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A Very Merry Christmas to our Readers and Advertisers from the staff of the Post-Gazette



Macy's Enchanted Trolley Tour & Tree Lighting

On Sunday, December 8th Mayor Thomas M. Menino made his final North End Annual Macy's Enchanted Trolley Tour as Mayor of Boston bringing Christmas cheer to the residents of the North End.

The Enchanted Trolley Tour travelled down Hanover Street with Santa, Macy's Store Holiday Characters and Mayor Menino as they stopped at the Prado to flip the switch on the Christmas tree. Joey Griffith of the Eliot School gave a special performance and Santa took time to speak with the many boys and girls on hand who were more than willing to read off their Christmas list to him.



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L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

An Italian Christmas

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

This time of the year, as frost sparkles on the winter ground and stars twinkle brightly on a velvety night sky, I crave tradition. There is something primordially comforting about gathering with family and friends on these cold evenings, repeating quaint holiday rituals that harken back to time immemorial. Especially during the Christmas season, I feel more called to the home and hearth than I do to overly commercialized malls and stores. For this reason, I take pleasure in the fact that I celebrate a traditional Italian Christmas, or *Natale*, with my family. An Italian Christmas does not revolve around getting the most expensive gifts or throwing lavish parties. Instead, it focuses on folklore and family, spirituality and giving, laughter and delicious recipes that fill the worn pages of old ancestral cookbooks. When I was little, before I learned to appreciate my heritage, I often complained to my parents that our Christmas celebrations did not conform to my perceived "American" Christmas. How-

ever, after growing older, and meeting many people who honor holidays in diverse ways, I became grateful for the curious traditions and particular food that characterized our Italian Christmas. Now, when I picture my family cheerfully gathered around the table on a frosty Christmas Eve, I realize that I would not want my holiday any other way.

The first staple of a traditional Italian Christmas is the food — oh, yes, the food. In Italy, the big holiday dinner falls on Christmas Eve, and bears the name *la Vigilia*, or "the vigil." According to custom, no meat must be eaten during *la Vigilia*, originating from the olden times when Advent was considered a period of fasting in preparation for the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. This allows Italian families to prepare a meal featuring abundant, fresh seafood. Many Italian-Americans, particularly those of Sicilian descent, celebrate Christmas Eve with a "Feast of the Seven Fishes," but the amount and kind of seafood served varies among the dif-

ferent regions of Italy. I love experimenting with various fish recipes with my mother — this year, she will make a white fish filled with a shrimp stuffing, which sounds absolutely delicious. Then, of course, come the desserts. My personal favorite is *struffoli*, or deep-fried dough balls soaked in honey and decorated with colorful sprinkles, then shaped into a wreath or pyramid. My grandmother has been making this dessert since her schooldays in Naples — the birthplace of this dish — and it never fails to impress with its festive appearance and crunchy-sweet taste. An Italian Christmas also typically includes *panettone*, a sweetbread from Milan studded with dried fruit. While I am not a fan of *panettone*, I cannot imagine a Christmas without seeing it in its cylindrical case somewhere around my house. Even the name speaks of its importance to Italians: *panettone* means "great bread," and in the past families could only afford to make such a

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News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

Not Exactly Happy Birthday Time

On January 8, 1964 in his first State of the Union Address with the poverty rate at 19 percent, President Lyndon Baines Johnson declared a "war on poverty." His speech led to the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act and in time to both Medicare and Medicaid.

Today, 50 years later the poverty rate stands at 15 percent. The war which cost so much barely made a dent proving you can't just spend your way out of a serious problem.

I Always Loved Lucy

As a little kid growing up in the 50s, my family sat together each week to watch "I Love Lucy." Well, this Christmas season CBS-TV will be airing two newly colorized episodes back to back. Remember Lucy stomping those grapes in Italy? That one and the seldom seen "Christmas Episode." Keep an eye out for when CBS Television will be running these old comic gems.

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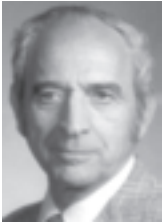
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L.B.J. when he lifted little dogs by the ears;
Richard M. Nixon and his "I'm not a crook,"
And Gerald R. Ford tripping over a book.*

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Welcoming home all those Vietnam War dissidents;
Ronald Reagan in the movies holding bandits at bay,
And Bush over in Egypt giving millions away.*

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Res Publica

by David Trumbull



*It Will Be a Merry Christmas
for Some East Boston Garment Workers*

Three weeks ago in this space I was pleased to tell the "Made in USA" success story of **Sterlingwear of Boston**, the official and sole manufacturer of the U.S. Navy Peacoat and other fashion outerwear for the commercial market-place, and of the commitment of President/CEO **Frank Fredella** to keep on manufacturing and employing workers in East Boston. So you can imagine how delighted I was to receive a press release from Sterlingwear announcing a collaborative effort with iconic New England retailer **L.L.Bean** of Freeport, Maine. This story of U.S. manufacturing is, for me, an excellent Christmas present.

Sterlingwear of Boston will be providing three men's styles of outerwear for the fall/winter 2013-2014 seasons. Fredella, stated "We are pleased to partner with L.L.Bean and to share what we have been producing in our East Boston manufacturing plant for over 45 years."

Discussions began in early 2013 and quickly developed as both companies realized that it was a perfect fit. "This



is a culmination of the research and interest that L.L.Bean had in identifying companies that offer superior products for their customers," said **Jack Foster**, Director of Sales and Marketing for Sterlingwear of Boston. "It is a wonderful marriage of two heritage brands that represent classic American styles and quality craftsmanship."

Sterlingwear of Boston is in its third generation of leadership and is truly an All-American story of success. The company started as Viking Clothing in 1965 by Lorenzo Fredella and his two sons, Frank and Anthony. At that time, the primary work consisted of cut and sew operations for other clothing manufacturers and retailers. In 1968 Sterlingwear was contacted by the U.S. Government to produce peacoats for the U.S. Navy. The award of that contract propelled the company into a new and very successful direction. For over 45 years, Sterlingwear of Boston has produced the peacoat for the U.S. Navy and other outerwear and dress uniforms for all branches of the armed forces, as well as, offering a commercial line of outerwear for e-commerce, wholesale, and retail store outlets.

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sung, candy canes and stockings hung. Santa's on his way to wish the people of East Boston a Holiday season that's second to none. If you'll be quiet you will hear the ringing of Santa's sleigh and you can believe Santa's on his way! ... Twas the night before Christmas and all through the streets not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse as Santa came down to visit every house. As Santa's sleigh arrives it's full of toys for all the good girls and boys ... Snowflakes are falling covering the streets and Santa smiles everyone is here for me to greet ... To celebrate and help Santa land, he is greeted by the music of Massport's Band ... Members of the Chamber of Commerce are there to give Santa a handshake and wish him Christmas cheer ... East Boston Social Centers preschool kiddies are jumping with joy, they know Santa is there to bring them a toy ... The chorus from ZUMIX begin singing Christmas songs to the delight of Santa they marvelously perform ... The reception is overwhelming for Santa as he spills a tear on his rosy cheek. It's now time for Santa to speak ... Santa addresses the crowd in his jolly good way and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and yells it loud ... Now, Santa says I must pick up my bag and make my way through the streets and chew the rag! ... Santa's first stop is Central Square where a Christmas tree is there! A banquet table fit for a king fills the park. Santa can't miss it even though it's dark. Santa parks his sled and shouts what an elegant delightful spread. For Eastie people, Santa's arrival is second to none and he knows the visit will be full of fun. A decadent table filled with imported cold cuts, figs and nuts compliments of Carmella's market, nothing but weight to gain! ... Beautiful bouquets of flowers by Muzzi's Florist drape the table designed by Spinelli's Function Facilities. An elegant array of pastries presented by Spinelli's famous bakery is laid on the table and Santa is impressed by the gorgeous display ... Elite Donut has prepared their best breakfast delicacies that money can buy, they include omelets, pancakes, muffins, French toast and ham on rye ... To wash the food down Kelley's Pub services an open bar with pitchers of Bloody Mary's, cordials and more. Santa gets tipsy and falls to the floor. He samples some dishes, stutters a bit and announces to Eastie residents and businesses they have fulfilled all his wishes. This welcome is worth more than all the riches. ... Dave Modica, owner of Ecco Restaurant has delivered in person, his famous dishes, martinis and finest wines. Santa believes Christmas Eve is the best he's ever dined ... Jevelli's has added veal parmesian to the table and gave Santa

Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

a Lotto ticket with a lucky seven. Santa thinks he died and went to Heaven ... Santarpio's has presented their world famous pizza, when Santa samples a slice and shouts this is darn tasty nice! ... Off the Boat Restaurant cooked some of the freshest and tastiest fish, Santa wants the recipe to the dish ... Vinny Lombardo offers Santa gift certificates to Liberty Plaza stores, for Santa and his Elves to buy even more ... There to help Santa eat some of this fine food is Mayor Tom Menino with new Mayor-elect Marty Walsh who is impressed and vows to offer East Boston his very best ... Joe Ruggiero of Ruggiero Funeral Home promises to give Santa on demand the best funeral service in the land ... Joe Macnamee, of J&M Mechanical Engineers offers his expertise on a plumbing lease! ... The Capogreco family arrive late with loads of gifts and tell Santa they wouldn't have missed this date ... Debra

Tauro has made Santa homemade biscotti, while Benny salutes him with a little nookie ... Dave Oriola offers to produce a musical special about Santa's life living in the North Pole along with his wife. He also gives Santa tickets to the "Bronx Tale" appearing at the Lynn Auditorium on February 28th ... Among the late comers is the Everett Co-Op Bank's President Liz Jones and retired Clerk of Court and Attorney Sandra Caggiano with her mother Viola ... Revere's Mayor Dan Rizzo and members of the Revere City Council present Santa with the Key to their City, and excitedly show Santa the proposed plans for a new casino at Suffolk Downs. Santa is impressed and said it will bring some excitement to the people, plus jobs and money to make life sunny ... Santa must go and boards the sleigh, with a wiggle of his tush, he gives it a big push and bids everyone a jolly good Christmas day ... Merry Christmas everyone.

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• **L'Anno Bello** (Continued from Page 1)

luxurious recipe during the holidays. Finally, winter is a great time to enjoy the in-season citrus fruits so popular in Italy, like in the lemon custard tart I make for every Christmas Eve. I love the idea of dishes that are only made once a year and epitomize Christmas; they bring a sense of uniqueness to the holiday and remind us that Christmas is a time to be cherished.

In addition to the food, Italian Christmas is all about family. For me, Christmas begins days before the actual holiday, when I am in the kitchen with my mother, wrapped in warmth, preparing the meal together. We attend Mass the evening of Christmas Eve, when the golden candlelight and the lilting voices of the choir singing Christmas carols feel all the more festive against a dusky night sky.

Sometimes my father mentions his favorite Christmas carol, the Italian song "Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle," or "You Come Down from the Stars." After Mass, my whole family gathers at my parent's house, where we talk, laugh, watch television, and play board games, and of course take many pictures by the Christmas tree. Then we eat our *Vigilia* meal — delicious appetizers, the seafood main course and vegetable and pasta sides, and without fail the desserts. What makes *la Vigilia* so special for me is not just the food but the conversation, the peals of laughter that ring out as we discuss funny stories from the past and tell jokes, the love that envelopes the table. At midnight, we open the presents under the tree. This was the part that many of my friends found unusual, as

most American children open their gifts Christmas morning. However, in Italy and many other countries around the world, particularly those with large Catholic populations, gifts are opened at midnight on Christmas Eve, which folk tradition labels as the time of Jesus' birth. I personally love our nocturnal gathering, especially the way our flickering lights and evergreen decorations play off against the starry darkness. It reminds me that the sun is slowly lengthening its stay in the sky after the winter solstice, the symbolic backbone of midwinter celebrations like Christmas.

The traditional Italian Christmas celebration has taught me so much about love and family. Its emphasis on joyous feasts with relatives and friends makes me appreciate the wonderful people I have in my life. Its unique traditions make me proud of my Italian heritage, and proud to live in the United States, where diversity has led to an appreciation of different holiday customs. Its emphasis on generosity — no true Italian would ever dream of leaving a lonely person out on the cold on Christmas — helps me realize how much better the world would be if we all took the time to help those less fortunate. Finally, its interplay of light and darkness reminds me of the sun breaking through the winter nights, just as love and hope will blossom inside us as long as we maintain the Christmas spirit, no matter what time of the year it is.

So here is my heartiest wish to all: Merry Christmas! *Buon Natale!*

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



Money Talks and Justice Walks?

Many folks, myself included, are outraged after hearing about a horrific drunk driving case down in Texas in which the driver only received 10 years probation for killing four people and injuring others.

What happened to good old Texas justice and where is action hero Chuck Norris when you need him. Texas is a Red State, how did this 16-year-old killer get away with murder ask the parents of the four innocent victims.

The family of the teen driver has money, plenty of money and they brought in an expert witness for the defense, a psychologist who stated in court that the young man on trial actually suffered from "Influenza." He wasn't talking about catching the flu, He was talking about being too wealthy for his own good. It wasn't his fault he got drunk three times the legal limit, his upbringing is the culprit. He was rich and spoiled so the parents are to blame. He's not responsible. He is a helpless victim. The judge in this case deciding what to do with someone who killed four people back on June 15th in Fort Worth apparently bought the expert's psychobabble and now the kid will be on probation and will be living at a posh rehab center in Newport Beach, California to overcome the torture of parents who didn't know how to parent. Hold them responsible. Hold the alcohol responsible. Hold his wealth responsible. However, don't you dare hold him responsible.

Meanwhile, the court system in Texas just told four sets of parents that the driver was an innocent victim too.

As one father rightly told the media that in this tragedy, money talked and justice walked.

My God if this liberal psychobabble can keep a drunk driving killer out of prison in Texas, isn't the rest of the country in really serious trouble?

The liberal "no-one-is-really-responsible-for-their-actions" mentality made another judicial beachhead in Texas. We might as well just empty out our prisons. Aren't the inmates just helpless victims of their own actions overwhelmed by outside forces of their parents, upbringing, booze or society? If you buy this psychobabble and it ends up in the next DSM, justice will not only be blind but deaf and dumb too.


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Christmas Concert 2013 Review

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Last Friday, The Saint Leonard Choral Society and The North End Chamber Orchestra directed by Dr. Dan Drzymalski presented a magical evening of Christmas music, classical, spiritual and popular. As in past years, the concert took place in the upper church of Sacred Heart which was beautifully decorated, much to the delight of concert goers. It was gratifying to see the church filled nearly to capacity despite the inclement weather and approaching storm, an eloquent testament to the dedication and quality of the choir and support it has enjoyed among parishioners and friends of the parish.

Contributing to the evening was Our lady of Czestochowa Parish Choir and the John Paul II Children's Choir, conducted by Marta Selatnik, Music Director. Concert

goers were greeted by a warm welcome from Maestro Drzymalski followed by an introduction from Laurie Warnock, President of the Choral Society who also served as concert narrator. The concert opened with the Overture from "The Nutcracker" by P. Tchaikovsky beautifully performed by the expanded North End Chamber Orchestra.

The John Paul II Children's Choir then delivered a captivating performance of selections of Christmas hymns that brought the audience to their feet at the end of their performance.

Our Lady of Czestochowa Choir followed with a lovely selection of Polish hymns beautifully sung in the vernacular, their message perfectly conveyed through the expressiveness of their performance.

The Saint Leonard Choral

Society then took center stage performing a series of hymns chosen to provide a harmonious musical description of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. The concert ended with a sing-a-long of traditional Christmas hymns that included the lovely "Tu Scendi Dalle Stelle, everyone's favorite.

Concert goers were then invited to Saint John School Hall where light refreshments were served by parish volunteers who also baked many of the delicious cookies and cakes. We look forward to next year's concert which has become a wonderful addition to Christmas in the North End.



The Bilingual Corner

by **Orazio Buttafuoco**




LO SAPEVATE CHE ...

