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Happy New Year

from Pamela Donnaruma
and the Staff of the Post-Gazette

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City of Boston Christmas Tree Collection – Recycling Days in January

The annual City of Boston tree collection will be for two weeks starting on Monday the 4th and ending on Friday the 15th.

- NO PLASTIC BAGS
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- NO TREE STANDS

Neighborhoods with multiple collections will only receive designated collection on their FIRST recycling day.

Thanks for your help in keeping the trees out of the waste stream and adding to the City of Boston's diversion rate.

Remove all ornaments, decorations, and stands from trees and place trees at the curb by 7:00 am on your recycling day.

For the **North End**, recycling days are **Monday, January 4th and 11th**. If



your building puts trash in a dumpster, trees should be placed next to the dumpster for collection. Do not put trees in plastic bags.

Residents of buildings with private trash pickup should check with their landlord or management company.

Remember, the City's "Recycle More" single stream program allows residents to mix all recycling together, including wrapping paper.

If you miss these recycling times, call 617-635-4959 for possible additional date or dates in January.

For more information on tree recycling for other areas of Massachusetts, and indeed nationwide, log on to www.pickyourwownchristmastree.org/disposing.php.

Board of Health Approves Amendments to Tobacco Regulations

*Raises Age to Buy Tobacco and Nicotine Products to 21;
Limits Access to Flavored Tobacco Products*

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently announced that the Boston Board of Health voted to approve amendments to the City of Boston's tobacco regulations which raise the minimum legal age for purchasing tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, from 18 to 21; increase the age for admission to adult-only retail tobacco stores and smoking bars to 21; and streamline existing regulations. Additionally, the amendments will limit the sale of flavored tobacco and nicotine products other than menthol to adult-only retailers. "I am proud to stand with our Board of Health in support of updating Boston's tobacco regulations. It is our responsibility to do what we can to guide our young people and create a healthier future for all Bostonians," said Mayor Walsh. "We know the consequences of tobacco use are real and can be devastating. These changes send a strong message that Boston takes the issue of preventing tobacco addiction seriously, and I hope that message is heard throughout Boston and across the entire country." By raising the minimum legal age for tobacco sales to 21, Boston joins more than 85 other municipalities in Massachusetts, as well as New York City and

Hawaii. The amendments will go into effect in 60 days on February 15, 2016. Previously, Boston's Board of Health has implemented robust tobacco control and prevention measures to address youth smoking, leading to a substantial reduction in youth cigarette use. Among Boston high school students, the rate of cigarette use declined from 15.3 percent in 2005 to 7.9 percent in 2013, and is well below the national average of 15.7 percent. However, use of electronic cigarettes and flavored tobacco products is on the rise, spurring the most recent action by the Board of Health. "I applaud Mayor Walsh for his leadership on this persistent public health issue and for his support of these critically important policy changes that will undoubtedly protect Boston's young people from unnecessary disease and premature death," said Board of Health Chair Dr. Paula Johnson. Nationwide, while only roughly two percent of retail tobacco sales are to individuals aged 18 through 21, as many as 95 percent of adult smokers began smoking before they turned 21, and the ages 18 to 21 are cited as critical years when young people transition from experimenting with tobacco into becoming

regular users. Recognizing the importance of this age group, the tobacco industry has been increasingly targeting youth through pricing, marketing and flavoring. Research shows that instead of smoking cigarettes, Boston's young people are using other tobacco products, including candy, fruit, chocolate or other sweet-flavored cigars, as well as e-cigarettes. A 2013 survey found that the use of inexpensive cigars and cigarillos among youth in Boston had increased to 20 percent. Boston's latest amendments are aimed at preventing teenagers from starting smoking by removing the sources of tobacco products from their social networks. "Despite major gains in reducing the number of adults and youth who smoke cigarettes, smoking is still the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, contributing to more deaths than HIV, illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor vehicle accidents and firearm-related incidents combined, so reducing the number of young people who ever start smoking is the single most important thing we can do to promote long-term health," said Dr. Huy Nguyen, Interim Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission.

News Briefs

by Sal Giaratani

Cruz Blasts Media After Cartoon Aimed at His Kids

Republican Ted Cruz blasted the media and called for the children of all presidential candidates to remain off-limits in campaign coverage after an editorial cartoonist depicted his daughters as an organ grinder's monkeys.

The Pulitzer Prize winner cartoonist Ann Telnas said Cruz had used the girls in a campaign video so she said she was justified in placing them in her cartoon. By the way, the *Washington Post* website quickly removed the offending cartoon. The cartoon showed Cruz dressed in a Santa outfit playing an organ with his two daughters as dancing monkeys in Santa suits, too.

This cartoon reminded me of the 19th century newspaper cartoonist Thomas Nast, who was reportedly the Know Nothing Party's favorite cartoonist for depicting Irish immigrants as monkeys. In later years, other cartoonists often drew Black folk as monkeys, too. Can you image if a right wing cartoonist ever drew an anti-Obama cartoon depicting his two daughters as monkeys? Liberals would be out looking for blood. Offensive cartoons are always offensive. Methinks Ann Telnas needs to read up on Thomas Nast before she draws anymore monkey cartoons.

Which is it?

According to a recent published poll, Americans were asked if they could live in any city in the country, which

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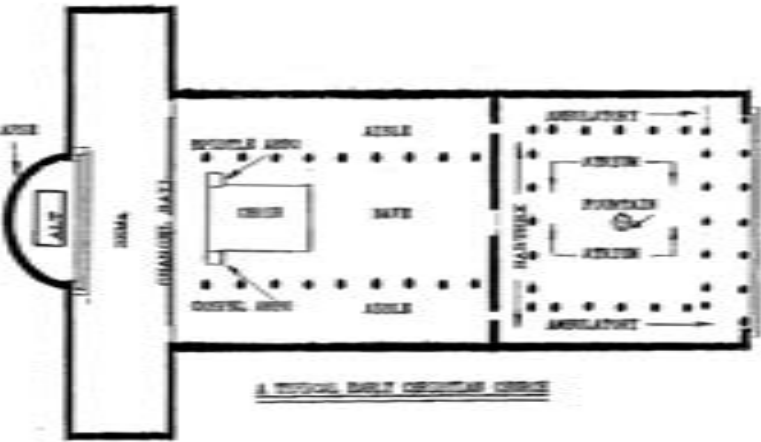
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by Prof. Edmund Turiello

A weekly column highlighting some
of the more interesting aspects of our
ancestry . . . our lineage . . . our roots.



THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH



It is understandable that with the great numbers of persons flocking to the Christian faith, and not being content with second-hand buildings, a crash program of church building was begun. Thirty-one Christian Churches were built in Rome alone. The layout or plan of these churches was influenced by that of the pagan basilica, and these thirty-one were known as basilican-style churches, or simply basilican churches. Most of these original structures have been either remodeled or were destroyed for various reasons. Probably the most famous is "S. Paolo Fuori Le Mura" (St. Paul's Outside of the Walls) in Rome. It was partly destroyed and rebuilt twice, still in use today, and said to be the largest and most impressive church of that era.

The characteristics of Early Christian Churches are: 1. Basilican in plan; 2. a center nave with side aisles; 3. an apse with a decorated semi-dome, raised floor and altar; 4. a cancel rail with triumphal arch above; 5. richly carved and gilded

timber ceilings; 6. a high ceiling over the nave (clearstory) and a low ceiling over the aisles and 7. a colonnaded atrium in front of the church.

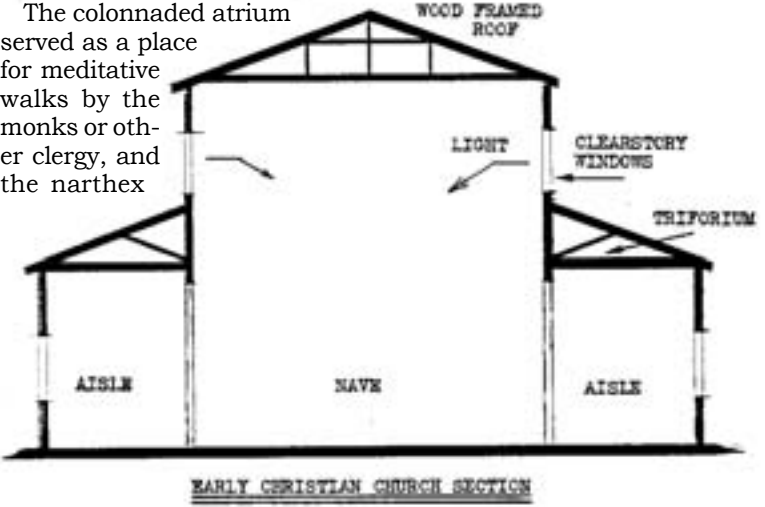
In the center of the atrium they dug a well or erected a fountain where the faithful were required to wash before entering the church. This was the origin of the holy water stoup which stands in the narthex of every Roman Catholic Church today.

The colonnaded atrium served as a place for meditative walks by the monks or other clergy, and the narthex

became a convenient meeting place for the laity. Monks generally occupied the choir section, but as their numbers increased, they were relocated to the ends of bemas. Each of the ambros is the appropriate reading stand for the gospel or epistle. All other areas need no explanation.

This design served the church needs adequately, except that the dry timber roofs were often struck by lightning. The lack of proper fire fighting equipment permitted serious damage to occur to the roof structure or, at times, even the destruction of the entire roof. The next logical step then, was to construct the roofs of stone by building a series of vaults and arches. Inadequate knowledge about arch thrusts caused some sidewalls to spread and roofs to fall. This problem was solved during the Romanesque period which came later.

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Top of the Hub
& Boston Celtics
Team Up to Bring Holiday Cheer



PARTY IN THE SKY — Top of the Hub's Skywalk Observatory hosted players from the Boston Celtics as they brought a touch of holiday cheer to young patients from the Pediatric Specialty Clinic at Boston Medical Center. (Left to right) Top of the Hub's General Manager Peter Papagelis welcomed Celtics Guard Isaiah Thomas and Old Saint Nick to the holiday party along with Celtics players R. J. Hunter, Jonas Jerebko, Jordan Mickey, Kelly Olynyk Jared Sullinger, Evan Turner, "Lucky The Leprechaun" and the Boston Celtics Dancers. The kids, who enjoyed games, gifts, a luncheon buffet and a team sing-along led by Hunter, were transported to the Skywalk courtesy of Santa's helpers at Old Town Trolley Tours of Boston. Face painting was handled by big-hearted volunteer artists from *WHERE Magazine*, with entertainment by the Hearts & Noses Hospital Clown Troupe. Thomas commented, "It's great to have the opportunity to play games with the children and lift their spirits for the holidays."

