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Mayor Wu Delivers 2024 State of the City Address Outlining Her Vision of Boston as a Home for Every Generation

Mayor Wu Announces City Investments and Partnerships with Leading Institutions to Connect Every Resident to Housing and Opportunity

On Tuesday, January 9, 2024, Mayor Michelle Wu delivered her 2024 State of the City Address, sharing a vision for Boston where every resident feels at home. She highlighted new initiatives to house families, expand homeownership, and plan for a green and growing City. She outlined partnerships with employers, higher education, and cultural institutions that will transform public schools and BPS athletics, invest in Franklin Park, and expand opportunities for students and families from pre-K to college, including summer jobs and unprecedented access to spaces for learning and curiosity. This is Mayor Wu's second State of the City Address.

"Time and again, we have proven the future is ours to shape. And day by day, we're following through on Boston's promise to be a green and growing City for everyone," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "As a mom — and a BPS parent—I know that to truly be the best City for every family, we have to give our young people the world: in the classroom, in community, in every corner of our City."

Building Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in Boston

Mayor Wu announced that the City will eliminate barriers to building ADUs this year by changing zoning to make these small homes as-of-right citywide. The ADU program allows owner occupants to create smaller, independent units inside their homes or in their yards. This initiative aims to expand lower-cost housing options, empower residents to build wealth, and foster diverse, multi-generational living spaces. The City will lower ADU costs by publishing pre-approved designs and dedicate financial resources to assist eligible residents in funding construction. Training and incentives will be offered



to ensure that local builders reflecting the diversity and talent of our communities will have access to opportunities in this new industry.

Revitalizing and decarbonizing Boston's public housing

Mayor Wu announced plans to identify locations for nearly 3,000 new, modern, energyefficient public housing units that will be built over the next decade, the first new net public housing units built in Boston in more than 40 years. Once built, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will provide more than \$100 million a year to finance and maintain these homes under the Faircloth Amendment. Boston built 4,000 new units of public housing in the 1940s; 5,000

units throughout the 1950s; 1,200 in the 1960s; 2,200 in the 1970s; but has not built any net new public housing units in the last four decades, only renovations. These new units will feature amenities and supportive services, provide pathways for residents to economic mobility, and ensure that seniors, veterans, families, and people with disabilities have a place in Boston they are proud to call home. The federal government will fund the ongoing maintenance of up to 2,891 units once built.

Mayor Wu also announced a partnership with National Grid that will launch Boston's first-ever networked geothermal system, delivering clean, green energy for heating and cooling to 346 families living in the Boston Housing Authority's Franklin Field community.

Preserving existing afford-

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

What Keeps Michelle Awake At Night

According to an interview that was published this past Monday, Michelle Obama is terrified of "what could possibly go wrong in the 2024 election." The former first lady admitted her fears to a question by host Jay Shetty on his podcast.

"We cannot take this democracy of ours for granted and sometimes I worry that we do," said Obama. "Those are the things that keep me up."

She also explained the anxieties that come along with being inside the White House. "There's such a thing as knowing too much. What keeps me up are the things I know."

Kaboom To Take Out One Bug

A man trying to kill one single cockroach inadvertently turned into a firebug when he blew up his apartment in Japan on Kyushu Island. The epic pest control failure happened around midnight recently. A 54-year-old man spotted a solitary roach inside his home and sprayed a massive amount of insecticide to wipe out the bug. Minutes later, an explosion went off, blowing out the balcony window. Luckily, the man was not injured. Whereabouts of the cockroach are unknown, stated a police official.

"Wrong" House Razed

An Atlanta woman is looking for answers after a long-time family owned property was reduced to rubble while she was away on vacation, due apparently to an error by a local hauling and demolition company. The owner was alerted to the home's destruction by a neighbor of hers who asked her if she hired someone to take down the house.

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EAST BOSTON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS

MEET WITH STATE REGULATORS, DISCUSS COMMON GROUND AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT

In December, environmental activists from East Boston's Logan Community Clean Air Coalition met with state regulators, environmental justice lawyers, and the city of Boston to discuss flaws in the environmental review system for Logan International Airport. Members of Massport's leadership were also in attendance.

The activists asked state regulators to close a loophole that allows airport projects to advance without review of environmental impacts. In addition, they urged the state to reform the comment process which accepts public input only after major decisions have been made, and they objected to the length, complexity, and formatting of Massport's environmental reports. For example, the 2020-2021 Environmental Data Report for Boston Logan International Airport is 794 pages long. East Boston is a working class neighborhood, and even the most active members of the environmental community struggle to make time for such heavy reading.

During the meeting, the activists praised the state,

Governor Healey, and Mayor Wu for listening to their perspectives and asked for reforms which would end the procedural injustices which continue to heap environmental burdens on low income and minority communities and drive childhood asthma and chronic public health impacts by allowing unmanaged growth at Logan.

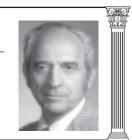
Noting that the present review system documents environmental impacts years after the damage has been caused, the activists pointed out that airport planning can be improved by accepting community input throughout the entire process, and asked Massport to create a mitigation framework which is based on actual impacts, not on often inaccurate forecasts — as they are today. They added that this approach would allow regulators to focus on protecting local communities from environmental damage, rather than sorting out mitigation after the damage has been allowed.

After the meeting, the activists announced that Massport officials have agreed to streamline their reports and

make them more accessible to readers, and called for further progress to be made in followup meetings. As AIR, Inc. spokesperson Chris Marchi said, "We hope this is the start of a more transparent relationship between MEPA, EEA, Massport, and residents. But there are big questions about the future of airport planning for New England, and the future of environmental justice that need to be answered. We're asking the governor and mayor to weigh in on whether airport expansion will continue to get a free pass to damage public health, or whether the state's promise of environmental protection is going to cover everyone."

In response to Massport's search for a new CEO, East Boston's Logan Community Clean Air Coalition has also produced their suggested version of the CEO job description from the perspective of East Boston residents. The job description, written in English and Spanish, has been distributed to contacts in government and transportation, including the full executive board at Massport, and has been published in East Boston media outlets.

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



MORE PEARLS FROM THE PAST



Deer are said to be the deadly enemy of snakes, they even pull them from their nests and eat them. Fumes from burnt deer antlers kept serpents away and the ancients slept on deer skin blankets anywhere in the open without fear of snakes. Deer rennet taken in vinegar was used to prevent snake bite and if merely handled, it was said that no serpent would strike during that day.

Eye infections were cured by first washing the feet and then touching the eye with the same water. A victim of lightning, if turned upon the wounded side, at once began to speak. His first words usually were "What the hell hit me."

A good headache remedy was to pour vinegar over a door hinge and the mud thus obtained was applied to the forehead. Front door hinges were particularly effective. Another good headache cure was to use a rope that was previously used in a suicide and tie it around the temples. After all, it worked the first time.

A fish bone stuck in the throat came out when the feet were plunged into cold water and a piece of bread stuck in the throat came out when pieces of the same loaf were stuffed in both ears.

An epilepsy cure was to use goat suet boiled down with an equal weight of bull's gall, stored in a gall bladder without touching the earth, and taken in water with the patient standing upright.

Two eels rotted in wine causes those who drink the liquid to acquire distaste for wine, but pressing the feet together often cured a weak stomach.

To get rid of a fever the ancients used the salted right eye of a wolf, worn as an amulet and they relieved an attack of sneezing or hiccoughs by kissing a mule on the nose. The only danger there was when the mule puckered back.

Women's uterine troubles were cured by an application of bull's gall and poppy juice or by fumigating the uterus with smoldering deer's hair, and Olympias of Thebes offered a cure for barrenness by using bull's gall, serpent's fat, copper rust, and honey, rubbed on — you know what — before you know when. Osthanes said that if the blood of a tick from a black wild bull is rubbed on the loins of a woman, she will become disgusted with sexual intercourse. This week you can make up your own punch

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Massport CEO Job Description: Presented by the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition

CEO/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY

Document Background:

In response to Massport's search for a new CEO, the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition. AIR, Inc., and other East Boston advocacy organizations have seized the opportunity to create and share our description of the ideal candidate for the position, from the perspective of East Boston residents. We have drafted a job description for the Massport CEO and are distributing it widely. We ask that our perspective be considered in the ongoing candidate search, because our collective wellbeing hinges on drastic changes in Massport's environmental policies and implementation.

Background:

The Massachusetts Port Authority ("Massport") was created by the legislature in 1956 to stimulate the economy through ownership and operation of the Port of Boston, Logan International Airport, and Hanscom Field. Massport was granted land, money, political autonomy, and the power of eminent domain to accomplish this goal. Massport currently uses more than 2,384 acres in East Boston, South Boston, and the Town of Winthrop.

Massport Airports

Logan is Massport's flagship airport and profit center, earning \$825 million in annual revenues and covering the Authority's losses at Hanscom, the Cruise Port, and Boston's container and port facilities. Massport does not presently use its revenues to cover the economic losses related to traffic congestion and environmental impacts on health for local residents. Given its economic importance to the Authority, Massport has promoted expansion of Logan, as opposed to using a multiairport solution, and Logan now serves 78% of New England's air travel market. Despite its market share dominance, Logan is landlocked and now operates beyond its design capacity causing traveler safety concerns, and frequent runway incursions.

Without legislatively mandated environmental accountability, the politically autonomous Port Authority has filled 1,800 acres of tidal flats, and leveled harbor islands, neighborhoods, and an Olmsted Park to expand Logan, inciting public outrage since the mid 1960's. Logan currently produces 810,000 tons of greenhouse gasses per year and over 35,000

pounds of air pollution per day, increasing childhood asthma, COPD, and other morbidities in nearby communities. Further expansion of Logan will likely require expansion into surrounding neighborhoods and come with steep political, permitting and public relations costs.

