Quote

"We forecast that retail gasoline prices will (fall to) \$2.88/gallon average in 2022."  
— U.S. Energy Information Administration, December 7, 2021 which was ironically the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor

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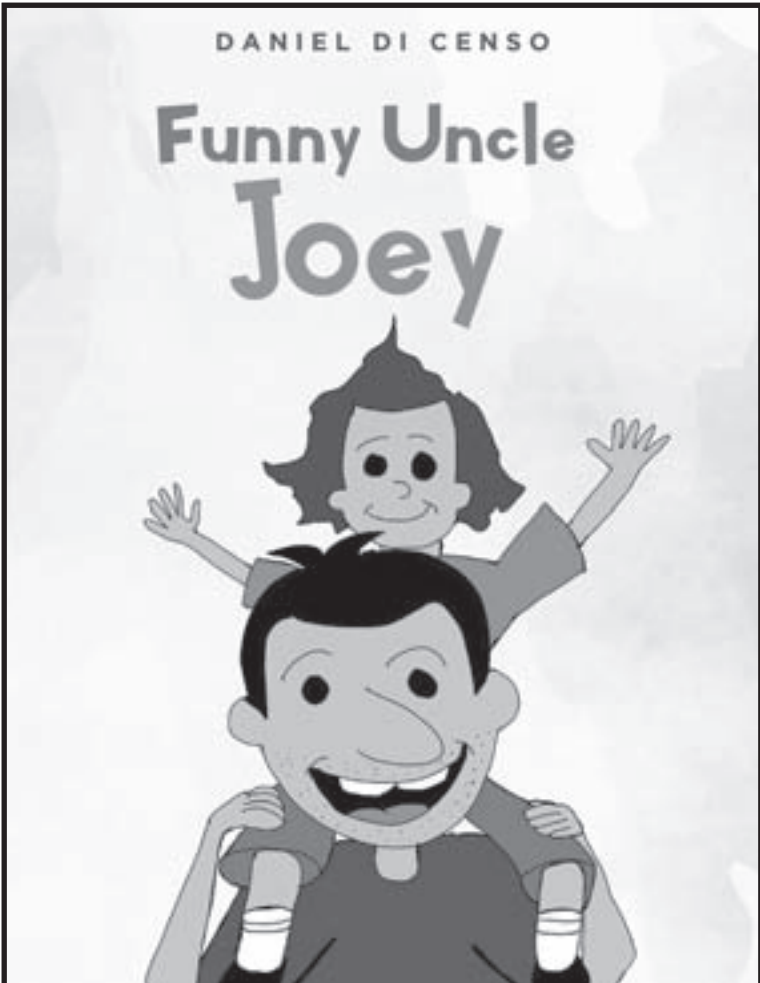
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ESTELLE MARIE STEBBINS  
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Laura M. Stebbins of Wilbraham, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Laura M. Stebbins of Wilbraham, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
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JUDITH A. TIERNO  
Also Known As  
JUDITH ANN TIERNO  
Date of Death: January 23, 2022  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robin M. Jackson of Tewksbury, MA**, Petitioner **Gerald B. Tierno of Melrose, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.  
**Robin M. Jackson of Tewksbury, MA**, **Gerald B. Tierno of Melrose, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.  
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"Uncle Joey likes nothing more than bringing a smile on his nephew's face upon each visit. The two embark on many adventures and share many happy times. The greatest reward that comes from changing a child's life, however, is how that child changes your own."

Written by Daniel A. DiCenso, Post Gazette Columnist

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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



When I was a child, there were two kitchens in Nanna and Babbononno’s house at 70 Eutaw Street in East Boston. The second was in the cellar and only used during the summer months. It was in late July and Nanna would cook the evening meal in the cellar. When it was ready, there would be two locations where we would eat. If it was not raining, we would eat out in the back yard. If the weather wasn’t good, we would eat in the cellar.

There was a kitchen table and six matching chairs in the kitchen of the house. The table and chairs in the cellar were moved there when new kitchen furniture had been purchased. The table and chairs that had started out in the kitchen, and later moved to the cellar, were now out in the back yard to be used at dinner time when the weather permitted. So, there were three kitchen sets, kitchen, cellar and back yard. The closest we had to air conditioning back then was a pair of window fans located in two of the kitchen windows, but they just circulated the hot air that surrounded us.

