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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

According to the Latest News

Initially, the American people were told that the Biden White House learned about the FBI raid of Mar-a-Largo like the rest of us by watching those news reports after the fact. However, sources are now confirming that the Biden Administration was fully knowledgeable of plans to raid former President Trump's Palm Springs home very early on. Some suggest that Biden's people supported the surprise raid. More on this development is sure to come.

Annual Food Truck Music Festival in Quincy

The City of Quincy's Annual Food Truck and Music Festival is coming this fall. It will be held on Saturday, October 1st from noon until 6:00 p.m. on Coddington Street by Quincy Center.

Real News from Yesterday

Back in the Summer of 1971, the Quincy Motor dealership was advertising a "1965 Ford Galaxie, 500 4-Door Sedan V-8 for \$795."

New York Times Now Says

The recently passed and signed Inflation Reduction Act appears less than it seems to be. According to *New York Times* reports, this new law will have little or no effect on inflation.

California Ban on New Gas Cars

California regulators are set to ban the sale of new gas-powered cars by 2035 - a move expected to set the pace for a national and international shift to electric vehicles. The California Air Resources Board may soon begin the gradual phasing out of gasoline-operated vehicles statewide over the next dozen years. Used vehicles that operate on gasoline would be allowed to stay on the road and be sold.

New York to Ban the Word "Inmate"

NY Gov. Kate Hochul has acted to help people getting arrested feel better about themselves. She just signed into law a bill that replaces the word "inmate" with "incarcerated person" into State Law.

The two state senators who co-sponsored the bill to change the terminology believe the word "inmate"

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St. Lucy & St. Anthony

Close Out the 2022 Religious Feasts in the North End

by Matt Conti



St. Lucy

Mayor Michelle Wu and elected officials joined members of Saint Anthony and Saint Lucy Societies proclaiming this weekend "Saint Anthony and Saint Lucy Feast Weekend" in the City of Boston.

Over 200,000 attended the 103rd "Feast of all Feasts" held in the North End, representing the largest Italian festival in New England. The fun continued all weekend with Italian American music, delicious foods and confections, religious services, cooking demonstrations, olive oil and cheese tastings, radio and TV broadcasts, and the grand procession of



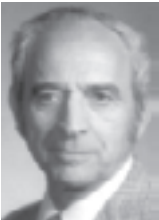
St. Anthony

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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.



CALIGULA THE BUTCHER



Wild beasts were used during many of the gladiatorial shows and had to be fed cattle meat to keep them alive while in captivity. There was a time when cattle meat became expensive, so Caligula’s crafty mind devised a system whereby he would go to the prison camps and make random selections of prisoners to be devoured. Many men of honorable rank who uttered the slightest criticism of his actions were seized and disfigured with branding irons. Some were forced to work in the mines or on public roads, and others were fed to the wild beasts. Incredible as it may sound, we are told that many of these unfortunate individuals were shut up in small animal cages and forced to move around on all fours before being fed to the beasts.

People did not have to commit a crime in order to be punished. Some of this punishment was handed out to persons who would not swear by the genius of Caligula. He forced some parents to attend the execution of their sons and he actually invited one pair of parents to dine with him immediately after an execution, just as a friendly gesture.

Those readers who are squeamish should not read this next paragraph. But if you insist, he had the manager of his gladiatorial shows beaten with chains in his presence for several days in succession, and didn’t have him killed until all were disgusted from the stench of the man’s putrefied brain.

A husky and handsome young man named Colosseros was a spectator in the amphitheater. Without provocation, Caligula ordered the man to be dragged from his seat and led into the arena where he was forced to fight one gladiator and then a second. He was victorious in both of these contests, so he was then dressed in rags, bound, and led through the streets for all of the women to view. Later, this handsome but unfortunate Colosseros was put to death because he was more desirable to women than the emperor.

At different times Caligula is reported to have caused the death, not only of his grandfather, but most of his other relatives as well. Such indignities and annoyances were heaped upon his grandmother that it is reported to have caused her death. There are others who claim that she was poisoned. He paid her no honor at death, but instead watched her burning pyre from his dining room. He had his brother put to death without warning or provocation, and harassed his father-in-law to the point where the elder Silanus slit his own throat. All of the relatives who helped this man to the throne were rewarded for their kinship and faithful service by a bloody death. With friends like this, who needs enemies?

Caligula seemed to be obsessed with the power of his office which permitted him to inflict bodily harm, torture, and even death upon others. Decapitation was his special pleasure. At one time he is reported to have said “I wish that all of Rome had but one head, then I could lop it off with one blow.” He was unmerciful in his killings. Whenever possible, it was by numerous slight wounds first. His standing order was “Strike so that he may feel that he is dying.”

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Caligula the Sexologist



A HISTORY OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE.



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2022 Mayor’s Garden Contest winners

Mayor Michelle Wu recently announced the winners of the 26th annual Mayor’s Garden Contest with a grand prize provided by JetBlue, prize packages donated by Mahoney’s Garden Centers, and additional support from in-kind sponsor Polar Beverages. The Mayor’s Garden Contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, shrubs, and, in the process, helped beautify Boston’s neighborhoods. First place winners received the coveted “Golden Trowel” award from Mayor Wu in a ceremony held August 15th in the Boston Public Garden while second and third place winners were awarded certificates. Gardeners who have won three or more times in the last ten years were automatically entered into the Hall of Fame. These distinguished Hall-of-Famers are no longer eligible to enter as contestants but are invited to return as judges.


First place winners were also entered into a drawing for a JetBlue Grand Prize consisting of roundtrip flights for two to any nonstop destination from Boston and received a pair of tickets to the Harvard Museums of Science and Culture. In addition, Mahoney’s Garden Centers provided gardener’s gift bags to the top three winners in each category, as well as gift certificates for the 2022 Hall of Fame winners.



Shade Garden — 1st place Dave Connolly, East Boston

THIS YEAR’S WINNERS:

- Storefront, Organization, or Main Street District Garden**
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 2. Chilcot Granada Community Garden - Roxbury
 3. J. Grady Home - Beacon Hill
- Porch, Balcony, or Container Garden**
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 2. Beverly Christians and Chris Hartmann - South End
 3. Paul Belanger - West End
- Community Garden**
1. Steven Davy and Dionna Di Pierro - Fenway Victory Garden
 2. John Ruiz - Fenway Victory Garden
 3. Ellen Bowers - Fenway Victory Garden
- 2022 Hall of Fame Inductees**
- Errol and Jan Uys - Dorchester
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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.*

Anna Pagliuca

SEPTEMBER 9, 1948 ~ AUGUST 19, 2022



Anna Pagliuca, 73, of East Boston, passed away on August 19, 2022.
Devoted mother of the late Rosamaria DelVecchio and Ciriaco DelVecchio. Beloved daughter of Ezechia Pagliuca and the late Rosina (Iantosca) Pagliuca. Dear sister of Antonio Pagliuca and late wife Rosetta of East Boston.
Cherished aunt of Rosana, Angela, Tonia Pagliuca, Nick Varano and wife Michelle. Adored great aunt of Nico, Marina Varano, Kevin Boyd. Special Godmother of Daniel Franzese and Reina Guerra.
Anna worked and volunteered at the Don Orione in East Boston.
Family and friends honored Anna’s life by gathering at Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston on Tuesday, August 23rd, and Wednesday August 24th. A Funeral Mass followed at Sacred Heart Church, East Boston celebrating Anna’s life.
Services concluded with Anna being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

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Committee in Support of EAST BOSTON HAUL ROAD

