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## 129 Years of Continuous Publication

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

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

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

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

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

*LA GAZZETTA* became a guide, so to speak, the 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 129 years of uninterrupted publication. We have never missed an issue, even when the going was very hard.

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## San Rocco Society Celebrates 103rd Year



Society Members — Mike Grove, Joe Lavino, Jerry Leone, Alex Leone, Mike Rossetti, Joe Panico and Giovanni Leone  
(Photo by Gerri Palladino)

This past Sunday, July 21st, the San Rocco Society celebrated its 103rd festival, beginning the day with an Italian mass at St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street, in Boston's historic North End. The ever-faithful society members, along with their families, supporters and the statue of San Rocco processed through

the streets, collecting ribbons and best wishes from so many in the neighborhood.

This particular society dates back to 1921 for their first mass and procession. At a time when Italy was stricken with rampant disease, San Rocco cured many of these dreaded illnesses by praying for them and by making

the sign of the cross. The San Rocco society of Boston honors the work and memory of the Patron Saint of the sick, with a festival in his name, and an annual banquet to benefit the Make-A-Wish foundation. Viva San Rocco(VSR)!

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## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Quote To Note

"Without ambition one starts nothing. Without work one finishes nothing. The prize will not be sent to you. You have to win it."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

### Minn. Gun Age Law Gets Tossed

A federal appeals court recently ruled a Minnesota law requiring a person be at least 21 years old before obtaining a permit to carry a handgun in public for self-defense is unconstitutional. The St. Louis 8th Circuit Court of Appeals sided with gun rights groups in finding the state's ban violated the rights of 18- to 20-year-olds under the US Constitution's Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms.

Judge Duane Benton, writing for a panel of three jurists stated the state's 2023 law could not be deemed valid and added, "Importantly, the Second Amendment's plain text does not have an age limit."

### According To Latest Poll Numbers Latinos Looking At Trump

According to the latest poll numbers, Republi-

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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.*



## CLAY IS A BRICK, OR IS IT?



**Glazed brick lion from Babylon**

“And it came to pass as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And they said one to another, go to, let us make brick and burn them thoroughly. And they had “brick for stone and slime had they for mortar” (Genesis 11:2-3). The plains of Mesopotamia contained hardly any stone. What little there was had high gypsum content and for all practical purposes was soluble in water. When left exposed to the elements it would disintegrate rapidly. The most had to be made of what nature had provided and that was an excellent quality of river clay. These Mesopotamians

were very knowledgeable in the manner of baking brick. Their technique, plus the high quality of the clay, furnished a product which was far superior too much of our modern brick. The major problem was the high cost of their fuel, plus the millions of bricks that were required for the enormous platforms and the buildings. They were consequently forced to resort to a very simple and expedient method of mixing the clay with straw as a binder, then drying the bricks in the sun and using them unbaked. This reduced their building costs considerably and the buildings remained solid as long as the roof was watertight and the

sidewalls were kept in good repair. However, if the structure was neglected for a few years, it would crumble into dust. Mounds of earth now mark the site where splendid palaces once stood.

Abandoned fur-nishings were also buried in the moist debris, and these too have rotted away and are gone forever.

The ancient inhabitants of these lands were not unlike the Egyptians. In death, they also were surrounded with their precious belongings. They even went so far as to have themselves buried with their chariots, a bodyguard of soldiers, and many, or all of their wives. Grave robbers were also a problem here as they were in Egypt. They couldn't build pyramids, so they resorted to a system of burial in an immense hole, dug as deep into the ground as the water table permitted. In some cases, these holes were seventy feet deep. After the burial ceremonies were concluded, the ground was leveled off and all tracks of the spot disappeared.

It was later discovered that some of the underground royal tombs were completely rifled. How the robbers ever found the locations is still a mystery today. A few of the richest tombs that have been discovered intact give some idea of the tremendous wealth in gold, silver and jewels that probably still lie beneath the plains of Mesopotamia where many ancient kings will continue to rest in peace for hundreds of years to come (if they can get their wives to stop talking).

# Biden Succumbs to Political Pressure!!!

*Steps Aside & Endorses Harris*

by Patti Sartori

What began as a slow burn after his disastrous presidential debate performance last month, has ignited into a blazing inferno. Calls for him to step aside, and not seek re-election, began the second the debate ended, and before the candidates had even exited the stage. The eye-opening surprise was the panic emanating from his own supporters, Democratic Party, and the main street media pundits who have been protecting him since he first announced his presidential candidacy four years ago, while hiding out in his basement.

At least a half dozen top House Democrats and U.S. Senators had publicly asked President Biden to withdraw his candidacy. “A second Trump presidency will undermine the very foundation of our Democracy, and I have serious concerns about whether the President can defeat Trump in November,” said Adam Schiff, Democratic Congressman from California, and candidate for U.S. Senate. Big money donors and business leaders added to the pressure by calling on Biden to drop out, and even threatened to withhold dollars

Some high profile Democrats who were leaning towards a non-Biden candidacy, and had spoken to the President privately, urged him to re-consider staying in the race are said to be New York Senator Chuck Schumer, Former Speaker of the House and current Congresswoman from California Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the House of Representatives Hakeem Jeffries and most recently, Former President Barack Obama.

The former President reportedly pressured Biden to

re-consider his 2024 run for re-election according to a number of news reports. The former President had stressed, during the conversation, that his former Vice-President's chances of beating Donald Trump were “greatly diminished,” the Washington Post reported.

Calls for Biden to step aside and choose a successor had been steadily growing since his unfortunate debate performance, his big boy press conference, where he only took questions from pre-selected reporters, and the NATO Summit in Washington DC, when he mixed up U.S. and foreign dignitaries.

As the President remained isolated in his Delaware home, recovering from his third bout with COVID, one can only imagine the heaviness weighing on him and his inner-circle, given the pressure mounted on him to drop out. The one point that all Democratic leaders seemed to be in agreement with, is the final decision rested solely with one person ... On Sunday afternoon, President Biden finally surrendered, stepped aside and endorsed Kamala Harris to be the Democratic Nominee for the 2024 Presidential Election.