When I was a child, it was the middle of WWII. Uncle Nick was in the Navy stationed at the Navy base in Newport, Rhode Island and Uncle Gino was flying with the Army Air Corps in the Pacific. Nanna, Babbononno, Mom, Dad and I were the ones left behind. Just before the war began, Dad started a teaching career in the Boston Schools. Knowing he would eventually be drafted and the big bands he had played for were breaking up, he thought a career change would be the best option until he received his draft notice. He accepted a job teaching machine shop at his old alma mater, East Boston High School, and waited for his draft notice. At that point, he was going to enlist in the Marine Corps and take his chances. Not long after he started teaching, he was approached by two representatives from the OSS, the forerunner to today’s CIA. They enlisted him to interrogate Italian war prisoners that were being housed in the old forts that were located on islands in Boston’s outer harbor. As a result of accepting this position, which would go into effect during the week after school hours, he was reclassified and

not drafted. This meant that he was home each day for dinner in either the cellar or the back yard, depending. Six nights per week, Dad also played bass for the Jimmy McHale Orchestra at a Boston night club called the Fife and Drum Room which was located in the Hotel Vendome then situated on the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Dartmouth Street. (A tragic fire in June of 1972, would wipe out the hotel and take the lives of nine Boston firemen ... a story for another day.)

By the time Dad would get home in the afternoons, dinner in the back yard would be ready. With food shortages in effect and ration stamps used when making purchases,

Babbononno would have a vegetable garden in part of the back yard. Someone once asked my grandfather if he grew flowers there, too. His translated answer was, “If you can’t eat them, I’m not growing them.” He grew tomatoes (of course), corn, squash, lettuce, cucumbers, various types of beans and a few herbs. The only purchases, as a result, were for meat or fish and bread.

As a child, I loved eating in the back yard ... or even the cellar. A typical summer meal consisted of home-made chicken soup, chicken, steak, chops or fish depending on the day of the week, Babbononno’s home-grown vegetables, Nanna’s salad, and a bottle of Zi’Antonio’s best home-made wine. For dessert, Babbononno would have peach slices soaking up the wine in a separate bottle. Even I, at age four, was allowed to try the wine soaked peaches followed by a sip of the wine. I felt like a big shot.

Seeing Uncle Nick was stationed at the Newport Naval Base, he was often able to come home for dinner. When this would occur, he would pick up his (first) wife, Aunt Ada, my Godmother, and show up in uniform. What I didn’t know at that time, Uncle Nick and Aunt Ada were heading in separate directions and would separate toward the end of the war. Once he was discharged, they would divorce and by 1950, he would marry Aunt Dorothy, the person he would spend the rest of his life with.

Ada was my mother’s best friend from childhood and had


a lot to say in bringing me up. She was Italian and from East Boston, but imagined herself as a Boston Brahmin and had an air about her, and an attitude to go with it. I was taught how to address adults, eat with the proper utensils, and present myself as a proper young gentleman. She convinced my mother to dress me as if I was a student at Eton, a public school in Berkshire, England. I was dressed in short pants, white shirt with a bow tie, a navy blue sport jacket with the school emblem on the breast pocket and an Eton cap, a hat with a very short brim, and the school emblem in the middle. This might have been proper dress for a youngster living on Beacon Hill, but it was problematic for a kid living on Eutaw Street in East Boston.

After dinner, Dad would dress in his tux and head out to work with the McHale band. Uncle Nick would head back to Newport, Rhode Island and that would leave Babbononno, me and the ladies of the family sitting at the table in the back yard. Just then, Uncle Paul and his family would join us. Aunt Eleanor, Uncle Paul’s wife and their kids, Paula and Ellie, would wait until Uncle Paul arrived home before they ate and it would be like a second dinner hour as they sat down.