Logan revenues subsidize development of Massport's other airports, helping Hanscom capture market share for private jet service, and also pushing activity there beyond tolerable capacity, driving public opposition. Massport has invested \$100 million to increase Worcester Regional Airport's capacity despite the facility's disadvantageous location and poor ground access connections.

The Port and Cruiseport

Boston, the US's leading port until the 1840's, has steadily fallen in rank to the 43rd largest in cargo tonnage by 2021. Despite this decline, Massport spent \$850 million on environmentally destructive harbor dredging and high tech cranes (later raising concern over cyber security) in hopes of courting Chinese supertankers which might use the new Panama Canal. Despite serving the 6th largest economy in North America, Massport's Flynn Cruiseport, located in the traffic-congested Seaport and suffering a lack of convenient and affordable parking, ranks 28th in passenger boardings among major cruise destinations in North America.

Position and Responsibilities: The CEO/Executive Director will:

The CEO/ Executive Director will:
Direct the management of Massport's businesses, finances, and human capital to ensure that Massport operates in a fiscally and environmentally responsible manner through development of a strategic plan which will:

- Lead an organizational culture shift to value accountability and accuracy, and repair relations with community stakeholders
- Produce accurate evaluations of the economic, environmental, public health and climate costs and benefits of aviation and port operations
- Develop sustainable demand management plans which address regional air travel demand over time in lowto-no growth scenarios while minimizing environmental and public health impacts
- Repair community relationships that have been harmed by decades of disregard

for residents and the greater Boston community. Strategize and implement large-scale reparations for residents.

- Develop policy and mitigation strategies which evaluate, assess, and reduce net ground access, and aviation noise and pollution impacts in all airport capacity growth scenarios, specifically by:
- Development of mitigation implementation strategies which link progressive mitigation with growth in impacts
- Prioritizing public safety by removing harmful aviation pollutants from indoor environments (including schools and homes) in high aviation pollution exposure
- Increasing high occupancy vehicle access modes to Logan
- Eliminating idling at all Massport facilities
- Reducing noise impacts through completing the legally required runway use planning

Qualifications, Skills and Experience:

A Bachelor's degree with coursework in urban planning, public health, business administration and cross-sector partnership is required. In addition, experience managing challenging organizational cultural change is desired. An educational or professional background in environmental mitigation is required. A demonstrated track record of successfully working with and advocating for minoritized and environmental justice communities is a requirement to be considered.

Experience in aviation and transportation is not an absolute requirement for consideration. Understanding the nuances and distinctions between Authority, FAA, airline, and airport priorities is critical to success in this role. Having experience in business, governmental, environmental, and public policy is a plus. Having a passion for innovation and social accountability is critical.

Applications from qualified individuals with bilingual Spanish, Arabic, or Mandarin language skills, and/or who are representative of local underresourced communities will be prioritized.

In addition, the successful candidate will possess:

Critical thinking and 'outside the box' problem solving skills; integrity; emotional intelligence; glowing references from environmental justice organizations and community transportation advocates.

February: The Month of Love

The gorgeous trellis is now the **Tunnel of Love** for the month of February

Love is in the air! Bundle up, grab your honey and come on over to Columbus Park where your spirit will be warmed as you walk through the Tunnel of Love! Feel free to dance to the music as you stroll through the tunnel. Post your photos to Instagram using the tag #FOCCP. There will be fun surprises in the park during February so visit often and then warm up with a hot beverage or meal at one of the nearby restaurants.

For more on Christopher Columbus Park, visit www.foccp.org



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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.

WARREN, MARKEY ANNOUNCE **Federal Funding for New Electric School Buses in Massachusetts**

Clean School Bus Awards to Serve the School Districts of Boston, Fall River, New Bedford, and Worcester

United States Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Ed Markey (D-Mass.) announced that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is awarding Massachusetts funding for 85 electric school buses under the Clean Bus Grant Program to help school districts replace polluting diesel school buses with electric or low-emission school buses.

"After years of fighting for investments in clean energy, I'm glad that we are able to deliver federal funding for a fleet of new electric school buses in Massachusetts. With this funding, we can reduce health risks from air pollution, boost domestic manufacturing while creating good-paying jobs in the process, and fight the climate crisis for the next generation. This is a big win for our communities, and I will keep fighting for more of these investments," said Senator Warren

"This new funding for clean school buses from the Biden administration is going to help keep our communities and children safe from pollution, while creating a more livable future for Massachusetts residents and Americans all across this country," said Senator Markey. "We fought hard to include this funding in the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and I thank the EPA for enabling Massachusetts to continue down the road to cleaner air."

Massachusetts will be receiving several Clean School Bus Awards to serve the school districts of Boston, Fall River,

New Bedford, and Worcester.

Senator Warren has actively advocated for federal funding to jumpstart the transition to allelectric public vehicles and rail and to help tackle the climate

- Senator Warren sent a letter to the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and 33 Commonwealth municipalities on July 2023, highlighting the benefits of electrifying the Commonwealth's school bus fleets and encouraging the Associations and their members to take full advantage of the newly-announced EPA Clean School Bus Grants Program Notice of Funding Opportunity.
- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill's EPA Clean School Bus Program, with a historic \$5 billion investment for low- and zero-emission school buses, was modeled from Senator Warren's BUILD GREEN Infrastructure and Jobs Act, which would provide \$500 billion in grant funding over ten years for modernizing our infrastructure and electrifying public transit systems, including school buses.
- The Inflation Reduction Act, passed in August 2022, includes \$1 billion for states, municipalities, tribes, and nonprofit school transportation associations to use for clean heavy duty vehicles, like school and transit buses and garbage trucks, all in part funded by Senator Warren's Corporate Profits Minimum Tax to ensure America's largest corporations pay at least 15% of their massive profits in federal taxes.

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Cheers to Artú and the Frattaroli Family for a Celebration of La Befana



Joe Creason, Legislative Aide, Office of Representative Jay Livingstone, visits with some West End seniors

A celebration of La Befana, generously sponsored by Artú and the Frattaroli family, marked not only the end of the long and festive holiday season in Italy, but also at the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center



Joe Creason, Legislative Aide, Office of Representative Jay Livingstone, greets a West **End constituent**



(NE/WE NSC). The Feast of the

Epiphany is celebrated January

6th with a national holiday

in Italy, and the tradition of

La Befana is a large part of

Italian Christmas celebrations.

Epiphany honors the 12th day

Ben Tayag, District Director, Office of State Senator Lydia Edwards speaks with North **End seniors**



(L-R): Colleen Holden of Artú, General Manager of Artú Gianni Frattaroli and ABCD **NE WE NSC Acting Director** Julia Power

Wise Men arrived at the crèche bearing gifts for the Christ Child. According to the Italian legend, La Befana, a witch riding a broom, refused to join the Wise Men on their journey to see the baby Jesus. When she regrets her decision, she sets out to bring gifts to the Child but never finds him. Instead, she leaves gifts for other children. Italian children leave out their shoes or put up stockings for the Befana to fill on January 5th, Epiphany Eve. Naughty children receive coal.

There was no coal at the NE/WE NSC, but rather a delicious lunch consisting of misto salad, rotisserie chicken, roasted carrots and potatoes, and penne puttanesca. It was a warm, cozy day and a wonderful way to kick off 2024. Thank you again, Artú and the Frattaroli family, for the food and love that you bestowed upon the seniors in the neighborhood!



the trappings of winter, it does

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

The Wonderful World of Winter

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz



Perhaps there is no month more maligned in the calendar than January. The thrill of the holiday season has faded into the past, while the cold temperatures and bitter winds remain. Frequent snowstorms and icy blasts interrupt the frigid, gray days. The sky is the gray of dirty cotton balls, with only the palest of afternoon sunlight breaking through the clouds. Yet while it may seem odd to think of spring in the midst of such wintry scenes, signs of the upcoming season also surround us this month. Department store shelves explode in hues of red and pink as they boast Valentine's Day decorations. The green, purple, and yellow icing from my Epiphany King Cake — a harbinger of the bright tones of spring — still coats the dish of leftover slices. The sun appears for a longer time in the sky, illuminating the dripping icicles on a still evening. However, as much as I shiver in anticipation at these signs of spring, I am constantly reminded that winter stubbornly persists throughout January. Biting winds and snowdrifts drive me inside warm jackets and sturdy boots. In-season clementines and lemons perfume the air with their tartness, while soothing cups of tea provide ultimate comfort. January is a month that follows the two-headed aspect of its namesake Janus, the ancient Roman god of transitions. After all, January encompasses both the frosty beauty of winter and the hope of the imminent spring, teaching us to appreciate both seasons at once.

When one thinks of January, frosty temperatures often come the air feels like sharp pin pricks and I want nothing more than to curl up on the couch with a mug of steaming hot chocolate. January's gelid weather has even become etched into folklore — European legend marks January 13th, St. Hilary's Day (or il Giorno di San Ilario in Italian), as the coldest day of the year. However, January also gives me ample opportunities to celebrate, to revel in family gatherings where love and laughter form a shield against the arctic blasts outdoors. I have long associated January with parties, as a large number of family birthdays occur throughout the month, including my brother's on the 8th, my best friend's on the 13th, my aunt's on the 14th, and my mother-in-law's on the 18th. These January birthday festivities contain all the cakes and gaiety one expects of parties, yet they feel more relaxed since they are now removed from the bustle of the holiday season. Indeed, January does provide us with a welcome respite from the excesses of the previous month. This January, I promise myself that I will focus on the pleasures of winter rather than bemoan the weather. I will binge-watch my favorite television shows while sipping creamy hot chocolate or perfectly spiced tea. I will snack on a juicy Clementine and bake up some goodies featuring seasonal citrus ingredients. I will let snowflakes melt on my tongue like I did when I was a child. Most of all, I hope that everyone will take advantage of January to enjoy the quiet treasures of the oft-defamed winter.