Not foreseeing any unexpected circumstances, President Biden will finish out his term, ending on January 20, 2025, when the next President will take the oath of office. With the Democratic National Convention, approximately one month away, will the delegated acquiesce and support Biden's endorsement of Harris, or will it become an open convention, which could result in a long-drawn-out chaotic week? Only time will tell ...

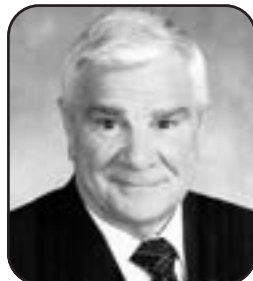
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**OUR POLICY: To help preserve the ideals and sacred traditions of this our adopted country the United States of America: To revere its laws and inspire others to respect and obey them: To strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty: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

## Driver's License Applications Doubled

Massachusetts passed the Work and Family Mobility Act last Summer, and since then the number of people applying for a driver's license at the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has more than doubled. "It's been quite a journey down the road to giving everyone in Massachusetts a driver's license, even if they are not in the U.S. legally," said Massachusetts Registrar Colleen Ogilvie, while providing an update to the RMV board. We've seen a 161% increase in permit issuance, a 132% in driver's license issuance for standard class D and M, and then a 130% increase in license conversions requested," Ogilvie told the board.

Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has been warned to be cautious when presenting driver's license information to non-English speaking license applicants. "We can't use government speak. We really need to be aware of how to communicate the policies and the procedures in ways and measures that translate into other languages and in ways that people can understand and support," Ogilvie added.

The most requested interpretation services were for Spanish, Portuguese and Haitian Creole. At least 19 states and the District of Columbia allow people who cannot prove they legally entered the U.S. to obtain a driver's license.

More than 128,000 newly licensed drivers were added to the Massachusetts roads this past year and officials attribute the increase to the first-year anniversary of a law allowing undocumented immigrants to apply for a driver's license. According to the Massachusetts RMV, since the work and Family Mobility Act (WFMA) was implemented last July 1st, it has issued 183,825 new learner's permits and 128,079 driver's licenses.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE Republican National Convention (RNC)

They say the "third time is a charm," which is exactly what Donald Trump and team are hoping for. Entering the arena to the most patriotic song in America, "God Bless the USA," also known as, "I am Proud to be an American," personally sung by Lee Greenwood, the former president took the stage and was officially named the Republican Nominee, at least week's convention, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The goal to unify around Trump and endorse him as the best candidate to beat Biden, or the Democratic nominee in November, was on full display.

Trump kept everyone guessing, right up until the first day of the convention, Monday, July 15th, to announce his Vice-Presidential running mate, U.S. Senator JD Vance, from Ohio. The top-secret selection capped a dramatic weekend for the former President, having just survived an assassination attempt, two days prior, on Saturday, July 13th, while speaking at a rally in Pennsylvania. Vance officially accepted the Vice-Presidential nomination on Wednesday evening.

The Republican theme was "Unity" and in an effort to project this, many top echelon Republicans, along with everyday Americans, were provided an opportunity to express their support of Trump and the Republican Parties Platform Agenda. Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and former Governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, offered her "strong" endorsement during her remarks at the convention. While Haley was Trump's last rival in the Republican Primaries, she attended the convention at the invitation of the former President "in the name of unity. It was a gracious invitation, and I was happy to accept it," and expressed the need to welcome more people into the Republican Party.

In addition to speeches made by Trump's two sons, Donald Trump Jr., and Eric Trump, his is daughter-in-law Lara, there was a special speech given by his eldest grandchild, Kai Trump, who spoke on a personal level about her grandpa, who she described as much different than the media makes him out

to be. "He gives his grandchildren candy and soda when their parents aren't looking, asks how they are doing in school, and shows off their report cards."

Other speeches were given over the course of the four-night convention, including some by everyday Americans. Anne Funder, a California mom whose son died in 2022 after taking pills laced with fentanyl, a tragedy far too common, called out "Biden, the joke of a border czar, and new presumptive presidential nominee Kamala Harris, California Governor Gavin Newsom and every Democrat who supports open borders, are responsible for the death of my son." Feelings many American parents share.

Members of the Gold Star families of the U.S. service members killed during President Biden's disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal took the stage. "Joe Biden has refused to recognize their sacrifices. Donald Trump knew all our children's names, their stories," Christy Shamblin, mother-in-law of Marine Sgt. Nicole Gee cried to the crowd as they chanted, "Never Forget." Another powerful speaker was the 98-year-old WWII Veteran, Bill Pekrul, who reminded us all, as he spoke so very proudly of his service that "America is still worth fighting for." This American hero undoubtedly believes, "America is much more than just an idea. America is our Home."

By the time Trump took the stage on Thursday evening to officially accept the Republican nomination for President, his

first speech since the assassination attempt five days earlier, there had been a number of touching moments, including when Trump paid tribute to Corey Comperatore, the firefighter who was killed protecting his family from Trump's attempted assassination. Trump called the Pennsylvania father, "a fine man. Tragically the shooter claimed the life of one of our fellow Americans, Corey Comperatore, and seriously wounded two others, David Dutch and James Copenhemer. Corey lost his life selflessly acting as a human shield to protect his family from flying bullets. There is no greater love that to lay down one's life for others," said Trump as he asked for a moment of silence.