In the cellar there was a storage area where Nanna would keep her mason jars filled with things she was preserving for the winter months, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, mushrooms, and an assortment of vegetables that she could cook up for the future. An ice box rested near the storage area. It had been moved to the cellar when Babbononno bought their first refrigerator back in the 1920s. It kept his wine chilled, his beer cold and contained the overflow of things that had to be refrigerated but didn’t fit in the kitchen fridge. With all of this combined, there was an aroma that permeated the damp air in the cellar, and it was quite pleasant. With everything combined, I enjoyed summers with the family throughout my young years.

Unfortunately, things would change. Uncle Paul would move his family to Orient Heights, and later Saugus. Uncle Nick and Aunt Ada would divorce and Nanna would develop heart problems as the war went on. Babbononno was forced to sell the house at 70 Eutaw and move a recuperating Nanna to a smaller apartment a few streets away. Mom, Dad and I would move to 74 Eutaw Street, two doors away and stay there until 1961, and then head for the suburbs. Those happy days and back yard dinners that occurred in the middle of a war are no longer, but I remember them as if they happened just recently. They were comforting and assuring for a young kid from Eastie, and I smile when I think back and reminisce.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



by  
**Marianna  
Bisignano**



In this country, *Taralli al Limone* or Italian Lemon Knots are a soft, sweet, moist cookie with the distinctive flavor of lemon throughout. Some call them Italian Lemon cookies or Love knots, while others refer to them as *Anginetti* or *Taralucci*. They are popular at weddings as they are believed to symbolize two people “tying the knot” in holy matrimony. Along with their different names, comes several different ways of making them. Flour, sugar, eggs and a leavening agent are standard ingredients in most recipes. However, many also call for the addition of milk, and the fats used vary from butter, margarine or shortening to vegetable or seed oil.

Like all Italian Nonnas, mine of course, had her own way to make just about everything, and Italian Lemon Knot cookies are no exception to this rule. Though I can tell you, this never stopped her from trying a variety of other renditions. I remember sifting through her recipes and seeing several versions of *Taralli al Limone* and those she liked, as with all her recipes, she labeled “Very Good” or “Excellent”. Of these, one caught my eye because I noticed it used margarine which was typical of the older recipes, but it also called for cream cheese, rarely an ingredient you’d expect to find in an Italian cookie recipe. So, I decided to try them and my Nonna was correct, this is an “Excellent” recipe. The combination of cream cheese and margarine give these “Italian Lemon Knots” an exceptionally soft and moist melt-in-your mouth texture and their flavor is just exceptional!

ITALIAN LEMON KNOTS  
*Taralli al Limone*



- 2 sticks margarine,  
8 ounces cream cheese,  
softened  
1 cup granulated sugar  
4 eggs

**ICING**  
2 ½ cups confectioners’ sugar  
2 tablespoons butter, melted  
and cooled
- 3 ½ to 4 tablespoons fresh  
lemon juice  
1 organic lemon, zested  
5 cups all-purpose flour  
5 teaspoons baking powder

2 to 3 organic lemons, juiced  
4 tablespoons milk (more if  
needed)

In a large mixing bowl, cream together margarine, cream cheese and sugar. Add the eggs in one at a time, beating after each addition.

Add the lemon zest and juice, mix well.

Sift together the flour and baking powder and add, one cup at a time, to the mixing bowl, mixing well after each addition. When done, let dough rest for 10 minutes.

Using a medium cookie scoop, take one scoop of dough, roll it into a 6-to-7-inch rope, make a knot and place 2 inches apart on the prepared baking sheet. Bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes, until cookies are pale colored and cooked. Let cool before icing.

In a medium bowl, mix the butter, lemon juice and milk. Add the confectioners’ sugar (more or less) until a thin to medium consistency develops. Dip cookies, in icing, one at a time, and let them dry on a cooling rack.

Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at [nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com](mailto:nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com)



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# Increase Flowers with a Bit of Deadheading

by Melinda Myers

Keep your garden looking its best with a bit of deadheading. Removing faded flowers can promote repeat bloom on some plants, encourage fuller, more compact growth, and tidy up the garden.

Use a bypass pruner or *deadheading* snips to remove faded flowers. These tools have two sharp blades like scissors. This results in a clean cut that closes quickly, leaving your plant looking its best.