The Committee in support of an East Boston Haul Road has been launched. Its purpose will be to create a Haul Road and Waterfront Pedestrian and Bike Pathway from the abandoned MassDOT property along Chelsea Creek. The result will remove significant truck traffic from McClellan Highway and neighborhood streets and create a publicly accessible Chelsea Creek waterfront to benefit East Boston residents for the first time ever.
The unused land along East Boston’s waterfront near Route 1A has been ignored for more than forty years with only the slow collection of trash occurring on what is valuable waterfront land in our community. A better use of the property is for a Haul Road and Waterfront Access that will directly benefit East Boston.
Since several islands were connected to create what we now know as East Boston, the rail line defined the boundary with Chelsea Creek. Yet, with the abandonment of the rail line in the 1970’s, nothing has happened to re-use this property. The Commonwealth, Mass DOT, Massport and the City of Boston have never done anything to put this property to use.
Residents of East Boston are, **once again**, wondering why other communities, e.g., South Boston and Chelsea, have haul roads that lessen the negative impacts from truck traffic. The Marty Coughlin Bypass built by Massport on a portion of this very same abandoned railway in 2012, reduced truck traffic on neighborhood streets going to and from the airport and Chelsea; yet, no steps have been taken to extend this bypass

to alleviate the many more trucks going to and from the airport and all parts North of the city, i.e. the rest of New England. The process utilized by MassDOT itself determining the property was of no use back in 2017! The committee will be advocating for action from our elected representatives and city and state agencies to put this property to use now. The committee will directly advocate for an extension of the Coughlin Bypass from its current endpoint to the Revere city line, and the parallel creation of a waterfront pedestrian walkway and bike path. The Haul Road will provide an ideal alternate route for trucks, as evidenced by the success of the Marty Coughlin Bypass.
Committee members recognize the environmental negatives of idling trucks within the residential areas of East Boston. Fewer emissions near homes, schools and parks will create a healthier environment for all.
When you are sitting in severe traffic in the next thirty days, due to MBTA shutdowns and weekends due to tunnel shutdowns look to your left and to your right. Imagine how traffic could be improved by providing a Haul Road for commercial/truck traffic. We have the solution for **OUR** community, a community that has solved our problems successfully in the past.
Resident’s impassioned civic engagement will send a clear message that they want to steer the conversation and planning on how bet to alleviate the daily stressed that McClellan Highway traffic causes the community. Members of this committee include Joseph Steffano, Deysi Gutierrez, Michael McCormack, and Mariellen Dalton.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA Makes National Call to Stand Out and Wave Flags to Remember 9/11 Anniversary

On September 11th, and every Tuesday, nonprofit wants to honor the “Freeport Flag Ladies” and those affected by 9/11, by uniting in national flag waving

On Sunday, September 11, 2022, national nonprofit Wreaths Across America (WAA) is calling on all Americans to join them in waving the American flag in their own communities to commemorate the 21st anniversary of 9/11.
At **8:46 a.m.**, On Tuesday, September 11th, 2001, five hijackers took control of American Airlines Flight 11 and flew it into the heart of New York City and the northern facade of the World Trade Center’s North Tower (1 WTC).
At **9:03 a.m.**, five other hijackers flew United Airlines Flight 175 into the southern facade of the South Tower (2 WTC).
At **9:37 a.m.**, another five hijackers flew American Airlines flight 77 into the western facade of the Pentagon in Arlington County, Virginia.
At **10:03 a.m.**, four hijackers crashed United Airlines Flight 93 into a field in Stonycreek Township near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Members of the WAA family, including staff, volunteers, Gold Star and Blue Star Families, and veterans, will join to share in the patriotic act of waving the flag, and sharing the stories of those who raised their hand to serve following the events of that fateful day. The flag waving will start at 8:46 a.m. ET, when on Tuesday, September 11, 2001, five hijackers took control of American Airlines Flight 11 and flew it into the heart of New York City and the northern facade of the World Trade Center’s North Tower (1 WTC) and end at 10:03 a.m. ET when four hijackers crashed United Airlines Flight 93 into a field in Stonycreek Township near Shanksville, Penn., on the same day.

You too can join by tuning in to the organization’s **Official Facebook page**, to share pictures and videos from your own community flag waving. Participants are encouraged to take video and pictures of their participation in the national flag waving and share them with WAA, their family, and their friends to help REMEMBER, HONOR and TEACH the generation born after 9/11, how hard times can strengthen us as a nation. Please use the hashtag **#FlagsAcrossTheCountry** and **#AmericaStrong** when posting on social media and tag the Wreaths Across America **Official Facebook page**.
WAA waves the American Flag *every* Tuesday morning between 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. ET and encourages the public to join them. Each week,



messages of unity and remembrance are shared and the legacy of the “**Freeport Flag Ladies**” – who took to the Hill in Freeport on 9/11/01 following the events of that morning to hoist the flag and share a message of strength — lives on as it did each week for 18 years. After they retired on September 11, 2019, WAA took over the tradition and continues the weekly flag waving along U.S. Route 1 in Jonesboro, Maine.
“Each Tuesday, we are joined by dozens of members of the local community and curious people stopping to be part of something meaningful,” said Karen Worcester, Executive Director, Wreaths Across America. “I hope people will join us this year, both on the anniversary of 9/11, as well as each Tuesday moving forward. This flag waving has taken on new meaning for us all and given a spark of hope for unity and patriotism during this difficult time in our country.”
Following the events of 9/11, three patriotic women (Elaine Greene, Joann Miller and Carmen Foote) were moved to find an old American flag they had stored at home and stand on a hill in Freeport, Maine, waving that flag to honor victims. These women became nationally known as “**The Freeport Flag Ladies**,” and proudly hoisted the Stars and Stripes every Tuesday morning for the following 18 years. **After they retired on September 11, 2019, (their last 9/11 remembrance)** the following Tuesday, September 17, 2019, Wreaths Across America took the helm and continued the weekly flag-waving tradition along U.S. Route 1 in Jonesboro, Maine.
To learn more go to: <https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/pages/19520/News/804/?relatedId=0>.
To watch the Facebook live event go to <https://fb.me/e/2UPjaByZj>.
About Wreaths Across America
Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization’s mission — Remember, Honor, Teach — is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans’ cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.
For more information or to sponsor a wreath please visit: www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org.

L’Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Say Hello to September!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

Lately, I have been paying special attention to the trees in my backyard. If I look at the leaves closely enough, I can detect the slightly perceptible hues of fall — crisp reds and golden yellows tickling the borders of still-green fronds. Small breezes lift a few orange leaves and blow them gently to the ground as they swirl around like tops. These sights, both the delicate colors and the falling of the leaves, are reminders that autumn is here, the season of cooler weather and harvest and the rhythms of nature. The month of September starts this wonderful season, bringing with it the smell of juicy apples and the purring motors of big yellow school buses. The beginning of September is always a very busy time for me, as it coincides with the commencement of the school year and all of the preparations that that entails. Nevertheless, when I stop to pause and really think about September, I feel a rise of excitement bubbling inside me. This is a month full of rustic holidays and old-country proverbs that highlight September’s prominence as a seasonal turning point.

The first September holiday to occur in America is Labor Day, falling on September 5th this year. A festival honoring the contributions of working people, Labor Day also signifies the unofficial end of summer, as many schools return to their sessions after this long weekend. As such, Labor Day is often celebrated with a picnic or barbecue, and this year I will add to the food tradition by baking a sparkling apple cider pound cake or an apple-cream cheese crisp to honor the seasonal flavors of this month. Over in Italy, September heralds a flurry of feasts and activities that will last until the holiday season in the winter. It begins in a regal fashion, with Venice’s *Regatta Storica* occurring on the first Sunday of the month. In this renowned boat race, a parade of elegant gondolas introduces an intense competition where skilled rowers in various different categories vie for first place. This event has a royal pedigree, as it is modeled after the welcome procession given to the queen of Cyprus, Caterina Cornaro, when she returned to Venice in 1489. Later in the month, the people



in Naples celebrate the feast day of Saint Gennaro on September 19th, when spectators wait to see the mysterious liquefaction of the saint’s blood, and then hold an eight-day party as stalls selling trinkets and candy line the streets. This holiday has become so popular that many Italian-American communities hold their own *Festa di San Gennaro*. Autumn intensifies around the fall equinox, arriving on the 22nd of the month, after which the balance between daylight and night tips towards the edge of darkness. Finally, the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, or *San Michele l’Arcangelo*, closes out the month on September 29th. Also known as Michaelmas, this ancient feast features the autumnal themes of balance — the scales of St. Michael echo the equal hours of day and night during the equinox — and harvest, as ingredients like carrots and ginger are traditional on this day.

For our Italian ancestors of yore, September meant collecting the harvest, enjoying the bounty of the Earth, and preparing food for the winter. In this deeply agricultural society, proverbs reminded farmers to pay attention to the weather and their crops in order to ensure a successful harvest. Rain in September proved a mixed blessing. One proverb bluntly states that “*La pioggia di settembre è veleno per l’uva*,” meaning that September rain is like poison for grapes. However, another proverb happily declares “*A settembre pioggia e luna, è dei funghi la fortuna*,” advising farmers that rain and moonlight made favorable conditions for collecting mushrooms, such as the delectable Italian truffles. Other dictums reflect the changing weather of

the month, as summer turns to autumn. A delightful little ditty proclaims: “*Aria settembrina fresco la sera e fresco la mattina*.” According to this proverb, September air is cool during both the evenings and the mornings. This axiom reminds me of the autumnal mist I often see rising above fields like lace on crisp mornings, or dark evenings huddled under a blanket and drinking a cup of apple cider. Italian truisms even mention the autumn equinox. “*Di Settembre la notte col di contendere*” roughly translates that night competes with day during September, a reminder of the long winter evenings to come.