At the beginning of his speech, Trump re-told the assassination attempt in great detail, and expressed that "it is God's Grace that I am here with you this evening." Trump took a moment to thank his wife, Melania, who did not speak at this year's convention, for her amazing letter to the American people in which she called for unity in the wake of the assassination attempt. As Trump continued his remarks during the final hour of the convention, or in his case the final ninety plus minutes, as his was the longest acceptance speech ever given by a presidential nominee. He only referred to Biden once by name and steered clear of any demeaning nicknames he has used in the past. Instead, he spoke to the Nation about the recurring

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

### Lammas and the Lessons of the Loaves

by Ally Di Censo Symnykiewicz



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 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

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# THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



### The End is Still Six Months Away

As I viewed the front page of the *New York Post* of President Biden exiting a door ("The End"), on July 22, I questioned that headline. Yes, he's not running for re-election but he won't be exiting that door for nearly six more months.

Democrats keep talking about Biden putting his country first over his own ego but that's not what he showed the American people. House Minority leader Hakeem Jeffries thanked him for "his intellect, grace and dignity" and for the valiant fight he has put up against the "Insurrectionist in Chief" fighting for our democracy.

This new narrative will stick around for the next 100 days. He may be too incapacitated to run for re-election but apparently, he's not to continue at the helm of our nation? What gives here? How stupid do Democrats in Washington, DC think the American people are?

I agree with *NY Post* columnist Miranda Devine (Biden's too frail to run, but still Prez?),

July 22." As Devine stated, "... it's a frightening message to send to the world: the U.S. president is too cognitively impaired to run for re-election but he's staying on as commander-in-chief until January."

Former President Barack Obama and Hakeem Jeffries have both referred to Biden as our most "consequential president" while in office. Every day, the American people are looking at the consequences of having the 46th president in the Oval Office with higher food prices, higher gas pump prices, inflation, higher costs of living and open borders where folks just keep flowing in because no one apparently knows how to turn the faucets off. I could go on but you get the point.

It won't be THE END until Biden says adio and returns to his beachfront mansion for good. They called Watergate our national nightmare in 1974. Fifty years later, we have another national nightmare to escape. Six months and counting to January.

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# Global Tech Outage

*Upends Vacations, Airlines, Banks, Hospitals, and other Sectors*

A global tech outage last week crippled industries worldwide, including major airlines, airports, hospitals, banks and even Starbucks. Long awaited summer vacations, domestically and abroad were thrown into turmoil, forcing many travelers to miss flights, cruises, and camp out overnight in airports. In New York's LaGuardia, 85 flights were canceled and 185 delayed, while JFK Airport travelers suffered lengthy delays and 47 canceled flights. Many travelers were forced to pay rebooking fees out of pocket, without reimbursement.

The world-wide disruptions were set off when U.S. Cybersecurity Company CrowdStrike initiated a faulty software update to computers running MAC Windows overnight, creating havoc on

the systems that airlines, train stations, hospitals, television stations, and many other industries rely on.

At Memorial Sloane Kettering Cancer Center in New York, the website read, "system issues required the facility to pause the start of any procedures that requires anesthesia." The Massachusetts General Health Care System also canceled all previously scheduled non-urgent surgeries, procedures, and medical visits, "due to the severity" of the global IT outage. Mass General Brigham operates two of the U.S.'s top ranked hospitals, Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Their spokesperson posted on X, "Mass General Brigham remained open to

provide health care to patients with urgent health concerns, in our clinic and emergency departments, and will continue to care for all our patients currently receiving care in our hospitals. "CrowdStrike CEO George Kurtz took to the social media platform X to assure the public "The issue has been identified, isolated and a fix has been deployed."

Craig Shue, Professor and computer science department head at Worcester Poly Tech Institute stated, "It is an all our eggs in one basket situation. This lets us make sure our basket is high quality, The software provider tries to identify threats and respond to them quickly. But at the same time, if anything goes wrong and the basket fails, we have a lot of broken eggs."

## Boston Police Department (BPD) Crackdown on Unregistered Vehicles Including Scooters and Mopeds

The Boston Police Department (BPD) is continuously tasked with the safety concerns brought about by mopeds, dirt bikes and unlicensed vehicles in general. In an effort to curtail these drivers zooming down sidewalks, zipping in and out

of city traffic, darting through neighborhoods and posing an overall threat to the safety of pedestrians, especially of seniors and children, the BPD have been confiscating these unregistered vehicles. Over the past two weeks, police have

seized 22 mopeds, including 13 in the Back Bay and 9 in Downtown Crossing. Officers issued verbal warnings, citations, and summons for a number of motor vehicle law violations, including unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and unregistered/uninsured motor vehicles.

Boston Police suggested the Boston City Council (BCC) introduce an ordinance requiring businesses selling mopeds or similar vehicles, to provide pamphlets on what is required to drive these vehicles legally. "I communicate almost every day with Boston Police that I just can't have people on mopeds or any type of vehicle not obeying the speed limit and reckless driving as well," said District City Councilor Ed Flynn. "We need to work together, and I insist that we crack down on reckless driving in the city. It's bad for the residents, it's bad for the drivers, and it's unsafe."

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## St. Jeanne Elizabeth des Bichier des Ages

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

St. Jeanne was born on July 5, 1773 at La Blanc, France. Born to nobility and educated in a convent school, Jeanne Elizabeth witnessed closely and was personally affected by the events of the French Revolution which shook France when she was just 16 years old.



Upon the death of her father, she moved to La Guimetiere with her mother, and in 1796, realizing that she needed to do something to defend the Church and keep the faith alive amidst the attacks of the revolutionaries, she decided to begin a ministry of teaching and serving the poor.


Jeanne gathered groups of faithful in the town – which was at this point without a priest or community of religious – and organized prayer meetings, Scripture study and singing hymns.

She entered a Carmelite convent upon her mother's death in 1804, and later the Society of Providence, with the advice of Saint Andrew Fournet, an underground priest who was forced to remain clandestine because he refused to make a pledge of allegiance to the government of the new republic.

she was the one God had called to lead a community of women he had gathered, and she cofounded the Daughters of the Cross with him in 1807 to care for the sick and poor, and to teach the faith.

By the time of her death on August 26, 1838, the community had more than 60 houses all over France. She was canonized in 1947 by Pope Pius XII. The Feast Day of St. Jeanne Elizabeth des Bichier des Ages is August 26.