The type of flower will influence how and where to make the cut. In general, remove the stem of faded blooms back to the first set of healthy leaves or nearby flower buds.

Deadhead flowers like salvia, veronica, and snapdragons by removing faded flowers to encourage more blooms. Make cuts below the faded flower and above a set of healthy leaves or new flower stems.

Encourage additional blossoms and improve Shasta daisy’s appearance by removing faded flowers. Prune back just above a set of healthy leaves.

Cut the flowers of Armeria, coral bells and other flowers back to the base of the flower stems that arise from the foliage. This improves the appearance and encourages more blooms on some of this type of flowering perennial.

Plants like daylilies and balloon flowers require a bit different care for a tidier look. Remove the individual blooms as they fade. Once bloomed out, you can cut the flower stem back at the base. Allowing the faded flowers to hang on the stem until it is all bloomed out won’t hurt the plant, it just detracts from the plant’s overall beauty.

Removing fading flowers of fuchsia and lan-tana will prevent the plants from going to seed and encourage more blooms. Remove any berries that do form to keep these plants flowering.

Some plants like impatiens, cuphea and calibrachoa are self-cleaning. Old blossoms fall off the plants as new flowers form, eliminating the need for deadheading.

Deadhead heavy seeders like columbine to reduce the number of seedlings and contain the spread. Or allow some seeds to develop if you have space to fill or want lots of seedlings to transplant to new garden beds.



Removing the individual blooms of balloon flower as they fade will keep this plant looking its best.  
*(Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)*

Allow seedheads to develop on coneflowers, rudbeckias, and other plants that provide winter interest and food for the birds.

Remove flowers as they appear on coleus to promote more compact growth. Late blooming, flowerless varieties and self-branching coleus hybrids reduce or eliminate time spent on this task.

Consider skipping the deadheading of late blooming perennials. This allows them to prepare for winter and form seedpods for a bit of winter interest.

Improve the appearance of leggy plants with long stems and few leaves with a bit of pruning. Cut back further into the leafy stem when deadheading to encourage fuller growth as well as more flowers.

Make deadheading part of your regular garden maintenance. Investing time throughout the season will help keep your garden looking its best.

*Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released Midwest Gardener’s Handbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition and Small Space Gardening. She hosts The Great Courses How to Grow Anything DVD instant video 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](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).*

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Docket No. SU22P0954EA  
  
Estate of  
LISE LANGE STRIAR  
Date of Death: February 22, 2022  
  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Myles D. Striar of Boston, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Myles D. Striar of Boston, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.  
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Docket No. SU22P1294EA  
  
Estate of  
BARBARA ANN TAPLEY  
Also Known As  
BARBARA A. TAPLEY  
Date of Death: December 28, 2019  
  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Wilfred A. Tapley of Sandown, NH**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Wilfred A. Tapley of Sandown, NH** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Docket No. MI22P3834EA  
  
Estate of  
KATHRYN J. AYVAZIAN  
Also Known As  
KATHRYN AYVAZIAN  
Date of Death: April 24, 2022  
  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **John L. Ayvazian of Gloucester, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

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Docket No. MI22P3657EA  
  
Estate of  
MARY DELLA VOLPE  
Also Known As  
MARY S. DELLA VOLPE  
Date of Death: January 26, 2022  
  
INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Albert J. Della Volpe of Weare, NH**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Albert J. Della Volpe of Weare, NH** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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**Docket No. MI22C0456CA**

**In the Matter of  
CHRISTOPHER PETER TOMASINI**

**CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Christopher Peter Tomasini of Framingham, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Anthony Christopher Tomaso.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Middlesex Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of August 08, 2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. MAUREEN H. MONKS,  
First Justice of this Court  
Date: July 11, 2022  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run Date: 07/29/2022

LEGAL NOTICE

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**Docket No. SU22P1400EA**

**Estate of  
ROSE A. TERMINE**  
Also Known As  
**ROSE ANN TERMINE**

**Date of Death: April 25, 2022**

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Charles A. Termine of Wakefield, MA and Richard A. Termine of Stoneham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Charles A. Termine of Wakefield, MA and Richard A. Termine of Stoneham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of August 30, 2022.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS  
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: July 20, 2022  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
Run date: 07/29/2022