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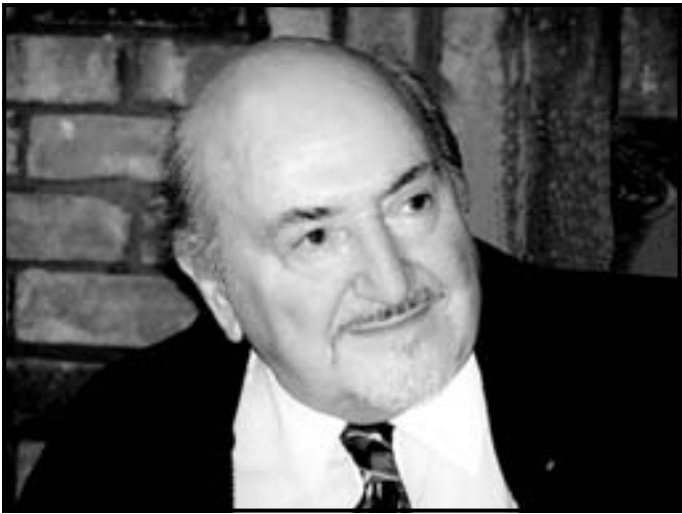
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Christopher R. Zarba

December 29, 1922 - December 21, 2015



Christopher Rudolph Zarba, Sr. of Winthrop, Massachusetts previously of Medford and East Boston, passed away peacefully at home on December 21, 2015, at age 92 from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Zarba was pre-deceased by his devoted wife of 49 years, Catherine "Kitty" De Angelis Zarba, and his loving son Christopher R. Zarba, Jr., who was killed in the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001. Mr. Zarba will be remembered with great love and affection by many extended family members, including his son Joseph and wife Helen Zarba, brothers Joseph and wife Tessie Zarba and Franklin and wife Jeanne Zarba, sister Rina Zarba, and grandchildren Chris, Laura, and Charlotte Zarba.

Born in East Boston to Giuseppe "Joseph" Alfonso Zarba and Elvira Battaglia Zarba, Mr. Zarba was a graduate of the New England Conservatory, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees in music composition in the early 1950s. He also completed graduate work in art history at Boston University in the late 1950s.

A gifted composer and pianist as well as a talented and devoted music educator, Maestro Zarba was the first conductor of the Boston Ballet orchestra. In 1954, he conducted the Boston Pops Orchestra in the premiere of one of his compositions, a symphony entitled "Palm Sunday". His other works include "Sinfonia de Camera", "Ballade for Orchestra", "Trojan Women", and Symphonies I, II, III and IV. His compositions have been performed by orchestras in the United States and Europe.

A sought-after bandleader for such prominent performers as Peggy Lee, Judy Garland, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Vic Damone, Sergio Franchi, and Al Martino, Mr. Zarba served for five years as music director of the Ice Capades at Boston Garden. With his brother Franklin Zarba, singer and bassist, he performed regularly at venues throughout the Boston area, and was well-known for his mastery of a wide range of music styles and genres.

As a music teacher in the Watertown schools for nearly thirty years, spanning the late '50s to the mid-'80s, Mr. Zarba was beloved and admired by countless former students. In 2004, he received the Italian-American Lifetime Achievement Award from the local organization Italia Unita for his many contributions to music. He was also an accomplished and prolific portrait and landscape painter.

An Army Sergeant in World War II stationed in England and Italy, Mr. Zarba served with the 296th Combat Engineers unit in Normandy after D-Day.

Funeral was from the Ernest P. Caggiano & Son Funeral Home in Winthrop, Massachusetts. Mass of Christian Burial was at the Holy Redeemer Church in East Boston, Massachusetts.

Beniamino Martignetti

Beniamino Martignetti, Founder and President of Martignetti Enterprises, Inc. of Woburn and Amesbury, MA, died on Thursday, December 24th, surrounded by his loving family. He was 87 years old.

As difficult as his passing has been, his family finds solace in knowing that he is now resting in peace with family and friends who have passed before him.

Mr. Martignetti is survived by his beloved wife Elena (Iantosca), his children Micheline Mawn and her husband, J. Lawrence of Medford, Alessandro Martignetti and his wife Kelly of Topsfield, Carmine Martignetti of Medford, Anthony Martignetti of Medford, Rosemarie Hayes and her husband Roscoe of Austria, Beniamino Martignetti, Jr. and his wife Maria of Chelmsford, and Paul Martignetti of Boston. Cherished grandfather of Maya, Kayla and Cianna Martignetti, Benjamin and James Mawn, and Beniamino Martignetti III. Loving brother of Antonio Martignetti and his wife Adelaide of Revere, Emanuella Martignetti and her late husband Ferdinando of Montreal, Lucia Musto and her late husband Biagio of Montreal, Suor Andonetta Martignetti of Rome, Italy, the late Ferdinando Martignetti and his wife Angela of NY, the late Felice Martignetti and his wife Palmina of Italy, the late Alessandro Martignetti and his wife Antonietta of Italy. Dear brother-in-law of Flora Fina and her husband Gaetano of Medford, Suor Angela Iantosca of Italy, Maria Musto and her husband Giacomo of Italy, Ugo Iantosca and his wife Ortenzia, and the late Joseph Iantosca of Braintree. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Born in 1928, Mr. Martignetti emigrated from the town of Montefalcione, Italy, in



1956 and established what was once one of the largest non-union masonry companies in Greater Boston. Mr. Martignetti employed several hundred employees over the years, many from his hometown in Italy. He was always willing to give people an opportunity to prove themselves.

Mr. Martignetti was an extremely generous man. The generosity he expressed with his time and money matched his generosity of spirit. In addition to sponsoring many children and adult sports teams, he sponsored a little league team in West Medford

since the early 1970's. He also generously supported many Catholic churches and his children's schools. Mr. Martignetti established the annual Martignetti Family Charity Bocce Tournament, which raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities including St. Jude's Children Hospital, The Jimmy Fund, the Joey Fund and McLean Hospital's Alzheimer's Unit in honor of his wife.

He was a man of great faith, integrity, hard work and determination. He highly valued family, traditions and the freedom and peace we enjoy in America. He passed on these values to his devoted children and grandchildren, all of who dearly loved, appreciated and respected him. Throughout his life, he was always proud of his Italian heritage, but he was just as proud to be an American.

Funeral was held at the Lynch-Cantillon Funeral Home, Woburn, MA, on Thursday, December 31st, followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Medford, MA. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Saint Leonard's Church (Building Fund), 320 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113.

— May He Rest in Peace —

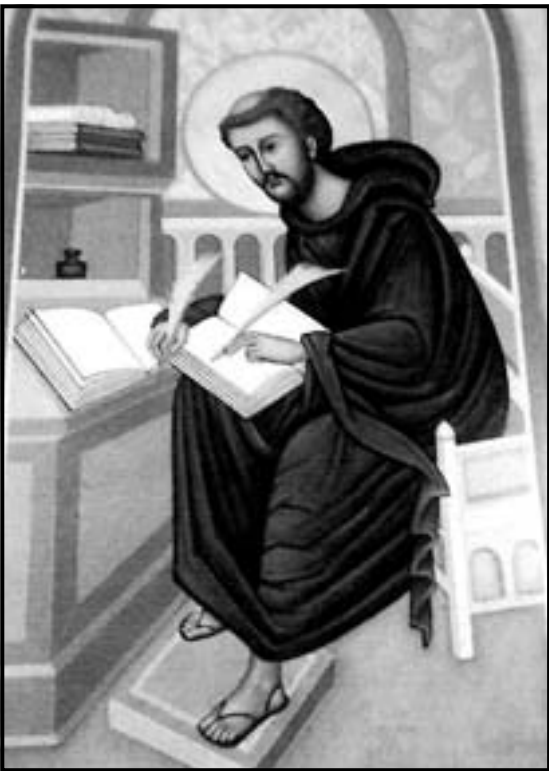
Saint Bede the Venerable

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari

Bede was born in the year 672 at Jarrow, England, around the time when England was completely Christianized. Bede was sent to the monastery of Saint Peter and Saint Paul at Wearmouth and Jarrow in Northumbria at the age of seven where he spent the rest of his life as a Benedictine monk. Bede became the student of the founder of the abbey, Saint Benedict Biscop. He was ordained in 702 by Saint John of Beverley.

Both a teacher and author, Bede wrote about history, rhetoric, mathematics, music, astronomy, poetry, grammar and philosophy in his years as a monk. He was well known for his Bible commentaries that were in heavy demand on the continent.

He was also known as the most learned man of his time, the first man to write scholarly works in the English language. Unfortunately, only fragments of his English writings have survived. He translated the Gospel of John into Old English, completing the work on the very day of his death. He also wrote extensively in Latin. He wrote commentaries



on the Pentateuch and other portions of Holy Scripture. The central theme of Bede's Historia Ecclesiastica, his best known work, is of the Church using the power of its spiritual, doctrinal, and cultural unity to stamp out violence and barbarism. Our knowledge of England before the 8th century is mainly the result of Bede's writing. Bede was careful to sort fact from fiction, and to tell us his sources of information. He also wrote

hymns and other verse, the first martyrology with historical notes, letters and homilies, works on grammar, chronology and astronomy. He was aware that the earth is a sphere, was the first historian to date events Anno Domini, and the earliest known writer to state that the solar year is not exactly 365 and a quarter days long, so that the Julian calendar requires some adjusting (one leap year every four years) if the months are not to get out of step with the seasons.

Bede's works are well written and researched, subtle and complex. Some attempt was made to promote his cult after he passed away in the year 735, but Viking raids caused his monastery and Jarrow to be abandoned in the year 800. Remains claimed to be Bede's were discovered in the eleventh century and moved to Durham cathedral, where they remain. Bede was recognized as a doctor of the church by Pope Leo XIII in 1899. Saint Bede's feast day is celebrated on May 25th. He is the Patron Saint of English writers and historians.