However, as much as January to mind. I imagine days when remains firmly enveloped by

intrigue us with soft whispers of spring. In Italy, no January holiday better introduces the coming spring than the Feast of St. Anthony the Abbot, or la Festa di Sant'Antonio Abate, which occurs on the 17th of the month. Because the eponymous fourth-century hermit is the patron saint of domestic animals, many Italians celebrate his feast day by honoring their pets or, if living in an agrarian community, their livestock. In many areas, farmers bring their livestock to the local church for a blessing. I remember watching one such ritual with my father on the Italian channel, my curiosity sparked by the lines of sheep, horses, and cows winding their way through the cobbled streets of a medieval town towards the church, where a priest waited to bestow a benediction. This quaint festival reminds me of the nature which starts to blossom under the cold, snowy ground. The first tiny flower seeds are slowly budding beneath the ground, ready to wink hello to the world as the crocuses and snowdrops of February. Sheep begin the process of birthing lambs around this time as well. I know that sooner than I can expect, robins will be hopping among bare tree branches and small green sprouts will peek out of the dirt. In other parts of Italy, people light huge bonfires on the eve of St. Anthony's feast day. These bonfires light up the night sky with their bright orange blaze and warm the bodies and souls of all nearby, mimicking the sun's longer duration as winter cedes the way for spring. I sense the magic of la Festa di Sant'Antonio Abate even here, whenever I look up at the pale January twilight and ponder the cycle of the year shifting beneath my feet. January can be the most

exciting of months, bursting with the liminal energy of two seasons. It provides us with the perfect chance to reflect on the beauty and repose of winter, calling us into the tranquility of our homes. Sipping a mug of herbal tea while watching the snow drift, incorporating citrus fruits into desserts, and gathering with family and friends for joyous celebrations that can warm even the chilliest night are wonderful ways to enjoy the winter season. However, January also teaches us to remain forever hopeful for the promise of spring. This anticipation is evident in the Cupids and hearts that decorate store shelves, in the leisurely lengthening of days, and in the folkloristic festivals that honor animals and the natural world. January helps us become attuned to the changing course of the year, and if we always look for the wonders each season offers, we will be instilled with enough hope and optimism to weather the remainder of winter.

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.



Apparently, Along with the Term "Left Field" Arlington National Cemetery will be Removing the "Reconciliation Monument" as Woke Forces Continue Stomping on Yesterday

I was so upset last week when I read that Arlington National Cemetery prepares to take down a Confederate memorial in the coming days but not without pushback from a group of House Republicans. This statute is now coming down because all things confederate must be banished from sight.

The decision ignores a plea from 43 Republicans to the Pentagon, asking it to withhold efforts to dismantle and remove the statue, which has been a monument dedicated to reconciliation.

Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin "disagrees with the Biden administration's decision" and plans to move the monument to the New Market Battlefield State Historic Park in the Shenandoah Valley.

Symbols dedicated to the memory of our Civil War fell victim to the woke mentality when an independent commission recommended in 2022 that all such memorials dedicated to the Confederacy be taken down and to rename all military bases, buildings, and other items celebrating the Confederacy.

Following the commission's final report, a congressional mandate called for the removal of all Confederate memorials by the end of this month. Welcome to America where if we don't like the past, we can always choose to repeat ourselves.

Woke can reconcile with the past even when a monument to reconciliation stares right in your face.

Winter Warmer

at Moakley Park

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able housing across Boston's neighborhoods

To protect Boston families from getting displaced when their apartment buildings are sold to private investors, Mayor Wu announced the launch of a fund to acquire apartment buildings and protect renters by making the units permanently affordable through a community trust. This initiative builds on the City's success working with community partners to keep 114 families across 36 buildings in their homes in East Boston through the Blue Line Portfolio acquisition in October 2023. The new fund will be used to protect 400 more families in Mattapan, Brighton, and Dorchester this year.

Making it easier for families to enroll in early education & growing the early education workforce

This spring, Boston will launch a one-stop-shop platform to help parents and caregivers find early education and childcare seats citywide and enroll in the City's free Universal Pre-K, including family child care, community-based programs, and pre-kindergarten in the Boston Public Schools. This announcement builds on the successful and significant expansion of Universal Pre-K to 390 more families last year, which are high-quality, free seats for 3- and 4-year-olds across Boston. This year, the City also funded tuition and certifications for 430 new early educators who committed to staying and teaching in Boston through grants to Bunker Hill Community College, Urban College of Boston, UMass Boston, and Neighborhood Villages.

Bolstering partnerships with higher education institutions for BPS students

To ensure that BPS high school students have access to early college and career pathways with the City's worldclass higher education and health care institutions, Mayor Wu announced the following partnerships:

Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) will broaden its partnership with Charlestown High School by offering every student the opportunity to take college courses either through dual enrollment or early college pathways in business, technology, and health. In September, BHCC and Charlestown High School will launch the City's second Year 13 program, which provides a full year of free college courses to Charlestown graduates. Mayor Wu announced the City's first Year 13 partnership, between UMass Boston and Fenway High School, in last year's State of the City address.

Roxbury Community College will partner with Boston International Newcomers Academy (BINCA), the Margarita Muñiz Academy, and English High School to launch the first early college incubator designed specifically for multilingual students. Creating systems for multilingual students to successfully access college coursework is a key component of the Boston Public Schools' expansion of early college and career pathways.

Mass General Brigham will deepen its partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Academy

for Health Careers to ensure Boston's healthcare professions reflect the community. More details about this partnership to expand BPS' health career pathways and work-based learning will be announced later in January.

Mayor Wu also announced that Boston Public Schools has signed an agreement with UMass Boston and Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco to transform the BCLA-McCormack High School into the district's first University-Assisted Community Hub School.

Nation-leading federal investment in electric school buses

With a record \$20 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Boston will add 50 electric school buses this year, more than doubling the current fleet of electric buses. The funding will cover costs to purchase the new buses and install expanded charging infrastructure to service them. There are 20 electric buses currently in the BPS fleet and an additional 19 buses have been ordered and will be on the roads later this school year. This unprecedented federal investment will bring healthier commutes for students and bus drivers, cleaner air in City neighborhoods, and a significant step forward in BPS' transition to a greener and climate-ready City.

Creating access to youth job opportunities for all BPS students

Last year, the City provided 10,000 summer youth jobs, far surpassing a goal of 7,000 jobs. During her State of the City address, Mayor Wu announced a "summer job guarantee" for any BPS student who wants one this summer. In addition to expanded private sector employment with the Boston Private Industry Council and many businesses, the City is also expanding "learn-andearn" jobs, which pay BPS students to take summer college courses. Local colleges and universities provided over 300 "learn-and-earn" jobs in summer of 2023, including Northeastern University, Boston University, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Roxbury Community College, Benjamin Franklin Cummings Institute of Technology, Tufts University, and UMass Boston.

Free admission to Boston's cultural institutions for BPS families

Mayor Michelle Wu announced an unprecedented partnership between the City and leading cultural institutions to make Boston Public Schools students feel at home in the places that show them the world. The program builds on existing access programs at each institution, while, for the first time, creating a common free access experience coordinated by the City. In an experimental pilot, starting in February 2024, on the first and second Sundays of each month, every BPS student and up to three family members will get free admission to the Boston Children's Museum, the Franklin Park Zoo, the Institute of Contemporary Art, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Science, and

the New England Aquarium.

Families will show a BPS school ID or an electronic pass to gain admission. The City and institutions will work together to publicize the program and track attendance, and develop plans to extend this pilot.

Revitalizing Franklin Park to its fullest potential as a shared space for neighbors, student athletes, and professional soccer players

Mayor Wu announced that the City will act on the recommendations from the Franklin Park Action Plan to begin the process of restoring Franklin Park to its fullest potential. Boston will hire a dedicated, full-time Franklin Park administrator and six new full-time maintenance and natural resources staff, bringing dedicated park staffing to the highest level in over 50 years. Currently, the park has three dedicated maintenance staff. The City will also begin the process for community input and design to reimagine and invest in a home for the Elma Lewis Playhouse.

Mayor Wu also highlighted:

- Collaborating on a public health-led approach at Mass & Cass that has removed encampments and helped hundreds of people find housing and begin a path to recovery;
- Partnering on a communitydriven safety plan that has achieved the lowest levels of gun violence on record;
- Negotiating a new police contract that sets a national precedent for community policing, including discipline reform, detail reform, and investing in officer education;
- Launching a \$10 million life sciences workforce initiative with industry to connect residents with careers in the life sciences, and diversify and strengthen the sector at a moment of groundbreaking achievement by Boston-based companies;
- More than doubling the amount awarded to businesses owned by people of color and Boston-based companies through City contracts, including through the City's nationleading sheltered markets program to address racial disparities in contracting. Mayor Wu also announced a \$9 million investment to build local businesses' capacity to compete for more and bigger contracts;
- Restructuring the BPDA to elevate planning and design; modernizing development review, and launching the first comprehensive rezoning in decades, Squares & Streets, which kicks off next month. In July, BPDA staff will transition to the City—restoring planning as a core function of City government.
- Drafting a zero net carbon zoning proposal to help make Boston the greenest city in the nation:
- Adding e-bikes to Bluebikes and, in partnership with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, launching the lowest-cost annual bikeshare pass in America:
- Tackling traffic by using machine learning to measure trends, model traffic flow, detect when and where congestion is worst, and help optimize signal timing to unclog key corridors.