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**2010 HONDA CR-V**  
Vin # 5J6RE4H51AL051579

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**Docket No. MI22P3595EA**

**Estate of  
JACOB C. DARNELL, JR.**  
Also Known As  
**JACOB COLEMAN DARNELL, JR.**

**Date of Death: April 06, 2022**

**INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Laura K. Darnell of Portland, ME, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Laura K. Darnell of Portland, ME has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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**Docket No. MI22P3431EA**

**Estate of  
LORETTA MARGARET COLE**  
Also Known As  
**LORETTA M. COLE**

**Date of Death: March 23, 2020**

**INFORMAL PROBATE  
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner William A. Cole of Wilmington, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

William A. Cole of Wilmington, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



**What a Headline!  
Soto Passes on \$440M,  
Nationals Might Deal**

Juan Soto, the 23 year old superstar for the Washington Nationals, just turned down a 15-year, \$440 million offer and can reach free agency after the 2024 season. Good Country America for the likes of Soto.

**James Calls  
Boston Celtic Fans “Racist”**

Lakers star LeBron James took a recent swipe at Celtics fans in a recent episode of his YouTube show. He went on to blast Boston fans “because they racist as (expletive), that’s why.” I wonder what he thinks of Red Sox fans now that he recently became a part owner of the team? I’m thinking Boston is a great sports town, right? Do you think many Celtics fans also support the Red Sox too? Are they all racists too?

Please, the less I talk of King James, the better I feel.

**Jim Bunning’s  
First No-Hitter  
Red Sox His Victim**

Jim Bunning of the Tigers threw a no-hitter against the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park on July 20, 1958 beating us 3-0. His second no-hitter was over in the National League on Father’s Day 1965 when he threw a perfect game at Shea against the Mets. No-hitters in both leagues.

**Hammerin’ Hank’s  
Last Home Run**

Hank Aaron hit his 755<sup>th</sup> and final one of his career to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 6-2 win over the Angels. He started his career with the Milwaukee Braves and ended it back in Milwaukee with the Brewers. Had he started his legendary baseball career one year sooner, he would have been a Boston Braves player too.

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The estimated cost for services is \$72,000.00. Contract shall be initially awarded for a term of one-year (1) in duration, with annual renewal extensions of one (1) year not to exceed a total contract duration of three (3) consecutive years. Bids should reflect the total aggregate amount for the (1) year contract term plus an annual amount for the one (1) year extensions.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, endorsed on the outside “**PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL CLEANING SERVICES**” with the bidder’s name. The successful bidder shall enter into written contract with the Watertown Housing Authority within ten (10) days after notification of acceptance of the bid. The Watertown Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, wholly or in part, to waive informalities or irregularities in bidding, and to make awards in a manner deemed in the best interest of the Authority and the public.

Watertown Housing Authority contact person is Anthony DiGiovanni, Director of Maintenance and Modernization at 617-923-3950 or by email at: [anthonyd@watertownha.org](mailto:anthonyd@watertownha.org)

Bid forms and contract documents can be obtained by emailing Joseph Speranza at [jsperanza@watertownha.org](mailto:jsperanza@watertownha.org). Sites will be available for bidders to walk through and view promptly beginning at 10:00AM on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at the Munger Apartment building’s main entrance at 100 Warren Street, Watertown MA 02472.

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**They Don’t Call Them  
The “Twins” for Nothing**

Back in July 18, 1962 in the first year the old Washington Senators left DC, to be rechristened the Minnesota Twins, both Bob Allison and Harmon Killebrew of the Twins each hit grand slams in the first inning, beating the Indians in a 14-3 rout.

**Best Yankee Beating  
By Sox Sluggers**

The Boston Red Sox hit 5 homers in an 11-1 rout over the NY Yankees on June 19, 1977. The five homers gave the Red Sox a major league record 16 homers in three games. Boston had hit six on the 17<sup>th</sup> and five on the 18<sup>th</sup>. In the three game series, the Yankees had zero home runs.

**Happy Birthdays To ...**

The Gator Mike Greenwell who just turned 59 on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. He played here in Boston from 1985-96. Did you know in 1988, he finished second to Jose Canseco for AL MVP.