From holidays to proverbs, September is a month brimming with great significance as a seasonal milestone. Whether you enjoy the changing foliage or admire the taste of a fresh apple, be sure to pause and be grateful for all that the autumn has to offer. For it is autumn that teaches us humility before the gifts of the Earth and an appreciation for the cycle of the year. Therefore, no matter how you desire to honor September, let us toast to a month full of bountiful blessings and new beginnings!

Happy September!

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.

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THINKING
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

It’s Scary on the Prairie and Beyond

Last Sunday’s *Boston Herald* (Scary in “The Prairie,” August 28th) talked about how residents who care about this neighborhood park want it cleaned up, I remembered living in part of the neighborhood that used “The Prairie” all day long. It was a field that brought young people from all over together for organized youth baseball or for endless pick-up softball games. The official name was the Eustis Street Playground, now it is Clifford Park but always called “The Prairie” for its huge size.

Now the city says it is looking to reclaim “The Prairie” as it becomes a garbage can for public sex, needles and God knows what else. I agree with Domingos DeRosa, a community activist who says that the community is dying. I don’t know about the community, but this park I used as a kid is definitely dying from benign neglect by Boston; the same kind of benign neglect that allows the homeless encampment down on nearby Southampton Street to fester and grow. It is easy to talk. The city’s answer to the overcrowding on the streets near the highway ramps is to seemingly use more fencing as a solution. Not the answer.

The City appears useless in

dealing with the metastasizing of negative activity. You can’t keep pushing the problem from here to there. Drive near the encampment that starts on the I-93 onramp and slides down to both Southampton Street and Mass Ave. I am not surprised that the issues at one end of the “mile” has travelled down to Shirley Street and “The Prairie”. It was only a matter of time.

It is time to stop worrying about how it got there and time to find the solution to get it gone from there. I still don’t think the City of Boston, especially our politicians; have a clue as to what to do next.

If the city wishes to “fix” this issue, it needs to stop doing the same things that doesn’t work over and over again. There is a difference between actually helping those meandering souls and simply enabling them to continue their roam through life.

Doing nothing hasn’t worked but until the powers that be do something, nothing is all we get. Never enough. Not by a mile. Just look around at the homeless encampments. Does anyone really know what they are doing at City Hall? Are we just getting blue smoke and mirrors? Will it ever change? Can they even clean up the Prairie?

Saint Simeon Stylites the Younger

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Stylites were solitaries and ascetics who made their home upon the tops of a pillar.

Simeon was born at Antioch in 521. His father, John, was a native of Edessa, his mother, named Martha was later revered as a saint. When Simeon was six, his father was killed in an earthquake, after which he and his mother moved to the outskirts of the city.

Simeon was drawn at a young age to a life of austerity. He attached himself to a community of ascetics living within their enclosure and to a pillar-hermit, named John, who acted as their spiritual director. Simeon while still only a boy had a pillar erected for himself close to that of John.

In the course of this period, however, Simeon several times moved to a new pillar, and on the occasion of the first of these exchanges, the Patriarch of Antioch and the Bishop of Séleucie ordained him deacon during the short space of time he spent upon the ground. For his efforts, Simeon received from God the gift of healing. For eight years until John died, Simeon remained near his master’s column, so near that they could easily converse. During this period, his austerities were kept in some sort of check by the older hermit.

After John’s death, Simeon gave full rein to his ascetical practices. From the rising of the sun until mid-afternoon, he read books and copied Holy Scripture. Simeon was ordained priest and was thus able to offer



the Holy Sacrifice in memory of his mother. On such occasions, his disciples one after another climbed up the ladder to receive Communion at his hands. As in the case of most of the other pillar saints, a large number of miracles were believed to have been worked by him. In several instances, the cure was affected by pictures representing. Simeon Simeon maintained this kind of life for 68 years.

Towards the end of his life, the saint occupied a column upon a mountainside near Antioch called the “Hill of Wonders” (due to his miracles), also known as the “Wondrous Mountain” or the “Admirable Mountain.” It was here that he passed away in 596. The Feast Day of Saint Simeon is May 24.

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OPINIONS

State Representative Race in Chelsea & Everett
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Chelsea City Counciller Leo Robinson experience and accomplishments farley exceeds his opponents and deservedly will win the race. This column whole heartily endorses Robinson.

STATE AUDITOR
DIANA DiZOGGIO



State Senator Diana DiZoglia and Richard Settipane

State Senator Diana DiZoglia as Auditor will ensure tax payers get the respect they deserve by rooting out fraud and waste in State Government, DiZoglia has numerous endorsements including the Massachusetts Teachers Association, National Association of Government Employees, Boston Local 26,

IBEW 223, Boston Carmen's Union, Mass Nurses Association, Senators Lydia Edwards and Nick Collins among others. Diana DiZoglia should deservingly win this contest due to her accomplishments and her views for the Auditor's office.

ATTORNEY GENERAL
ANDREA CAMPBELL

Now that Andrea Campbell has finally expanded her television campaign bringing out her views for the Attorney Generals seat, Campbell received a beneficial endorsement from current Attorney General Maura Healey who has been campaigning personally with Andrea throughout the State.

Campbell also received a powerful endorsement from former Attorney General Frank Bellotti who stated "that Andrea will be an extremely effective Attorney General."

We predict that Andrea Campbell will succeed in a fairly close contest.

SUFFOLK COUNTY
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
KEVIN HAYDEN

District Attorney Kevin Hayden's experience is the DA's office is extremely greater then his opponent Ricardo Arroyo has some real bad publicity

lately, due to his sexual accusations in the past.

Hayden's vast experience should bring him victory.

SECRETARY OF STATE
WILLIAM GALVIN

Bill Galvin has been an extremely effective Secretary of State and deservingly should be re-elected.

GOP PRIMARY TOSS UP

The two Republicans candidates running for the Republican nomination for Governor is an extremely close race.

It doesn't matter who wins, because they will face Attorney General Maura Healey who at this time has at lest a 30 point lead over either one of them in a recent poll.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
KIM DRISCOLL

Kimberly Driscoll the Mayor of Salem who has done a fantastic job as Mayor should win this race.

WANT TO LIVE LONGER
HERE'S GRAPE NEW

A recent article in the New York Post by Journal Foods has found that grapes can have numerous positive health impacts. Grapes can reduce your risk of Alzheimer Disease and fatty liver disease and can even add 5 Years to Your life.

Introducing a new book by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari, lifelong residents of the North End, entitled:

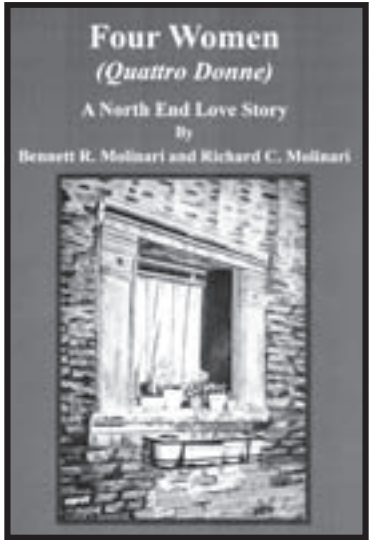
Four Women "Quattro Donne"

subtitle, A North End Love Story

In the next few weeks this column will feature excerpts from this book.