La Messa domenicale nella Chiesa parrocchiale di San Lorenzo a Xitta, una frazione alle porte di Trapani, in Sicilia, non prometteva sorprese. Tutto era avvenuto normalmente, fino alla fine. Fu allora che il Parroco, Don Vito Lombardo, di 33 anni, annuncia ai fedeli, subito dopo aver pronunciato il ritual ITE MISSA EST, che quel che aveva celebrato era la sua ultima messa, dicendo che si era innamorato di una ragazza che gia' aspettava un bambino. Si apprese che il Parroco aveva da mesi una relazione con una insegnante di 29 anni, di Marsala. Don Vito aveva gia' fatto la richiesta di dispensa alla Santa Sede. Appassionato di Storia dell'Arte aveva insegnato tecniche pittoriche all'Accademia di Belle Arti KANDIOSKJI, di Trapani. Don Vito ora si e' autosospeso ed e' ritornato ad Alcamo, la sua citta'. Inutile dire quanto elevato sia stato lo stupore dei parrocchiani. Alcuni hanno espresso, chi solidarieta' verso Don Vito, mentre altri un severo voltafaccia non solo verso il Parroco ma anche verso la Parrocchia. Questo episodio si aggiunge ad un altro scandalo avvenuto nella stessa Parrocchia al predecessore di Don Vito, Don Nino Treppiedi. Quest'ultimo era stato rimosso dal Vaticano circa un anno prima, in seguito anche ad un altro scandalo che era esploso sulla Diocesi di Trapani guidata dal Vescovo Francesco Micciche', e che riguardava presunti ammanchi di denaro dalle casse delle Fondazioni "Auxilium E Campanile", gestite dalla Curia.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

Sunday Mass in the Parrish Church of San Lorenzo at Xitta, a suburb of the City of Trapani, Sicily, didn't anticipate any surprises. Everything had progressed as usual, up to the end. It was then that the Pastor, Father Vito Lombardo, 33, announced to the faithful, right after pronouncing the ritual ITE MISSA EST (go, the Mass has ended) that he had celebrated his last Mass, for he had fallen in love with a girl who was already expecting(!). It was learned that the Pastor had a love relation with a 29-year-old teacher from Marsala. Don Vito announced that he had already asked the Holy See for a dispensation. As a student of Art History, he had taught Painting Technique at the Academy of Fine Arts KANDIOVSKJI, in Trapani. Meanwhile Don Vito has removed himself from his priestly duties and gone back to Alcamo, his town. Needless to say, the astonishment of the faithful went sky-high. Some were quite sympathetic toward Don Vito others expressed an abrupt about-face not only toward the Pastor but also toward the Parish. They were mindful of another scandal that had affected the same Parish manned by Don Vito's predecessor, Don Nino Treppiedi. Don Nino had been removed from his duties a few months earlier following another scandal that had hit the Diocese of Trapani headed by Bishop Francesco Micicche', that had concerned the alleged disappearance of funds from the treasury of the Foundations AUXILIUM AND CAMPANILE, managed by the Curia.

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• News Briefs (Continued from Page 1)

Poor Uncle Omar

It is hard to feel sorry for him except to say he has a nephew in Washington named Barack. He just won the right to stay in this country after being here illegally for decades. I guess if you're here longer enough in the shadows, you get to come out of the shadows. Same too for that guy Barack's auntie over in that Southie project Good country America, huh?

The White House recently had to retract something it put out back when Omar got arrested in Somerville. Back then, no one knew Omar "but after Uncle Omar spilled the beans about how his nephew had stayed at his Cambridge apartment for three weeks before moving into his own Somerville apartment back during his Harvard Law School days.

This forced the White House to make a correction. Apparently no one ever directly asked the president about the uncle. If he wasn't mentioned in "Dreams of My Father," it didn't happen.

I can't wait for the new Obama Family Christmas card showing his auntie and uncle in it.

Secure Communities

Apparently, it would appear that those entrusted to enforce the laws don't even know what is written in the law. When cops stop someone and hand them a citation, information on the driver DOES NOT go to federal immigration officials. The only time an illegal immigrant driver chances deportation is if he gets arrested at the stop. The police are searching for illegals as

they patrol. However, if a stop leads to an arrest all bets are off on the illegal driver.

You Gotta Love Those Commercials

I heard a radio commercial about the choices available to Medicaid folks. They have choices. When a female radio voice asked a question about looking at options, the man's voice sounded nervous. He didn't want to change anything. She says it doesn't hurt to compare and you can keep what you have. Why would the guy care one way or the other? He isn't paying anything to begin with. I am surprised the guy can think to begin with. When everything is free, why worry?

The other is a T V commercial for life insurance. An older mom with her daughter are talking about clumsy dad who fell off a ladder. The two start talking about getting dad some life insurance fast. Another daughter walks in and agrees. The guy walks into the kitchen with his arm in a sling smiling.

Did You Know?

About 40 percent of Americans pay no income taxes and I am not even counting US Sen. Elizabeth Warren's harping about all those "corporate welfare cheats" on Wall Street. I am talking about the bottom rung. To me this says that the Democratic Party can count on this 40 percent in every election for the rest of their Medicaid-EBT card lives.

The serfs are multiplying and the producers are getting overwhelmed by it all.



Freeway Says ...

Due to his increasing popularity and several suggestions from readers (and after much negotiating on our part with his huge salary demands), our friend Freeway has consented to try to answer readers' questions concerning him or any of our little four-legged friends. You can email your questions to postgazette@aol.com to the attention of Freeway. Don't forget folks, Freeway is not a vet, so please keep the questions light-hearted! Thanks.

MAKE TIME FOR FRIENDS AT CHRISTMAS

It's the Christmas season! What do we think about at this time of the year? A big tree, all the lights, the tradition of giving gifts to our loved ones, making our favorite cookies, and of course, the Christmas dinner that will fill the dining room table with many dishes to share with our family and friends to enjoy. How often do we think of sharing time with a friend that we haven't seen in a while? Or, sending a card to someone we've thought about but did not have the time to do so? Or, taking some time to visit a senior or homebound neighbor? Speaking of friends, do we ever take the time to say "Thank you" to someone who has taken out the time for us, or has been concerned about our well-being? At this time of year especially, we should acknowledge the thoughtfulness or the special attention they gave us by just being there when we needed a shoulder to lean on. We take life for granted at times, as we do friends. Caring, consideration, compassion and kindness all are a gift that we so often take for granted. We never realize how important that friend was until they aren't here. Before that happens, take a minute and reflect on that friend, the one who

made the time when you needed it. For this Christmas, "friends" are a gift you can't buy, especially if that friend is genuine. Telling that person, "Thank you for being my friend," is a perfect gift for Christmas. Helping a senior by offering to do an errand or brightening their day with a gift of cookies is another way to celebrate the season. To my genuine friends, a "Thank you" and a "Merry Christmas" is all the gift they need. To all my pooch friends and their human companions a very Merry Christmas. To all of you that read my article in

the Post-Gazette I wish you and your families a healthy, safe and happy holiday and one full of friends and good cheer. My co-workers at the Post-Gazette — you have been very faithful taking care of me every day with TLC. I love you guys. Have the best Christmas ever and keep safe.

Quote: CHRISTMAS — "What do people mean by sending you a dozen Christmas cards during the festive season and not deigning to send you three lines by the way of letter during the rest of the year?"

That's all for now!

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Socially Scene Reviewed
... Boston was host to the largest gathering of business women at the Massachusetts Conference for Women on Thursday, December 5th. Ten thousand ladies gathered in the Boston Convention Center for a full day of speakers, networking and a large room dedicated to booths all with the power business women in mind.

I meant it when I said full day being the latest you could check in for the event was 8:30 am and continued until 5:00 pm that evening. There were lines upon lines upon lines at the check in booths as the event was very well planned out with each individual lady getting her own bag, name tag and goodies to get you through the day.

I couldn't help but stand atop the event looking through the glass in awe of the amount of business women that had traveled to be there and with the celebrity line up, it was an easy sell. I later found out that 1,600 of those women all belonged to Boston's beloved State Street Corporation. The morning started right off with speakers that were each introduced by 2013 Conference Board Members who all had impressive resumes and are very involved with giving back to the state through multiple charities. The first was, Susan Cain the author of a *New York Times* best seller, "Quite." She focused on introverts, extraverts, the confusion our nation is under on which is which and who am I. It was very interesting to have a complete stranger educate as she was able to pin point personality traits of most all sitting in the room.

The day was filled with many speakers through the morning and lunch session such as; Doris Kearns Goodwin who is a world-renown historian, Tory Johnson contributor for Good Morning America and one brave fellow to take the stage was Blake Mycoskie founder and chief shoe giver of TOMS. One of the most moving and inspirational speeches I have ever heard was from, Linda Cliatt-Wayman the principal of Strawberry Mansion High School in Philadelphia. Wayman started out as a school teacher where she spent a solid 20 years, moved on as a coach, principal and finally to assistant superintendent for all 52 public high schools in Philadelphia and then back to Strawberry Mansion. Before she took the stage a clip from ABC's "Nightline" was shown where Dianne Sawyer followed Wyman and her daily struggle at Strawberry Mansion. I was in tears before she even entered the room and when she did her story was one that left me thinking I had just heard from a woman who is making history. Strawberry Mansion is the most dangerous high school in the nation where she couldn't find a principal to stick. Wayman took it upon herself to inform her staff they were moving out and onto a new project as she was going to tackle the task to educate the students. She spoke with such power about her mission to revive hope in the children to strive and succeed. By the end of her speech I felt that Linda Cliatt-Wyman will not only accomplish this goal so many found impossible but she is going to change our country for the better through the



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by J



The Massachusetts Conference for Women took Place last week at the Boston Convention Center welcoming over 10,000 business women and 1,600 were of our State Street Corporation.
(Photo courtesy of betseymeyers.com)

restoration of hope.