Also, Hall of Famer Andre Dawson just turned 68 and played for the Red Sox from 1993-94. The Hawk hit 29 of his 438 homers here including Number 400.

**No Wonder Why  
These Two Guys  
Always Confused Me**



Jim Gosger, 1966

When I was gowing up a baseball fan in the late '50s into the '60s two young players were on

the Red Sox and for the life of me kept me confused. There’s Jim Gosger who played the outfield and was also a pinch hitter. He played 10 seasons in the majors, his first four seasons starting in 1963 with Boston. He was 5’ 11 inches tall and 185 pounds. This lefty had a .226 lifetime batting average.



Joe Lahoud

Then, there’s Joe Lahoud. He too was a lefty and played the outfield and DH. He played 11 seasons starting in 1968 with a lifetime average of .223. He was six-foot-one and weighed 185 pounds.

Two remarkably similar ball-players in many ways. However, Gosger did get screwed by the Red Sox in 1964 when he had to sit on the bench for the entire season. The Red Sox didn’t need on the tram but they didn’t want to lose him either. If they tried sending him down to Triple A he might have got plucked by another team. So they wasted a year of his baseball career getting plenty of blisters in the dugout.

Same weight and one inch in height apart, no wonder I had a hell of a time figuring out who was who, huh?



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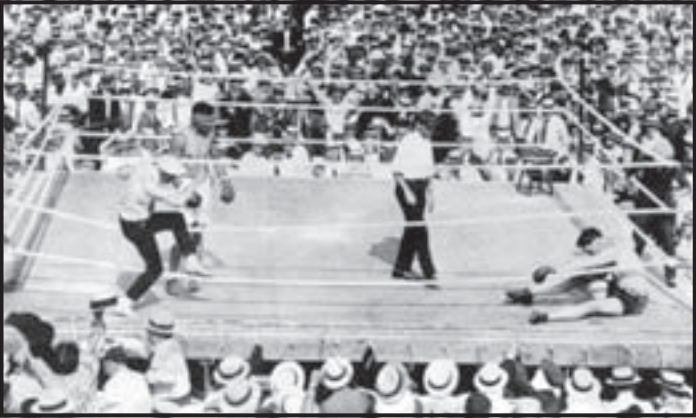
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Get Out of the Ring



George Bellows: *Cliff Dwellers*

The recent heat wave we have been experiencing has a lot of people talking about global warming. I think they forget it usually gets hot in July. Our tendency to live in the moment causes us to forget past summers when we also sweltered in the heat and humidity. Going back years, not only did people suffer from the extreme temperatures, they had little recourse for finding relief from it. In a painting from 1913 the great artist George Bellows depicted people in New York out on fire escapes trying to escape from the torrid temperatures. He titled the work *Cliff Dwellers*. Heat related deaths have plummeted since that time due to the invention and proliferation of air conditioning as well as easy access to water and other fluids that keep people hydrated. There isn't much we can do about the weather other than to complain and adapt. Humans have done an amazing job with the adapting part, but we still complain and catastrophist it. I suppose it is just human nature, or perhaps the media, that causes so many of us to ignore the progress we have made and to focus on our perceived misery.

When I think of suffering in the heat a couple of famous prize fights come to mind. The first is the Dempsey vs Willard fight that took place on