Wu thanked all the city workers and partners who work alongside her every day to chip

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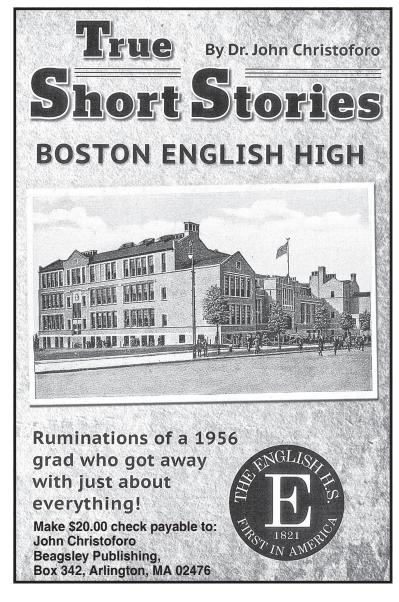
away at the challenges but refuse to give up and strive to make Boston more peaceful, prosperous, stable and safer. She worked with the BPD union to negotiate a new Boston police contract to implement a national precedent for community policing. Last year, Boson police took more than 800 guns off the street, Boston Fire Department extinguished more than 300 building fires and EMS responded to over 13,000 emergency calls. She offered heartfelt thanks to all our first responders for their service to the people of Boston. She noted the achievement of obtaining a seat on the MBTA board. She restructured the BPDA to redesign the

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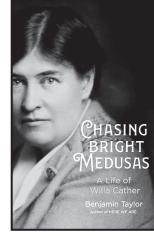


Chasing Bright Medusas, A Life of Willa Cather

BY BENJAMIN TAYLOR

Book Review by John Joseph Fahey

O, Pioneers!, My Antonia, The Song of the Lark, and arguably her most celebrated (and deservingly so) Death Comes for the Archbishop, are books that many are familiar with. Indeed, the stories by famed American author Willa Cather have been on required academic reading lists, used as references to express the inordinately descriptive prose for which Cather is noted, and have been enjoyed as chronicles of interesting and appealing accounts of several of Cather's resolute characters. It is therefore no wonder why her enlightening works have found its place in the canon of American literature.



However, Cather's well received nar-

ratives, in fact her first book, Alexander's Bridge (published in 1912) and was successful going back more than a century, merit discussion — as well as giving credence to the author herself.

Cather's books are classics in the sense that her prose, historical and geographical awareness, the family dynamic, and comprehension of the human condition in general, albeit with fine-tuned characters, are certainly timeless — and author Benjamin Taylor addresses this, along with satisfying the reader with a good understanding of Cather's background in his recently published Chasing Bright Medusas, with subtitle A Life of Willa Cather. In his book, we find that the author's early upbringing — born in the eastern part of the United States and then relocating to the Midwest as the nineteenth century was drawing to a close (Cather was born in 1873) had truly played an intricate role in her writing.

This is evident by her evocative depiction of the Midwestern terrain in O, Pioneers! and in her vivid description of the striking landscape of the American Southwest in Death Comes for the Archbishop. And, turning to another section of the country, and part of Cather's heritage is her final novel, Sapphira and the Slave Girl," published [in 1940] seven years prior to her death, [in which] she re-created the antebellum world of her grandparents.'

Taylor brings out the diversity of Cather's works although similar threads are implicit throughout her writings — strong protagonists, the backdrop of an often unforgiven environment and historical fiction, being a case in point. For the reader of Chasing Bright Medusas ..., (the title taken form one of Cather's stories) one also learns that some of Cather's characters also served as a composite of various acquaintances; although not all as a few of the primary characters are based on familiar individuals.

The author also provides the audience an admirable narrative which also contains Cather's professional relationships; an example being the book's generous coverage of publisher Alfred Knopf and in his being responsible for putting Cather on the path to success, as well as Cather's early success with her association with S.S. McClure and his well-known monthly periodical McClure's.

Chasing Bright Medusas ... presents a concise, yet often detailed account of Cather's early years and her successful journey into the world of American literature; Taylor interweaves selections of the works within the context of the biography, thereby giving the reader a parallel with the writing and the author; indeed, for most of the book, the various chosen quotes are interconnected with Cather's own history.

Chasing Bright Medusas...would be an excellent primer to get a good background of one of America's eminent woman of Letters; for those who are already Cather readers, this book might allow further insight on some of Cather's own experiences and associations, especially among family, friends and professional associations which for many might be otherwise unknown. And, for those who may not be familiar with this esteemed author, this biographical treatment will allow the reader to become aware of how distinctive Cather's work has been in terms of its literary worth as well as evealing some historical background of Cather's noteworthy life

This well-researched biography, spanning thirteen chapters is highly recommended.

(Chasing Bright Medusas, A Life of Willa Cather is published by Viking, an imprint of Penguin Random House LLC and is 180 pp.)

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Saint Giuseppe Maria Tomasi

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Tomasi was born at Licata, Sicily, of a noble family on September 12, 1649. Though destined by his father for the Spanish Court, he joined the Clerks Regular of the Theatine Order at Palermo on March 24, 1665, renouncing his inheritance and noble title in favor of his brother. He was professed on March 25, 1667. He studied philosophy, first at Messina, and later, owing to poor health, at Ferrara and Modena; and theology in Rome and Palermo. He was ordained on Christmas Day,

Possessing a wide knowledge of Greek, Tomasi united the study of Ethiopic, Arabic, Syriac, Aramaic, and Hebrew.

He devoted himself to the study of Scripture and the Fathers of the Church. Searching the chief libraries, archives, and monuments, he retraced the ancient ecclesiastical discipline and liturgy.

Urged on by his particular love for the ancient documents of the Church and for sound ecclesiastical traditions, Tomasi considered that a good part of his own religious growth lay in dedicating himself, with the spirit of faith, to the publication of rare liturgical books and of the ancient liturgical texts, bringing to light many ancient texts which until then had been hidden in libraries.

Pope Clement XI, for whom he served as confessor, appointed him consultor of the Theatine Order, theologian of the Sacred Congregation for Consultations about Regulars and other offices of the Holy See, consultor of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, and qualification of the Holy Office. Pope Clement also made him Cardinal Priest, with the title of the Church of Santi Silvestro e Martino ai Monti, urging him to accept the honor.

Tomasi taught catechism to the children of the poor in his

titular church, also introduc-ing its congregants to the use of Gregorian chant. He passed away in 1713, mourned by all, especially by Pope Clement, who so admired his sanctity that he had consulted him before accepting the papacy.

Tomasi was beatified by Pope Pius VII, June 5, 1803. He was Canonized on October 12, 1986 by Pope John Paul II. The Feast day of Saint Giuseppe Maria Tomasi is January 1. His body rests in the Church of S. Martino ai Monti.

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- 6. Certain tray content
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- 13. Ammo in a quiver, sing.
- 14. Geological Society of America
- 15. Young eel
- 16. Song of praise
- 17. Snowy ____ or great horned
- 18. Must-haves
- 19. *Strait between Russia and Alaska
- 21. *Smallest of the Great Lakes
- 23. Crime scene evidence 24. Peter the Great, e.g.
- 25. Consumer-protecting org.
- 28. Skiing helmet manufacturer
- 30. Mother-of-pearl, pl.
- 35. Type of sail, pl.
- 37. #29 Down anagram 39. Like Raphael's cherubs
- 40. Face shape
- 41. Tie with a morning coat
- 43. Dwarf buffalo
- 44. Short version
- 46. "At ____, soldier"
- 47. Supposed giant Himalayan
- 48. Drool
- Swimming hole
- 52. D.C. V.I.P.
- 53. Jim Acosta's announcement
- 55. *Baltic
- 57. *0º latitude
- 61. *Bay east of India
- 64. Cuban dance
- 65. John Keats' "To Autumn," e.g.
- 67. Fortune teller's card
- 69. Jeered
- 70. China's drinkable export
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- 72. Dick and Jane's dog 73. "Slippery" tree
- 74. Lean, past tense

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- 27. Olden day calculators
- 29. *Compass
- 31. TV personality Aiken
- 32. Ancient Scandinavian characters
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- 56. Tequila source
- 57. Work units
- 58. Wisecrack
- 59. Rounded protuberance
- 60. Aid in crime
- 61. Show pleasure
- 62. Cantatrice's offering
- 63. Student aid
- 66. *Tierra ____ Fuego
- 68. Big bang maker, acr.

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Testing, Sharing, and Saving Leftover Seeds

by Melinda Myers

As you scour the seed catalogs and websites for new and favorite flower and vegetable seeds, take time to inventory the seeds you have saved from previous years. You'll save money by not buying more of the seeds you already have so you'll have more to spend on something new.

Starting with fresh seeds from a reliable seed company helps boost your growing success. But what gardener can resist getting the most out of every purchase by saving and planting seeds left from previous years?

Seeds stored in a consistently cool, not freezing, dry, dark location can last for one to five or more years. Start by checking the packaging or expiration date on the packet. Onions, parsley, parsnips, and salsify seeds usually last one year while corn, okra, and pepper seeds last an average of two years. Beans and peas generally last for three years; tomatoes, turnips, beets chard, and watermelon four; and Brussels sprouts, cabbage, muskmelon, radishes, and spinach are the longest lasting at five years.

Perennial flower seeds last an average of two to four years while annual flower seeds last from one to three years depending on the species. There are always exceptions with a few seeds that were found lasting more than a hundred years.

You may find your properly stored seeds last longer than the averages. But once seeds pass their average life expectancy you may see a reduction in germination. Use this *quick and easy test* to see if your stored seeds will sprout and grow. Place ten seeds on a damp paper towel. Roll up the towel with the seeds safely tucked inside. Set the paper towel in a plastic bag and store it in a warm dark location.

After a week or so, unwrap the paper towel and check the seeds for sprouting. If nothing has happened, rewrap the seeds and wait a few more days.

If all the seeds have sprouted, you have one hundred percent



Seeds, a damp paper towel, and a plastic bag are all you need to test the viability of stored seeds.

(Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com)

germination and can plant the seeds according to the label directions. If only half the seeds sprout, you should plant the seeds twice as thick to compensate for the lower germination. You can plant these sprouted seeds if you have the available gardening space and the growing conditions are right for the seeds to grow.