L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Here Comes La Befana!

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

For a lot of people, the Christmas season is already essentially over. The ornaments and tinsels make their way back to dusty boxes in the back of the closet. Stale leftovers and crumbs whisper of great feasts the week before. However, according to old folklore, we are still in the midst of the Christmas season! Christmas lasts for twelve days, the last of which is the feast of the Epiphany, occurring on January 6th. In Italy, the Epiphany, or la Epifania, is an important holiday with traditions that rival those of Christmas itself. An ancient holiday, the Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Three Magi to the Baby Jesus. On the eve of the festival, Italian children go to sleep eagerly awaiting the arrival of La Befana, the most famous gift-bringer in the country. In addition to La Befana, the Epiphany also heralds the beginning of the Carnival season, with all of its exciting promises of spring. From friendly witches to plain tomfoolery, the Epiphany is a holiday brimming with fascinating traditions.

Italian children nowadays do receive presents from Santa Claus, known as Babbo Natale, on Christmas. However, La Befana has also retained her importance and folkloristic status as Italy's most characteristic holiday gift-bringer. So who exactly is this mysterious figure? La Befana, whose name derives from a corruption of the word "Epifania," is a fairy-witch who, like Santa Claus, delivers presents to good children and coal to their misbehaving counterparts. She is depicted as an old woman in raggedy clothes who rides a broom. A famous legend connects La Befana to the Biblical significance of the Epiphany. According to this folk tale, La Befana was cleaning her house when the Three Magi approached her, asking her to accompany them on their way to greet Baby Jesus. At first, La Befana declined, saying that she was too busy cleaning her home. She later changed her



mind, though, and hopped on her broom, flying through the sky to join the Magi. Unfortunately, she never did find them, so today she still zips around on her broom trying to locate the Baby Jesus, leaving presents for children along the way. When I was young, La Befana used to frighten me, as her haggard nature formed a sharp contrast to the jolly and rotund Santa Claus. This was heightened by a haunting Italian melody my grandmother sang, which intoned: "La Befana vien di note/Con la scarpe tutte rotte/Col vestito a la Romana/Viva, viva la Befana!" (Translation: "La Befana comes at night/With her shoes all broken/Dressed in the Roman style/Viva, viva la Befana!"). However, I now love La Befana for her symbolism of feminine strength. A lot of scholars believe that La Befana is derived from old folk goddesses who guarded over the transition from winter to spring, which intensifies her power.

Indeed, the Epiphany does serve as a sort of milestone in counting down the coming of spring. The winter solstice has already passed, and the sun remains in the sky for a longer time. I can already sense the lengthening of days in the deep blue skies and golden twilight of these midwinter evenings. Though we can still expect cold and snow in the coming months, the promise of springtime has already manifested. The Epiphany ends the Christ-

mas season, as evident in the Italian rhyme which proclaims: "La Epifania tutte le feste le porta via" ("Epiphany sweeps all the feasts away"). However, the Epiphany does begin another season, that of Carnival. Carnival is a precursor to Lent and Easter, and it stretches from the Epiphany to Mardi Gras, or the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. As such, it functions as a sort of spring festival, a preparation for the still long-off feast of Easter. Around the world, people start baking their King Cakes on Twelfth Night, or the eve of the Epiphany. King Cakes are special breads made especially for Epiphany and the Carnival season, with recipes that vary worldwide. In France, King Cakes have a flaky crust and an almond frangipane filling. Louisiana-style King Cakes are ring-shaped, with a colorful topping and a cinnamon-sugar swirl. I make this type of King Cake every Twelfth Night, replete with purple, green and yellow sprinkles in traditional Carnival colors. The shape recalls both the crowns of the Three Kings and the growing sun. True to folk custom, I hide a chickpea in the cake – whoever finds it in his or her slice gets good luck in the coming year. Let the revelry of Carnival begin!

The Twelve Days of Christmas may soon be coming to a close, but that does not mean that the festivities have to end. The Epiphany provides us with many opportunities to celebrate. We can honor the arrival of La Befana, the magical Italian witch who brings presents to children, who symbolizes the ancient strength that women have long possessed, and the constant turning of the seasons. We can celebrate the beginning of Carnival, the extended welcome to spring and the time of laughter and color. As the Christmas festivities give way to fresh new January days, keep in mind that as long as we keep a childlike wonder inside of ourselves and a belief in the magic of Mother Earth, we will also have reasons for feasting and rejoicing!

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THINKING OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani



Thanks for the Memories



As a baby boomer growing up in the '50s and '60s, I remember being a great fan of cop shows on television. As a little kid, I remembered loving *Dragnet*, *Naked City*, and *The Lineup*. During the early '70s, I loved watching *Police Story*, which was inspired by Joseph Wambaugh, a former cop himself.

What was forgotten in that great piece on the death of Martin Milner and the TV cop show *Adam-12* was that the inspiration behind it was Jack Webb, Sgt. Joe Friday himself. In fact, *Adam-12* began as *Dragnet* went off the airwaves. Jack Webb was a great TV actor and producer, and he was a perfectionist when it came to portraying police detectives or uniformed police officers. Also, lately I have been watching old episodes of *Emergency*, another attempt by Webb to show what a real fire fighter does and how important all of our public safety folks are and how we couldn't be safe without them.

I don't know if Jack Webb's TV shows helped me become a police officer, but I do know after retiring as a police officer in 2013 after over 27 years on the job, I now watch today's cop shows with a very critical eye. Most of these TV shows on the air today hardly seem real the way Jack Webb made them seem.

I always keep my cool and humor. Now however, when I watch old repeats of *Adam-12*, I identify with Pete Malloy and not the younger Jim Reed like back in the day.

Thanks for the memories and thanks to a great actor like Martin Milner, a.k.a. Pete Malloy.

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Sons of Italy Figlia D'Italia Lodge Christmas Party



Sons of Italy Figlia D'Italia Lodge, Saugus, MA, held its Christmas Party on Friday, December 11, 2015, at the Continental Restaurant in Saugus, MA. L-R: Jill Giuliano, Figlia D'Italia Lodge President Janis M. Stanziani, State First Lady Maryann Sistito, State President Anthony Sistito, State First Vice President Denise Furnari, Ginger Garrett, and Laura Tully.

West End Lights Up Once Again

On Saturday, December 12th, the West End hosted its 20th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Richard Cardinal J. Cushing Memorial Park, 1 Bowdoin Square, in memory and honor of his Eminence, Richard Cardinal J. Cushing, Domenic D'Amboise, and Bishop Emeritus Joseph Maguire.

The tree was blessed by Reverend Joseph M. White of St. Joseph's Church, West End, with Ray Flynn, former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican and Mayor of Boston, and the United States Coast Guard Color Guard.

The choirs of Sweet Harmony, Hyde Park, MA, Cardinal Cushing Centers Choir, Hanover, MA, Friends of the St. Joseph's Choir, West End, and the Eastwood Productions Duo provided music. The packed audience also enjoyed a visit from Santa!

Ray Flynn paid tribute to the honorees:

This was vintage West End as many said Saturday night. Newcomers and old-timers were on hand for the Christmas tree lighting. Without question, the Christmas Tree Lighting and party was one of the nicest and holiest events that I have ever attended. The singing was amazing and the audience response was profound. Being introduced by Fr. Joseph White just minutes before the official Christmas Tree Lighting, I delivered the following comments.

At the outset, let us all be reminded that this park is named in honor of one of Boston's most respected son's and one of America's leading religious voices ever. Richard Cardinal Cushing fought successfully longer and more effectively for social, economic and religious justice than anyone.

Tonight we remember and honor two respected and dedicated Bostonians who served in their respective professions with compassion and dedication.



West End 20th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Cardinal J. Cushing Memorial Park, Jim Nelson, Ray Flynn, Norman Herr, Kathy Flynn, and Braeden.

Both Bishop Joseph Maguire and Domenic D'Ambrosio were men who faithfully served the Church and people of Boston to the best of their ability. They truly made a big difference in helping many people and those of us who knew them, deeply admired them. Joe Maguire was an outstanding student-athlete who later studied for the priesthood. He served Boston's Cardinal Richard Cushing as his secretary and later was appointed Bishop of Boston and Springfield by the Pope. My 8-year-old special needs grandson Braeden, Steve Marcus and I visited him in his Springfield rectory shortly before he died. When Braeden saw that the Bishop was holding rosary beads, Braeden kissed Christ on the cross and put his arms around the frail Bishop. Joe smiled as tears rolled down his cheeks.

Dominick was a dedicated and caring member of my administration who organized important special civic celebrations and events, including athletic celebrations with a million spectators, movie productions, visits to our city by presidents and kings to organizing big parades. He was a North End

loyalist and a hard-working worker for candidate for Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. Tonight, we honor two of Boston's finest and in this special Cardinal Cushing Park which makes this Christmas tree lighting very special. We thank Norman Herr, for organizing this special Christmas event each year and we also thank Fr. Joseph White, the new pastor of St. Joseph's Church, for being with us. It is people like Norman Herr who remind us of our values and traditions on which our nation was founded.

In closing, Cardinal Cushing, Bishop Maguire and Domenic D'Ambrosio had something else very much in common. They understood the important role of government and they were people of hope. In this deeply troubled, divided world this Christmas, let us pray to The Prince of Peace to help to show us the way once again to a safer, more civil world.

"This was the old West End we grew up in, but urban renewal drove us out," one old neighbor said.

Ray Flynn is the former Mayor of Boston and U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican.

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North End Against Drugs BINGO FUNDRAISER

North End Against Drugs will be holding its annual **BINGO FUNDRAISER on Sunday, January 31st**, beginning at 2:00 pm at the Nazzaro Center. Doors open at 1:00 pm. Mark your calendars!

Please reserve your spots in advance, space is limited. Players must be 18 or older. There will be raffles for scratch tickets, a coffee basket, and more.

Prizes with a value of \$50 or more will be awarded for each game; there will be NO CASH prizes awarded. All Proceeds will go to support North End Against Drugs Youth Programs!

We will have free popcorn, coffee, soft drinks and desserts for all players.

NOTE FOR FOOTBALL FANS — this is the off week before the Super Bowl, so there are no NFL PLAYOFF GAMES THIS SUNDAY!!