Willard on the canvas

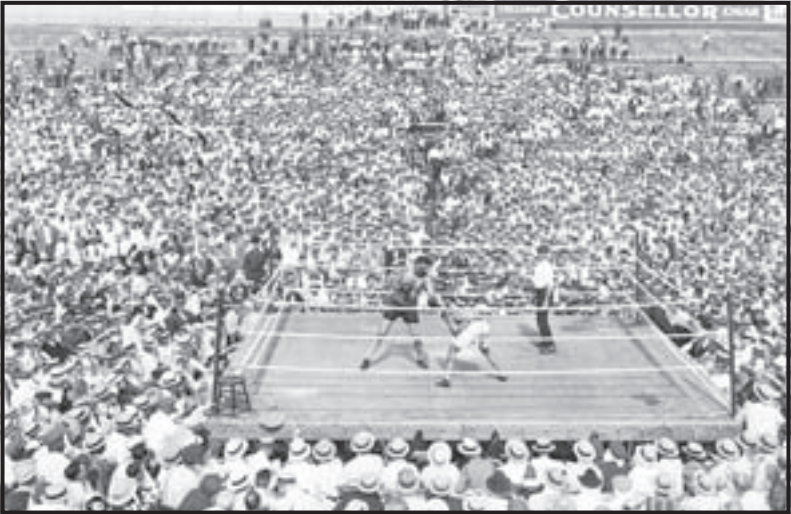
July 4, 1919 in Toledo, Ohio. The temperature at the time the fight took place that day was 110 degrees. Not only was it brutally hot, but the fight was held outdoors and there was absolutely no shade anywhere. The fighters in the ring and the spectators were all suffering under a blistering sun. There was also a shortage of water at the locale. Fans were sitting on wooden bleachers made of uncured wood that bled sap and caused them to become stuck to their seats ruining many a suit.

It is often forgotten how hot it was then because the focus has remained on the sheer brutality of the fight in which Dempsey won the title. But think about how being in such a viscous fight in that heat and afterwards still having no air conditioned room to go to recover. In spite of that, I can't recall ever reading of Jess Willard complaining about the weather that day. I guess having grown up on a farm in Kansas and working outside all his life it seemed normal to him.

The other fight that comes to mind is the June 25, 1952 contest between Joey Maxim and Sugar Ray Robinson which took place at Yankee Stadium. This was the fight where Ray was going for the Light Heavyweight crown. The temperature on the night of the fight was 103 degrees. While it was as hot as the day of the Dempsey/Willard match, this fight was held at night so the sun wasn't a factor, but the humidity was.

Robinson set a fast pace from the opening round and was far ahead going into the 13<sup>th</sup> and fatal round. He had begun to slow down a couple of rounds before and was becoming dehydrated. The heat also took its toll on referee Ruby Goldstein who was overcome by it and had to be replaced after the tenth round.

Robinson collapsed in the 13<sup>th</sup> round and was counted out. It has been reported he nearly died after the fight. His team always maintained it was the heat and not Maxim that beat him that evening. Joey's retort to that was to say "What do people think; I had air conditioning in my corner?"



A hot day in Toledo

I can't help but wonder if the Robinson/Maxim fight was held years earlier before there was air conditioning that Ray very well may have died since it would have been very difficult to cool him down after without it.

I also think about the fans at these fights. There were nearly 20,000 in attendance at the Willard/Dempsey fight and close to 50,000 at Yankee Stadium for the Robinson/Maxim bout. Both venues being outdoors there was no escaping the heat. The Robinson fight is better remembered for the high temperatures that night because of the effect it had on the outcome of the fight. And while the Toledo fight is noted for being held on a very hot day, it is not often brought up when the fight is talked about.

So, next time you are sitting in an air conditioned room and complaining about how awful it is when the temperature is over 90, and you start to buy in to the apocalyptic forecasts of those who are screaming it has never been this bad, just remember; it is





Robinson collapsing in the 13<sup>th</sup> Round

summer, it gets hot in summer, it always has and it will continue to do so. The two fights I have discussed are reminders of this fact.

Oh, and I will wait until January to write about the fact that it gets cold during the winter. I know that may be news to many, but I would be willing to bet this winter will follow that trend. Stay cool my friends!

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



FROM THE TOP OF HIS HEAD TO THE TIPS OF HIS TOES — Shaquille O'Neal is a big man. The retired NBA Star, who finished his career with the Boston Celtics, stands 7-1 and is listed as weighing around 320 pounds.

Most fans recall the Big Shaq, the large man with an impressive physical presence who dominated under the boards. But way down there, close to the floor, there was another aspect of him that never drew the focus of the basketball world. Encased in his size 23 basketball shoes were his toes. And unlike the rest of Shaq, they were rarely seen outside the locker room.

Which brings to a recent piece that appeared in the *New York Post*. It seems that Shaq paints his toenails — and has for several decades. It apparently started one night long before he got to the NBA. Shaq stubbed his toe but his mother came to the rescue. She applied nail hardener to the affected area — which took on a blueish tint.