If none of the seeds sprout, consider breaking out the glue and getting the family involved in turning these nonviable seeds into seed art. Then make some adjustments to your seed storage strategies in the future. Leave seeds in their original package so you have all the information you need when inventorying and planting the seeds the following season. Place the envelope in an airtight container and store it in the refrigerator or a consistently cool, not freezing location.

If you've lost seeds to hungry rodents try storing them in the refrigerator or metal or glass containers. Sealed plastic containers are fine for the seeds, but hungry mice can eat their way through the plastic to your stored seeds.

You, like many gardeners, often end up with more seeds than you will ever grow. Consider sharing these with others by donating them to school groups, community gardeners, and master gardeners who will put them to use

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in various gardens in your community. Or organize a seed swap. Just gather your gardening friends or work colleagues, the seeds and catalogs, and throw a garden party. The last Saturday in January is National Seed Swap Day and a good excuse to gather and share.

Seed swaps are a great way to find unusual or unique seeds. It is also a great way to save money and get the greatest value by sharing extra seeds with friends and family.

Once the seed swapping is done you may want to break out the catalogs, check online seed retailers, and place a group seed order. Working together you'll be able to order a wider variety of seeds for greater diversity in the garden. Everyone can take what they need so there will be fewer seeds to save in the future. Plus, ordering larger packets is usually more economical. And you'll have an excuse for another party when you meet to divide up the goods.

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

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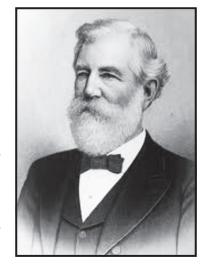
 $by \ Bennett \ Molinari \ \& \ Richard \ Molinari$

Henry Mill

Henry Mill was an English engineer who invented the first typewriter in 1714. Mill was the eldest son of Andrew and Dorothy Mill, he was born in 1683.

The application for a patent No. 395 was filed on January 7th, 1714. The application described an apparatus "for impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, very useful in settlements and public records." The patent granted Mill contains no drawings of the apparatus. The English patent laws of those days did not require a drawing to be submitted with the application before the patent was granted, but it has been regarded as the first proposal for a typewriter. Although most of the details of Mill's machine are unknown and it never became popular in its time, the typewriter and its successors later proved to be tremendously important devices.

In the patent granted to Mill by Queen Anne, it was noted that Mill's machine made counterfeiting more difficult,



and made reading and writing easier because any person could set down on paper, letters that were "so neat and exact as not to be distinguished from print."

In 1720, Mill obtained an appointment as engineer to the New River Company to create waterworks at Northampton. He was employed by Sir Robert Walpole to carry out the water supply for Houghton Hall. Mill passed away at his home in London on December 26, 1771, and he was buried in Breamore Church, near Salisbury.

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A supervisor eventually checked the work permit and the company was at the wrong location and they packed up their equipment and left. Calls to the company went straight to voicemail and the mailbox was full

Man Says Dog Told Him To Fire Ak-47

A Northampton, MA man has been charged with attempted murder after using an AK-47 to fire 17 times through a shared wall of a duplex, narrowly missing four of the neighbors next door. When police arrived on the scene, the man walked out with his hands in the air.

In a recorded interview following his Miranda warnings, the man claimed his dog told him to shoot up the next door neighbors because his dog said they were poisoning his dog food and told him to start shooting them through the wall ... The man also did not have a valid firearms license and claimed he was holding the gun for someone whose name he forgot.

Elder's Appetite For "Killing"

An elderly D.C. man stabbed his wife to death because he didn't want to eat her. The 85-year-old man allegedly plunged a carving knife into the back of his 81-year-old wife after she tried to get him to eat the pancakes to gain weight, states the federal criminal complaint. While sitting in the back of the cruiser he started telling police officers, "I killed her, Oh my God ... It was a crazy fight.

The accused killer told detectives that he had lost up to 50 pounds during a recent hospital stay due to both physical and psych disorders. Police say she most likely just wanted him to eat his breakfast.

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CLAM CITY: JEFF BABKO/ TIM LEFEBVRE/ MARK GULLIANA (2LP Vinyl) Sam First Records

Pianist/keyboardist Jeff Babko recorded two nights of musical explorations with long-time collaborators and "Clam City" band mates, bassist Tim Lefebvre and drummer Mark Gulliana. Unpredictable magic erupts every time these three musicians converge for a "hang," or in this event, a musical evening of discovery. These three Grammy-nominated artists also comprise Gulliana's "Beat Music L.A." ensemble, individually, their credits span from David Bowie's "Blackstar" album and Donny McCaslin's band, to TV appearances on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and motion picture soundtracks, including the recent #1 hit "We Don't Talk About Bruno" from Pixar's "Encanto." Recorded using Sam First's state-ofthe-art analog to Pro Tools recording setup, pressed onto two vinyl LPs. Vinyl packaging displays a full-bleed print of the cover photo taken by Sam First Records owner, Paul Solomon. Includes and Edition of 500, with each copy displaying its own unique foil-stamped number printed on the album cover. Track list includes: "The Church of Bill Hilton," "New Wave Theater," "This West," "Fugue Robotique" and "Chongo's Song," all penned by Babko. Addition tracks include a pair written by Gulliana - "New Jersey Ballad" and "Return To Jerz." Thelonious Monk's composition "Boo Boo's Birthday" completes the listing. This outstanding album was recorded live at Sam First on April 29 and 30, 2022.

CT!: ADAM SCHROEDER & MARK MASTERS (CD) Capri Records

There are certain bodily movements that humans do without thinking: the expansion and contraction of the lungs, the beating of the heart, or in this case, the tapping of the foot to a deliciously slow, swinging groove. On CT!, baritone saxophonist and bandleader Adam Schroeder teams up with arranger Mark Masters to deliver a tasty baker's dozen tunes in the Basie/Ellington/ Strayhorn style, all composed by renowned trumpeter Clark Terry. Schroeder conceived of the recording as a celebration of Terry's 100th birthday. That plan was delayed by the pandemic but eventually realized a few years later. Schroeder's motivations for the record were heartfelt. "I wanted to celebrate what Clark gave to me and so many others around the globe for decades — musically, educationally, and as a mentor," said Schroeder. "He was so giving, while at the same time demanding the utmost respect for the music and its process, and thus demanding that the players and listeners be present and collaborative." That collaborative spirit and commitment to the music is evident throughout. Schroeder's powerful baritone sax gets a lot of space to shine (check out "Groundhog" for a

particularly fine example), but so do the other band members, from the trading trio of saxophonists Kirsten Edkins and Bob Sheppard and trombonist Ido Meshulam on the swinging "Ode To Pres," to trumpeter Aaron Janik on the sumptuous "Michelle," with each tune elevated by the sensitive drumming of elder statesman Peter Erskine. And the band as a many-headed whole shines throughout. The proof is in the playing, and CT! is full of the kinds of moments that Terry himself would have appreciated, created by a band full of people with a clear connection to the history of the music, to its future, and to one another. The impressive track list shines via, "Serenade To A Bus Seat," "Daylite Express," "Boardwalk," "Argentia," "Perdido Line," "Slow Boat," "Swingin' On The Cusp," "Top And Bottom," "Boomerang," and "In Orbit," Schroeder and Masters deliver close to an hour of pleasure, in celebration of the legendary trumpeter Clark Terry.

LISA REAGAN -WHAT WE NEED IS HERE (CD) Stillpoint Records

Former opera singer Lisa

Reagan composed songs to ten of her favorite poems written by Shakespeare, Yeats, Frost, Keats, Wordsworth, Berry, and Bel-Moore. This project she explained was very close to her heart because she has loved poetry all her life. Lisa found that it took her into worlds that often lie submerged below the surface of her normal waking life. Poems she explained give expression to the unexpressed in her, and the poets have become her dear friends. When she thought about composing music to these poems, she felt a great responsibility to honor them. When she started writing the music, she began with how the poem made her feel. It was like creating a painting that "looked" how the poem felt to her. She wanted to set a mood, creating a tonal palette for the words. Lisa stated further, "Poetry opens a space in my heart and takes me to a place that is familiar but not often shared. I can't wait to share What We Need is Here with you.' Enjoy the finding of new experiences in Lisa's discovery of the new aspect by adding music to the poetry of these renowned poets. Included are: "The Owl" written by Arianrhod Bel-Moore (Music by Lisa), "I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud" by William Wordsworth (Lisa), "Shall I Compare Thee To A Summer's Day" by William Shakespeare (Lisa and Jamshied Sharifi), "The Peace Of Wild Things" by Wendell Berry (Lisa), followed by a pair by Robert Frost diamonds - "Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening and "The Road Not Taken," (Lisa and Sharifi). Additional gems include, a pair by William Butler Yeats - "Two Trees," (Lisa and Sharifi) and "He Wishes For the Cloths Of Heaven" (Lisa and Paul Buono), "Bright Star" by John Keats (Lisa and Sharifi), finishing with

"The Wild Geese" by Wendell

Berry (Lisa and Sharifi).

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

PARIS NAMES STREET AFTER DAVID BOWIE

The City of Paris has immortalized British music icon David Bowie by naming a street after him on Monday, January 8th on what would have been his 77th birthday. The tribute celebrates Bowie's first Paris performance in 1965 and his lasting impact on music, fashion and culture. My two favorite tunes of his are "Let's Dance" and "Space Oddity." It is hard to imagine that he died of cancer in 2016.

OFF COURSE, JOE "QUIETLY" PUSHING **EXIT RAMP**

Recently, news reports show that while the White House and Biden himself staunchly supported the right of Israel to remove Hamas from power right after the October 7th terrorist attack on the state of Israel, at a recent campaign stop he told anti-Israeli hecklers that he was "quietly" pushing Israel to "significantly get out of Gaza." Who can trust this guy in the White House?