CHAPTER 84
The Miracle

"Angie, I'm going to throw up," Auntie Stella warned nervously as she and Auntie Angie walked toward Garden Court Street. "Stella calm down," Auntie Angie said reassuringly. "The Riccis won't make a scene in front of this crowd." "Angie, that old man is crazy. You don't know what he will do next. He has that fish hook and takes it out whenever there's trouble, and his sons are as crazy as he is." Grandma and Mom walking ahead, were only several yards behind Pietro and Carla. The procession turned onto Garden Court Street, making its way to the Ricci building, where traditionally, money pinned to a long blue ribbon would be sent down from their second floor flat. "Carmela," Grandma asked nervously. "The Ricci window is open. How can they not miss seeing Carla and Pietro together?" "Ma, please be careful. Look where you're going," Mom cautioned. "If you step on glass or a nail and get cut, you can get an infection in your feet. Please put on your shoes. Saint Theresa would not want this." Knowing how anxious Mom was for her feet, Grandma struck a bargain. "Carmela, I know what I'm doing is making you nervous. I must do this, at least on Garden Court Street. Once we turn onto Hanover Street, I will put my shoes on." Mom, somewhat relieved, gave Grandma a quick kiss on the cheek and said, "Grazie Ma. In the meantime, watch where you step." Just when Mom was feeling somewhat relieved, Aunt



Elena spoke up, "Lucia," she said nervously, "Egidio and his sons are standing in their doorway. By now, they must have seen Carla and Pietro walking together. What should we do?" "Oh Madonna!" Shouted Grandma, "They are there. Carmela, Carmela," she repeated anxiously while tugging on Mom's arm. "All the Riccis are on their steps. They must have seen Carla and Pietro." In desperation, Grandma turned to Auntie Angie who was only several paces behind. "Angie, all the Riccis are in their doorway. They're going to do harm to Pietro." "Ma, calm down. It will be okay!" Auntie Angie shouting above the noise of the crowd. "Angie, I think I'm going to pee myself." "Stella, you're going to disgrace us." "That's all Angie, you're always afraid of what people will think. The old cafoni is standing in his doorway with his cafoni sons. They're going to kill all of us." "Stella shut up!" Auntie Angie

implored. "And don't disgrace us." "What are you talking about?" Auntie Stella screamed. "You're worrying about a little piss and those cafoni are going to kill us." Turning abruptly, just ahead of them, Grandma scolded, "Stella, I can hear what you're saying. Be quiet. Saint Theresa will protect us. The Riccis won't do anything." "Oh, that's right, Saint Lucia is praying to Saint Theresa and everything is going to be okay," Auntie Stella snapped. "Stella, don't talk about her that way!" Mom shouted. Before Auntie Stella could respond, the procession stopped directly in front of the Ricci building. The crowd went silent as the procession stopped, anticipating the Riccis ceremonial donation to Saint Theresa, but something was different, Egidio's eyes and those of his sons were fixed on Carla and Pietro. The unexpected sight of the couple walking together reignited their anger. Ignoring the crowd around them, their eyes remained fixed on the couple. Seconds passed, which seemed like an eternity, and the crowd began to murmur.

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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• St. Lucy & St. Anthony Feasts (Continued from Page 1)



The 101st Feast of Santa Lucia (Saint Lucy) was celebrated featuring a procession of the statue accompanied by devotees and marching bands on her five-hour procession throughout Boston's North End. St. Lucy, Vergine e' Martire is known as the Protectress of Eyesight.



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• **St. Lucy & St. Anthony Feasts** (Continued from Page 7)

Saint Anthony & Saint Lucy, featuring award-winning drum and bugle corps, marching bands, sponsor floats and color guard.

Mayor Wu also dedicated Via di Sant' Antonio and Via di Santa Lucia in Boston's North End. North Margin Street was originally dedicated as Via di Sant' Antonio by former Mayor and former Ambassador to the Holy See Raymond Flynn in 1984.



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Freddy Sarno, Angie Pallotta, Angie Digregorio (97), Anna Caso



Francine and Aunt Connie



State Senator Lydia Edwards, and City Councilor Gabriela Coletta



Oliver waiting for the saint



(Photos by Gerri Palladino)



THE CRIMINAL LIFE OF ARCHIBALDO DE LA CRUZ
(Blu-ray) / VCI Ent.

The *Criminal Life of Archibaldo de la Cruz* is executed in traditional Bunuel fashion, where macabre meets comedy. The story begins when an overindulged young boy of “privilege” is shown a music box, which is a family heirloom, alleged to cause the death of an enemy when played. The boy decides to test it out, setting his sights on his nanny, who’d recently offended him, wishing for her death. When moments late, a stray bullet from a revolutionary’s gun sails through the window killing her, the twisted boy is convinced this was no accident and finds that he likes his newfound “power.” Taking on the mind of a serial killer, he carries the mindset into adulthood, plotting, planning, fantasizing, and “wishing,” with women as his victims. The irony of it all is, his efforts to carry out theses crimes are always thwarted by outside forces, be it “twist of fate” or “providence,” making him a serial killer in mind only.

TAHARA
(DVD) / Film Movement

Kissing your best friend is one thing. Kissing your best friend at the funeral for your Hebrew School classmate is a bit more complicated. *Tahara*, a poignant dramedy from director Olivia Peace and writer Jess Zeidman is an utterly original, award-winning exploration of desire, grief and the unexpected events that make one grow. Carrie Lowstein (Madeline Grey DeFreece) and Hannah Rosen (Rachel Sennott) have been inseparable for as long as they can remember. When their former Hebrew school classmate, Samantha Goldstein, commits suicide, the two girls go to her funeral as well as the “Teen Talk-back” session designed to be an opportunity for them to understand grief through their faith. But, after an innocent kissing exercise turns Carrie’s world inside out, the best friends find themselves distracted by the teenage complications of lust, social status, and wavering faith.

CHECKERED NINJA *(DVD) / MVD Synergetic Distribution*

When 13-year-old highschooler Alex (Cameron Simpson) gets a Ninja doll from his adventuring Uncle Stewart (Michael Glenn Murphy), dressed in checkered clothing after a trip to Thailand, he finds out that the doll is alive and can help him with problems at school. He finds that the doll gives him the courage to face his crush, along with other challenges at school, but not without returning the favor, Alex wants to return the favor, but soon Alex learns that the *Checkered Ninja* (Luke Griffin) is possessed and on a mission to avenge the murder of a child where he came to life in Thailand.

BAD ROADS – DONBASS – REFLECTION - THE EARTH IS BLUE AS AN ORANGE
(DVD) / Film Movement

As the devastating war in Ukraine drags on, each day

we’re greeted with tragic and unsettling stories of life during wartime. Film Movement brings four captivating, award-winning films to the home entertainment marketplace that deliver audiences behind the lines and into the lives of those affected by the ongoing war of Russian aggression which first started in 2014: *Bad Roads*, a disturbing drama set against the backdrop of Donbass, is based on the internationally-acclaimed play of the same name. *Reflection*, is Valentyn Vasyanovych’s powerful drama. *The Earth Is Blue As An Orange*, a Sundance Award-winning documentary from Iryna Tsilyk. **BAD ROADS** — A man alleging to be a schoolmaster is accosted by the military at a checkpoint. Two teenagers wait for their soldier boyfriends in a dilapidated town square. A journalist is held captive and gets brutally assaulted. A young woman apologizes to an elderly couple for running over their chickens. Featuring four stories set against the backdrop of the Donbass roads, loomed by disorientation, paranoia, and terror. **DONBASS** — In the Donbass, a region of Eastern Ukraine, a hybrid war takes place, involving an open armed conflict alongside killings and robberies on a mass scale perpetrated by separatist gangs. In the Donbass, war is called peace, propaganda is uttered as truth and hatred is declared to be love. Life suffused with fear and suspicion; what is real and what is fake news? Through thirteen tension-ridden “chapters,” *Donbass* takes audiences on an adventurous journey within the depths of the conflict zone and through life-threatening events. **REFLECTION** — Ukrainian surgeon Serhiy joins the military to fight against the Russians in the Donbas region. After being captured by enemy soldiers, he witnesses the horrific torture and interrogation of his compatriots while being forced to monitor their vital signs. Following his release, Serhiy returns home to his family, still suffering from the trauma he experienced and hiding a devastating secret.

THE EARTH IS BLUE AS AN ORANGE — A documentary that follows a single mother, Anna and her four children as they document their lives under siege in the front-line war of Dondass, Ukraine. Eldest daughter Mira dreams of becoming a cinematographer, and as bombs descend on neighboring homes, the family construct, act in, and edit stylized scenes of dangerous predicaments they’ve lived to tell. Mira’s re-creations ratchet up the drama, using local soldiers, tanks, and even her own grandmother to tell terrifying tales of survival. Every member of the family has a passion for cinema, motivating them to shoot a film inspired by their own life during a time of war, and the creative process raises the question of what kind of power the magi-cal work of cinema could have during times of disaster/ How to picture war through fiction?

The time has come, the walrus said,
TO TALK OF MANY THINGS
of shoes and ships and sealing wax of cabbages and kings

by Sal Giarratani

BURGER KING AT THE HEIGHTS vs. MIKE’S DONUTS IN MISSION HILL

Last week on my way to have my eyes checked out at Joslin Clinic, I stopped by Mike’s Donuts across from Mission Church. This is the go-to-place in the mornings to start your mornings off with a great cup of coffee and some great donuts, etc. They don’t call it Mike’s Donuts for nothing.