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Yesterday & Today

A COLUMN OF PAST AND CURRENT EVENTS

by Bennett Molinari & Richard Molinari

## King Philip's War

Pometacomet's Rebellion, or Metacom's Rebellion was an armed conflict in 1675-1676 between a group of indigenous peoples of the Northeastern Woodlands against the English New England Colonies and their indigenous allies. The war is named for Metacom, the Pokanoket chief and sachem of the Wampanoag who adopted the English name Philip because of the friendly relations between his father Massasoit and the Plymouth Colony. The war continued in the most northern reaches of New England until the signing of the Treaty of Casco Bay on April 12, 1678.



Massasoit had maintained a long-standing alliance with the colonists and Metacom, his younger son, became the tribal chief in 1662 after his father's death. Metacom, abandoned his father's alliance after repeated violations by the latter. The colonists insisted that the 1671 peace agreement should include the surrender of Native guns; then three Wampanoags were hanged in Plymouth Colony

in 1675 for the murder of another Wampanoag, which increased tensions. Native raiding parties attacked homesteads and villages throughout Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Maine over the next six months, and the colonial militia retaliated. While some Narragansetts remained neutral, other members participated in raids of colonial

strongholds and militia, so colonial leaders deemed them to be in violation of peace treaties.

The colonies assembled the largest army that New England had yet mustered, consisting of 1,000 militia and 150 Native allies. Governor Josiah Winslow marshaled them to attack the Narragansetts in November 1675. They attacked and burned Native villages throughout Rhode Island territory, culminating with the attack on the Narragansetts' main fort in the Great Swamp Fight. An estimated 600 Narragansetts were killed, and their coalition was taken over by Narragansett sachem Canonchet. They pushed back the borders of the Massachusetts Bay, Plymouth, and Rhode Island colonies, burning towns as they went, including Providence in March 1676. However, the colonial militia overwhelmed the Native coalition. By the end of the war, the Wampanoags and their Narragansett allies were almost completely destroyed. On August 12, 1676, Metacom fled to Mount Hope where he was killed by the militia.

Ending the war. The war was considered by many to be the greatest calamity in seventeenth-century New England and is considered by many to be the deadliest war in Colonial American history.

In the space of little more than a year, 12 of the region's towns were destroyed and many more were damaged, the economy of Plymouth and Rhode Island Colonies was all but ruined and their population was decimated, losing one-tenth of all men available for military service. More than half of New England's towns were involved in conflict. Hundreds of Wampanoags and their allies were publicly executed and the Wampanoags were left effectively landless.

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

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Maria Grazia Cohen, Jerry Leone, Joe Panico, Mike Grove and Mike Rossetti carrying the statue during the procession



Alexandra Leone and Giovanni Leone (Photos by Gerri Palladino)



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Alex Leone of the San Rocco Society pinning a donation on the ribbon

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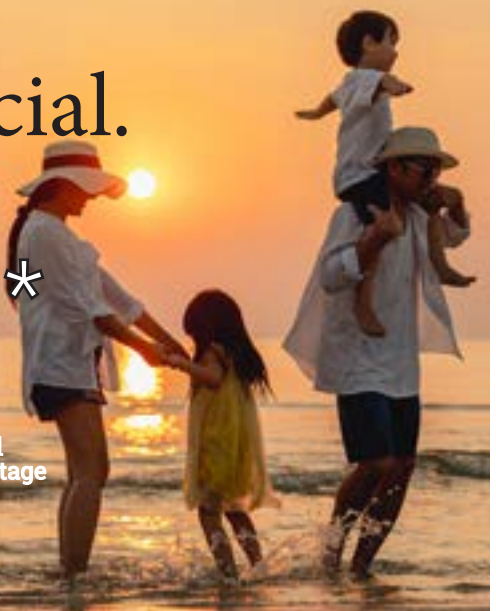
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**JEROME SABBAGH –  
HEART  
(CD)  
Analog Tone Factory**

Analog Tone Factory announces the release of *Heart*, tenor saxophonist Jerome Sabbagh's tenth album as a leader and his first on the newly formed label. *Heart* has three singles planned as for release: "ESP," July 19; "Lead the Way," August 30th; and "Heart," October 11th. A consequential, galvanizing presence on the

New York scene since the early 2000s, Paris native Sabbagh is a compelling tenor and soprano saxophonist, bandleader, and producer. *Heart* documents an elegant, creative encounter with the iconic drummer Al Foster and esteemed New York bassist Joe Martin. On the opening track, Ellington's "Prelude to a Kiss," Sabbagh intones the melody deliberately, almost *sotto voce*, while Foster functions as the soloist, coloring with well-calibrated cymbal interpolations. Although the tempos are slightly brighter, Sabbagh, Martin, and Foster bring a similarly melody-first, no-wasted-notes attitude to "Gone with the Wind," "When Lights Are Low," and "Body and Soul," and medium-up treatments of Wayne Shorter's "ESP" and "Heart," Sabbagh's soulful waltz that titles the album. The mutual trust and intuition between the members are palpable on the two scratch improvisations. "Lead the Way" is a groove, and "Right the First Time" is a freer, improvised piece." Watch for this gem to drop on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SOFIA GOODMAN –  
RECEPTIVE  
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Sofia Goodman continues her meteoric ascent in the jazz world with her album *Receptive*. The much-lauded Nashville drummer-composer presents on her third album, a profoundly personal cycle of eight original compositions that explore the human values that she holds most dear. Her team, on her journey through her inner self includes the latest incarnation of the renowned Sofia Goodman Group — trumpeter Blaise Hearn, trombonist Desmond Ng, saxophonists Dan Hitchcock and Jovan Quallo, pianist Alex Murphy, bassist Leland Nelson, and percussionist Jimmy Lopez. *Receptive* represents a careful refinement of the rich, expansive approach that was the hallmark of Goodman's previous album, 2023's *Secrets of the Shore*. It offers the same panoply of grooves, lush harmonies, and textural colors, delivered in a variety of introspective moods (befitting their titles) as well as with a fresh compositional and conceptual confidence. *Receptive* is Goodman's vision. From the sweet warmth of the opening "Trust," to the suspenseful stop-time and driving swing of "The Space Within," to the knowing contentment of the closing title track, the drummer's presence both literal and psychic is unmistakable. Quallo's gorgeous flute illuminates the charming "Allow," plus Nelson and Ng each offer sharp-eared melodic submissions on "Presence," while "Socket" finds Goodman's thoughtfully improvised drums leading the whole Group into a dark, querulous free counterpoint that calls upon the listener to be receptive indeed. Sofia Goodman was born December 22, 1987, in Michigan, but adopted as an infant by a family living near Boston, Massachusetts.