After the morning session there was plenty of time scheduled in to bounce around the booths set just outside the hall. There were rows of colleges, finance companies, jewelry designers, Boston Ballet, Work Force Training, charities like "Dream Big" for under privileged girls to compete in sports, John Hancock, Merrill Lynch, Boston Bar Lawyer referral, a wellness pavilion, social media tables, resume builders, I got my eye brows touched up by European Wax Center, there was a book signing center and for the lucky few a well put together press room where pri-

vate interviews could be held. The Convention center had been transformed into a palace set to groom the ultimate business women.

During the opening ceremonies there was an announcement of a special guest in attendance. I almost burst into tears right then as

this esteemed "colleague" has had my heart since the presentation that was given before she received the Arthur Ash award this past year at the ESPY's. The one and only Robin Roberts currently of Good Morning America has been my journalistic hero since her time



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Ring in the New Year with the Holiday Pops celebration as they welcome legend Bo Winiker to the stage.
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as an ESPN news anchor. Of course our New England weather kept her from taking off in New York as well as celebrity Kerry Washington who both joined the conference via satellite. It was still the highlight of my day to rush up to the front row from the press table leaving my purse, iPad and whatever else I had behind just to sit front row and listen to this amazing women speak.

Robin has been such an inspiration in journalism let alone athletics. This skinny basketball star made her way to ESPN then took a chance, dared to grow and took on coverage of what she used to

refer to as a four letter word, "news." She truly impacted the country when covering hurricane Katrina and breaking the cardinal rule of journalism, "Never Never show emotion". She took the opportunity to cover the storm while her motive was to find her family who she had yet to make contact with throughout the storm. It was then when she broke down on live television with gratitude to have found them that she changed the rules of the game and won the hearts of a nation. She is more recently known for her battle won with breast cancer. She shared her experi-

ence with the country portraying courage and made her mess her message. A journalist is generally witty with words, but this woman has taken it far beyond that, with sharing her struggles and strength through live television.

This convention was full of so many opportunities that were geared toward business women that I didn't even know existed. The Massachusetts Conference For Women may be on top of the *Socially Scene* on site list for Boston's best and most productive event! If you are interested in more information on becoming a member, volunteer or make donations visit www.massconferenceforwomen.org.

Ring in the New Year with the Pops ... At Symphony Hall with the orchestra and bandleader/trumpeter Bo Winiker to countdown to 2014 in style.

The Boston Pops Swing Orchestra will be joined by Boston's legendary band-

leader extraordinaire, Bo Winiker, in a gala concert to ring in the New Year at Symphony Hall on Tuesday, December 31st at 10:00 pm. The crowd-pleasing program will include memorable melodies made famous by such diverse musical icons as Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, ABBA, and Elvis. At this special concert, patrons can dance the night away on the Symphony Hall dance floor, then at midnight, raise a glass for a toast to the New Year.

World-famous Symphony Hall will be transformed in grand Pops style, with café-style seating for this special New Year's celebration, marking the most festive night of the year. The concert starts at 10:00 pm and the doors open at 8:00 pm. All guests attending the Boston Pops' New Year's Eve concert will have the option of purchasing food and drink from the Pops kitchen. Tickets may be purchased online at www.bostonpops.org, by phone through Symphony Charge at 617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200, or in person at the Symphony Hall Box Office at 301 Massachusetts Ave.

A Back Bay Ball ... Celebrate New Year's Eve at Boston's 40+ Back Bay Gala.

This year, Bostonian's celebrate the arrival of 2014 Back Bay Gala on December 31st at the Sheraton Copley Hotel — Back Bay Ball Room. The event's hors d'oeuvres option begins at 8:00 pm, or guests can choose the party option, which begins at 9:00 pm. All will enjoy a cocktail reception, with cash bar. The Love Dogs plays a wide range of music including Motown, '70s, '80s, and today's hits. Guests will countdown the seconds until midnight with a champagne toast and loads of party favors. For a \$10 donation to The Ellie Fund guests will receive a VIP goody bag filled with items from our sponsors

when they depart.

This long-running, upscale, black-tie optional New Year's Eve event attracts more than 600 boomer men and women, ages 40+, from across New England and discounted hotel rooms and tuxedo rentals are also available.

What a great way to start a new year than with a guaranteed good time! The Back Bay Gala will take place at the Sheraton Copley Hotel — Back Bay Ballroom located 39 Dalton Street, Boston. For reservations, call 781-444-7771 or go to www.BostonEventGuide.com.

A New Twist on an Old Tradition ... The Beehive celebrates a fabulous, Glamtastic and Discothèque Burlesque on New Year's Eve.

Break out the bubbly and make a resolution to attend the funkier New Year's Eve soiree around! Ring in 2014 in style and head over to Boston's South End on Tuesday, December 31st from 9:00 to 2:30 am as The Beehive hosts its 7th annual New Year's Eve gala celebration!

The Beehive's, "Discothèque Burlesque New Year's Eve 2014" is an evening of bohemian decadence and eccentric fun. Guests will explore their senses as they take in the wonders of sultry Parisian burlesque performances by "The Sexation" Calamity Chang, Lil' Steph and Stormy Leather and boogie to the explosive sounds of the all-star band The AB's featuring vocalist Sinclair Jennings. The AB's boogie in a modern way to the timeless soul and funk tunes. The Beehive's guests want to hear with a wall of funk like they've never experienced before! Throughout the evening Executive Chef Marc Orfaly will feature a delectable buffet of hors d'oeuvres and desserts, all served in a cocktail setting. To top it all off, guests can

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COUNTRY CLASSICS CD -

A song list that contains tributes to the legends, as Merle Haggard's "Tonight the Bottle Let Me Down," George Jones' "White Lightnin'," George Strait's "Unwound," and Keith Whitley's "Don't Close Your Eyes." Just some of the hits that just keep on coming with many more covers of the greatest songs in Country Music history, with Jerry Reed's "Amos Moses," Buck Owens' "Act Naturally" and Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls of Fire."

CLASSIC ROCK CD -

Garth takes timeless rock songs and makes them his own, as he brings to life, as Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama," the Eagles' hit "Life In the Fast Lane," Stevie Wonder's surreal "Superstition," then takes a spin with Bob Seger's "Against the Wind," Elton John's "Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me," and Robert Palmer's "Addicted to Love." Just a taste of Garth's version some of the big hits from the Classic Rock era.

BLUE-EYED SOUL CD -

Your ears will celebrate the blue-eyed soul vocals of Garth delivering Ray Charles' classic "What'd I Say," Otis Redding's soul gem "Dock of the Bay," and the beat-laden "Heard It Through the Grapevine." The man is right on with his soulful sound on Ben E. King's "Stand By Me," and takes a shot at Gladys Night's "Midnight Train to Georgia" from a man's perspective. The blue-eyed soul era is served well, with Garth making this outstanding collection of songs - timeless!

MELTING POT CD -

'Melting Pot' is where the ingredients of Country, Rock, Soul, and Folk, are mixed together to provide the influenced

taste of Garth's vocals with something for everyone. New life is added to songs as Simon and Garfunkel's intimate "Mrs. Robinson," Cat Stevens' honesty of "Wild World," Jim Croce dialing it in with "Operator," and James Taylor's pleading "Don't Let Me Be Lonely Tonight." Garth uses songs like The Doobie Brothers' ageless "Black Water," Jackson Browne's "Doctor My Eyes," and Rod Stewart's "Maggie May" to weave a musical quilt with songs that are the very fabric of our nation.

BLAME IT ALL ON MY ROOTS 2-DVD - Casino and resort entrepreneur Steve Wynn had the vision to bring Garth out of retirement in 2009, and to appear for a multi-year run of sold-out shows. Wynn's foresight and honesty resulted in one of the most successful runs in Las Vegas history, proving the Brooks-Wynn combination was a 'marriage made in heaven'. Proof is the over two-hour 'Wynn' shows Garth performed in Vegas, and the fact, that for Brooks, this was a Wynn-win situation for both of them!

THE ULTIMATE HITS 2-CD/DVD - 'The Ultimate Hits' is the chronology of Garth's career, as his long and winding road turns into a 'hit machine.' Reminisce and enjoy Brooks' hits in the form of "Friends In Low Places," trailed by "Thunder Rolls," dialing up "Callin' Baton Rouge" and "The Dance." Continue to sing along to "Shameless" and "Two Pina Coladas," and you become part of some of the biggest songs of the last two decades. With 33 songs covering the two CDs, and a DVD that contains 33 videos, this compilation may be the soundtrack of many Garth Brooks fans lives!