I caught up with several of the guys who go there like we do over here up the Heights in the mornings at Burger King. We talk politics, sports or almost anything and we do it kind of loud too.

One of my longtime friends is Martin “Mossy” Martin. He is definitely a Mission Hill character. He and I actually worked together for a while over at the Shattuck Hospital. He’s a neighborhood newspaper guy who’s been writing a must-see column in the *Mission Hill Gazette* for years and years. He seems to know everybody and thinks about Mission Hill.

When I saw him this past Tuesday morning he told me, “Can you guys over at Burger King keep the noise down. We can’t hear ourselves think.” Over here, we can’t even hear ourselves talking. We have a theme song. It’s by the O’Jays from back in 1972 called “992 Arguments.” That’s all we seem to do sometimes.

WAKING UP TO HAROLD MELVIN & THE BLUE NOTES

When my alarm went off one day this week, I was awakened by a great tune by Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes. This is great, great R & B sound. Love it. Teddy Pendergrass was the lead singer and, boy, was he great with The Blue Notes. He replaced David Ebo. Anyone out there care to say which guy was better at the mic?

By the way, here is some trivia. What was this band’s original name? Answer later in this column. Don’t cheat and look below.

Oh yeah, one more thing speaking about Pendergrass. Have you really ever listened to Teddy do “Turn off the lights”? What a great mood song and great for slow dancing too.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TO ...

Gene Simmons from the band KISS just turned 73 on August 25th. Geoff Downes of Asia turned 70 years old the same day.

EXPANDING MY VOICE ONLINE

I recently started sending items to two great online news outlets. One is: *EastBoston.com*

by Frank Conte and the second is: *Reverebeach.com* by Bob Upton. Check both out. What a great news source and remembrances of past years.

Check out my piece on all the constant-development going on in East Boston at *eastboston.com*. The other piece at: *reverebeach.com* is a great old memory piece of mine from my childhood days going to the beach and amusements down at Revere Beach.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

It is almost time for the celebration if you are a graduate of East Boston High School, Classes of 1972 & 1973. Come to your 50th reunion, Saturday, September 17th, Hilton Garden Inn. For more information, contact Jim Kearney at: *jkebh72@gmail.com* or Karen Buttiglieri at: *kbuttebh73@gmail.com*.

I GUESS IT’S A NOT SO GREEN NEW DEAL

Here’s a good question for folks out there. What are we supposed to do when either electric car batteries or solar panels age out and to be replaced? I just found out what the answer is to these questions. Both items will end up buried in a landfill somewhere. You heard me, buried under ground somewhere. Perhaps before we start marketing this so-called green technology, we ought to plan before these items start needing to be replaced. Just thinking out loud here.

FORD GOING ELECTRIC BY LAYING OFF 3,000 U.S. WORKERS?

The Ford Motor Company has started running their TV commercials for electric vehicles, like the new electric Mustang and the new electric line of Ford 150 pickups. However, they also just announced they are laying off their U.S. employees

According to Ford, more of their vehicles will now be “built” in Mexico where there is plenty of cheap labor to be had. Tech-

nically, the cars will be assembled in Mexico after China ships over all the parts necessary to “build” a vehicle.

Then and only then will vehicles be shipped across the border to be sold here as domestic vehicles. All sounds like hocus-pocus, blue smoke and mirrors to me. Where is Big Labor on this? What actions are they taking, if any?

JUST IN ONLINE INBOX

A few issues back I wondered what you readers out there thought who did “The Sun Ain’t Gonna Shine Anymore” and Loretta Dulong emailed me regarding the many versions of this hit song. She says the song was written by Gaudio & Crewe in 1965 for Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. It was also released in 1966 by the Walker Brothers. She stated, The Four Seasons & Frankie Valli was her favorite version and the Walker Brothers her second favorite.

STILL FEEL BAD ABOUT WHITNEY HOUSTON

One day this past week I had Music Channel 509 on my TV and the voice came on my TV. None other than Whitney Houston was singing “The Greatest Love of All ” and I remembered how great that 1985 single was and how impactful the lyrics were too.

She had a voice like few others and this particular song in very many ways was really all about her. After her death in 2012, the lyrics made one cry out in sadness.

Houston had so much going for herself and sadly it seemed in her life she could make such bad choices and in the end it took her down much too soon. There were so many more songs never sung. It all ended too soon and tragically for her.

ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Labor Day will be with us in a couple of days, but other than it being the practical end of summer, it has another significance for me. I met someone during the Labor Day week-end 49 years ago and we've been hangin' around together ever since.

Babbononno always used to say, "You can't pick your relatives; you're stuck with them."

But, you can pick your friends, so do so wisely." Over the years, I discovered his visions were right on target. My story begins around July 4th, 1973. I had been in Hollywood doing some extra work at Paramount Studios and with the summer coming in, most of the production companies housed on the Paramount lot were shutting down for July and August. As a result, I decided to head home. The folks greeted me with open arms, and after settling in, I headed to East Boston to visit Babbononno. He was now in a nursing home and ready to turn 98. When I arrived at the Columbus Nursing Home on Saratoga Street, Uncle Nick was there visiting his father. The three of us chatted, and when it was time to leave, Uncle Nick said, "Oh, by the way, there's a Motown group passing through Boston minus a bass player ... you interested?" I said yes and let it go at that.

A day of so later, I received a call from one of the leaders of the Uniques, a Motown group that was heading north for the summer. Eddie Jackson called at the suggestion of Uncle Nick. He said that the band was heading to Maine and needed a bass player. Knowing from what Uncle Nick had said, I told Eddie that I wasn't African-American. His comment was, "What color's your talent?" I replied, "What do you mean, it's colorless." He then asked, "What color's your bass guitar?" I replied, "Black." Eddie's comment was, "Close enough." So, I joined the Uniques for the summer. I did let the guys know that I would be leaving around Labor Day as I had decided to return teaching in the Boston Schools and playing music locally. They had no problem with my decision, and so, I headed to the Portsmouth Circle, met the band at the then Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge and followed the caravan northward to Caribou, Maine.

When we arrived at the location, we brought our equipment

into a supper club that was part of a motel complex. The room was large, decorated like a Vegas nightclub and the people already in attendance having dinner were well dressed, multi-racial and many of them were in air force uniforms. It did not compute. As far as I knew, that-part of Maine had only white people or native Americans (Indians), and most were involved in Maine's potato and fishing industries. What I discovered later that evening was that there was a SAC base in Caribou, the Loring Air Force Base, the east coast's most strategic missile site. The patrons I saw were employees and servicemen and women from the base. There was nothing else in the way of entertainment for them except the performers at the hotel.

Things went well. I fitted in and learned their tunes and routines rather quickly. The man I mentioned, Eddie Jackson, became my roommate and we hit it off. The money was good, but as August pushed forward, I told everyone that I would be leaving around Labor Day. Around the beginning of the last week of August, Jerry Cobb, the other leader of the band told me that a New York based bass player was available and I could leave after the last show on that Friday evening. I was delighted. I had been invited to join a bunch of guys who were going to spend the holiday weekend on the Cape. I called one of the guys and told him I would be able to make it and asked for the directions. I left Maine, stopped at the house in Belmont, packed some Cape Cod clothing and headed for Hyannis. I arrived in the middle of the night exhausted. Paul Blair, the friend who had invited me, showed me my bedroom and told me that there were some other folks coming later in the night. It seems that they all worked at a Boston nightclub and were leaving after work. When they arrived, I was awakened and looked out the window. What I saw made me curious. A gray Jaguar XKE two seater pulled up with about six people wedged into it. The driver got out and looked like a little kid with a mustache. My comment to myself was, "Oh, what the Hell," and I went back to sleep.

Late the next morning, someone yelled out brunch is ready.

Everyone staying at the cottage headed for the kitchen, and I was introduced to all of them. The one who looked like a little kid with a mustache was named Dean Saluti. We sort of hit it off. He was a doctoral candidate at Boston University, working his way through the program as a bartender at Lucifer's, one of three nightclubs located in a complex called The Kenmore Club situated in the middle of Kenmore Square.