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ALL THAT ZAZZ

by Mary N. DiZazzo



Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

Ringing out the old year, and heralding in the new! As Americans, we pledge to the Red, White and Blue. With that being said, let's move ahead ... Obama continues to deny terror threats against the United States, and won't bring himself to believe ISIS will destroy us if we haven't the intelligence to destroy them first. The fool welcomes refugees without proper screening and doesn't believe Islamic mosques are preaching hate. As Rick Santorum says, "Not all Muslims are terrorists, however, all jihadists are Muslims" ... Term to get rid of "POLITICAL CORRECTNESS" ... *Unstoppable*: Donald Trump commands the lead and continues to deliver in the national polls, despite FOX News, Megan Kelley, the liberal news media, and his own party trying their best to get rid of him ... *Prediction*: East Boston, will vote Trump! ... *Fact*: Non-stop-housing development by non-profit agencies soared in 2015. But not without concern by the working-class that the building surge will not become all low-income subsidized housing!!! ...

2015 brought law enforcement under fire with negative media coverage! ... *Warning*: Racial riots in America by non-working troublemakers will take its toll on the taxpayers, and destroy the economy ... *Obama Changes*: The spineless jellyfish president has put American lives at risk, by reducing our military, opening borders and closing Guantanamo Bay prison!!! ... In East Boston, two elected officials vacated their seats: State Rep. Carlo Basile went with Governor Charlie Baker (Adrian Madaro new Rep.) and State Senator Anthony Petrucci, who will leave his constituency to go into private industry ... *Sore loser of the year*: Former Mayor Dan Rizzo of Revere, who refuses to believe he lost the election to Brian Arrigo. When Rizzo asked for a recount, the Election Committee took no action, so it became a no vote! So Rizzo took it upon himself and proceeded to file in court for a recount on December 11th. (Rizzo lost his seat by 117 points.) Who's paying for court expenses??? The taxpayers, of course. If Rizzo loses in court, whispers are he intends to run for Petrucci's

seat. *Prediction*: Dan Rizzo will go back to the private sector! ... *Prediction*: Jessica Giannino, who tops the ticket in Revere every year with an abundance of support, has a great shot of winning the senate seat! ... *Classiest Building Built in East Boston*: The Seville Theater development site on Border Street after completion ... *2015 Most Generous Small Businessman*: Joe Young, Elite Donut ... *Long Standing Successful Non-Profit Agency for Over 20 Years*: Al Caldarelli, executive director, Community Development Corp. ... *Restaurants that Continue to Maintain Quality Food*: Ecco's Restaurant, Santarpio's, Kelly's Pub, and Rino's Place ... *Oldest and Respected Community Activist Still Serving East Boston*: Buddy Mangini ... *Most Meticulously Dressed Former State Representative*: Gus Serra ... *Shock of the Year*: the transgender change from Bruce Jenner to Caitlyn Jenner... *Disgusting Man of the Year*: Bill Cosby ... *Most Controversial Man of the Year*: Donald Trump ... *Worse Movie of the Year*: *Black Mass* ... Have a Happy and Healthy New Year ... *Till next time!*

Ciao Bella,

Resolutions!! What resolutions?? Every day should be a resolution to do five, if not more, good things every day. Walk around with a smile because it doesn't cost a red cent! Live a fulfilled life by appreciating all the things you have and not dwelling on the things you want. Cross off a "to-do" on your Bucket List and do it memorably with style. Thank God for the blessings you have. Choose friends wisely, for envy is an evil clock. Today is the the last day of the rest of your life. There are no second chances.

nore the loud and boisterous. Live, love and laugh every day is what I preach. My Dad used to say, "The best is yet to come." The best is also now and what we make of it. Don't look back on yesterday; today and tomorrow are fresh beginnings waiting to be relished. No what-ifs or "should" (I should be able to do this or that) thinking! Always do the best you can. And just knowing you did your best will bring sweet dreams and your beauty will shine through!

May all your wishes come true in 2016!

Treat life with grace and ig-

— Mary DiZazzo-Trumbull

Read prior weeks' "All That Zazz" columns at www.allthatzazz.com. Mary is a third-generation cosmetologist and a Massachusetts distributor of Kosmea brand rose hip oil products. She may be contacted at (978) 470-8183 or mary@mary4nails.com.

Billy Costa to Host The 20th Taste of Eastie

East Boston Main Streets proudly presents the 20th Annual Taste of Eastie on Thursday, January 28, 2016 from 6:00-9:00 pm. Billy Costa will serve as the MC for this very special evening highlighting Eastie's amazing restaurants.

Food and fun highlight this wonderful evening, including raffles and auctions. Over 30 local food merchants will showcase their delicious cuisine, including tastes from South and Central America, the Mediterranean, China, the Middle East, and Italy.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://tasteofeastie2015.eventbrite.com> or in person at MP&CO at 146 Maverick Street, the Main Streets office at 154 Maverick Street, or at the Maverick Market Cafe at 154 Maverick Street.

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THOUGHTS BY DAN ABOUT THIS & THAT

with Daniel A. DiCenso

MARGARET THATCHER

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AN IRON LADY EITEHR WAY



Margaret Thatcher, an object of criticism, but still a source of English pride.

It's not hard to see why so many disliked Margaret Thatcher. She was stubborn, a little too headstrong, and unreasonably hung on to obsolete principles. This put Great Britain through a war widely considered unnecessary over territory, the Falkland Islands, that were of no use to the country, either for resources or land space.

On the other hand, it's clear why many liked her for many of those same traits. She was, to many, the last stronghold of a dying civilization, with a Victorian sense of pride in queen and country; a woman who acted on principle rather than technicalities. She shaped England into the bygone land so many remembered fondly and who had mourned its passing.

While admiring her courage, though, one can reasonably see how her unbending determination cost the country millions and wasted a number of lives. Her stubborn demeanor did not make her a popular prime minister, but it took an iron heart to stand up to some of the most powerful men in her time. She was unquestionably obtuse and short-sighted, but her devotion to country is worthy of admiration.

Thatcher herself would have been surprised that becoming England's longest standing prime minister was in her future. Born to working-class parents in a flat above their grocery store, Thatcher came from humble origins, but from a young age seemed determined to make something of herself. By 1947, she had graduated from Oxford with a degree in chemistry but an eye on politics. While at Oxford, she made a name for herself as president of the university's Conservative Association, impressing England's Conservative Party. At the age of 24, she became the youngest candidate in the House of Commons for the election of 1950. She lost in 1950, again in 1951, but finally won a seat in Parliament in 1959.

Her first move was, in hindsight, a miscalculation, and did her no favors. In 1970, she served as a secretary of education and, as part of her party's campaign to cut excessive spending, she terminated a free milk program for students aged 7 to 11. The repercussions came almost immediately, and this became something of a

shameful blot in her legacy. As anyone in politics can attest, names stick and "Thatcher the Milk Snatcher" or, as the Sun dubbed her, "The Most Unpopular Woman in Britain, did not go away.

Not that Thatcher had much hope for her future in politics at that time. "There will not be a woman prime minister in my lifetime. The male population is too prejudiced," she told the Finchley Press.

But she was wrong. In 1975, she succeeded Edward Heath as leader of the Conservative Party, the first woman in British history to take that seat. Still, she feared the election of 1979, going through excessive training with vocal coaches and stage-trained actors. Thatcher went on to win the election of 1979, which set off a string of electoral victories in 1983 and again in 1987. She resigned in 1990 and her legacy today continues to polarize Britons.

She quickly regained public acceptance for her strong anti-communist speech delivered in 1976, which undoubtedly boosted her chance of winning in 1979.

England in Thatcher's time was caught in a strange no man's land between the wild days of swinging London and a new resurgence of conservative politics. A spike in juvenile delinquency, especially in London, certainly created a longing for the values of early 20th century Britain, a nation priding itself in honor and legacy. Thatcher became an emblem for the return to a civilized society, representing everything the older generation that lived during the blitz cherished and everything the younger generation despised.

To a degree, the disdain was justifiable and it's not hard to see why Margaret Thatcher was seen as a regressive force after class equality victories. On the other hand, the Thatcher years saw a rise in juvenile delinquency and a new skinhead culture appeared in England. Thatcher's tactics, however, were not the reactionary punches both her detractors and defenders seem to remember. Rather, her approach aimed for the root of the problem, upbringing, and she put an emphasis on custody. As a result, the number of youth incarcerated fell sharply during her years.

The true blot on Margaret Thatcher's legacy, though, is the war against Argentina over the Falkland Islands, a territory that Great Britain had long ago lost interest in.

In 1982, the military junta of Argentina launched an invasion of the Islands. Within three days, on the 5th of April, Thatcher authorized a naval task force to reclaim the Islands in the name of Britain. The culmination of this was the torpedoing of the Argentinian cruise ship *General Belgrano* by Britain's HMS *Conqueror* on May 2nd. This resulted in the death of nearly 650 Argentinian soldiers, and was the leading



Thatcher in her favorite color, blue.

cause of Argentina's surrender on June 14th. Statistically, it was a victory for Great Britain. Britain lost 255 soldiers and three Falkland Islanders also perished. In some way, this solidified Margaret Thatcher's position and the Conservative Party rode the tails of the war to victory in England. But was it really worth it and could lives have been spared had Thatcher left the conflict in the hands of the Falkland Island government? Jorge Luis Borges, the famous poet, comically referred to the war as a battle between two bald men over a comb. The next few years saw a strong anti-English sentiment grow in Argentina, as the country suffered more of a bruised ego than the loss of land. By 1989, the two countries patched up relations with a joint statement issued in Spain.

The need for the Falkland War seems less and less apparent with each passing year, especially in Great Britain. On the other hand, Margaret Thatcher's reputation as a fearless patriot has spread to even the more central members of the Labour Party. Her death in 2013 was met with widespread sadness, though there were critical retrospectives of her policies and their later implications. But such is the way for complicated icons. A flawless hero intrigues less than an enigmatic champion. There were many things to give pause about Margaret Thatcher, but none can deny her courage and conviction. Neither can one deny her love of country and determination to rise from her working-class roots. If for nothing else, she is something of a role model in that respect.