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Kids and adults who are still 'kids at heart' can finally enjoy the songs from the Broadway musical, as the cast members present us with 25 tracks from the show. The timeless story of the Scrooge-like Grinch, who tries to ruin Christmas for everybody until he has a dramatic change of heart, has been delighting both children and adults since the picture book came out in 1957. Over nearly half a century, the story has reappeared in new formats, first as a classic TV special, and later a hit live-action movie in 2000. When the Broadway musical burst on the scene, the Grinch's tale gained vivid new life for new generations yet again. Highlight songs include, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," "Welcome Christmas," and two new bonus tracks - a new recording of "Where Are You, Christmas?" and "Once In a Year." Original Broadway cast members Patrick Page is "The Grinch" and John Cullum is "Old Max." Best Christmas gift ever!

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 Giaratani

NORTH END CHRISTMAS FUND LUNCHEON

The North End Christmas Fund Luncheon was held last Thursday at Filippo's to benefit North End families and elderly. Once again it was a great time.

IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT HIM

The latest press release out of City Councilor Charles Yancey's office has him taking credit for Nelson Mandela's Boston visit in 1990. Seems Mandela came to Boston to apparently thank Yancey for his 1984 anti-apartheid South Africa Divestment Ordinance. Now it all makes sense why Yancey was wearing a cape as he marched in last June's Dorchester Day Parade.

JOE AVELLONE IN GOVERNOR'S RACE

Democrat candidate for governor Joe Avellone was spotted at McKenna's Cafe in Savin Hill. The former Wellesley selectman describes himself as a moderate Democrat with blue collar appeal much like U.S. Rep. Steve Lynch. He says he's anxious to get started in places like Dorchester.

ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE THINKING ABOUT BEACON HILL

Annisssa Essaibi George just finished in the runner-up spot for Boston City Council at Large. She is leaning toward running for state representative in the upcoming not scheduled yet special primary to fill the seat that Mayor-elect Marty Walsh will be vacating as he begins his term as mayor.

BEACHMONT VFW PRESENTS ...

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CHRISTMAS WITH LUCY THIS YEAR

Who didn't love watching "I Love Lucy" when they were growing up? It started off on CBS Television in 1951 and ran through the late '50s. It

ended as a summer replacement show for "December Bride" in 1960 as "The Lucy-Desi Comedy Hour."

This week CBS is doing some Lucy programming for the Christmas holiday. The network will be airing the "I Love Lucy Christmas Special" today (Friday at 8:00 pm on WBZ-TV Channel 4). Both episodes are from 1956, "The Christmas Episode" and "Lucy's Italian Movie." They have been colorized with Lucy's blazing orange hair.

I hope Maria Capogreco knows about this Lucy special because she really loves Lucy, Desi, Fred and Ethel like no one else I know.

NEW STUDENT COUNCILOR IN TOWN

Talitha Giaratani-Chandler, my niece, who lives in Dedham just got herself elected as a member of the student council in her fourth grade class. This is her first run for elective office. Will more campaigns follow? We must wait and see.

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MUSIC

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TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA — December 22nd. Trans-Siberian Orchestra (TSO) will celebrate their first 15 years of touring with an encore and final performance of their multi-platinum rock opera, *The Lost Christmas Eve*. TSO's 2013 winter tour began on November 13th, playing over 100 shows in 67 cities across North America, presented by Hallmark Channel. Live Nation is proud to welcome TSO when they return to Boston for two spectacular shows at the TD Garden. TSO, whose phenomena has grown year after year, has played over 1,500 shows for more than 10 million fans in the past 15 years and quietly became one of the world's biggest arena rock acts. The unprecedented fan driven growth is a testament to TSO founder Paul O'Neill's vision of "Rock Theater," the perfect amalgamation of Broadway storytelling with the spectacle of rock.

JAY Z — January 18th. JAY Z announced the confirmed dates for the North American leg of his "Magna Carter World Tour." The new dates, which follow the tour's international run, began on November 30th and will include a stop at TD Garden in Boston. JAY Z recently released the now double platinum "Magna Carta ... Holy Grail," and just wrapped up the sold out "Legends of the Summer" stadium tour with Justin Timberlake.

JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE — February 27th. The Emmy and Grammy award winning musician will bring his captivating live show to fans with a worldwide tour that kicked off on October 31, 2013 in Montreal, QC with scheduled dates in South America, Europe, Australia and North America through 2014. The 20/20 Experience World Tour is promoted worldwide by Live Nation Global Touring. The musical journey that started with The 20/20 Experience continued with the worldwide release of

The 20/20 Experience - 2 of 2 on September 30, 2013.

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ARCTIC MONKEYS — February 6th. With special guest Deerhunter. English indie rock band that formed in 2002 in Sheffield. Band members are: Alex Turner (lead vocals, lead/rhythm guitar), Jamie Cook (rhythm/lead guitar), Nick O'Malley (bass guitar, backing vocals), and Matt Helders (drums, backing vocals). The meteoric rise of the Arctic Monkeys began in 2005, when they drew a sold-out crowd to the London Astoria, using little more than a self-released EP. Several months later, *Whatever People Say I Am That's What I'm Not* became the fastest-selling debut album in British history. 2013 has been a monumental year for the Arctic Monkeys.

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LANCE MARTIN BAND — December 21. This month will have a special guest with the Lance Martin Band at Ryles. This is a flute led jazz/funk band out of Boston metro. The LMB has been together in Boston since 1982. This band has performed with the intent to whip an audience into a frenzy. The combination of jazz, funk & gospel is called **Physical Jazz**, which is the title of lance's latest CD. The music and the flute performances will hopefully dispel any preconceived notion on how a jazz flute should sound.

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50 SHADES! THE MUSICAL — January 7 and 8, 2014. The hilarious parody of the *Fifty Shades of Grey* phenomenon, will premiere at the Citi Emerson Colonial Theatre for two nights only. A sexy, hysterical musical romp, *50 Shades! The Musical* is a laugh out loud night of fun that you won't want to miss! A resounding hit in Chicago and New York, and at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, *50 Shades! The Musical* opens with a ladies book club deciding to read *Fifty Shades of Grey*. Through their interpretation of the novel, the audience is lead on an uproarious rollercoaster ride of this unlikely bestseller. The show is full of dance numbers and original songs delivered by an outrageous cast with a live, on-stage band. For more information call 866-348-9738.

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ing benefits both before and after New Year's. First Night includes numerous indoor and outdoor activities, exhibits, and performances, for people of all ages. Among the numerous events taking place are: Festival of International Short Films and midnight fireworks.

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

The December 9th issue of the widely read *National Enquirer* claims doctors are warning Hillary Clinton's run for the White House will kill her. Hillary's doctors have painted a grim picture of her health, claims a close source. In brief, doctors discovered a blood clot in a vein between Hillary's brain and her skull behind her right ear. The dangerous clot was discovered with blood thinners during a frightening hospital stay. She also fainted while speaking in Buffalo, NY, in 2005. In 2009, she broke her elbow in a fall in the State Department garage and in January 2011 she collapsed while boarding a flight in Yemen. "Hillary will likely defy her doctors and announce her candidacy on June 4th, which would have been her mother Dorothy's 95th birthday, a family insider told *The Enquirer*. Hang-in! Hillary!

Weirdo! A Minnesota man was charged with disorderly conduct for "making it snow" dollar bills on Mall of America shoppers, causing a ruckus as people raced to grab the bills. Serge Vorobyov says he dropped his last \$1,000 in singles on shoppers as a statement of gratitude for being alive, despite his having a horrible year. "I wanted to do some sort of pay-it-forward kind of thing," he said. "I don't see how holiday cheer is disorderly conduct."

Con artist! A man sued Washington, D.C.'s subway system claiming he'd slipped on a banana peel in an elevator, was charged with fraud when video footage showed him tossing the peel on the ground, stepping on it and theatrically falling down.

A Swedish inmate suffering from a toothache broke out of prison to visit a dentist. "My entire face was completely swollen," he explained. "I just couldn't stand

it." The escapee turned himself in and had one day added to his sentence.

According to the brilliant, attractive Rosalie Cunio of Waltham, "Dentistry means drilling, filling and billing."

Carlo Scostumato says you've got a problem when your dentist tells you that you need a bridge and you can't pay his toll.

