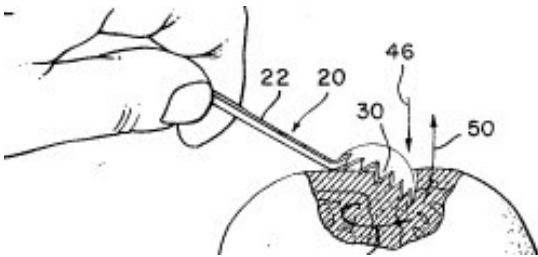


Just For Openers January-December 2025 1

Clayton E. Giangiulio's

Culinary Attack Opener By Don Thornton (The Movie "Jaws" 50th Birthday)

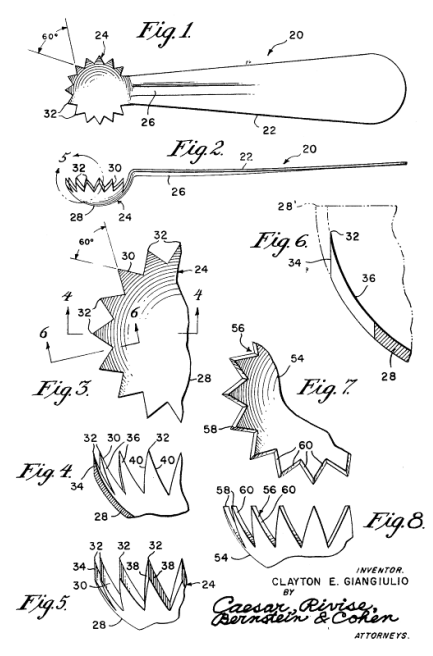
It's the 50th anniversary of the movie JAWS – and the 55th anniversary of the TOMATO SHARK. And the time to give lighthearted recognition to an offbeat opener. Clayton E. Giangiulio of Malvern, Pennsylvania, was awarded Patent No. 3,505,731 on April 14, 1970 for his "coring device" with "sharp piercing teeth and cutting edges."



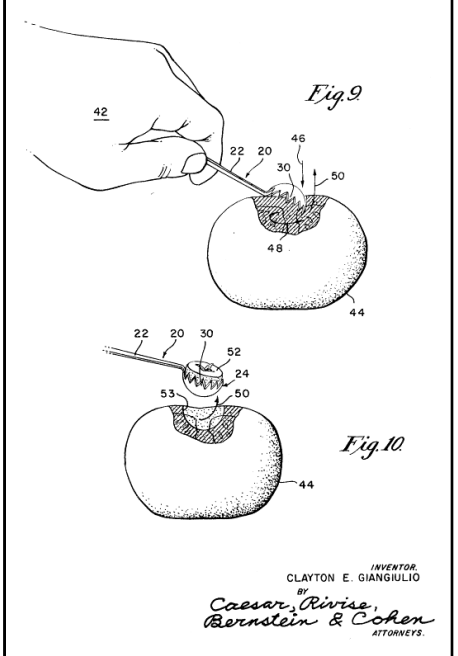
It is just over 4-inches long, a perfect hand size, with a round 3/4-inch in diameter jaw on the end with 13 pointed and very sharp teeth. It is designed to open, to core tomatoes and has the perfect name: TOMATO SHARK.

It was first manufactured by Le-Jo Enterprises Inc. in Malvern, which applied for a trademark in 1971. The trademark was granted in 1973 covering the name and a drawing of a shark with a chef hat and apron.

April 14, 1970. C. E. Giangiulio 3,505,731
CORING DEVICE
Filed Jan. 8, 1968 Sheet 1



April 14, 1970. C. E. Giangiulio 3,505,731
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Although it is believed to have been manufactured starting in 1971, newspaper ads for the Tomato Shark did not start appearing until 1977. One grocery store ad



that year listed the retail price at \$1.19.

The ads

continued for decades but listed Messermeister Culinary as the maker starting in 2006. The Tomato Shark is still

available today but with a plastic handle. Giangiulio, a delicatessen operator, died in 1993 in Malvern at the age of 70.



Tomato Shark.
Gently and swiftly cores tomatoes, loosens grapefruit sections, forms melon balls, endless other uses.
Stainless steel **1.19**