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Puleo Wine Tasting at Piccolo Nido



L-R: Vinny Bono, Davide Puleo and Pino Irano

Recently, Pino Irano hosted a wine tasting for Puleo Winery (Sciaccia, Italy) at his North End restaurant, Piccolo Nido, for about 50 people. Davide Puleo, who is delighted to be bringing his wines to the U.S. for the first time this year, was on hand to present two of his best Sicilian wines, accompanied by Irano's fine Italian cuisine. Puleo's white offering, De Chiaro Grillo 2013, was a silver medal winner at Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2015, one of the premier international wine contests. The red, a Nero D'Avola, was named one of the top wines of 2015 at the Boston Wine Expo last spring along with the Grillo. The wine



was paired with an appetizer of prosciutto, tomato and cheese; fusilli with marinara sauce; chicken and veal; plus vegetable, potato, and dessert. A luncheon wine tasting event was held at Dolce Vita on Hanover Street.

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**STAR WARS:
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Walt Disney Records**

Composer John Williams' music is synonymous with the movie title *Star Wars* — and it is with good reason. Williams' iconic music is the force that will guide you through the legendary battle of light and dark, ultimately immersing you into the worlds, characters and story of *Star Wars*. It is his music that lingers in your mind long after the movie is over. Episode VII will burn into our minds as deep as the previous six have, but we now have 23 more tracks, with over an hour of content, by the master to enjoy. Williams was able to create a soundtrack that serves to enhance the character or theme of the film at the most appropriate times. The themes build nicely when they should, but at the same time they do nothing that would take away from the storyline. Enjoy the highs and lows of tracks that are poignant, and the ecstatic crescendos that explode in your ears. The bottom line is that for the sixteen years of making *Star Wars* music, Williams knows when to soar — and when to glide. Excellent album to listen to again and again!

**THE MUSIC OF NASHVILLE:
ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK
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The success of the hit ABC TV drama *Nashville* has spawned a new 17-song soundtrack album *The Music of Nashville*, Season 4, Volume 1. Highlight tracks performed by the show's stars that bring back many memories include Charles Esten setting the tone with his solo performance, "Like New," followed by Lennon Stella's "Beyond the Sun," the pretty "Too Far From You" (Aubrey Peeples), Hayden Panettiere's duet with Steven Tyler on Patsy Cline's hit "Crazy," and "Sleep Tonight," a lullaby sung by Chris Carmack and Jonathan Jackson. Other solo efforts include "Run With Me" (Carmack), the pleading "Speak to Me" (Clare Bowen), the tender "History of My Heart" (Jackson), the rocking "What If It's You" (Panettiere), the love promise "Count On Me" (Sam Palladio), and Chaley Rose's spiritual gem "Take My Hand Precious Lord." Add in combo beauties such as "Plenty Far to Fall" (Bowen and Palladio), a dynamite duet with Connie Britton and Riley Smith performing "I Want To (Do Everything For You)," and Lennon and Maisy Stella delivering the haunting "Rockin' & Rollin'," and you have many memories to treasure. Great TV show with a soundtrack to match!

**THE LADY IN THE VAN:
MOTION PICTURE
SOUNDTRACK
Sony Music**

George Fenton is one of Hollywood's most successful composers, having written scores for over 100 films following his transition from television to film scoring. His start in 1982 with the film *Gandhi*, featured a collaboration with Ravi Shankar

for which he was nominated for the Academy Award's Original Music Score. It didn't end there for Fenton, as he followed with four more nominations. He also wrote scores for these iconic films: *The Fisher King*, *Dangerous Liaisons*, *Cry Freedom*, *Groundhog Day* and *You've Got Mail*. For the British drama *The Lady in the Van*, Fenton created a score for a story about someone he knows in the film, Alan Bennett (Alex Jennings), and someone he met, Maggie Smith (Mary Shepherd). Bonus cuts among the 23-cut soundtrack of Fenton scores are classical pieces by Franz Schubert and Frederic Chopin.

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THE FLASH: SEASON 1
– ORIGINAL TELEVISION
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Definitely a pair that could beat a full house (music-wise). La-La Land Records has released two television soundtracks composed by Blake Neely, both in limited edition 2-disc sets. Neely explained that his life changed dramatically when Barry Allen (aka The Flash) came on the scene in Episode 208, and sent him in a new musical direction, one that would launch a new TV series that connected him with thousands more die-hard fans on Twitter and millions more fans worldwide. Neely further stated, "The episodes were so successful that we immediately released a soundtrack. Included on both soundtracks are second discs containing music from Part 1 and Part 2 of the crossover, along with additional bonus tracks from the respective series." Neely is also scoring *Supergirl* and NBC's *Blindspot*, in addition to his recent documentary work with CNN's highly acclaimed *The Sixties* and *The Seventies*, and HBO Documentary Film's *The Case Against 8*.

**THE WIZ 'LIVE' -
SOUNDTRACK OF NBC
TELEVISION EVENT
Sony Masterworks**

The Wiz LIVE! is adapted from *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum, with a book by William F. Brown, and music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls. An exciting soundtrack that includes well-known hits "Ease on Down the Road," "A Brand New Day," and "Home," plus the new song "We Got It." The latter was performed in the broadcast by cast members Ne-Yo and Elijah Kelley, along with Shanice Williams, David Alan Grier and The Wiz ensemble. *The Wiz LIVE!* was broadcast twice in December (3rd & 19th), with an all-star cast featuring Queen Latifah (The Wiz), Williams (Dorothy), Mary J. Blige (Evillene), Grier (Cowardly Lion), Ne-Yo (Tin Man), Kelley (Scarecrow), Uzo Aduba (Glinda), Amber Riley (Addaperle), Common (Bouncer), Stephanie Mills (Aunt Em), and Cirque du Soleil.

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



Tiffany Liu is the newest employee over at IMEX Cargo Company on McClellan Highway in East Boston. The company is owned and operated by Michelle DeFronzo of Revere, who is also an East Boston native.

**SAY HELLO TO
BABY PAISLEY**

Michael, Lindsay, and big sis Violet Sulprizio are thrilled to announce the birth of Paisley Bree Sulprizio, who arrived a few weeks ago at seven pounds one ounce at Mass. General. Maternal grandparents are Frank and Linda Matalaro of Winthrop and paternal grandparents are Stephen and Pauline Sulprizio of Saugus. And we can't forget to mention Great Grandpa Bernard Sulprizio from Chelsea.

**"COPS" GO BIG TIME
IN CHELSEA**

All those *COPS* fans out there must have been glued to their couches on Saturday night when the long awaited episode of *COPS* premiered on Spike TV. The film crew followed the Chelsea P.D. for several weeks last summer, filming the ins and outs of police work in the

City of Chelsea. The crew also filmed in nearby Revere and Lynn. The episode was entitled, "One in the Bush." OMG, when will they stop blaming Bush for everything, huh?

**TASTE OF EASTIE
JAUARY 28TH**

Once again, it is almost time for tasting some great Eastie foods. The 20th annual Taste of Eastie will once again be held at the Hilton Boston Logan Airport Hotel. This year, according to East Boston's Main Streets Executive Director Max Gruner, the event will be hosted by local radio personality and self proclaimed foodie, Billy Costa. The event will take place on January 28th from 6:00 pm until 9:00pm. Be there or stay hungry.

**GOVE STREET
ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The December 28th meeting of the Gove Street Citizens Association was held in a packed room at the Logan Rental Car Center at 15 Transportation Way. A number of neighborhood items were discussed, including the Maverick Shipyard Apartments project, the Loftel Hotel on Porter Street, and plans for the Mt. Carmel Church site. All meetings are held at the Logan Rental Center on the last Monday of each month. Parking is available and it is a short walk from the Embassy Suites Hotel.

**MEANWHILE, OVER IN
ORIENT HEIGHTS**

The next meeting of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council will be held on Monday, January 11th at 6:30 pm at the YMCA located at 59 Ashley Street.

BE THE CHANGE

The City of Quincy now has a brand new school committee member in James DeAmicis who got himself elected at age 19. He is the youngest elected official in Quincy's history. He graduated from Quincy High



I recently bumped into Rob Bulla, a great DJ/MC from East Boston. He's my pal and I have seen him work twice recently at a political function in Dorchester and then closer to home at the Hyatt at Logan for a Christmas party.

School last June. His election shows that you can do almost anything, but you have to try. He did, and found himself with a great campaign victory. Congrats to DeAmicis. Never stop reaching for your dream, whatever that is. Don't let age or anything else convince you otherwise.

PROSPERITY AWARDS GALA

The Board of Directors of the East Boston Chamber of Commerce has set the date for the 2nd Annual Prosperity Awards Gala. The event will take place on Friday, January 22nd, in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Boston Harbor Hotel. M.C. for the evening will be WMEX 1510am radio host Michele McPhee of East Boston.

For more information or tickets, contact info@eastboston-chamber.org or call 617-569-5000.

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would they choose? Number one was New York City. And when asked which city would you least like to live in, the number one answer was still New York City.

**de Blasio Finally
Figured it Out**

The mayor of New York City, Bill de Blasio, took forever to figure it out, but he finally now gets it that homelessness is the Big Apple's biggest unaddressed problem. Recently, he stated, "We need to catch up to the reality." We? I guess that's the royal "we," because most of the real "We" out here figured it out years ago. Thanks Bill, for catching up to the rest of the Wee Folk out there.

Quote to Note

"There is a reason that GOP voters are in open rebellion. They have come to believe that their party's elites are not only uninterested in defending their interests but (as with the recent budget bill and trade pact) are openly hostile to them."

— Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.)

Speaking of the Budget Bill

It was actually a \$1.5 trillion spending bill that funded among other items, both Planned Parenthood and sanctuary cities across America. With this additional spending,

the long-term national debt has now over \$18 trillion.

Can America even turn back now, or have we mortgaged the futures of our children and grandchildren into the 22nd century? It appears we may have reached the point of no return. How far are we now from turning into the United States of Greece?

Single Payer Health Care

A majority of Americans recently polled said they supported Medicare for all, which is Medicare for All national health insurance. Look at Britain and Canada to see how things are going there before strapping yourself in the passenger seat of the Sanders Express. Senator Sander's says it is the greatest thing since sliced bread, but then why are folks in Canada and Britain fleeing to U.S. hospitals and doctors for needed

medical treatments? Could it be the long waiting lines? Could it be that the system on paper works better than the system in practice?

How many folks on vacation in Europe decide not to fly home pronto when illness strikes? We still have the best medical care in the world. We don't need to copy them. They need to copy us.