The great and charming Robyn Waters of Swampscott reminds us, when a dentist makes an extraction, you hope he pulls the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth.

Dead issue! An entrepreneur in China has installed headstones in his new graveyard engraved with the names of still-living people from a nearby village — without their consent. The bold idea is a success: Plots in the cemetery are briskly selling for up to \$16,000. "The more affluent Chinese people become in this life," one local resident explained, "the more they are concerned with their final resting place on their journey into the next one."

Original names of the stars: *Tony Orlando* is Michael Anthony Orlando Cassavitis. *Al Pacino* is Alfredo Pacino. *Bernadette Peters* is Bernadette Lazzaro. *Edith Piaf* is Edith Gassion. *Debbie Reynolds* is Marie Frances Reynolds. *Joan Rivers* is Joan Sandra Molinsky. *Lizabeth Scott* is Emma Matzo. *Omar Sharif* is Michel Shalhous. *Dinah Shore* is Frances (Fanny) Rose Shore. *Artie Shaw* is Arthur Arshawsky. *Demi Moore* is Demi Guynes. *Robert Preston* is Robert Preston Meservey. *Margret Romagnoli* is Margret O'Neill. *Barbara Stanwyck* is Ruby Stevens. *Ray Barron* is Joseph Barisano. Ha!

What? North Korea is becoming a vacation destination for the adventurous. Some 6,000 Western tourists have visited the dictatorship this year, 20 percent of whom were Americans. In 2004, the country had fewer than 700 foreign tourists.

Gobble this up! Obama "pardoned" 10 Thanksgiving turkeys during his presidency. By contrast, he has only pardoned or commuted the prison sentences of 40 people — a record low for modern-day presidents. By this point in his presidency, Ronald Reagan had pardoned 313 people.

If you are planning a visit to Russia be aware, the Russian government will raise vodka prices next year, in a bid to reduce alcohol addiction, which now plays a role in 30 percent of deaths. A half-lira of vodka will go up to \$6 on January 1st, an increase of 16 percent and to nearly \$7 on August 1st.

Which do you suppose ages faster — whiskey or the man who drinks it?

According to the brainy, beautiful Barbra D'Amico, vodka is colorless, odorless and too much of it leaves you



senseless.

The gorgeous Christina Quinlan, says: "Booze makes a man colorful; it gives him a red nose, a white liver, a yellow streak and a blue outlook."

Incidentally, both Barbra and Christina are executives of Russo Imports. They do not have intention of importing vodka.

Many Americans no longer celebrate the arrival of the New Year — they celebrate the survival of the old year.

The unofficial mayor of Medford, Tom Analetto, says, "There's only one good thing that can be said for bad habits. If it weren't for them we couldn't make New Year's resolutions."

Giuseppina, cosce storte, says, "New Year's Eve is when you take your wife out, and she takes you back home."

Wee bit of Italian American history. In 1909 16-year-old Angelo Siciliano is sitting on the Coney Island beach with a pretty girl and later reports, "a big, husky life-guard kicked sand in my face." Thus, the legend of "Charles Atlas" is born. By the 1950's, Siciliano boasts 1-million body building followers.

Show biz reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. The song "You Are My Sunshine," was written by two-time Governor of Louisiana Jimmy Davis. Bunny Berrigan was good at discovering musicians. Among them: Ray Conniff, Joe Bushkin and tap-dancer turned drummer Buddy Rich. And Ethel Merman, says, "Four must be my unlucky number. I married (fourth husband) Ernest Borgnine in 1964 and about four weeks was all I could stand with the fella!" Worth repeating! Among the nicknames for Frank Sinatra, over his long career: "The Voice," "The Swooner," "King of the Rat Pack," "Chairman of the Board," and "Ole Blue Eyes." Although Lawrence Welk was born in the United States, he didn't speak English until he was 21 years old. Singer Bobby Darin's recording career was made up of three styles. From a rock style with "Splish Splash" and the like in the mid and late 1950s; to a Sinatra-like style with "Mack the Knife" (1959) and other like songs into the 1960s and then to a new identity singing anti-war songs in the early 1970s.

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1/4 cup sugar	1/2 cup milk
1 teaspoon baking powder	1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon salt	1 eight-ounce jar honey
2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine	1 small jar nonpareils
	4 cups cooking oil

Mix first four ingredients in a ten-inch bowl. Add melted butter or margarine, beaten egg, milk and vanilla. Mix to make dough that can be rolled into a ball. Cut dough into four or five portions and cover. Roll each portion into long strips of one-inch thickness. Cut strip into half-inch portions. Heat oil in small saucepan or small deep fryer. Carefully drop a few Strufoli into hot oil. Stir with slotted spoon. Cook until golden brown. Remove from oil with slotted spoon. Set aside in a clean bowl.

Heat honey in a double boiler. Drop Strufoli, a portion at a time, into warm honey. Stir a few seconds. Remove with slotted spoon. Place in a clean bowl. Sprinkle nonpareils over them. Continue until all Strufoli are coated with honey and nonpareils. Serve hot or cooled.

These do not need refrigeration.

NOTE: Mama made these for holidays because she knew that Peter and I loved to have some for breakfast with our milk or cocoa. She also prepared them for us to deliver a dishful to a few neighbors. She always reminded us to wish them a happy holiday.

I remember relatives and friends arriving at our home for a brief visit on Christmas and Easter morning. They brought us a bowl of their Strufoli or Sfinge. Mama or Papa also served the visitors a small glass of liqueur as they exchanged holiday greetings. Sometimes, Peter and I were allowed a small taste of the liqueur before savoring the guest's dessert.

Those precious moments always flash back in my mind when I am preparing my special holiday treats.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Many things used to happen the week before Christmas when I was a kid. We would go hunting for a tree; there would be a visit to the Jordan Marsh toy department and a visit to Santa Clause, a stop at Santa's Village where Dad and his trio would be playing for the kids and a walk through Boston Common and the Public Garden to watch the kids ice skating on Frog Pond.

First, between Dad, my uncles and Babbononno, there were people they knew who sold Christmas trees in various parts of East Boston, the North End and near Faneuil Hall. Where ever we stopped, my family would bargain for the trees they liked. When a price was reached that was equitable for both parties, the tree would be tied to the top of Dad's beat-up '37 Plymouth and we would head home to get it ready for Mom and Nanna to decorate.

When it was time to visit Santa, my mother would team up with either Grace Manfredonia, who was one of her closest friends, Grace had three kids around my age and we all grew up together, if Grace wasn't available, Mom would make arrangements with her favorite cousin, Louise Pepe, and along with her three children, Lulu, Anthony and Ralph, we would head to Maverick Station, take the train to Scollay Square Station, head upstairs, take the trolley to Park Street and head out to Boston Common. After a quick look as to how the trees were decorated, we would head down Winter Street to Washington and Summer Streets and the entrance to Jordan Marsh.

The toy department was located on the 5th floor and the CEO of Jordan's, a Mr. Mitton, had the place set up to rival both Macy's and Gimbel's in New York. With my cousins Anthony and Ralph by my side, we would head to the electric train display which was one of the largest and most intricate in the country. With both American Flyer and Lionel trains on active display, we saw freight trains, passenger trains, trolleys, electric busses all moving around the display area on tracks. The decorations were realistic with working railroad crossings, traffic lights, street vehicles, train stations, lit buildings surrounded by trees and bushes. Waterfalls were in operation that emptied into little ponds that were adjacent to tunnels and spanned by bridges, etc. ... visions that made little kids stand in amazement while the operations continued.

When we tired of the trains, there were displays of dolls for the girls and model planes for the boys. I loved to make model planes, especially the fighter planes from WWII. Several would

be on my list for Santa. Strombecker made the best and most expensive planes from hard wood. If I wanted to shape the body and wings of a plane, Guillo made several from balsam wood and I would ask for them. From this display, we would head for the Erector Set displays and look at the things we could build with just a screw driver and the right metal parts.

Once we had had our fill of checking out all of the toys, we would get in line to visit with Santa. When I asked Mom how Santa Claus could be in Jordan Marsh, Filenes, Raymonds, F.W. Woolworth, and W.T. Grant at the same time, she came up with the answer, "Santa can't be everywhere at the same time, so he pays look-a-likes to work for him at those other stores. They give the list of names to the real Santa (the Jordan Marsh version), and little boys and girls get what they want delivered on Christmas Eve." We bought it and all was well.

After telling the real Santa what we wanted, we would head upstairs to Santa's Village and visit with Dad. He had a trio that consisted of Danny Covichio on accordion, Charlie Opper on violin and Dad on bass violin. They were dressed like Tyrolean musicians and played seasonal music for the kids. The display was of the North Pole and Santa's workshop. Usually, standing nearby observing the band was Guy Ormandy, the contractor who booked the work. He and Dad were partners for a while, and in my mind, my father was the king of show business.