The time has come, the walrus said,

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by Sal Giarratani

**THE GREENWAY BRINGS  
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Summertime this year has gotten a little better as more and more events are happening on the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway. If you love playing Bocci Ball, then you need to get over to the Bocci Ball Courts on Fridays starting at 6pm. It is lots of fun and so easy to learn. A great time to socialize with your neighbors too. This game is not just for Italians anymore.

This past Tuesday, there was a Bocci for Kids event. Parents brought their kids over to introduce them to this great game.



Who knows someday, there might be competing Bocci Ball teams facing off against each other? Maybe uniforms with numbers to tell the players apart.

On Wednesday, they were dancing in the park to music from the '60s, '70s and more over by the Amphitheater and famed East Boston shipbuilder Donald McKay poked his head from the ground to watch all the dancers have a great time.

Don't forget to get over to Piers Park on Saturday, August 17th for Eastie Pride Day too. Remember, East Boston is what



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**Poor Flowering and Fruiting in the Vegetable Garden**

by Melinda Myers

Another summer of above-normal summer temperatures in much of the country may be taking its toll on your vegetable gardens. Temperature extremes can interfere with flowering and fruit set, resulting in poor flowering, blossom drop, and a lack of or misshapen fruit on tomatoes, peppers, squash, and more.

The impact of temperature on plants depends on the stage of the plant's development. Plants ready to flower or developing fruit during times of optimum temperatures will be fine but plants that are ready to flower or develop fruit during more extreme temperatures experience problems.

Tomatoes thrive in warm, sunny conditions but when daytime temperatures rise above 90°F and night temperatures remain above 70°F blossom drop and poor fruit development may occur. This combined with low humidity and the pollen is not viable. In hot and humid conditions, the pollen is too sticky and doesn't move from the male to the female part of the flower. Without pollination, the flowers won't be fertilized, and fruit will not develop.

On the other hand, when night temperatures are below the optimum of 59° to 68°F, less viable pollen is produced so fewer fruit will form. Cooler temperatures below 55°F can result in misshapen fruit and cat-facing. Fortunately, this malformed fruit is still tasty and safe to eat.

Temperature extremes also impact pepper productivity.

When temperatures climb to 95°F or higher, the pollen is sterile and flowers may drop. Small fruit may also fall from the plant during such hot spells. Pepper plants also experience poor fruit set when night temperatures drop below 60°F or rise above 75°F.

Flowering in squash and cucumber plants is also influenced by temperature and other environmental factors. These plants typically produce separate male and female flowers. The male flowers usually appear first, and it is not until both the male and female flowers are present that pollination, fertilization, and fruit production can occur.

The research found cool temperatures, bright sunlight, and shorter days encourage female flower production while male flowers are more prolific during warmer temperatures, less sunlight, and close spacing. Flowering on squash and cucumbers is also impacted by nitrogen fertilization. Too much can prevent female flower formation while insufficient amounts can reduce the number of male flowers.

In addition, rainy weather or improperly applied pesticides that prevent bee activity and pollination can also result in malformed cucumbers.

These aren't the only vegetables impacted by temperature extremes. Eggplants, a close relative of tomatoes and peppers, do not set fruit until night temperatures are above 55°F. Beans stop flowering or the flow-

ers die when temperatures rise above 85°F.

The simplest solution is to wait for optimum temperatures and proper humidity levels to return. Once this happens, the plants will begin producing fruit. Be sure to harvest regularly to keep the plants producing.

If poor productivity caused by weather is a yearly problem, consider planting varieties better suited to these extremes, adjust the planting times, and if needed, find a more suitable growing location.

When the harvest is delayed, extend the season with the help of row covers. These fabrics allow sunlight, air, and water through while trapping heat around the plants. Loosely cover the plants and anchor the edges with stones, boards, or landscape staples when frost is forecasted. You can leave the fabric in place for the remainder of the year. Just lift it to harvest and secure the fabric when done.

If this summer's weather leaves you disappointed with the harvest, remember there is always next year.

Melinda Myers has written over 20 gardening books, including *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* "and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Bloom* magazine. Myers' website is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

• 129 Years (Continued from Page 1)

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 241 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.

# THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso



## Cocora Valley

If you are going to visit the Valle de Cocora know that there are two ways to see this national park. The first is a trek through fairly undistilled nature, which you can do either by horseback or on foot. If you choose horseback the ranchers will meet you as you enter the parking area and help you select the right horse for you off the open stalls that line the entrance. If you go on foot, you will likely see more but know that horse feces will inevitably get into your shoe crevices. In either case, the area is about a day's direct journey to the Nevados.

We arrived with the intention of riding a horse and our driver set to work negotiating an animal. The rate the ranchers quoted and would not budge from he judged too high and advised me not to take it. I never learned the rate but was not bound to either mode of transport. I decided to give up negotiating to start the journey and decided that better exploration could be done on foot anyway. And so I began the trek through the dense forest of Cocora Valley. It is a trek of many rivers and, suspension bridges and tight rocky passages. That being said, it is heavily visited so there is never a feeling of solitude. Still, without a proper guide it is probably not wise to go far as the deeper regions lose more and more the semblance of a path, eventually becoming unpassable.