DAVID SOUL, 80, HALF OF STARSKY & HUTCH DIES

Back in the '70s, one of the hottest TV shows was Starsky & Hutch about two young detectives who drove a cool looking 1974 8-cylinder Ford Gran Torino red and white sports coupe. If you were in your 20s, this was your dream car. This cop show ran from 1975 to 1979. Soul played Det. Ken Hutchinson a/k/a Hutch and actor Paul Michael Glaser played the role of Det. Dave

I loved this high-action police drama that came with some great chase scenes. Their Ford Gran Torino was one hot sports car. The closest great car back then had to be the cool General Lee, a great Plymouth Challenger on Dukes of Hazzard.

IS THIS A STUPID HEADLINE OR WHAT?

I recently came upon a headline that read MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF CHRISTMAS TREE HOME FIRES OCCUR

IN JANUARY. This news story is kind of irrelevant because the bigger story should be the headline TWO THIRDS OF CHRISTMAS TREE HOME FIRES OCCUR IN DECEMBER.

Neither headline story was really headline material to begin with. Almost like saving no Christmas tree home fires occur in July, right?

UPCOMING SHOWS AT THE REGENT THEATRE

First Ladies of Disco (only New England Performance) Saturday, March 16th at 7:00

The Music of Steely Dan No Static (only New England Performance) Friday, April 13th at 8:00 p.m.

For more information and tickets, check out the Regent Theatre in Arlington, MA online at regenttheatre.com or by calling 781-646-4849.

VIAGRA "LOWERS" ALZHEIMER'S RISK

Latest news out there: It now appears that Viagra could cut the risk of Alzheimer's disease, according to a new study. Researchers from Mount Sinai Medical Center found that Viagra (sildenafil), a drug used

for ED, blocks an enzyme found in the brain of those who suffer from Alzheimer's disease. The little blue pill increases blood supply, could increase brain health, and could even treat dementia.

In 2023, about 56.7 million Americans 65 or older live with Alzheimer's according to the Alzheimer's Association. By 2050, that number is expected to grow to 12.7 million.

So if you use Viagra just tell the pharmacist assistant you're concerned about ending up with Alzheimer's.

A&L BAKERY IN REMODELING MODE

The A&L Bakery at 330 Sumner Street in East Boston has announced that it has shut down for some major renovations to their business. The bakery closed January 2nd. Hopefully, they will reopen as both a bakery and cafe in about two months' time. Rita and her family have announced it will reopen better than ever, hopefully in the beginning of March.

You can monitor the progress being made inside by checking @aandlbakeryandcafe on Instagram.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD SONG TO LISTEN TO IN TRAFFIC JAMS?

You should search out "Welcome to the Jungle" by Guns N' Roses from back in 1987.

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Kirk Hacsunda, Manager Run dates: 01/12, 01/19, 01/26/2024

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23C1338CA In the Matter of **ALANNAH ROIS O'NEIL CITATION ON** PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Alannah Rois O'Neil of Weston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Alannah Rois Alexander. 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 January 18, 2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 20, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 01/12/2024

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The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23C1339CA In the Matter of JACOB LEE RIPLEY-LoPILATO CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been

filed by Jacob Lee Ripley-LoPilato of Waltham, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Jacob Lee LoPilato IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 21, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 01/12/2024



by John Christoforo



A Nostalgic Remembrance

Once I started teaching in Boston, I decided to travel during school vacations. This meant that, way ahead of time, I would visit a travel agent, book in the desired location, let the band leader I was working with know that I would need a replacement for that vacation week and then just anticipate the arrival of the vacation. I never traveled during the Christmas vacation for several reasons. Number one, I loved being with the family at holiday time. Second, there was too much music to pass up during the Christmas season, and third, New Year's Eve, when I could make a week's pay for one night. So, the first possible vacation would be during the February school recess.

The first time I decided to head out on my own was February of that first year teaching in Boston. I and the young lady I was engaged to parted company. It seems that on the nights I was out playing (music) she was out playing, also ... not

a good beginning.

I asked Uncle Nick if he could recommend a travel agency and a contact person that he and Aunt Dorothy used when they traveled. He gave me the number of the agent they used at Colpitts Travel Service in Boston. I called the agent they used and we met a day or two later. He showed me dozens of flyers of Miami Beach hotels and pointed one out in particular where he said I would feel comfortable, as that's where "my kind" stayed. I took offense to that comment but kept my mouth shut. Later, when I told Uncle Nick what the agent had said, he chewed him out and stopped doing business with the man.

I checked out the hotel through friends and discovered that it catered to New York Italians. I might have played along if I hadn't run into a pianist at the union around the same time. The man was a friend of Dad's and lived in Miami during the winter and Boston during the summer. When I told him my vacation plan, he insisted that I spend the week with him. He said he had a snare bedroom, a heated pool and nice neighbors.

He played at one of the Miami Beach hotels during the day and I would have the place all to myself. Dad told me that the man, Larry, was a good friend and to take him up on his offer. I did.

I called the travel agent back, cancelled out the hotel where "my kind" stayed and had him take care of the flight and the

car rental. When I returned home, Babbononno insisted that he come with me as a chaperone. He was actually too old to travel and I definitely didn't need a chaperone. He had never been to Miami Beach and was curious about what it looked like and the atmosphere there during the tourist season. To pacify him, I told him that I would explain everything in detail when I returned home. He bought it. From that point on, I counted the days until February vacation. I had traveled with my folks most of my young life and enjoyed it, but I was now a young man, and it was time to head out on my own.

When the departure date arrived, it was the Friday before school vacation. I had an evening flight from Boston to Miami that was uneventful. I met a family that kept me in conversation most of the way and that helped the time pass. When we arrived, I headed to Hertz to pick up the Chevy I had rented. They didn't have the car I was supposed to get and offered me a convertible for the same price. I took advantage of the offer, and got directions to my friend Larry's place. When I arrived, there was a note on the front door stating that he was playing a party at one of the hotels on Miami Beach and for me to go in, as the front door was unlocked. Once inside, another note on the kitchen table indicated which bedroom was mine and I was all set. I never heard him come in when he returned from the party he was playing. That Friday had been a long day and I guess I was tired.

The next morning we talked at breakfast. Larry said, "I have some good news for you and some bad." The good news turned out to be an offer to work with him that following summer for a month. He was booked to play at Wentworth Hall in Jackson, New Hampshire, and needed a bass and drums to accompany him. I said OK to the offer once he told me what it would pay. The bad news was that I couldn't stay with him that week. His sister was unexpectedly coming to Florida the next day and needed someplace to stay. She was to take over the bedroom I had been promised. To assist me, Larry called several hotels on Miami Beach and all were booked solid. I told him not to worry as I thought I would find something on my own. That afternoon, I headed for Miami Beach.

Not knowing where to turn, I innocently found a small hotel on a side street running off Collins Avenue, the main street in Miami Beach. I entered, asked a bellboy the manager's name, obtained it, and headed for the front desk and asked the clerk to see Mr. What's-hisname, the manager. When the man arrived, I shook his hand, introduced myself using my stage name and told him that a Mr. Jack Kramer from Boston told me to look him up and that he might have a spare room that I could have for about a week.

He asked how Jack Kramer was and I talked about what the man was up to. The manager told the desk clerk to give me the key to a particular room that was always kept vacant in case of emergencies like this one. My little charade worked and I had a place to stay on Miami Beach. To be truthful, I have no knowledge if Jack Kramer ever existed. Not knowing who I was and possibly recognizing a name that might have some importance attached to it, the manager wasn't taking any chances ... I got the room. The place wasn't a tourist hotel. Most of the people I saw seemed to be businessmen by the way they were dressed. There was no swimming pool associated with the place, but the room was clean and the public beach was diagonally across the street on Collins Ave.

I dressed for the beach, found a store nearby that had beach towels, bought one and headed for the beach. It was late afternoon but the Florida sun was still strong and a winter heat wave had hit. The temperature was close to 90, a rarity in February. By that following Monday, due to the heat, I lost 10 pounds, but was well on my way to a tropical tan.

On Sunday, I called home to let the folks know what happened and where I was, giving Mom the phone number of the place I was staying. When Babbononno got on the phone, he warned me about too much sun and foreign foods not being good for an Italian stomach. I told him not to worry and said goodbye. As I passed the front desk, I was called to it by the clerk who gave me a message that someone wanted me to call them at my convenience. I wondered who it could have been 222

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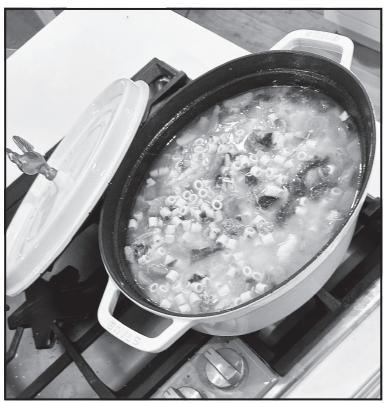
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Italian Wedding Soup, also known as Minestra Maritata, has a rich history that is often misunderstood. Contrary to popular belief, it was not actually served at weddings in Italy. The origins of this soup can be traced back to Southern Italy, where the "marriage" referred to the combination of meat and vegetables, rather than people. Immigrants brought this minestra to the United States, where it underwent Americanization with the addition of "little meatballs" and sometimes even pasta.

I can recall memories of making a similar soup with my Nonna, which she affectionately called her "Italian Chicken Soup." She would begin by placing a whole chicken (including the neck and gizzards) and cleaned vegetables into a large stockpot filled with water. This mixture would simmer for hours while she cooked escarole and Acini di Pepe pasta separately. Once everything was cooked and cooled, Nonna would allow me to help with removing the chicken meat from the bones, chopping up the carrots and celery, and rolling countless little meatballs. It was a labor-intensive process that I adored because I knew the results would be worth it. As the colder months are upon us, there's no better way to warm up than with a bowl of my "Nonna's Italian Chicken Soup". Its hearty flavors and nostalgic preparation will transport you straight to an Italian kitchen filled with warmth and love!