As the weekend progressed, Dean and I had many conversations about our back-grounds, growing up in Italian families, both having multiple college degrees, and our likes and dislikes in women, music and food. It seemed that we were always on the same page. When the weekend came to an end, we swapped phone numbers and I headed back to Boston and returned to teaching drafting and engineering subjects at Hyde Park High School by day and playing music at night. Within the week, I called Dean and told him I was playing at a nearby hotel that Saturday evening and might he be interested in getting a bite to eat after work. We headed for Chinatown and a late night dinner. During our conversation, Dean talked me into applying for entrance to a doctoral program at Boston University, where he was studying. I already had two master's degrees and was busy teaching in Boston, playing music nights and periodically heading for Hollywood when they had something for me in the way of acting.

The conversation we had over dinner that night kept cropping up in my mind over the next few weeks and I decided to take one of the exams that would allow me entrance to a BU doctoral program. When I was sent a letter of congratulations by BU, I quickly picked my subject area, signed up for courses and contacted Dean to let him know I was now a BU graduate student. From that point on, we became closer friends, even double dating when there was time. Over the course of that fall and winter I came to know many of his friends and introduced my friends to his crowd. Uncle Nick and I often worked together on weekend nights and he enjoyed hanging out with the younger guys whenever we headed for a late night restaurant after work.

That friendship hits the 49 year mark this weekend. Dean Saluti was a groomsman in my wedding party and I fulfilled the same obligation when he married Margie Cahn. For many years after we received our degrees, we worked together in a consulting firm he put together. Today, in our senior years, we have many Italian American organizations and our antique cars to augment our lifestyles. But most of all we have the friendship that began 49 years ago, something that is rare and unique in today's world. I think Babbononno and Nanna would have approved.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



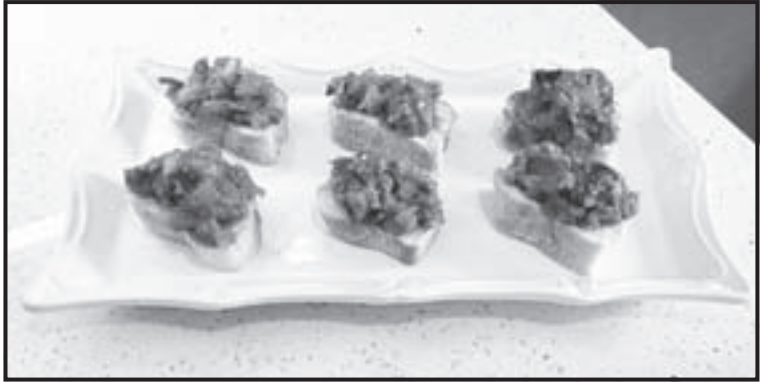
by
**Marianna
Bisignano**



In Italy, it is typical to have debates over where certain dishes originated. However, when it comes to Caponata, there are none! This delicious so-called "eggplant relish" is rooted in Sicily. In fact, many refer to this delicacy as Sicily's version of ratatouille. Though they may be similar, Caponata is far tastier. Caponata was originally served in Sicily as an accompaniment to fish and today it can be found alongside octopus, poultry and even as a delicious topping on a Bruschetta.

Every family has their own special way of making Caponata and some families even have more than one recipe they use. My Nonna usually made hers without a recipe and varied the ingredients based on the tastes of those she was serving it to. So when she made it for anyone that didn't like raisins and pine nuts, she'd just eliminate them. The recipe I am sharing is easy to make and always turns out perfect. It is especially delicious when used as a topping on a bruschetta. Enjoy!

CAPONATA
Sicilian Eggplant Relish



- 1 large or 2 medium long eggplant
(the fatter, the more seeds)
½ to ¾ cups olive oil
1 ½ cups celery, chopped
2 ¼ cups onion, chopped
6 ounce can tomato paste
¾ can of water
¼ cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons capers, rinsed
12 Sicilian olives, sliced
salt and freshly coarse ground black pepper to taste

**Optional:
3 tablespoons raisins and
a handful of pine nuts*

Wash, dry and cut eggplant into 1-inch cubes. In a sauté pan add about ½ cup of the olive and the eggplant. Cook over medium heat until softened. Remove the eggplant, set aside and add the onions and celery to this pan. Sauté over medium heat, adding more of the oil if needed, until the onions are translucent and the celery softens. When cooked, add the eggplant back into this pan along with the tomato paste and ¾ can of water, reduce heat to a medium low and cook for about 15 minutes. Reduce the heat to low and add the vinegar, sugar, capers, olives, (raisins and pine nuts, if preferred) mix and cook covered for about 20 minutes. Cool well and enjoy served over octopus, fish, poultry or as a delicious topping on a Bruschetta!

Note: In Sicily many even add a teaspoon or two of pure cocoa powder to this mixture!

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**NEAA Baseball Tournament
Name Correction**



(L to R): George Canales, Tito Snieznik, Henry Daniels (North Adams MVP), Joe Brienze (North End MVP), Kevin Sullivan.

Kevin Sullivan was identified in the above photo and story that ran in the August 26 issue as Kevin Scully. Kevin is the coach of the North End Dodgers. Kevin volunteered his time all spring and summer as a coach of the NEAA's minor league and also of the North End Dodgers program. Thank you Kevin! My Sincere apologies ... *John Romano*

**ANNOUNCING THE CREATION OF
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A Haul Road in East Boston will help
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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



History of The Pedicure



Ciao Bella,

Since the 1990's the Pedicure service has consistently developed into a phenomenon.

Shortening the nails and grooming the feet go as far back as the caveman. It was more a "private service" not performed in salons. Before the 1970's in the get my hair done every week era most salons didn't have pedicures available. So with nails becoming a licensed specialty, Pedicures were offered by salons. The nail salons of the '70s and '80s were on average "acrylic salons" and performed few natural services due to the low prices expected to pay. A

salon opened in 1980 and it had a Pedicure chair. Mostly used as a coat rack!

By the 1990's the spa age reached its growth of adding in Pedicures on their menus. Offer-

ing the feet care desired by the clients. By the 2000's feet were no longer hidden away. They were being groomed to be seen by others with color and nail art.

The explosion of salon owners purchasing spa/Pedicure chairs was unbelievable.

In 1999 a manicurist came forward and wanted to be called a "Pedicurist". This gal saw there was money to be made and "foot spa" has become a common salon name for Pedicure salons.

So go out and get your tootsies done!

Wishing all a happy and safe Labor Day.

Buona giornata and God bless the United States of America!

— Mary N. DiZazzo-Trumbull

Read prior weeks' "All That Zazz" columns at www.allthatzazz.com. Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist. She may be contacted at mary@mary4nails.com

Unanswered Questions Surround Death Of Woman At Ogunquit Beach

by Bobby Franklin

On August 15th a woman was pulled from the water at Ogunquit Beach and after resuscitation efforts were performed she was pronounced dead. The woman has been identified as 62 year old Margaret Kelley from Harwinton, Connecticut.

The events that led to her death remain unclear. The situation happened at high tide in the water near the ramp leading down to the main beach. There is a lifeguard stand at that location. The cause of death hasn't been disclosed awaiting a report from the Medical Examiner's Office. Her body is still in Maine. The Ogunquit Fire Department issued a press release about the incident that stated:

"At approximately 3:00 P.M. on August 15, 2022, a patron visiting our beach had what is described as a medical event while in the water. The 62-year-old Connecticut woman was quickly removed from the water by lifeguards and by-standers. Resuscitation efforts were initiated by our lifeguard and EMS staff. Ogunquit Fire and Ogunquit Police Departments responded immediately to assist. Unfortunately, despite the efforts of the emergency responders the patron did not survive. The event remains under investigation by the Ogunquit Police Department and no further information is available at this time."

I spoke with Chief Osgood of the Ogunquit Fire Department to try to get clarification of what happened that day. Chief Osgood is also head of the Ocean Rescue Team. He told me he arrived about 30 minutes after the initial call. He said he believed the description of the woman having a medical event came from her husband who was on the beach while his wife was in the water. He added it appeared she had become dizzy and was making her way to the shore. Chief Osgood said lifeguards immediately responded when they heard the commotion and pulled the woman from the water and performed CPR.

A woman who was on the beach at the time wrote "Her husband pulled her from the



Lifeguard Stand At Entrance To Ogunquit Beach

water ... she was under for a while". Another person who was there told me "It was her husband who had to pull her out when he realized she had gone under. He and bystanders pulled her to the edge of the water ... they rolled her on her side and began CPR. By then lifeguards were watching, not participating. A nurse who happened to be nearby asked the lifeguards if she had a pulse. They said they didn't know".