End Quote

"Three o'clock is always either too late, or too early for anything you want to do."

— Jean-Paul Sartre

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

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

A New Year's resolution is a promise to stop doing everything that you enjoy most.

Born on this date: J. Edgar Hover, director of the FBI, 1895. Madonna (Ciccone), U.S. pop singer, 1961. And, in 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, ordering the freeing of slaves.

And so what's new? Well, men generally drink more than women, but the gender gap is shrinking, a new government study has found. "Males still consume more alcohol, but the differences between men and women are diminishing," says Aaron White of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Between 2002 and 2012, the percentage of women who reported having an alcoholic drink in the past 30 days jumped from 45 percent to 48 percent, while the percentage of men fell slightly, to 56 percent, *NBC News.com* reports. The female body takes longer to metabolize alcohol, making women more vulnerable to the ravages of heavy drinking, including liver inflammation, heart disease, and cancer.

A new NASA figure showed that November was the warmest on record, 1.9 degrees Fahrenheit above the average for the month from 1951 to 1980. In December, temperatures are running 30 degrees above normal on the eastern half of the U.S.

Norway, after the U.N.'s annual Human Development Index rated the Scandinavian country as the world's best place to live based on life expectancy, education, and income. The U.S. came in eighth.

Getting carried away, after a Houston man halted traffic on the busy I-45 freeway to get down on his knee and propose to his girlfriend. "I never thought about causing an accident," said groom-to-be Vidal Valuators Navas, who faces a \$2,000 fine and up to six months in jail. "Love makes you do stupid things."

Another good way for a young man to waste his breath is trying to be reasonable about love.

Huh? A Texas seventh-grader was ordered to cover up his *Star Wars* T-shirt because it violated the school's ban on "symbols oriented towards violence." Colton Southern was told to zip up his sweatshirt to conceal the image of a Storm Trooper holding a laser blaster. "He's just a kid excited for the movie," said his father, Joe Southern. "It's political correctness run amok."

San Salvador Cannibal castaway? A Salvadoran man who survived 14 months adrift in the Pacific Ocean is being sued by the family of his dead shipmate for allegedly eating him. Jose Salvador Alvarenga, 37, washed ashore in the Marshall Islands last year after drifting 6,700 miles from the Mexican coast. The tuna fisherman said his companion, Ezequiel Cordoba, 22, died of starvation early in the voyage and that he himself survived on turtle blood, fish, and his own urine. But the Cordoba family claims their relative was in fact cannibalized, and they want \$1 million in compensation. Alvarenga has just written a book about his experiences, and his lawyer says the Cordobas are after the proceeds.

This just in! Chinese families became the largest group of overseas homebuyers in the U.S. for the first time. Buyers from China spent \$28.6 billion on American homes in the 12 months through March 2015, more than double their purchases two years before, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Energy-drink firms like Monster, Red Bull, and Rockstar are masters of marketing to young men, said Rachel Giese in *NewYorker.com*. The companies target the "thrill-thirsty male id" by sponsoring extreme sports athletes, MMA fighters, and other "super bros." Such campaigns have helped turn high-caffeine energy drinks into a \$12.5 billion market in the U.S. But a new study suggests this macho marketing has "a psychological and physical cost." Researchers found that the more a man bought into masculine ideals, the more he believed energy drinks could make him manly — and the more he drank them, the more he suffered anxiety, insomnia, and cardiovascular problems. Study leader Ronald Levant says energy-drink marketing preys on young men in the same way diet-food marketing targets young women. Young men, he explains, are "anxious to prove that they are real men."

An Alabama state legislator has warned consti-

tuents against shopping at stores owned by non-Christians. Republican Rep. Alan Harper said that most of the local convenience stores are not owned "by God-fearing Christians" and that they use their profits to create "death and destruction" in the world. "Merry Christmas," Harper concluded. "May God Bless."

Sitting may be worse for us than smoking. A study revealed that remaining sedentary for extended periods can dramatically increase the risk for chronic health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, and depression. People with desk jobs should be on their feet for at least two hours daily, either by taking occasional strolls or using a standing desk.

Girls, high heels can cause sprained ankles and feet, as well as broken bones. Injuries involving high-heeled footwear doubled in the U.S. between 2002 and 2012, researchers learned, during which time American women suffered more than 123,355 mishaps severe enough to warrant a trip to the Emergency Room. Those fashionable pumps and strappy sandals can affect gait, balance, and range of foot motion, warns lead investigator Gerald McGwin, and it's important to "understand the risks and the potential harm that precarious activities in high-heel shoes can cause."

What the editorial said: "It's time for Republicans to renounce Donald Trump's candidacy," said *The Washington Post*. Heartening though it is to see GOP leaders condemn his "lunatic and offensive" rants, they should "make clear they would oppose him if he were the party's nominee." Trump can no longer be dismissed as an entertainment circus act. Republicans have to wake up and recognize that a Trump presidency would "fracture American society" along racial, ethnic, and religious lines. Expressions of dismay are not enough. "It is time to say clearly he is anathema to the Republican Party, and to the nation."

Getting a fake tree, after a prolonged drought in the Pacific Northwest severely limited the supply of Christmas trees, causing a steep price spike. Health officials also warned that a lack of sub-freezing weather in many northern climates this year may leave some trees infested with disease — causing ticks.

Huh? A Norwegian newspaper published an obituary for Santa Claus stating that the jolly old elf had recently died at the age of 226. The obituary was an internal joke that "should never have been published," the newspaper said in an apology.

Our great musicologist reminds us about a great Italian-American, Vic Damone. Heralded as the "world's greatest singer" by Frank Sinatra, Vito Farinola Damone's ups and downs in show business have rarely, if ever, had anything to do with his singing talent. "Success came too early, too fast, and there was too much," admitted the disarmingly handsome tenor. Born in Brooklyn June 12, 1928, he got his start by singing *There Must Be a Way* to Perry Como between floors on an elevator. With Perry's encouragement, he won a first-place tie on *Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scout* show. Enough said. Damone was once married to Pier Angeli. He went on to marry Judy Rawlins and had a daughter.

Unbelievable! A British women has a special craving for household sponges and eats as many as 20 a day. Thompson has a condition called Pica, in which people crave non-food items to eat. "Some people go out for a steak; I would rather go out for a sponge," says Emma Thompson. "A couple of years ago, I was just washing the dishes and seen the sponges with the scouring pads and I just thought it'd be quite interesting to try one of them. Ever since that I've been addicted to them." Thompson likes to dip the sponges in dish-washing liquid before downing them. Thus far she has shown no ill effects.

And so off we go into the year 2016. So what lies ahead? Barbara D'Amico says, "No matter how much a person dreads the future, he usually wants to be around to see it." And Christina Quinlan, says, "Don't let the future scare you, it's just as shaky as you are."

One good rule for living is not to worry about the future until we have learned to manage the present.

Ti amo!

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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BREADED EGGPLANT

Baked or Fried

1 medium size eggplant ¾ cup olive, vegetable or
2 cups prepared breadcrumbs canola oil
2 beaten eggs

Remove dark eggplant skin with paring knife or potato peeler. Slice eggplant into one-quarter inch thick rounds. Layer slices on a flat dish and salt lightly. Beads of liquid will appear on the slices as they rest one on top of the other. Cover eggplant with wax paper or plastic and place in the refrigerator for at least a half-hour.

FOR FRYING: With paper towels, wipe beads of liquid from each eggplant slice before dipping into beaten eggs. Then coat with prepared breadcrumbs and set aside in a platter.

Heat one-quarter cup of oil in a skillet. Place breaded slices in heated oil and fry until brown on both sides. Place fried eggplant slices on paper towels to absorb oil. Then set aside on a clean platter. Because eggplant slices absorb oil while frying, additional oil may be needed in the skillet as you fry.

FOR BAKING: Place breaded eggplant slices on a lightly sprayed baking tray. Drip small amount of oil on top of each eggplant slice in the tray. Bake in a preheated 350°F oven for fifteen minutes. Turn over all slices that have browned. Return to oven and bake another ten to fifteen minutes. Check often in order not to burn. Remove from oven when browned and tender to your liking. Continue baking remaining breaded eggplant slices in this fashion.

Serve hot or cooled. Remaining cooked eggplant slices can be refrigerated. Reheat in microwave oven for a later serving.

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Docket No. MI15P6741EA
Estate of
JENOVINA PETRONI
Date of Death December 1, 2014
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robin Portle of Somerville, 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 Robin Portle of Somerville, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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 8, 2016.

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 11, 2015
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI15P6212EA
Estate of
GERALD ANTHONY CAPUTO
Date of Death September 3, 2015
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Christopher M. Caputo of Nashville, TN requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that Christopher M. Caputo of Nashville, TN be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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 12, 2016.

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.

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Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 15, 2015
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 1/1/16

Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Felice Capo D'Anno, Feliz Ano Nuevo, and Happy New Year to one and all. It's the New Year weekend and I hope all is well with you. Did you enjoy the holidays? I did ... we did.

Christmas Eve with the fishes was at my house and Christmas Day was at my son John's. New Year's Eve was with Dean Saluti and Margie Cahn at their new home.

A group of us, friends from the past, have been spending New Year's Eve together for decades, occupying the Captain's Room at Boston's Algonquin Club. Actually, I would drop Loretta off and then head to work. Starting in 1958, I played with a band on the night before the New Year. This was a tradition in my family as it had been the practice of my father, my mother's brothers, and my grandfather, Babbononno. I would drop my wife off at the Algonquin Club, head for the location I was playing at, and then return to the Algonquin to retrieve my wife and enjoy "last call" with my friends. I stopped playing on New Year's Eve about five years ago and now dine with my friends and my wife and enjoy what I experienced vicariously from the stage years ago.

The club is now part of the past. Dean and Margie hosted the New Year's celebration at their home and things are a lot less formal. Even though, I still can't get used to not working on New Year's Eve. As a child, I watched Babbononno, my uncles Paul and Nick, and my father dress in their best tuxedos and head out the door carrying their instruments. I didn't see them until dinner at Nanna and Babbononno's table at around 2:00 pm on New Year's Day. At 18, I turned professional and took my place as a third-generation musician in my family and continued preserving the family tradition for the next 52 years.