When it was time to leave, we would head to a restaurant for lunch. While eating, we kids would discuss what Santa was going to bring us and what we were going to leave for him to eat on Christmas Eve. Now, in most American homes, kids would leave chocolate chip cookies and milk for Santa, but we were Italian kids, and knowing how cold it would be riding in an open sleigh, we would decide to leave Santa a glass of red wine and our grandmothers' homemade Christmas cookies.

When we would arrive back home, Mom and Nanna would begin to plan out the Christmas Eve and Christmas day menu. None of my uncles nor Dad would work on Christmas Eve. They would have Jewish musicians cover for them. The favor would be returned when Jewish holidays were at hand. This meant that seven types of fish would be slated to be on the table the evening of December 24th. Babbononno would take care of most of them except the lobsters that Dad would buy and prepare Diablo style with linguini.

On Christmas Day, the musicians in my family

would work in the morning. The jobs were usually charity or in Dad's case, for the military. Dad for years, played on the *USS Vulcan*, an aircraft repair ship that was based in Boston. On Christmas morning, the ship's captain would host a party for the families of his crew and I often accompanied my father. Before we left for the *Vulcan*, I would check out what Santa left me and then get dressed to accompany my father.

Once back home, I could smell the gravy that Nanna had made for Christmas. She would dip a piece of Italian bread in the sauce, sprinkle a bit of grated cheese on top and hand it to me asking me to give her my opinion. To me, my grandmother was the greatest cook in the world. I would tell her that it was a lot better than the turkey and mashed potatoes they served on the ship.

As the afternoon approached, I anticipated the arrival of the family and a chance to play with my new toys before it was time to eat. Soon, the entire family was seated at the dinner table and Babbononno would toast the family, Christmas and the approaching new year. What great memories those simpler gentle days have left me through the years.

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Get ready to "party like its 1989" at the newly opened Beat Hôtel's first annual 1980's Time Warp: New Year's Eve Celebration on December 31st. Guests will be transported back in time to the decade of excitement and thrills from 9:00 pm to 2:30 am when not-your-average '80s cover band SAFETY takes the stage along with special variety show guests including Drag Diva Madge of Honor and the Solid Gold Circus Performers. Executive chef Rebecca Newell will be serving up a delectable buffet of New Year's specials and the expert bar team will pour libations from Hennessy Cognac and Tito's Handmade Vodka and guests can cheers the New Year with champagne from Domaine Chandon and Moët & Chandon.



Boston don't forget our finest New Year's Eve tradition that everyone can share in most spots of the city, the "Fist Night" fireworks. Stay tuned for next week's issue as we highlight as the First Night fun!

(Photo courtesy of blog.claredonsq.com)

This extravaganza for mature adults and grown-up punks will dance all night as SAFETY brings us back to the future and belts out the new wave and dance hits of Blondie, The Smiths, Madonna, Devo, the Go Go's, Talking Heads and Culture Club. All night long Chef Rebecca Newell will be offering a buffet of hors d'oeuvres and desserts served in a cocktail setting including favorites such as crispy tuna spring rolls, smokey chipotle BBQ spare ribs, and grilled artichoke & octopus skewers. To top it all off, guests can toast the evening with one of Beat's large selection of wine on tap, hand-crafted cocktails or champagne from Domaine Chandon and Moët & Chandon.

The Beat Hôtel is located at 13 Brattle Street, Cambridge. Tickets are available online at www.beathotel.com or you can call 617-499-0001 for more information.

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Estate of
CHESTER THOMAS, JR.
Date of Death April 7, 2012
**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Terry R. Thomas of Columbus OH**.

Terry R. Thomas of Columbus OH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Estate of
CHARLES FRANKLIN WENTZ, SR.
Date of Death December 6, 2010
**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Mary Wentz of Bowie, MD**.

Mary Wentz of Bowie, MD has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
EDWARD JOHNSON
Date of Death March 19, 2008

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Martha A. Richards of Newark, NJ.**

Martha A. Richards of Newark, NJ has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Estate of
OLGA ISELA GARCIA
Also Know As
OLGA MUELA
Date of Death April 3, 2012

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Joel Garcia of El Paso, TX.**

Joel Garcia of El Paso, TX has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. **L1025-C7, LOGAN OFFICE CENTER - FIRST AND THIRD FLOOR RENOVATIONS, ONE HARBORSIDE DRIVE, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS,** will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S - Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2014,** immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

Sealed filed sub-bids for the same contract will be received at the same office until 11:00 A.M. local time on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014,** immediately after which, in a designated room, the filed sub-bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: **PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT SUITE 209S – LOGAN OFFICE CENTER, ONE HARBORSIDE DRIVE, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02128 AT 9:00A.M. LOCAL TIME ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2014.**

The work includes **APHASED 8,290 S.F. INTERIOR OFFICE RENOVATION AFFECTING DEPARTMENTS ON TWO FLOORS OF THE LOGAN OFFICE CENTER.**

Bid documents will be made available beginning **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2013.**

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of **GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.**

The estimated contract cost is **EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$860,000.00).**

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract, filed Sub-bidders must submit with their bid a current Sub-bidder Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance and a Sub-bidder Update Statement. The filed Sub-bidder must be certified in the sub-bid category of work for which the Sub-bidder is submitting a bid proposal.

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub-contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44H inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U. S. Secretary of Labor and /or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of **\$1,000,000.** Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

Filed sub-bids will be required and taken on the following classes of work:

HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIRCONDITIONING	\$61,000
PAINTING	\$31,000
ELECTRICAL	\$96,000
ACOUSTICAL TILE	\$34,000
FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEM	\$27,000

The Authority reserves the right to reject any sub-bid of any sub-trade where permitted by Section 44E of the above-referenced General Laws. The right is also reserved to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals and General Bids.

This contract is subject to a Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than **THREE PERCENT (3%)** of the Contract be performed by minority and women owned business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds \$10,000.

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS P. GLYNN
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Boxing



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WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Have a Merry Boxing Christmas

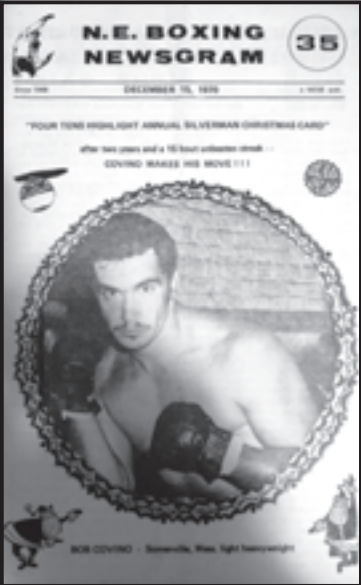


Sonny Liston as Santa.

When I was young I remember asking my father to take me to the fights on Boxing Day. Now, Boxing Day has nothing to do with the fight game. It is a holiday celebrated in the British Isles and is the day after Christmas. The reason I thought it had to do with the sport of boxing was because I had read about Jack Johnson winning the heavyweight title from Tommy Burns on that day. So, loving boxing as much as I did, I thought it very appropriate to have a special day set aside for the sport. Being told it was not a holiday for the sweet science was akin to being told there was no Santa Claus. Though I was never able to attend a fight card on Boxing Day or Christmas day, I did attend some great Christmas boxing shows put on by Boston's legendary promoter Sam Silverman. Incidentally, Sam was born on Christmas day. Maybe that is why he liked to celebrate the holiday by putting on a boxing event.

One of the best cards he promoted was on December 15, 1970. Every bout was terrific with the most outstanding one being the war between Bobby Covino and Larry Carney. Fight fans who were there will never forget this bout. Bobby was the ris-

George Foreman and Joe Frazier decorating a Christmas tree.



Program from fight card I wrote about.

ing star facing the extremely tough and durable veteran in Larry Carney. These two went toe to toe for the entire ten rounds with neither giving an inch. When the final bell sounded Covino was awarded the close decision. Ask any local boxing aficionado, and you will be told that Larry Carney was one of the roughest guys ever to fight in this area. This bout overshadowed what was a spectacular card that included Johnny Coiley defeating Iron



Boxing promoter Sam Silverman.

Mike Pusateri over ten rounds.

After Sam Silverman passed away, the annual Christmas shows ended. Without Sam it has never been the same. He always put on terrific matches.