NONNA'S ITALIAN CHICKEN SOUP Zuppa di Pollo all'Italiana della Nonna



1 whole chicken including gizzards (about 4 pounds)

8 quarts cold water, or enough to completely cover

the chicken and vegetables 2 whole vidalia onions, skin removed

4 to 5 large carrots, peeled

4 to 5 stalks celery

2 to 3 large potatoes, peeled

1 1/2 large heads of escarole, cleaned, boiled and chopped

1 pound Acini di Pepe, cooked al dente and drained

1 to 1 ½ pounds 80% hamburger

1 ½ cups parmesan cheese, grated

1 ½ cups seasoned breadcrumbs, additional if needed

½ cup fresh chopped parsley

 $2\,$ eggs, beaten

salt and pepper, to taste

To make soup, Place the chicken, onions, carrots, celery and potatoes in a large stockpot. Add water to about 3 to 4 inches above ingredients. Cook on medium-high heat until boiling. Lower heat to a simmer and let cook for about 3 hours, or until chicken is cooked, and stock is flavorful. When cooked, let cool. Strain ingredients and place the stock back into the pot. Squeeze the onions into the stock, and discard the remains.

Remove the chicken meat from the bones and set aside. Take about 2 cups of meat (more or less, if desired) and chop/shred finely, add back into the stock pot (remaining meat can be used for another dish). Chop the carrots, celery and potatoes, into bite sized pieces. Add to the stock pot along with the chopped escarole. Turn the heat on to a simmer.

To make the meatballs, place the hamburger in a medium bowl, add the breadcrumbs, cheese, parsley and eggs. With your hands, mix together well. Roll meat into small, bite sized meatballs. Drop a few at a time into the stock pot, and turn the heat up to medium. Allow the soup to come to a boil and cook for about 5 minutes, then reduce heat and simmer for an additional 30 to 35 minutes.

When cooked, add the pasta and mix. Ladle soup in bowls and serve with additional grated parmesan cheese, if desired!

Marianna Bisignano is a psychologist for the Boston Public Schools and can be reached at nonnasrecipebox@gmail.com

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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT



with Daniel A. DiCenso

A VISIT TO ICELAND PART VI:

Reykjavik

No matter how much I yearn for nature and long for escapes in the woods, after a while I need to see a city again. It's not that the clean air, the tranquility, or the sights have worn out their welcome, but I do need to see signs of human life and the comforts of modernity. This is especially true in a place like Iceland where nature yields many through its strongest intensity.

When arriving from the hills (charmingly decorated with troll houses, a tradition started perhaps as a celebration of local folklore and continued for photographers) and sheep farms, Reykjavík seems, as the counterpart to grassy knolls and waterfalls, the prototype of a city; busier, louder and always bustling. But on closer inspection, its charms and character come to light.

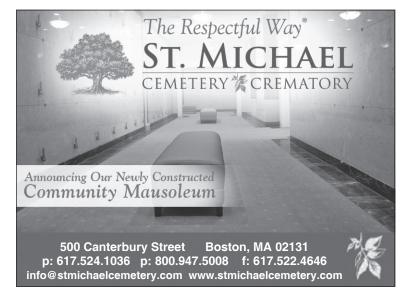
The roads are narrow and not always the easiest to drive through, but I am a Boston driver after all. The shops and cafes are neatly tied in rows and one of the first I visited was a bookshop. Here I found some volumes on Icelandic legends and then, leaving the car in an underground garage, made my way around town. Many of the buildings have opted for a modernist look in recent years but one in particular that caught my eye was none other than H&M, a clothing store common on both side of the Atlantic. Yet in Reykjavík, to my surprise, along with clothing the chain also stocks furniture. I was reminded of Vince Vega's line in Pulp Fiction, describing the options he saw in Amsterdam, "It's the little differences. I mean, they got the same sh*t over there that we got here, but it's just ... it's just, there it's a little different."

Reykjavík has a surprisingly diverse restaurant scene and there are two I regret not visiting. The first was Kasbah Café, for Moroccan cuisine, and the other was American Style, a burger joint that I was more curious about than anything. However, burgers are very popular in Iceland and Icelanders are proud of their own spin, hence McDonald's did not survive the recession and disappeared from Iceland in 2009. By the end of the journey, I was burger-ed out and as much as I wanted to get a load of American Style, I just couldn't take another burger on this trip. Its gimmick is to name its culinary creations after icons of American pop culture, offerings include "The Kevin Bacon," "The Peter Griffin" (apparently discontinued), "Vegan Fox" (a pun), and "El Gringo."

Instead, I found a little hole in the wall place called Le Kock. Its logo is literally the silhouette of a rooster (a cock), but the double entendre is the point. Once inside, the underground vibe of the place makes no secret what it's about. It's hip, with graffiti walls and techno with risqué images everywhere that feel right at home in a city hosting a penis museum.

It was a fitting place to spend my last night in Iceland, for Reykjavík, despite its quaintness, presents the classical counterpart that cities traditionally play against the country. In a journey in which sheep farms and rustic restaurants were the extent of development, Reykjavík was a place of noise, a beat, and unrestrained diversion.





Sign First-Ever Rostered Players for the Club JR DiSarcina, John Cristino, Ryan Enos, and Luis Atiles

New England Knockouts of the Frontier League

JR DiSarcina, John Cristino, Ryan Enos, and Luis Atiles are the First Players to be Signed, Securing Their Spots as the Pioneering Players on the Knockouts Roster for the Upcoming 2024 Season

The New England Knockouts, Frontier League's newest professional baseball team debuting at Campanelli Stadium in spring 2024, has officially signed its first four players — JR DiSarcina, John Cristino, Ryan Enos and Luis Atiles — to their inaugural roster.

"JR, John, Ryan and Luis are promising young talents that we're excited to announce as the first-ever signings in team history, and we expect to attract and sign others in the weeks to come who will be excited to play alongside them," said Nick Desrosiers, senior vice president and general manager. "We are heading into our inaugural season ready to compete with the other ball clubs in the Frontier League, and the signing of these first four players is proof of that."

Luis Atiles played four seasons of undergrad baseball at New England College and finished his collegiate career with Division II Lenoir-Rhyne in North Carolina. He played for two different independent teams during the 2023 season, and is a strong member of the Boston community, regularly coaching and teaching at countless youth clinics in the metro area.

Local product from Barnstable, Massachusetts, JR DiSarcina, played at Franklin Pierce in 2017 and 2018 and at UMass Dartmouth from 2019 to 2021. DiSarcina played in the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) during the summer of 2019 for the Vermont Mountaineers and two seasons in the Atlantic League for the High Point Rockers in 2021 and 2022. DiSarcina followed up his college career with a stint for the Lincoln Saltdogs in the American Association during the 2022 season, and played in Frontier League last year for the Empire State Grays.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI23P6578EA

Estate of

MARY C. O'DONNELL

Date of Death: September 17, 2023 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Robert F. Heffernan, Jr. of West Newbury, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Robert F. Heffernan, Jr. of West Newbury, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Run date: 1/12/2024

Ryan Enos is from Oriskany, New York, played five years at SUNY Oswego, and finished at East Tennessee State this past year. Enos played three summers for the Utica Blue Sox of the Perfect Game Collegiate League. and also played one summer for the Bourne Braves of the Cape League. Enos was awarded SUNYAC Athlete Scholar of the Year, as well as Co-Player of

the Year.

John Cristino is originally from Vorhees, New Jersey. Cristino has two seasons of NCAA play, one at the University of Rhode Island in 2019 and the other at Towson University in 2023. Cristino played in the NECBL for the Ocean State

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Todisco Services, Inc.
Run dates: 1/05, 1/12, 1/19/2024

Waves during the summer of 2019. In 2022 and a portion of 2023, Cristino played for the Trenton Thunder of MLB Draft League. He finished

last summer playing for the Kane County Cougars in the American Association.

"We are off to a great

start with the construc-

tion of our inaugural

roster, and I'm excited about the pieces we have in place at this point," said Jerod Edmondson, team manager. "Our first four signees are the right type of players and people to represent the city of Brockton, the New England region and the Frontier League."

The New England Knockouts will play their inaugural game on Friday, May 10, 2024, against the Ottawa Titans as professional baseball returns to Campanelli Stadium for the first time since 2011. Season tickets are now on sale at www. tickets.knockoutsbaseball.com. Please visit www.frontierleague.com for more information and the 2024 Frontier League schedule.

About the New England Knockouts:

The New England Knockouts are an exciting addition to the Frontier League, set to kick off its inaugural season in 2024. With the support of passionate fans and a strong commitment to community engagement, the team aims to bring the thrill of professional baseball to New England for generations to come.

About the Frontier League:

The Frontier League, a Professional Partner League of Major League Baseball, recently completed its 30th season as the largest and longest running independent league. A leaguerecord of more than 1.6 million fans saw Frontier League action in 2023. The Frontier League features 16 teams stretching from the Mississippi River to the Atlantic Ocean and from the Ohio River north to the St. Lawrence Seaway in Canada. For more information, visit www.frontierleague.com.



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> Signed Todisco Services, Inc.

Run dates: 12/29/2023 - 1/05, 1/12/2024

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI23C1353CA In the Matter of IRINA OZERNY

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Irina Ozerny of Newton Center. MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Irina Fos.

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 January 24, 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, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 27, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 01/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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

Middlesex Probate and Family Court 10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000

Docket No. MI23P6747EA

Estate of JOSEPH SILVESTRO

Date of Death: November 08, 2023

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Justin Silvestro of Waltham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Justin Silvestro of Waltham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of January 25, 2024.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO,

First Justice of this Court Date: December 28, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run date: 01/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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

10-U Commerce Way Woburn, MA 01801 (781) 865-4000 Docket No. MI23C1326CA

In the Matter of **CHANEL STARLINGS CITATION ON** PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Chanel Starlings** of **Somerville**, **MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to Muhan Maxine Zheng. 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 February 02, 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, First Justice of this Court.