I got as far as I thought feasible to go through this jungle and then turned back to the entrance where there was the second way to visit Valle de Cocora. A stairway carved into the mountains of the valley lead you to the tamed area of the park where horses as well as other domestic animals are put out to pasture, tourists can take pictures against the giant lettering spelling out the name of the park upon a hill and restaurant line the area. Signage tells tourists the story behind the park's name which was derived from the daughter of Acaime, the local Quimbayan chief.

This area was clearly designed for leisure seeking tourists but it is a must see if only for the towering wax palms, endemic to the region and a Colombian icon. Since 1985 these giants have been preserved in the area and still draw crowds from all over the Salento area.

That night saw us back in Circasia where we discovered a neat little diner specializing in crepes, waffles and French toast. Crepe Landia is small but vibrant, channeling the spirit of the 1980s as John Hughes enshrined the decade. It was a taste of Americana but in a way purely Colombian.



Trekking the countryside.jpg



Palms



Wax palms



Horse and palms



Cocora



Sheep roaming the pastures



Horses packed up and ready to go



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# Revere Beach Celebrates 20th Anniversary of Sand Sculpting

What began as a small local community event, has grown into a renowned annual extravaganza that transforms Revere Beach, the nation's oldest public beach, into an awe-inspiring boardwalk and open-air festival. Now in its 20th year, this festival gathers world-class sand sculptors providing them the opportunity to display their incredible talents to the thousands of visitors each year. Drawing families and spectators from all over Massachusetts, New England and

beyond, this festival is an electrifying celebration of artistic talent, and community. In addition to the outstanding sand sculptures, this happening now showcases a multi-cultural selection of food vendors, food trucks, live music, amusement rides and a phenomenal display of fireworks to cap this must-see celebration. Congratulations to all the winners and participants, and to the committee for all their hard work in putting together another successful event!



First Place Winner "Blend In," by Artist, Jobi Bouchard, Canada



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A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Nicole Lynn Labo of Arlington, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Nicole Lynn Okinow.  
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A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Bowie Gray Savitt of Newton Center, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Bowie Beanie Gray.  
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A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Mia Allesandra Halahan of Waltham, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Mia Allesandra Gray.  
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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Right after the 2nd World War began, life changed for the Christoforo/Contini family.

My dad and uncles had been on the road with the big bands (except Uncle Gino) and that came to an end with the beginnings of the war. Uncle Paul went to work days as a journeyman printer, Dad accepted a job teaching machine shop at his old alma mater, East Boston High School and played music 6 nights a week. Uncle Nick got hooked up with a band that played for the dinner crowd at one of Boston's hotels, and Uncle Gino went to work at the Chelsea Navy Yard. All just waited for the draft to catch up with them, because we were at war on two fronts, and early on, it was called World War II.

By the summer of 1942, Uncle Nick was called, and to avoid the draft, enlisted in the navy. Uncle Paul was rejected due to his age and never went into the military. Once Uncle Gino was called, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps. Dad had a high lottery number, and wasn't called right away, but by the end of 42, or early 43, he was approached by the OSS (the Office of Strategic Services)... the forerunner to today's CIA, and asked to become a part-time operator for their Boston division. It seems that they were housing Italian war prisoners at some of the old forts on Boston Harbor Islands and at the closed immigration station on Marginal Street in East Boston. They needed someone to interrogate the captured soldiers, and somehow, Dad's name came up. With Babbononno as his recording secretary, he accepted the job on a part-time basis. (He actually needed Babbononno. Dad couldn't read nor write Italian and barely spoke the dialect he learned from his father.) So, Dad's schedule included teaching at EBHS, working for the OSS, and playing six nights a week with a quintet, the Jimmy McHale Orchestra, at the Fife and Drum Room, a downstairs café at the Hotel Vendome on Commonwealth Ave. He would eventually work in coaching football for EBHS.

Gasoline became rationed early on and all car owners were issued rectangular stickers that were placed on the bottom corner of the passenger's side of the windshields. Most people were issued stickers with a capital "A" in the center. They were only able to buy, I believe, five gallons of gas per week. Dad and my uncles were

issued stickers with a capital "B," which allowed the purchase of ten gallons per week. Ration books were also issued, and a person buying gas had to hand over ration stamps that corresponded to the purchase. This meant that there was no joy riding or side trips. Most cars were used for business, and that was it. Oh, and new tires were impossible to get, which didn't help the situation.

It was the summer of 42, and Babbononno wanted to have a dinner for his family before they all went off to fight the war, with, God forbid, some never returning home. Back then, there was no home air conditioning. There were window fans or just screens located on the outside of open windows. As a result, it was often too hot to cook and eat in an East Boston kitchen. The alternative was a kitchen in the cellar where it was a bit cooler than on the upper floors.

In the cellar was the old ice box that was replaced by an electric refrigerator in the kitchen. There was the old kitchen set that was replaced by a new one just before the war. Along with this was a black soap-stone sink. Surrounding these creature comforts were shelves where Nanna stored the vegetables she had prepared the winter before. Not too far away, were the barrels filled with the red and white wines vinted by Babbononno and almost ready to drink. This was the downstairs summer kitchen.

Outside in the back yard was another table and six to eight chairs that had been in the cellar at one time and in the upstairs kitchen even before that when they were new. If the day selected for the dinner was a good one weather wise, this is where they would all eat, al fresco.

A Sunday was selected and both Nanna and my mother prayed to St. Anthony for good weather. He answered their prayers and the dinner was served outside. Nanna had made the pasta a day or two earlier and had the strands slung over the nails on the kitchen curtain stretcher that stood in the back yard. (I had never eaten store bought pasta until I was about fifteen. Up until then, it was all home-made.)