People have asked me why I've backed off from playing music. A couple of times, when asked, I was sitting in with bands playing at events where I was a guest. One or two songs are fine, but if I had to play for three or four hours like in the old days, I don't know if I could handle things. Advancing age and health problems might get in the way. There is so much talent out there today. I would constantly be competing with a younger generation that is capable of performing day and night with ease. My comparison is often with a New York Giants outfielder who will remain nameless. He was one of the greatest ballplayers in

the business, but stayed in the game that one year too long and made a damn fool of himself as a result. I feel that it's best to go out when you are on top of your game, but that's just my point of view, not my New Year's resolution.

I joined the foray professionally back in 1958. I was halfway through college and had a trio of piano, bass and drums. Two East Bostonians, Tony Poto (piano) and Rocky Freni (drums) and I teamed up and worked together, off and on, for several years. As 1958 drew to a close, we didn't have a New Year's Eve gig. As a result, I said, "Yes," to Dad when he asked me to cover him with the Ray Digg Orchestra at the East Boston Sons of Italy. The OSIA building was around the corner from where I lived and my trio and I played there about twice per month for their bi-weekly get together during the year.

Ray, my father and Uncles Paul and Nick worked together quite often in the fifties. Uncle Nick had taught Ray Digg (DiGiovanni) how to play tenor sax and Ray, who was great at organization, put together a ballroom-style dance band that was quite good, actually. On New Year's Eve, Ray needed three other bands to cover the jobs he had booked. The result was Dad led one of the bands, Uncle Paul another, and Uncle Nick the third. Ray would head up the musicians at the Sons of Italy. Seeing I wasn't booked, I was to take Dad's place with Ray at the Sons of Italy. I was young, eager, and experienced at carrying a trio as a modern bass player. To push a 12-piece orchestra ... well, that was usually the job of the seasoned professional on rhythm instruments ... like Dad.

The band started playing at 8:00 pm, and there I was, the bass player, surrounded by many of Boston's finest brass, reed and rhythm musicians. I have to admit, Dad taught me well, because I held my own with the older-seasoned musicians. Ray Digg, whom I had known all my life, was proud of me and I was happy with the way I held my own with the older guys. There was one problem, though. My fingers were those of the novice string player. Back then, bass players used gut strings and did not play amplified in any way. To be heard, you played hard. As I said, my fingers were those of a novice, or at best, a journeyman musician. By midnight, four hours after we had started playing, my fingers were sore. We played on until a few minutes to

midnight when Ray announced that the next set would be the last. Within a minute, the person who hired us asked Ray if we could go overtime and play until 1:00 am. Ray asked the guys and everyone nodded in the affirmative. Overtime pay on New Year's Eve was better than any other night of the year. So, we played until 1:00 am. By then, my index finger, middle finger and pinkie on my left hand had developed blisters. The index finger on my right hand was developing a blood blister ... too many notes and not enough callous foundation. As 2:00 am drew near, the same man approached the stage and spoke with Ray. The next thing I knew was that we had agreed to play for another half hour. By this point in time, I had bandaged the three fingers on my left hand and the index finger on my right. I was in pain but couldn't call it quits. I was now a professional and had to deal with the problems faced by all beginner string players.

Just as we started the 2:00 am set, I spotted Dad standing in the doorway. He had finished leading another of Ray's bands at 1:00 am and wanted to see how I was doing. When he looked up at the stage, he had no difficulty seeing that my fingers were raw and there was blood running down the four strings of the bass violin. He quickly climbed onto the stage nodding a hello to everyone and, without skipping a beat, took the bass from me and continued to belt out the rhythm for the band.

This was my baptism by fire and I had held my own. My reputation grew and I never wanted for work. Within a year, I became a bass player for the Boston Civic Symphony and even played with the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra. For the next several years, I worked with many of Boston's dance bands that catered to weddings, Christenings, Bar Mitzvahs, etc. When I felt that I was on top of my game, I headed to New York on weekends and worked with some of the jazz greats of the day. I had always loved a good challenge. I was a kid and most of the people I worked for and with were older, and if they were alive today, would all be over 100 years of age.

I have no regrets and I am content being part of the audience at this point in my life. But, it's time to go. Before I close for this week, I want to wish all of you a very Happy and Healthy New Year, and may GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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MICHAEL LYNN STRICKLAND
Date of Death March 26, 2014
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Chris Strickland of Lexa, AR**, 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
MARTHA GAYLE KICKLIGHTER
Date of Death November 12, 2012
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Sheri Nash of Jacksonville, FL**, has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
JOSEPH R. McNAMARA
Date of Death October 22, 2015
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Stephen McNamara of Alameda, CA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Stephen McNamara of Alameda, 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
KHALILAH SUNDIATA
Date of Death September 27, 2013
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Chinyere Egu of San Jose, CA**, has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (the "Authority") is soliciting consulting services for MPA CONTRACT NO. L1408-S1, RUNWAY INCURSION MITIGATION STUDY AND COMPREHENSIVE AIRFIELD GEOMETRY ANALYSIS, MASSPORT AVIATION FACILITIES, BOSTON, BEDFORD AND WORCESTER, MA. The Authority is seeking qualified multidisciplinary consulting firm or team (the "Consultant"), with proven experience to provide professional services including airfield design, demand/capacity analysis, aeronautical survey, airfield simulation, and related analytical services for a runway incursion mitigation and design standards analysis at Boston-Logan International Airport, L.G. Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport. The Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner.

The contract will be work order based, and Consultant's fee for each work order shall be negotiated; however, the total fee for the contract shall not exceed \$2,000,000.

A Supplemental Information Package will be available, on **Wednesday, January 6, 2016**, on the Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport http://www.massport.com/doing-business/_layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, and on COMMBUYS (www.commbuys.com) in the listings for this project. If you have problems finding it, please contact Shailesh Gongal, Aviation Planning Unit, Strategic and Business Planning Department at SGongal@Massport.com

The Supplemental Information Package will provide detailed information about Scope of Work, Selection Criteria and Submission Requirements.

In recognition of the unique nature of the project and the services required to support it, the Authority has scheduled a **Consultant Briefing to be held at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 12, 2016** at the Human Resources Conference Room, 1st Floor, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128. At this session, an overview of the project will be provided, the services requested by the Authority will be described, and questions will be answered.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport's standard work order agreement, a copy of the Authority's standard agreement can be found on the Authority's web page at www.massport.com. The Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

This submission, including the litigation and legal proceedings history in a separate sealed envelope as required shall be addressed to **Betty Desrosiers**, Director of Strategic and Business Planning and received no later than 12 noon on **Tuesday, February 9, 2016**, at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any submission which is not received in a timely manner shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giarratani



REMEMBERING THOSE BASEBALL HEROES
WHO LEFT US IN 2015



Yogi Berra

By now most true baseball fans know that two legends of the game left us in 2015. Yogi Berra from the NY Yankees and Ernie Banks from the hapless Chicago Cubs of my youth. However, over this past 12 months, other greats passed away, too. Alex Johnson died in February at age 72. This former Angel beat Carl Yastrzemski for the AL Batting Title in 1970 by .0003 percentage points. Johnson beat out an infield hit in the fifth inning of the season's final game to edge ahead of Yaz and was pulled from the lineup. Lots of Red Sox fans remember that move to this day.

Al Rosen, the AL MVP for the Indians in 1953, passed away in March at age 91. He lost his bid for a Triple Crown by .001 percentage points in the batting race to Mickey Vernon, a four-time All-Star.

Back in October, I wrote about the passing of Dean Chance in this column. Chance was the youngest player to win the Cy Young Award when he went 20-9 with a 2.65 ERA for the Angels in 1964 at age 23. He is another player in Red Sox Nation history, for pitching the final do-or-die game for the Twins in the 1967 Impossible Dream Year. In that game, chance took the Twins into the sixth with a 2-0 lead against Jim Lonborg, but



Ernie Banks

"Lonnie" beat out a bunt single to lead the Sox to a five-run inning and the A.L. Pennant.

Ken Johnson passed away in November at 82. He was a journeyman who lasted 13 seasons. I wrote about him earlier this year, too. He was the only pitcher to ever lose a no-hitter while pitching for the old Houston Colt 45s. The Reds had Pete Rose at bat. He bunted to the pitcher, Johnson threw it away and Rose landed on second. Rose took third on a grounder and scored the game's only run on an error by Nellie Fox at second. Nellie, by the way, is in the Hall of Fame. He was the best defensive second baseman during his career, which took him to the White Sox along with his mouth full of chewing tobacco. Whenever you saw Fox on the field, or at bat, he looked like a squirrel storing nuts for the winter.

Finally for this baby boomer, the first baseball death of 2015 was Billy Monbouquette from Medford, Massachusetts. He was 78 years old. He was a three-time All-Star for the Sox in the late '50s and '60s. In 1963, Number 27 won 20 games, which was a rarity for the Sox teams of my youth going through an awful dry spell. During his eight years with the Sox, the team finished over .500 once. I think it was 1963, too.

In fact, during his whole career, he played on only two other above-.500 clubs, the 1966 Tigers and the 1968 Giants. He was a great pitcher, but boy did he have tough luck playing for so many bad teams. He, along with the late Earl Wilson, were my two favorite pitchers back in those days.

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Estate of
RITA M. NOLLETT
Date of Death April 6, 2012

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioners **Desiree A. Maguire of Wilmington, MA**, Petitioner **Donald P. Nollett, Jr. of Saugus, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Desiree A. Maguire of Wilmington, MA and **Donald P. Nollett, Jr. of Saugus, MA** have been informally appointed as the Personal Representatives of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representatives 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 Petitioners.

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NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR RESIGNATION
OF TRUSTEE AND APPOINTMENT
OF SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

NOTICE

To all persons interested in the **Trust under the will of Harold W. Ellis**, late of Cambridge, in said County of Middlesex, a Petition has been presented by **John S. Goldthwait** in the above-captioned matter praying that, **Boston Fiduciary Services LLC of Boston in the County of Suffolk** be appointed successor trustee without sureties on his/her bond due to the resignation of former trustee, **John S. Goldthwait**.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on **January 19th, 2016**.

Witness, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr. Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Cambridge, this **21st day of December**, in the year of our Lord **Two Thousand and Fifteen**.