My good friend and IBRO Director Dan Cuoco tells me that back in the 1930s and 1940s Maine held annual Christmas shows on December 25th. Paul Junior was featured on a number of these cards. Also, on December 25, 1923, Harry Greb defeated Tommy Loughran. Harry Greb also fought on Christmas Day in 1920 defeating Jeff Smith.

In 1963 there was quite an uproar when Sonny Liston appeared in a Santa hat on the cover of *Esquire Magazine*. Sonny had a well earned reputation as a bad guy, and advertisers pulled ads from the magazine over the controversy that ensued after this photo appeared. The ironic thing about this was that even though Sonny had a very shady past, he did spend quite a bit of time visiting sick children in hospitals. The man who instilled fear in his opponents and much of the public had a soft spot in his heart for children. Maybe there was a bit of the Christmas Spirit in him that softened his heart.

I want to wish all my readers a very Merry Christmas. I hope you all will take the gloves off and offer each other a peaceful embrace, share a nice meal, say a few kind words, and reflect on the meaning of this day. Peace to each of you.

Bobby can be reached at bob2boxer@yahoo.com

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Docket No. MI13D4683DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING

ANTONIO S. DE OLIVEIRA
vs.
MIRIAM R. MOURA

To the Defendant: **MIRIAM R. MOURA**
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Desertion.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Roman R. Gumatay, Esquire, 32 Bayfield Road, Wayland, MA 01778** your answer, if any, on or before **January 13, 2014.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 2, 2013.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/20/13

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Docket No. MI13D4133DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING

OMRI BARBOZA
vs.
IVY BARBOZA

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon **Ormi Barboza, 27 Redbud Way, #31, Marlborough, MA 01752** your answer, if any, on or before **January 14, 2014.** If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 3, 2013.

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/20/13



EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani



Boomers Remember The Standells and “Dirty Water” Forever

Recently, I read that Standells lead singer Dick Dodd, who back in 1966 belted out the iconic “Dirty Water” tune that would become the soundtrack along with “Sweet Caroline” by Neil Diamond and of course the Impossible Dream show-tune of Red Sox Nation Post-1967 has passed away at age 68. I have to admit, I forgot his name before I remembered it again.

I was only 18 years old when that group was loving “that dirty water down on the banks of the river Charles ... oh, Boston, you're my home.”

A few months ago we lost George “the Boomer” Scott and now this too.

Lackey Gets Tony C Award

Pitcher John Lackey's successful 2013 season after his horrible 2012 season earned him this year's Tony Conigliaro Award which is given to a player who overcomes adversity through among other things determination and courage by the Conigliaro family. It will be presented to John Lackey at the 75th Boston Baseball Writers Association of America's annual dinner at the Westin Copley Place hotel on January 23rd.

Ellsbury and Salty Gone

Jacoby Ellsbury just signed a 7-year, \$122 million deal



Boston Police Officer Dino Gonzalez, Elderly Affairs A-7 looking like the “Man” in his (ugh) NY Yankees cap. He thinks he's so cool.

with our arch-enemies the NY Yankees. Most Boston fans aren't surprised since he was headed into free agency for a while now. Bottom line today is always SHOW ME THE MONEY whether management or individual players. The old days of team loyalty are gone for good. Is Jacoby at 30 years old worth \$22 million a year? The Yanks must think so and that is what the market says he's worth. Baseball capitalism is like any other kind of capitalism. Players can ask for the money but if teams pay the price that is what the price is. Good luck to the Yankees, they've got a new Johnny

Damon in pinstripes.

Goodbye Saltalamacchia, Hello Pierzynski

Jarred Saltalamacchia, 28, is Miami bound for the Marlins and in his place we will now get 37-year-old A.J. Pierzynski. Salty has yet to live up to his hype going back to coming up with the Atlanta Braves a number of years ago. They say he has great potential but with the Sox, he reminded me of Dick Stuart, a great slugging first baseman but a horrible defensive guy who didn't pick up his nickname “Stonefingers” for nothing.”

His horrible defensive in this year's post-season seem to seal his fate. The new guy AJ coming in looks like a bridge catcher. He's here until one of our young prospects is ready for first sting duties. Pierzynski signed a one year deal for \$8.25 million, considered short money these days.

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Estate of
WYLENE DARDEN

Date of Death February 22, 2012

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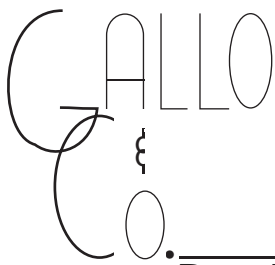
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Tiffany Jordan of Byron, GA.

Billy Grace of Pomona, CA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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Estate of
ANNABELLE LOPEZ

Date of Death January 26, 2010

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ashley Lopez of Alice, TX.

Ashley Lopez of Alice, TX has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
FELTON DORSEY

Date of Death March 23, 2012

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Judy A. Dorsey of Gray, LA.

Judy A. Dorsey of Gray, LA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
ZINA D. MC LEAN

Date of Death April 2, 2009

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Naddious M. Early of Columbus, GA.

Naddious M. Early of Columbus, GA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DIVISION MAKES — As the Detroit Pistons arrived at the Garden to face the Celtics on December 20th, both teams sported identical records of 12-14 for a .462 winning percentage.

But there was a big difference in their respective positions in the divisional standings.

The Celtics were leading the Atlantic Division by one game over Toronto and two games over Brooklyn. On the other hand, the Pistons were in second place in the Central Division, a whopping nine games behind Indiana, which carried the best record in the entire Eastern Conference at 22-4 (.833).

Granted, the Celtics lead was a tentative one since a couple of losses could change things dramatically. But still, who would have thought that Celtics would be anywhere near .500 in the days leading up to Christmas. Certainly not the so-called pundits who wrote off the C's during their training camp days.

Those same individuals have had to adjust their thinking, of course. Now, it's wait until after New Year's. That's when the Green go on an extended road swing of the Western Conference, playing New Orleans, Denver, the L.A. Clippers, Golden State and Portland in a nine-day span starting January 3rd.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by **TODISCO TOWING OF 94 CONDOR STREET, EAST BOSTON, MA** pursuant to the provisions of Mass G.L. c 255, Section 39A that they will sell the following vehicles online **Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** Vehicles are being sold to satisfy their garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notices of sale:

1998 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT
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2005 CHEVY TRAILBLAZER
VIN #1GNDT13S552155335

2003 NISSAN MURANO
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2002 KIA SEDONA
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1998 TOYOTA CAMRY
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2000 CHEVY IMPALA
VIN #2G1WF55EXY9115483

1986 LINCOLN TOWNCAR
VIN #1LNB9P6F1GY738367

The above vehicles will be sold at auction online only at **TOWLOT.COM** and is open to everyone.

Run dates: 12-20-2013, 12-27-2013, 1-3-2014

Every one of those teams except New Orleans had winning records as of December 20th — and even New Orleans was still better than the C's at 11-11 for a .500 mark.

But even if they drop a few out West, the Celtics won't necessarily fall far from the top in the Atlantic. Even last place Philadelphia was only five games back, far from being out of the hunt.

So those looking for a disaster aren't likely to find it. The reality of that road trip is that it is a significant midseason challenge that the Celtics must confront. But once past it, the sailing becomes smoother.

Plus, there is the possibility that the Celtics could pick up some wins on that road trip. Remember, they did beat powerful Miami on the road earlier this season. But however things turn out, the season will be far from over for the C's — who continue to grow as a team as the days go by.

Once written off, they are the ones now writing their own story, with some of the most significant chapters still to be authored in the second half of the season.

OH NO, WE'RE IN BOSTON — While the Hub is known as a tourist destination, not all visitors have fond memories of our fair city.

Take, for instance, the Calgary Flames. When the Flames were beaten 2-0 by the B's on December 17th, it marked their third consecutive shutout loss to the Bruins at the Garden over the years.

The B's also blanked Calgary 5-0 on March 27, 2010 and did it again by a one-sided 9-0 count on January 5, 2012 in two prior visits to Causeway Street by the team from Alberta. In fact, with the three straight shutouts, one has to go back more than seven years to find the last time a Calgary player scored on the B's in the Hub. That would be when Alex Tanguay put one past Hannu Toivonen in the third period of Boston's 3-2 victory on October 19, 2006.

Since the Flames won't play again in Boston until next season, it'll be at least another year until they get a chance to break the shutout streak. However, they have more urgent matters to address, such as trying to extricate themselves from next-to-last place in the Pacific Division of the Western Conference.

If the Flames, under the direction of newly-installed President of Hockey Operations Brian Burke, can somehow improve over the course of the 2014 portion of the schedule, a more positive outlook will result for the team that once called Atlanta home.

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