The dinner started out with antipasto that contained cold cuts cheeses and vegetables that grew in the back yard, nurtured by both Nanna and Babbononno. This was followed by what today is called Italian

Wedding Soup. Next came the tagliatelle with Bolognese sauce. (thick home-made spaghetti with meat sauce) This was followed by an assortment of meats cooked in Nanna's gravy. (sauce to New York Italians) This was accompanied by sautéed vegetables, and lastly, garden salad. The old timers served the salad after the main courses, not before them. They claimed it was better for the digestion. There would be bottles of Babbononno's red and white home-made wine on the table and a couple of carafes with red with cut up peaches. That was intended to be the dessert. Pastry and coffee might come later, but not right after the dinner. What did follow the dinner was a large bowl of fresh fruit, dishes of nuts and maybe little boxes of torrone, in case someone wanted something sweet, early on.

When the dinner came to an end, Babbononno would light up a cheroot, and my father and uncles, hand-made Cuban cigars. From this point on, the men would relax in the shade and the ladies would do the dishes in the black soap stone sink in the cellar. My older cousin, Paula, and I would be allowed to leave the table and both babysit her younger sister, my infant cousin Ellie, as we romped around in the back yard.

This was one of the last dinners we would all share together during that summer of 1942. Soon, Uncle Nick would head off to the navy and Uncle Gino to the Air Corps.

We would not all be able to sit down again until after the war ended, about three and a half years later.

The war took its toll on the family. Uncle Nick and his first wife, Ada Giorgione, separated, and later divorced. Uncle Gino, while in New York on leave, would meet a Flamenco dancer, and later, marry her (Aunt Ninna). Nanna would suffer a massive heart attack and never fully recover, causing Babbononno to have to sell the big house at 70 Eutaw Street in East Boston, and move into a small apartment. He also retired from his day job to take care of my grandmother. And that's the way it was in 1942.

### GOD BLESS AMERICA

Before I close, to those of you who try to contact me at the paper: If you have a computer, my email address is: [beagsley@rcn.com](mailto:beagsley@rcn.com). This might be an easier way to go for some of you



by  
Marianna  
Bisignano

Italian immigrants have brought many of their cherished culinary traditions with them to new countries, and one of these beloved traditions is enjoying plain Italian breakfast cookies, such as the Stella D'Oro Breakfast Treats. Whether enjoying them for breakfast or when taking a moment to relax with an afternoon coffee, Italian breakfast cookies are more than just a simple treat; they are a cherished link to the past and a comforting reminder of home.

My Nonna made many versions of what she referred to as "plain cookies" that were served at breakfast or enjoyed as an afternoon treat. These cookies come in various shapes and sizes, but they share common characteristics: they are simple, lightly sweet, and perfect for dipping. I have many recipes to share, and most are quite similar, but these Italian Breakfast Cookies are especially easy to make and call for simple ingredients that you are more than likely to already have on hand!

## ITALIAN BREAKFAST COOKIES

### Biscotti da Colazione Italiana



- 6 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 large or 2 small organic lemons, zested
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg beaten with 1 to 2 teaspoons water for egg wash

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside. Preheat the oven to 350°.

In a large mixing bowl, beat eggs and sugar until fluffy. Add oil, lemon zest, juice, vanilla and beat well. Sift in flour, baking powder and salt, mix until a sticky dough forms.

Place dough on a floured board and let rest for about a half hour. When ready, knead dough and if too sticky, sprinkle with flour until it is sticky but workable. Do not add too much.

Using a medium size cookie scoop, take each piece of dough and roll into a pencil shape, twist and place on a baking sheet. Brush with egg wash and bake for about 15 minutes or until golden. Let cool and store in an airtight container or tin.

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can Donald Trump and his campaign are making serious inroads into the Latino community. More and more, this voting bloc can no longer be considered easy pickings for Democrats.

Democrats appear to be fighting back against this bad news and recently, a US Representative from Texas named Vincente Gonzalez was quoted as saying "When you see "Latinos for Trump," to me it is like seeing "Jews for Hitler," almost, you know?"

**Bipartisan Call To Remove Secret Service**

This past week, the head of the Secret Service was questioned before a House committee over the recent failed assassination attempt on President Trump's life at a July 13 Butler, PA outdoor rally. Many

questions were asked of her on what happened that day and the many failures that appeared to have taken place on that day. Had Trump not turned his head at the exact moment he did, he would have most likely been slain that day. Many members of that committee across party lines seemed inclined to have her gone from her job sooner than later. This story continues toward some kind of resolution that restores the credibility of the Secret Service which did not look good on July 13. More answers say many in Congress are still needed about what protocols were followed or not followed.

**ENDQUOTE**

"We rise together or we fall apart."

-Donald Trump speaking at the RNC convention

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Estate of  
**BENITA J. GEFFEN**  
Also Known As:  
**BENITA JOAN GEFFEN**  
Date of Death: November 08, 2023  
**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Elizabeth Geffen Lindquist of Bass Harbor, ME**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Elizabeth Geffen Lindquist of Bass Harbor, 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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• **RNC** (Continued from Page 3)

theme of "unity" and laid out a path forward for America. "I stand before you this evening with a message of confidence, strength and hope. The discord and division in our society must be healed. As Americans we are bound higher by a single fate and a shared destiny. We rise together, or we fall apart. I am running to be President for all Americans, not half of America, because there is no victory in winning half. So tonight, with faith and devotion, I am proudly accepting your nomination for President." he said to rapturous applause.

It was noted by his spokesperson, that after the assassination attempt, Trump tore up his original convention speech and re-wrote it with a much more personal flair, by Trump himself. He vowed to end the Russia/Ukraine War, end

illegal immigration and promised another Trump Presidency would unleash "the Golden Age" in the U.S. He believes that the U.S. is soon on the verge of finding cures for cancer, Alzheimer's and many other diseases. He is determined to bring back the American Dream.

"With great humility, I am asking you to be excited about the future of our country," as he pleaded once again for unity. "We are Americans. Ambition is our heritage. Greatness is our birthright. But as long as our energies are spent fighting each other our destiny will remain out of reach. Tonight, I ask for your partnership, for your support and I am humbly asking for your vote. Every day I will strive to honor the trust you have placed in me, and I will never let you down."