Tara E. DeCristofaro
Register of Probate Court

Run date: 1/1/16

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

Docket No. MI15P6953PM

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
CONSERVATOR OR
OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO
G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405

In the matter of
GERTRUDE ALICE GHERGIA
of **Somerville, MA**
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Paula J. Ghergia of Somerville, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Gertrude Alice Ghergia** is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that **Paula J. Ghergia of Somerville, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **January 19, 2016**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 21, 2015

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. MI15P5546EA

Estate of
HENRY R. DELANEY, JR.
Date of Death January 30, 2015

CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Elaine Delaney-Winn of Winchester, 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 **Elaine Delaney-Winn of Winchester, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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 19, 2016.

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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 22, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/1/16

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Middlesex Division
208 Cambridge Street
East Cambridge, MA 02141

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Docket No. MI15P2438EA

Estate of
HENRY WILLIAMS, JR.
Date of Death March 3, 2005

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Drena Jones of Kenner, LA**.

Rosemary Williams of Mesquite, TX 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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The Trial Court
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Docket No. MI15P5988EA

Estate of
EDNA LOUISE PEGUES
Date of Death May 17, 2013

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Stella L. Pegues of Grand Rapids, MI**.

Stella L. Pegues of Grand Rapids, MI 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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Docket No. MI15P7081EA

Estate of
MARY ROSE RITA ARSENEAU
Also Known As
RITA ARSENEAU
Date of Death November 20, 2015

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Cindy Pijewski of Ayer, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Cindy Pijewski of Ayer, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

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Docket No. MI15D2052DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY
PUBLICATION AND MAILING

MARIANA A. SILVA
vs.
JOAO PAULO AMADO

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 **Mariana Silva, 38 Mechanic Street, Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464** your answer, if any, on or before **January 19, 2016**. 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. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR., First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 8, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

Run date: 1/1/16

LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting consulting services for **MPA CONTRACT A197-S4 MAXIMO INTEGRATION SERVICES**. The Authority is seeking a qualified multidiscipline consulting firm or team, with proven experience to provide professional services including software planning, design, and implementation related services on an on-call, as needed basis.

These services are expected to be provided at **all Massport locations**. Such services shall be provided on an on-call, as-needed basis. Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and other interested parties in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner.

The Authority expects to select one consultant. However, the Authority reserves the right to select a different number if it is deemed in its best interest to do so. The consultant shall be issued a contract in an amount not to exceed **One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000)**. The services shall be authorized on a work order basis.

A Supplemental Information Package, which will provide more details on the scope of the Project as well as the selection process and evaluation criteria, shall be available as of **Wednesday, January 6, 2016** on the Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport <http://www.massport.com/doing-business/Layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx> as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, and on COMMBUYS (www.commbuys.com) in the listings for this project. If you have problems finding it, please contact Susan Brace at Capital Programs SBrace@massport.com

A **Consultant Briefing to be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 19, 2016** at the Capital Programs Department, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128. At this session, an overview of the project will be provided, the services requested by the Authority will be described, and questions will be answered.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport's standard work order agreement, a copy of the Authority's standard agreement can be found on the Authority's web page at www.massport.com. The Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

This submission, including the litigation and legal proceedings history in a separate sealed envelope as required shall be addressed to **Houssam Sleiman, P.E., CCM**, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received in the Capital Programs Department no later than 12:00 NOON on **Thursday, February 18, 2016** at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Capital Programs Department, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909.

Any submission which is not received in a timely manner shall be rejected by the Authority as non-responsive. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS P. GLYNN
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 1/1/2016



Gridiron Audibles

with Christian A. Guarino



All things considered, last Sunday's 26-20 overtime loss to the New York Jets wasn't all that terrible; in fact, it had some convenience to it.

Before you think I've gone off the deep end, head first into Bill Belichick's Kool-Aid bucket, and consider a few of the impacts of the game.

For starters, the Patriots play-off seeding was not affected by the loss. They didn't lose the top seed in the AFC and, as long as they take care of business this Sunday in Miami, Tom Brady and the Patriots will be hosting the rest of the conference field at Gillette in January.

Many are calling the loss to the Jets a sign of things to come. The offense struggled and the defense couldn't make a stop in overtime, allowing Ryan Fitzpatrick to look all-pro. But the fact that the game even went to overtime is a testament to the Patriots. Top two receivers Julian Edelman and Danny Amendola remained out of commission, joining the starting pair of safeties, Devin McCourty and Patrick Chung, who also sat.

On the road versus a divisional opponent which had its playoff hopes on the line, four starters on the bench, lacking any semblance of a running game and the Patriots still forced overtime? Pretty damn impressive.

"Yeah. I think we have some mental toughness," said Brady post-game. "A lot of guys have been in and out of the lineup, lot of guys coming in off the street trying to play and help us win. It's never easy. This time of year, a lot of guys are fighting through bumps and bruises."



Jamie Collins and the Patriots let the Jets slip through their hands. (Photo by Patriots.com)

Sunday's loss may have aided the Jets playoff hopes, something Patriots fans look upon with disgust, but it also disrupted those of the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Steelers were fielding what many believed to be the hottest offense in football, featuring the duo of quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and wideout Antonio Brown. Going into Sunday's game versus the Ravens, Brown led all NFL pass catchers with 1,586 receiving yards and was second in catches with 116. The Steelers losing at Baltimore gives the Jets the inside track on the AFC's final playoff spot. A Jets win at Buffalo this Sunday would seal the Steelers' fate. Former Jets and current Bill's coach Rex Ryan may have something to say


about that and has plenty of ammunition to derail the Jets hopes. However, if the status quo holds, Pittsburgh's absence from post-season play will only smooth the Patriots road to the Super Bowl.

Of course, the Patriots and Brady's own hopes, those of a fifth ring, depend on injured players returning as well as clinching home-field throughout the playoffs. The latter can be accomplished with a victory in Miami this Sunday.

"We've all got to keep working hard, see what we can accomplish this week in practice. Ultimately, we've got to go win next week, that's a huge game for us. And then you have time to try to improve and be at your best two weeks into the playoffs."

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



CHRISTMAS, 2015 — It was memorable, it was beautiful and in some ways it was extraordinary. That latter remark would refer to our annual driving trip to Wisconsin for Christmas, which this year was a very pleasant one because of the much warmer than normal temperatures.

Leaving on December 21st, we drove away from our snow-free north shore community and headed westward towards what in former years would have been a winter wonderland. But not this year.

We passed through all of up-state New York without seeing a trace of snow. Cities that in normal times would have had significant snowbanks — Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo — were free of the white stuff, meaning that we were able to move along at normal highway speeds on dry roads.

We pulled over and got a good night's rest in a hotel just south of Buffalo before resuming our trip the next morning. Once again, there was no snow for the remaining 700 miles of the drive, although it did rain heavily for the last 50 or so miles in Ohio.

Once we arrived in Madison late in the evening of December 23rd, we noticed a change in temperature. While people in Boston basked in warm temps on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, things were more normal in the Midwest with temps in the 30s on both snow-free days.

Most of the relatives were present for a wonderful Christmas Eve gathering and we were with others the next day for Christmas dinner at their farmhouse — surrounded by 80 acres of land waiting to be planted once more in the spring.

Reality arrived on December 28th when five inches of snow fell in Madison, four days too late for Christmas Eve 2015.

MOURNING FOR MEADOWLARK — Another basketball icon of the 20th century left us recently. Unlike the vast majority of basketball players, he didn't play for a home team, he didn't have a home court and he didn't play against league opponents.

He did play for the whole wide world. That's right. Meadowlark Lemon played in just about 100 nations that are part of this spinning globe.

As the centerpiece of the world famous Harlem Globetrotters in the middle of the 20th century, he played for everyone. And everyone appreciated that.

Meadowlark Lemon, who died December 27th in Scottsdale, Arizona at the age of 83, went far after experiencing poverty while growing up in Wilmington, North Carolina. As reported in the *New York Times*, he learned the game by using kitchen castaways — a milk can for a ball, an onion sack for a net and a coat hanger for a basket.

After high school he joined the Army and was stationed in Europe. While there, he earned a tryout with the Trotters and the rest is history.

Joining the team in 1954, he would play for the Trotters until the late 1970s. He became famous because of his on-court skills and his bag of trick plays — which he prominently exhibited as the Trotters toured the globe.

Although he never performed in the NBA, he played just about everywhere else. He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield in 2003.

Even today, the Globetrotters continue the barnstorming tradition of the Meadowlark Lemon era — performing in countless venues every year. The team that is without a home continues to be welcome in everyone's hometown.

SENSATIONAL CELTICS — As the 2015 portion of the schedule was nearing the finish line, the Celtics were riding a four-game win streak while owning an 18-13 record, their best start since the 2010-2011 season.

One of the mainstays of the team has been Jae Crowder, who came to the Celtics as part of the Rajon Rondo trade with Dallas a little over a year ago.

The 6-6 forward commemorated the one-year anniversary on December 18th by scoring a season-high 24 points and grabbing a season-high-tying 10 rebounds against Atlanta — just one of a string of accomplishments in the final days of 2015.

He began December by scoring 20 points and dishing off for a career-high six assists against Sacramento on December 3rd. Two nights later he had a perfect night from the field (5-5), including 3-3 from three-point land and two foul shots against the San Antonio Spurs.

He followed that up with a career-high three blocked shots against New Orleans on December 7th and then logged a career-high 47 minutes and 47 seconds of action in the memorable double overtime loss to the defending NBA Champion Golden State Warriors on December 11th.

Following his performance against Atlanta, he had 18 points and 10 boards against Minnesota on December 21st. He then pulled down a season-high 12 rebounds against Charlotte on December 23rd.


One other note: The Celtics have used five different starting lineups in the 31 games they had played through December 29th. The one commonality: Jae Crowder has started in all of them.

And through those 31 games, Crowder was averaging 13.3 points per game, nearly 45 percent from the field, just under 40 percent from three-point land and just over 81 percent from the foul line. He also ranked 16th in the NBA with 1.71 steals per game and was tied for 12th in total steals across the league with 53. Last season he had a career-high single season total of 72 swipes.

A WEAK POINT — One weakness that stands out despite the success of the Celtics is that they have a hard time coming from behind.

When the Celtics trail at the end of the first quarter, they usually wind up losing. Their record through December 29th was 4-8 in games where they were behind with three quarters remaining to be played.

Similarly, in games where they were behind at the half, they were 4-9 and in games where they trailed after three quarters, they were 2-11.



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