Date: January 05, 2024

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Run Date: 01/12/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by MJS Towing, Inc., 1589 Hyde Park Ave., Hyde Park, MA, pursuant to the provisions of Mass General Laws, Chapter 255, Section 39A, that they will sell the following vehicles on or after January 20, 2024 beginning at 10:00 AM by public or private sale to satisfy their garage keepers lien for towing, storage, and notices of sale:

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Vehicles are being stored at MJS Towing, Inc., and may be viewed by appointment

> Signed MJS Towing, Inc. Run dates: 01/05, 01/12, 01/19/2024

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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

> Docket No. SU23P2625EA Estate of

GREGORY ZAREH THOMAJAN Also Known As **GREGORY Z. THOMAJAN**

Date of Death: July 20, 2023 **INFORMAL PROBATE** PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

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

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

Run date: 01/12/24



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



Lee Signs with Giants

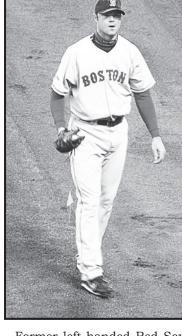
Slugging South Korean outfielder Jung Hoo Lee and the Giants have agreed to a \$113 million, six-year contract. He can terminate the deal after four years and \$72 million to become a free agent again.

Here's What I Can't Figure Out



When it comes to baseball, here's what I can't figure out. I read Peter Abraham's Sunday Globe baseball page religiously. He's a really good baseball writer, up there with the best. This past weekend, he mentioned that a new addition to the Sox this upcoming season would be outfielder Tyler O'Neill and he would be the first outfielder with jersey number 17 since Adrian Brown back in 2003 but I can't understand how any Red Sox player can wear 17 on their uniform now since Dick Radatz was elected into the Red Sox Hall of Fame in 1997. Getting yourself into the Red Sox Hall of Famer, doesn't that get your jersey number retired? What gives here? Anybody out there who reads this column. Why isn't Radatz "17" retired? Let me know your thoughts on this baseball injustice.

Happy Birthday to Jon Lester

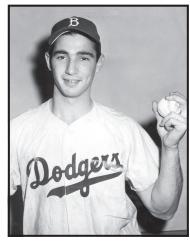


Former left-handed Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester just turned 40 years old and made his MLB debut with Boston in 2006 and had a 3.64 ERA over 242 games until he was traded in 2014 amid a contract dispute. Lester went on to post a 3.68 ERA over 210 games with the Cubs, A's, Nationals, and Cardinals.

Lester had a 2.51 ERA over 26 career postseason appearances, winning three World Series games.

Happy Birthday to Sandy Koufax

Sandy Koufax, who I call the best MLB pitcher of the entire Sixties, just turned 88 years old on Saturday, December 30. He played his entire 12 year career with the Dodgers, first in Brooklyn, then Los Angeles. He only had 154 wins in his entire career. First six years nothing to speak about. However, he turned himself into the best lefty. whoever stood on the mound to pitch. He retired after 1966 because his arm was starting to cause problems. In his final two seasons, I think he won 53 games. He was one of those guys who always wanted to pitch complete games. Strikeout artist too.



LEGAL NOTICE

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

Docket No. MI21W1304WD SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION **DANIELLE PRINCE**, Plaintiff (s)

MEGAHAN LEWIS, Defendant (s)

To the above named Defendant(s): Meghan

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff (s), **Danielle Prince** seeking a Complaint for Modification

You are required to serve upon Danielle Prince - or attorney for plaintiff(s) - whose address is 33c Interfaith Ter., Framingham, MA 01702 your answer on or before 6th day of February 2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to

are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at 370 Jackson St., 5th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852. Witness, HON. TERRI L. KLUG CAFAZZO, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at

Lowell, this day of December 26th, 2023.

hearing and adjudication of this action. You

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate Court



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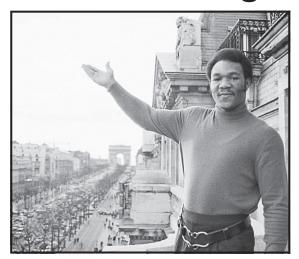
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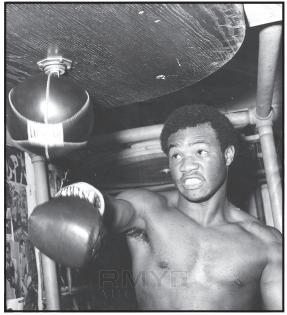
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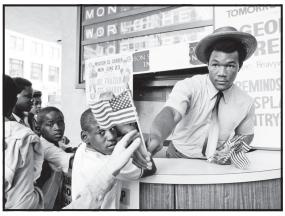
George celebrates winning the Title with a trip to Paris



Landing a Left Hook on Gregorio Peralta in their First Fight



George hammering the Speed Bag



The Olympic Champion Handing Out Flags to Young Fans



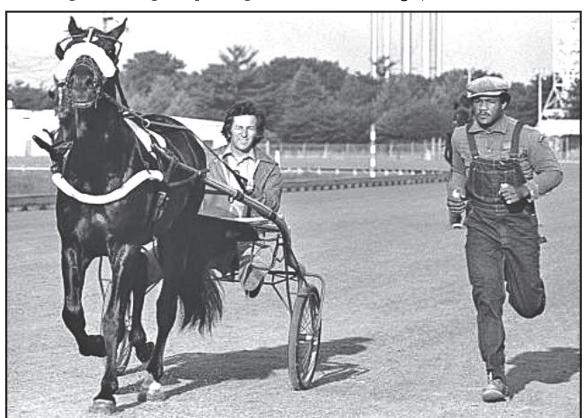
With California Governor Ronald Reagan



Taking on Boston's Jack O'Halloran



The two Georges, Foreman and Chuvalo



Training for his First Fight with Joe Frazier

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB



by Richard Preiss

Due to weather conditions Richard Preiss has lost internet connection. Richard thought you might enjoy this re-run from June 24, 2011.

It ended the way it had begun some nine months before for the Bruins — in a quiet recessed area of a building, away from the sounds of crowds. Here they were for one final time as a team — together.

It was Sunday, June 19, 2011 — Father's Day in America — and one last ritual was taking place inside the TD Garden, known as Breakup Day — the time when the players appear for one last time in the locker room that was their center of preparation on game nights, gather together their personal items and depart for at least the summer and perhaps forever.

And despite the lyrics of the old song, breaking up was not hard to do. Virtually all the players were tired, many were hurt and had played through injuries of varying degrees and all were looking forward to a summer of rest and relaxation following their historic triumph in the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

Just the day before the streets of Boston had been filled with the adoring crowds from Causeway to Copley as those that are never seen at the Garden because of seating capacity and high ticket prices turned out in impressive numbers to cheer as their victorious heroes passed by in triumph.

The team was together for just over nine months (275 days to be exact) — from September 17 — four days before the first day of fall when the veterans reported — to June 19, two days shy of the first day of summer when the players bade farewell to the Garden. Over that span they played 114 games — including seven preseason games, 82 regular season games and 25 postseason playoff contests.

But now the end was near. Head coach Claude Julien went first, his final press conference of the season. He noted how life had changed somewhat for him. Slowed in traffic on Route 93 on his way to the Garden, he was instantly recognized by fellow motorists who gave him thumbs up as they went along. He reflected on the fact that he had come from a modest background, had played hockey as a youngster and was fortunate enough to play some games in the NHL before finding a second career in coaching.

After that there was a long break as the 2011 Stanley Cup Champion Boston Bruins took to the ice one final time. One final time they all suited up together. One final time they came out on the Garden ice together. And together they posed for a final team photograph — one that will memorialize them forever. It was the final time that 43-year-old Mark Recchi put on a NHL uniform as a player.

Owner Jeremy Jacobs then spoke, reflecting on the events and reception the team received in recent days. Then for one last time, the doors to the locker room opened and members of the media proceeded past the portals once more for final interviews sessions before the summer beckoned.

It was 3:24 p.m. when the interviews began. They were sandwiched around final meetings that each player individually had with Julien and GM Peter Chiarelli. Over almost two hours the interviews went on as two or three players would appear, later to be replaced by two or three more. Even backup goalie Tuukka Rask, the only player on the roster who suited up for every playoff game but didn't play, would be interviewed.

There was talk of summer visits home, of proud family members and what plans each player had for the Stanley Cup Trophy. A common theme was how each player gave so much credit to his teammates, noting how none of this would have been possible without them. Some reflected on how the regular season had begun so far away — in Prague, the Czech Republic and ended at such a distance in Van-couver, British Columbia.

And just down the hallway, in another room, an opportunity for the players to carry an everlasting memento of their success on their person was made available. The locker room notice board bore the message that a "tattoo guy" (notice that the word "artist" was not used) was on site for those who wished to avail themselves of his services.

We thanked the various members of the Bruins media relations staff who had provided us with hospitality and courtesy over the course of the year — Matt Chmura, Eric Tosi, Heidi Holland, Kelly Mohr and John Bishop.

At 5:20 p.m., nearly two hours after the interview sessions had begun, it was announced that the Bruins locker room would be closing. We took our leave one final time and returned to the press conference area. There we gazed upon the logoed "Stanley Cup Champions" backdrop behind the podium one final time.

Then we said goodbye to the few of our media colleagues that remained and departed. Down the elevator, out the door to Legends Way and Causeway Street.

But still one final activity remained. The next day the ice, the surface necessary for the Bruins' success and the site of 10 of their 16 playoff victories, was melted down. The surface that the players had skated upon, that had been the focus of attention of TV cameras, media members and fans alike, was no more.

The 2010-2011 Boston Bruins had moved from the present and into history. The NHL Draft loomed ahead and the first steps of the 2011-2012 season were about to be taken. Time marches on.