Well, what did the future NBA Hall of Famer do? He went out and scored 46 points that night. And a good luck practice was born. To this day Shaq continues to paint his toenails with blue nail polish, thus continuing the practice his mother started so many decades ago.

At the very end of his career, Shaq played his final season in the NBA with the Celtics. It came during the 2010-2011 campaign, the year immediately following the Celtics loss to the Los Angeles Lakers in the 2010 NBA Finals. When the team reconvened in the fall, the Big Three of Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen were still in place, as was playmaking guard Rajon Rondo. Shaq's salary for the season was \$1.35 million, "low" by the standards of today.

Beset with a number of injuries over the course of the campaign, O'Neal played in 37 regular season games for the Green and White. Watching from our media seat that was located high above courtside on the ninth floor of the Garden, we often thought of him as the Jaromir Jagr of the NBA. He no longer had the speed of younger players but once he got established under the basket, he was the Shaq that everyone remembered.

In those games where he was able to play 20 minutes or longer, the Celtics were an impressive 19-3. He averaged 9.2 points per game in the more than three dozen games he took the floor as the Celtics finished with a 56-26 record en route to capturing first place in the Atlantic Division.

Shaq's final regular season NBA game came on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Garden when he only played a little over five minutes because of a strained right calf muscle. But he did score six points during that limited window of action as the Celtics topped the Detroit Pistons, 101-90.

He remained out of the lineup for the final few games of the regular season as well as the opening round of the 2011 playoffs. In that first round the Celtics swept the New York Knicks out of the postseason tournament, 4-0.

The Celtics then faced the Miami Heat in the second round as Shaq returned to action. Things did not go well as Miami, led by NBA megastar LeBron James, rolled over the Celtics in five games. O'Neal did not see action until the third game, which proved to be the only Celtics victory in the series.

It was also Shaq's first action in more than a month as he played eight and a half minutes and scored two points in the May 7<sup>th</sup> contest. His final game in an NBA uniform came two nights later on May 9<sup>th</sup> when he played just over three and a half minutes but did not score in a 98-90 loss to Miami at the Garden.

Two nights later Miami beat Boston 97-87 in Florida to take the series. The 2010-2011 Celtics were consigned to the history books.

Some three weeks later — on June 1<sup>st</sup> — O'Neal took to social media to announce his retirement from the NBA. He followed that up on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with a full press conference, bringing his 19-year career to a close. He had played in 1,207 regular season games, averaging 23.7 points, 10.9 rebounds and 2.5 blocked shots per game.

He had also played in 216 career playoff games, averaging 24.3 points, 11.6 rebounds and 2.7 blocked shot per contest. Along the way, he had been on four NBA championship teams — in 2000, 2001 and 2002 with the Los Angeles Lakers and in 2006 with Miami.

It may be a bit hard to believe but Shaquille O'Neal turned 50 back in March. Time does fly. We will be interested in what new activities Shaq embarks upon during the sixth decade of his life.

CASSIDY COMES TO CAUSEWAY STREET — Now that the NHL has announced its complete regular season schedule for the 2022-2023 campaign, there is a special date that should be circled on the calendars of all hockey fans throughout New England.

It is December 5<sup>th</sup> — just about four months from now. It is then that Bruce Cassidy, the former head coach of the Boston Bruins, will enter the TD Garden and lead the Vegas Golden Knights into the visiting locker room.

It will be just one day shy of the six-month mark since his June 6<sup>th</sup> dismissal as the head coach of the B's after five plus seasons at the helm.

A couple of hours later Cassidy will climb behind the visiting team bench as Vegas takes on the Bruins in the only game between the two teams at the Garden during the 2022-2023 season. Six nights later (December 11<sup>th</sup>), the Bruins will invade Las Vegas for their only road game against the Knights.

And then their meetings will be over until the 2023-2024 season. That is, unless both teams advance to the 2023 Stanley Cup Final. That is a very unlikely scenario but stranger things have happened in hockey.

For both Cassidy and new Bruins head coach Jim Montgomery all that exists right now are possibilities — and the wonderful opportunities to fully embrace them.