• **L'Anno Bello** (Continued from Page 4)

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.*

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**ALEXIS RENE GARCIA**  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Alexis Rene Garcia of Lowell, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Alexander Kimiko Gutierrez**.

**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 05, 2024. 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. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO**,  
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Bruce Peasley of Dracut, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Bruce Peasley of Dracut, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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**REINHOLD ALBERT CARLSON**  
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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 **Syrus Ayure, 195 Summer St., Apt. 310, North Marshfield, MA 02059** your answer, if any, on or before **August 14, 2024**. 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.

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# Boxing Ringside



WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

## Golfing with Joe Louis

Joe Louis was an all-time great boxer, but he enjoyed playing golf. He actually made history on the links by breaking the color barrier in professional golf.

Louis was the first black man to play in a PGA golf tournament. He was not going to be a token for the organization and demanded that it be opened to all blacks that could qualify to play. As far as I know, golf was the last sport to become unsegregated. Though never loud, Louis could be persistent and highly principled. He got things done but never sought credit for what he had made happen. I guess you could say he epitomized the strong silent type.

As great as he was in the ring, Joe Louis should be remembered for all of the good he did outside of the squared circle.



Joe with golfing great Horton Smith



A pretty good swing



Bill "Bojangles" Robinson on the course with Joe



Mrs. Louis getting a few pointers from The Champ



Joe and a friend giving Joe Louis Jr., a golf lesson



Joe shakes hands with golf legend Byron Nelson



A couple of duffers: Joe with Sugar Ray Robinson

## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



The Celtics will return to action about four months after winning the NBA Championship back in June when they host the Philadelphia 76ers in a preseason game on the parquet.

Although the C's have five preseason games scheduled, the first two are set to be played against Denver in the United Arab Emirates the first weekend in October.

The third preseason game — and first game for the Celtics at the Garden since winning the title back on June 17 — is the one against Philly on Columbus Day on the parquet.

That will be followed by a contest against Toronto at the Garden the very next night (October 13). The C's will then travel north to Canada where they will close out the pre-season by facing the Raptors on October 15.

**THE SUMMER OLYMPICS** are upon us and once again memories come to mind of those games back in 1972 held in Munich, Germany where Mark Spitz won seven gold medals in swimming for the USA.

The games will also be remembered for tragedy as terrorists killed eleven Israeli athletes in their residence hall and resulted in the evacuation of Spitz, who is Jewish from the Olympics to London.

In spite of that, the games continued — a decision which led to the showdown gold medal basketball game between Team USA and the U.S.S.R (the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics).

The USA entered the contest with an unbelievable 63-0 all-time record in the Olympics. Team USA had never lost a basketball game in the Olympics to that point.

In a way, it was like two old rivals meeting since the Soviet Union had lost to the USA in the gold medal game in each of the five prior Olympics dating back to 1952, with the Soviets returning home with the silver medal each time.

Pro athletes were not allowed in the Olympics during this era, meaning Team USA's roster consisted entirely of collegiate All-Star players. Politically, the game was also played in the "Cold War" era where America and the Soviet Union often faced off politically in matters concerning international relations.

But this would be a different game for a number of reasons. For one, the Soviets actually gave the Americans all they could handle, leading at the half 26-21.

Indeed, the Soviets continued to lead, ahead by 10 with 10 minutes to go. But Teams USA went to a press, something you do not see much of today because of the shot clock.

With three seconds remaining and Team USA down by one at 49-50, Doug Collins was fouled and awarded two free throws. He calmly made the first to tie the count at 49-49 and then made the second to put the USA up 50-49 with three seconds left. Under the rules in effect, the USSR had to inbound the ball immediately which was done by the Soviet players. But the Soviet bench insisted a time

out had been called — which became an issue.

What followed is perhaps the most confusing conclusion to a basketball game in the history of the sport.

Confusion reigned — so much so that Renato William Jones the secretary of FIBA (international basketball's ruling body), actually came down from his seat in the stands to participate in the discussions.

For comparison, think of this unbelievable scenario: if NBA Commissioner Adam Silver actually came down from his luxury box to participate in discussions concerning a controversial call in the NBA Finals. Or if Charlie Baker, now the President of the NCAA, did the same during the Final Four. Of course, those scenarios would never happen. But their Olympic equivalent actually did in the closing seconds of the 1972 Gold Medal Basketball Game.

A horn had sounded from the scorer's table while Collins took his second free throw. The Soviets inbounded but play was called with one second remaining as officials responded to the scorer's table.

Soviet coaches indicated that they had called a time out with time not having expired. In the end of this chapter of the events the officials threw out the one second remaining call and ordered in essence a replay with three seconds remaining.

But this time the clock at the scorer's table appeared to malfunction as time expired and the Americans celebrated a victory.

That is when game officials ordered another replay of the final three seconds.

That resulted in a full court length in-bounds pass of 94 feet by the Soviets. The Soviet player caught the ball in the air and made a layup to provide his team with a 51-50 victory and the gold medal.

The Americans would go on to file an official protest but the Soviet victory was upheld by a 3-2 vote. It was pointed out at the time that the three votes came from representatives of Soviet-aligned Cold War nations.

If all of the above sounds confusing that is because it is. Reduced to a simple outline. Three seconds on the clock. Collins makes two free three for Team USA, giving it the lead. That is followed by three inbound plays — the original plus two additional ones with the Soviets scoring on the last to claim the victory. In between, of course, comes all the discussions that led to a number of decisions. Material on the internet goes into quite a bit of detail regarding the discussions and decisions undertaken by game officials. Allow plenty of time to read it all in detail.

The United States has never accepted the outcome of the 1972 Olympic Gold Medal Basketball Game. Today, the silver medals that the U.S. team refuses to accept are kept in a bank vault in Switzerland. They have been there for over half a century. Who knows what the next half century will bring.