These accounts differ from those of the Fire Department. I asked Chief Osgood if the lifeguards had written a report about the event. He said they had. I asked what was in it and he said he couldn't remember. I asked for the names of the lifeguards who went in to pull the woman out. He didn't know offhand. I asked for the name of the bystander who initiated CPR. He didn't know. When I asked what the medical event was he said he couldn't disclose that due to medical privacy issues. He said he would look at the lifeguard report and get back to me if there was information in it he could share. I also requested a copy of the report.

Earlier I spoke with Police Captain John Lazanecz of the Ogunquit Police Department. The police department is conducting the investigation into the tragedy. He gave me the name of the woman who died but didn't have much more information to share. He said they were waiting for the Medical Examiner's report. He

did not know if an autopsy was being performed, and said the Examiner's Office is backed up with cases.

In response to a question about when the results of the investigation would be released, Ogunquit Select Board member Heath Ouellette said he was told the police were waiting on the results of an autopsy and that could take up to two months. Captain Lazanecz told me he didn't know if an autopsy was being performed.

There is much that remains to be learned about the terrible event that occurred on August 15th. It is still not known for certain the role of the lifeguards in aiding the woman (she is referred to by the OFD as a patron of the beach). There are conflicting accounts of what happened that day. Neither the Fire Chief nor the Police Chief were there when it happened. The people who were there tell a different story of what occurred. When witnessing a traumatic event such as this it is not unusual for people to become confused about what they saw. That it is why it is so important for a thorough investigation to take place and be made public.

My heart goes out to the family of Margaret Kelley. Not having closure must be terribly painful. Margaret Kelley was more than a "patron of Ogunquit Beach". She was a human being who tragically lost her life that day.

I will be following up this story as I learn more.

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SEPTEMBER

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Ms. Francine Gannon
74 Commercial Street, Boston, MA 02109

If you are replying for more than one person, please list her name (include maiden name if applicable) and address. Space will again be limited, so please plan accordingly as we will not be able to honor any checks after the deadline of September 14, 2022.

Please note: Only tables of ten (10) may be reserved.

We look forward to seeing all the "girl" friends of the North End once again on September 24th.

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dehumanizes and demoralizes them (inmates).

Dissed “Bozo” Goes 911

A Queens man says a Walgreens clerk called 911 on him after he told her she looked like Bozo the Clown. She called the police saying he’d harassed her in court. The NYPD responded to her 911 call but made no arrests.

Defending Deal To Ax Whites First

Minnesota Public Schools officials are defending its deal with the teachers union to lay off white educators ahead of their less-senior minority colleagues. The school district released a statement offering a defense of this deal with the Minneapolis Federation of Teachers “to remedy the continuing effects of past discrimination.”

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Docket No. MI22P4345EA

Estate of

EDWARD FRANCIS WELCH

Also Known As

EDWARD F. WELCH, EDWARD WELCH

Date of Death: January 03, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Robert E. Welch** of **Salem, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Todisco Services, Inc., of 171 Boston Street, Salem, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c. 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **September 10, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale.

2009 HONDA CIVIC

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Vin # YS3ED59G463512562

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Vin # 1FMRE11W7YHB80488

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

Signed

Todisco Services, Inc.

08/26, 09/02 & 09/09/2022

Uvalde School Police Chief Finally Gets The Boot

Uvalde, Texas; School Chief Pete Arrendondo was fired on August 24th after months of criticism over law enforcement’s responses to stop a mass shooter inside the school who killed 19 students and two teachers at Robb Elementary School.

The decision to dismiss the police chief was made in a unanimous vote by the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District’s board. The news of his ouster brought cheers from victims’ families and survivors waiting for the board’s decision in an auditorium.

China Not Snicker-Ing Around

The U.S. - based candy giant that makes the Snickers candy bar had to apologize to China for suggesting in advertisements that Taiwan was a country. Mars-Wrigley published an apology and said it had revised the language of its advertise-

End Quote

“I live by Muhammad Ali’s quote ‘service to others is the rent we pay for our room here on earth.’ To other older adults, I would say to do all the good you can, for all the people you can, in every way you can, as long as you can.”

— Smiler Haynes, 88
Dorchester

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by **Stanley Service, Inc. 3430 Washington Street, Jamaica Plain, MA**, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after **September 03, 2022** beginning at 10:00 a.m. by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

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2011 VOLKSWAGEN GTI

VIN # WVWEV7AJ0BW208936

2012 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE

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Stanley Service, Inc.

and may be viewed by appointment only.

Signed

Bill Blinstrub, Owner

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Docket No. MI22P4281EA

Estate of

BRIAN DAVID SLIFKA

Also Known As

BRIAN D. SLIFKA

Date of Death: April 02, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE


PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Karin E. Slifka** of **Newton Upper Falls, MA**.

Karin E. Slifka of **Newton Upper Falls, 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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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Tommy Throws Out First Ball

Tommy MacDonald, director of Harvest on Vine food pantry over in Charlestown, recently threw out the first pitch and was given a player-signed game ball at Polar Park in Worcester. Topping off that evening, the WooSox came from behind to beat the Scranton Wilkes-Barre RailRiders (Yankees Triple A affiliate) 6-4. Tommy even got his photo taken with “Woofster” the WooSox mascot.

Happy Birthday To The ‘Stache

Great relief pitcher Rollie Fingers who played for three teams but most remembered during his Oakland Athletics years just turned 76 on August 5th.

More Happy Birthdays To ...

Edgar Renteria just turned 47 back in 2005, he hit .276 with 70 RBI for the Sox. Clay Buchholz celebrated his 38th birthday and was 81-61 with a 3.96 ERA from 2007-16 and two time All-Star. Remember, Mike Torrez just turned 76. He had an 18

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In the Matter of

ROSE WHITE

CITATION ON

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Rose White** of **Lowell, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Cecelia Nsiah**.

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 **September 22, 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: August 25, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run Date: 09/02/2022

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Docket No. MI22P4463EA

Estate of

PATRICIA A. TIMONEY

Date of Death: June 19, 2022

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Susan Bonney** of **Tyngsboro, MA**.

Susan Bonney of **Tyngsboro, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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year career including five seasons for the Red Sox. However, most Sox fans remember only one game. Game 163 in 1978 when he gave up one infamous homer to Bucky Dent.

Mets Do Right Thing Retiring May’s Number 24

Willie Mays spent only two seasons with the NY Mets but his legacy will last forever in New York and across America. However, from this day forward, no Met will ever wear Willie Mays’ iconic No. 24 now that the Mets have retired the Say Hey Kid’s number.

He is one of the greatest baseball players of all time. His Hall of Fame career started for the New York Giants from 1951-57 and then in San Francisco from 1958-72. He returned to New York in a May 1972 trade and spent his final two seasons with the Mets and helped take his new team to the 1973 World Series.

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DIVORCE SUMMONS BY

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APRYLL GRANT

vs.

VERNON GRANT

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 **Apryll Grant, 3 River Pl., Apt. B503, Lowell, MA 01852**, your answer, if any, on or before **September 22, 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: August 11, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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Estate of

MICHELINA A. ROBERTS

Date of Death: August 29, 2021

INFORMAL PROBATE

PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Lisa M. Rindone** of **Venice, FL**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Lisa M. Rindone of **Venice, FL** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Incoming Mail Online
“Hi Sal. This one is all yours. A little known baseball stat but a great record. Most consecutive games reaching base by a hit or walk. The winner is Ted Williams, 84 times in 1949. The closest to him is Joe DiMaggio, 74 times in his amazing 1941 season. Martin “Mossy” Martin, Mission Hill.

Spaceman Bill Throws a Real Scare

A few weeks back, Spaceman Bill Lee collapsed while warming up in the bullpen for the Savannah Bananas but the 75 year old Lee was able to walk off the field with assistance. Lee is a beloved member of the Red Sox Hall of Fame and pitches for the Bananas in the Coastal Plain League.

In 14 seasons with Boston and Montreal, Lee went 119-90. Lee was an All-Star in 1973, and helped take the Sox into the 1975 World Series.

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Estate of

WILLIAM JAMES LYNCH, JR.

Also Known As

WILLIAM J. LYNCH, JR.

Date of Death: July 05, 2022

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Kasey Starke** of **North Reading, MA**.

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Estate of

CHARLES ARAD ATHERTON

Date of Death: May 02, 2022

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Susan C. Atherton** of **Rutland, MA**.

Susan C. Atherton of **Rutland, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Boxing



Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

IT USED TO BE FUN TO ARGUE ABOUT BOXING Not in a Woke Society

A while back, I wrote a column where I opined that I did not consider George Foreman an all-time great heavyweight champion. I put forth my argument and backed it up with the reasons I had come to that conclusion. I knew there would be many people who would not agree with me, and I certainly have no problem with that. In fact, I welcome their counter arguments, as there is much to learn from having a good back and forth. What I didn't anticipate was the reaction the column did receive.

I posted the column on line and it was shared on social media by a friend. Well, as I excepted, there were a number of people who found fault with what I wrote. What I didn't expect was the way they reacted. Instead of pointing out the flaws in my thinking and coming back with the reasons I had gotten this wrong, the vast majority of the responses were personal attacks.

Most of the people responding touted themselves as boxing "experts." However, their expertise was missing. Instead, these geniuses, most of whom knew nothing about my experience in the sport, accused me of knowing nothing about boxing. One said I shouldn't be writing as I had never set foot in a boxing ring (untrue), another said I was pursuing a vendetta against Big George (in fact I have always had admiration for him), while others just went on about what a moron I am.

I am not writing this because I have thin skin and was somehow deeply hurt by these comments. Instead, I am deeply disappointed by what occurred. Since I was a kid, I have engaged in arguments over who would win an upcoming fight, who was the best fighter that ever lived, and who would come out victorious in matches such as Joe Louis and Jack Dempsey or Rocky Marciano and Muhammad Ali. These "discussions" would become heated but never personal. They were fun and forced the participants to think through their positions and defend their stands.

Looking back over the years, I have changed my opinion many times. In fact, I could have some great arguments with my young self over what I thought about different fighters. Boxing is the most subjective of sports, and because of that, a person can view a fight or fighter differently over time. That's what so much fun about talking fights. At least it used to be.

The poison we have seen in recent years that is infecting our colleges and now getting into the mainstream is also creeping into boxing. As I read the responses to my article, I thought how similar it was to the crowds I had seen at our institutions of higher education where today many views are no longer allowed to be aired. Debate is stifled, and everything is personal. I also thought that the people so offended by what I wrote should probably seek shelter in a "safe space."

Heck, I don't care about being called names. Most of the comments were so ridiculous as to be comical. What does concern me is how many believed I should not have given my opinion at



all. That I had somehow crossed a line and my words were so offensive that they should not be heard. I thought people who followed boxing were made of better stuff than this.



After a few days of these attacks, I responded. Things slowed down after that and a number of people wrote positive things. These positive comments were not all in agreement with what I wrote, but in defense of my having written them and respectful of my viewpoint. These responses were heartening, but I fear the tide has already changed in favor of those who would stifle speech.

Now, I am not saying the republic is in danger of falling because a number of angry voices were raised in response to my questioning George Foreman's status as an all-time great fighter. What I do see going on here is a connect-the-dots scenario where people in so many circles are indignant over anything they hear that is disagreeable to them. It has been happening on campuses, and I have seen it taking over the arts world, particularly in theatre. Corporations have falling prey to what has become known as "wokeness." It is unhealthy. For some reason people feel virtuous when they feign indignity and call for the stifling of ideas. There is a bullying aspect to this as well. This is more concerning when they do it while joining in with a mob. It also leads to a dullness of the mind. I am saddened to see it infiltrating boxing, but boxing has always been a reflection of society, so it is only natural, I suppose, for this to be happening.

I am reminded of the old Monty Python skit where the man is going to an argument clinic. He walks into a room he was directed to and is immediately met with a barrage of nasty insults. He shouts, "I came here for an argument." The man who's yelling at him responds, "Oh, this room is for insults, arguments are down the hall." I think I'll go down the hall.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



FOR THE RECORD: PHIL KESSEL RETURNS — Yes, sometimes things do work in strange ways. Back on June 6 there was Bruce Cassidy, the head coach of the Bruins, figuratively being shown the back door of the TD Garden by Bruins GM Don Sweeney in a face-to-face meeting between the two men.

But another door opened soon thereafter for Cassidy when the Vegas Golden Knights, a few years removed from their first-year-of-existence lengthy Stanley Cup run in 2018 had also decided to make a change behind the bench.

And a roll of the dice, so to speak, brought Cassidy, a veteran 14-year employee of the Bruins organization, westward to a take-all-chances town where one thing, at least, was guaranteed — his multi-year contract. "I have no problem with that," noted the former B's mentor in his introductory press conference.

Further to the south, in another western community, another scenario also was being played out.

Phil Kessel, a former defenseman for the Bruins back in the first decade of the current century, had become a free-agent after a three-year stint with the Phoenix Coyotes — a team that certainly was having its own on-ice difficulties in the National Hockey League.

Ordinarily, Kessel not being re-signed might just be called a fact-of-life move. After all, the Wisconsin native, who will be 35 on October 2, is a borderline senior citizen by NHL playing standards.

But over the course of his career, Kessel had proven to have an outstanding attribute. He is a most durable performer. Every night he has been there to take his shifts and turn in a quality effort. He led the Coyotes with 44 assists last season.

That is the Phil Kessel way. One that has brought him to the doorstep of claiming the Mount Everest of records: most consecutive regular season games played in the history of the National Hockey League. By signing with Vegas on August 24, he is on schedule to break the record early in the 2022-2023 season.

When the whistle sounded last spring to end the Coyotes final regular season contest, Kessel's streak stood at 982 consecutive games, just seven behind that of Keith Yandle.

Yandle, a Boston native who played at Milton High School and later at Cushing Academy, had compiled a streak of 989 consecutive games. He saw his run come to an end last April 2 when Philadelphia coach Mike Yeo held him out of the lineup as a heathy scratch in a game against Phoenix. That ended a 22-game "lead" he had on Kessel.

With the season running down and Philadelphia out of the running for a playoff berth, Yeo stated that there was a need to see what younger players could do in preparation for the next season. Yeo stated that Yandle, who had not missed a regular season game since March 22, 2009, took the decision "like a pro."

Still, the fact that his streak was broken had to be a big disappointment to Yandle, who had moved into first place by surpassing the 964 consecutive games played total of Doug Jarvis when he took the ice for his 965th straight contest last January 25 in a game against the New York Islanders.

If Jarvis' name sounds familiar that is because he later served as an assistant coach with the Bruins from 2010 until 2016. He won four Stanley Cups in the 1970s while playing for the Montreal Canadiens.

As an assistant to head coach Claude Julien, he was in Vancouver on that June night in 2011 when the B's defeated the Canucks in a seven-game series to claim their first Stanley Cup since 1972.

On a personal note, we should add that on numerous occasions we shared an elevator ride with coach Jarvis to the ninth floor of the TD Garden. We would take our seat in the media section while he would sit in a booth reserved for Bruins staffers, leaving between periods from his "eye-in-the-sky seat" to return to the locker room where he would impart information gleaned from his observations to the team.

Coach Jarvis never mentioned his consecutive games streak nor the part that made it most distinctive. You see, while compiling his streak of 964 games, he never missed a single regular season game in his entire NHL career. Think about that for a minute. His streak began on October 8, 1975 and continued through October 10, 1987.

It ended when the Hartford Whalers sent Jarvis down to Binghamton, their minor league affiliate, causing him to miss a game against the Bruins on October 12. Jarvis would not be called back up and would play 24 games with Binghamton before retiring. Today, he is a senior advisor with Vancouver.

And so Kessel is the last active player standing in what is called the "iron man" category. If all goes well, he will tie Yandle's record of 989 on October 20 in a home game against Toronto. He would then move into first place with 990 in a road matchup against San Jose the next night (October 21).

Going into the 2022-2023 season, Kessel has not missed an NHL regular season game since his streak started way back on November 3, 2009 when he was with Toronto. The closest it came to being terminated was this past spring when a road trip appeared to create a conflict: whether to be at home for the birth of his first child or play. But some swift planning by a generous owner meant all went well.

Kessel played one shift in the Arizona's game at Detroit on March 8, thus preserving the streak. He then boarded a charter flight back to Phoenix provided by Coyotes owner Alex Meruelo. He was with Sandra for the birth of their daughter Kapri.

He rejoined the Coyotes for their game in Toronto on March 10, contributing an assist as he kept the iron man streak alive, another step towards his quest of reaching the summit of hockey's Everest.

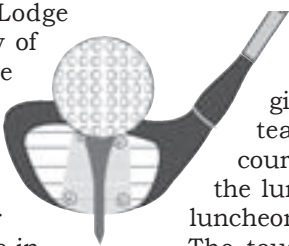
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