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Boston Conservatory Students Hold Concert at Sacred Heart Church

by Marisa Dellatto

Students of The Boston Conservatory held their 4th Annual Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart Church in the North End on Friday, December 4th.

The concert was sponsored by The Consulate General of Italy, the Friends of the Italian Cultural Center of Boston, and the Boston Conservatory.

Each year, the freshman class of voice and opera majors at the Conservatory performs a Christmas Concert at Sacred Heart Church. The students are required to study Italian in order to understand the arias that they perform. This year's performance featured 20 students and special guest Steven Myles. Patty Thom, Chair of the Voice and Opera Department at the Conservatory, accompanied the students on piano.

Nicola De Santis, Consul General of Italy for Boston, opened



Boston Conservatory student's finish off the performance with a group rendition of "Silent Night."

the event. He stated, "Christmastime is a special time of year — especially for Italians and the Italian-American community."

He noted that choosing Sacred Heart Church as the location for this event is especially meaningful to members of the North

End community, as many of the residents were baptized or had their first communions there.

The performances featured

each student performing a solo aria in Italian, as well as group

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News Briefs

by Sal Giaratani

Christie Gets Union Leader Backing

The Manchester, NH, *Union Leader* has endorsed N.J. Gov. Chris Christie in next year's presidential primary. Getting the backing of this statewide conservative newspaper is a big deal for Christie, and should give him some punch as he goes up against many Tea Party conservative Republicans who think Christie is a RINO. The newspaper opined that Christie could "take the fight to Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton." Time will tell just how powerful this once quite powerful newspaper (decades ago, when owned by the very conservative William Loeb) is today.

Bloomberg Blast Predictable

Former NY Mayor Michael Bloomberg recently called conservative Republican candidates and their supporters a bunch of "right-wing crazies" using his First Amendment rights, but when will he call Bernie Sanders a "left-wing crazy" for his crazy socialist views? Just asking.

Where is the Media on Genocide Waged Against Coptic Christians?

Over in the Middle East, Coptic Christians are getting murdered on a daily basis as the enemy of Radical Islam, sometimes at the rate of one every five minutes. If you are waiting for the media to cover this bloody story, don't hold your breath. Christians are dying because they are Christians, and it remains off the radar of the liberal news media, and politicians who don't have it on their own agenda. What is happening to Christians over there is a crime against humanity, and yet the silence is hard not to hear. Why?

Can Islam and Democracy Co-Exist?

Someone who recently accused me of being intolerant of Muslims stated that there are over one billion Muslims in the world, and most are peaceful and live in democra-

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At Last ... OBAMA NAMES THE ENEMY

by Sal Giaratani

Once again, America suffered through another presidential speech about nothing. The only positive note in his address to the nation was that he finally recognized our enemy as Radical Islamic terrorism. It only took him seven years to recognize what most Americans already knew.

Yet during his speech, he still presented no strategy beyond hope that we can deal with ISIS-inspired jihad. Nothing new in the speech that would bring confidence to the American people, that would ensure our safety in the hands of our president and members of Congress.

He, however, continued about the need for stronger gun bills to end the endless carnage in the nation. He strongly urged both Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill to bar those on the nation's no-fly list from being able to purchase firearms. He noted radical terrorists shouldn't be able to buy guns. However, there are tens of thousands still on the no-fly list, and are there because there is some suspicion that they might be terrorists. Mere suspicion is not probable cause, not evidence, and not a court finding. To now take that list and say folks on it can't buy



guns is just politics getting in the way of sound policy.

How many jihadists are about to take a train, a boat, or a car to the nearest gun store to purchase an AR-15? California has some of the strictest gun laws on the books in America, yet San Bernardino happened.

The president, liberals in government, and the media still try lumping separate issues together and apparently now support the no-fly list, which was not always the case.

Once, the *NY Times* opposed the no-fly list as unconstitutional, but now support using the list to bar American citizens from buying firearms. Can liberals spell the word "hypocrisy"?

Islamic terrorism is the greatest threat facing the entire world

today, the West is its number one target and America is the bullseye. We can't defeat ISIS or radical Islam with nice speeches and hopes and dreams that we can win over the minds of young Muslims out there getting inspired online.

America needs a real strategy to defeat jihadism. Our president also seemed to recognize that it will take strong leadership in the religion of Islam to combat Islamic jihadists misusing the Koran to kill their perceived enemies.

No one supports anti-Muslim backlash, but there hasn't been much of that going back to September 11, 2001, has there?

America needs to unite on the issue of Radical Islamist terrorism, the way we united after Osama took down the World Trade Center with two hijacked commercial airliners. America is stronger, and I think smarter, than our president seems to think we are.

Donald Trump's rise in the polls and skyrocketing gun sales both point to the fear, the anger, and the frustration that America is leaderless on the issue of terrorism. We need a president to be bold and lead this fight. After seven years in office, most of us are still unsure about this president.

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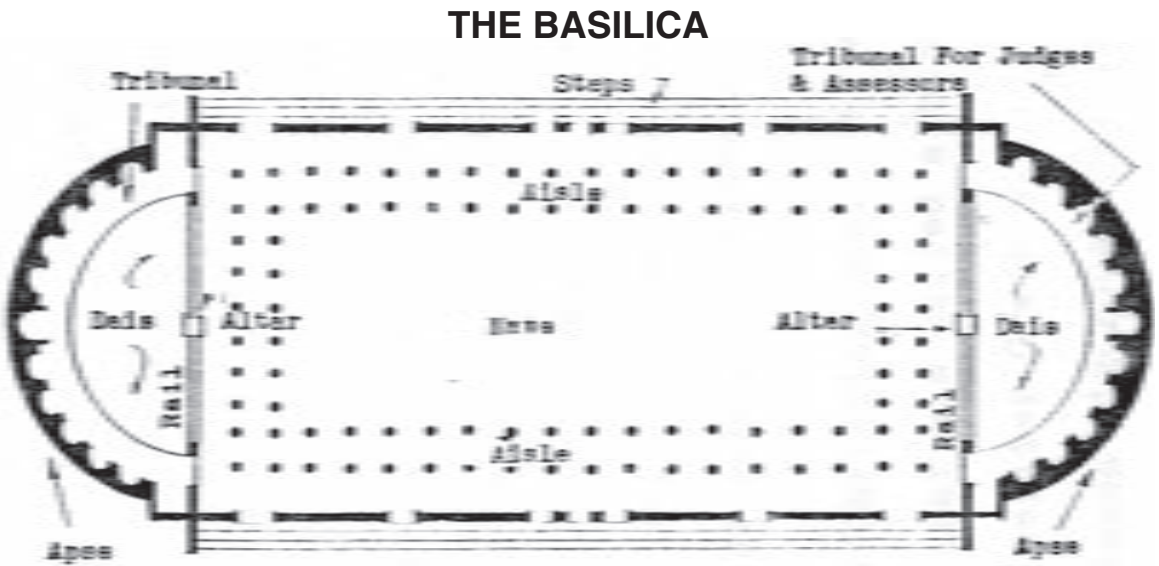
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A ROMAN-STYLE BASILICA

Mention the word “basilica” and many people immediately think of the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. The name “basilican style” is correctly applied to any church that is rectangular in plan has columns at the side aisles, a raised altar and a semicircular section behind the altar which is called the apse. Any church can be built in the basilican style, but it is not properly called a basilica until the Church hierarchy confers that title upon it. During recent years, however, that policy has been relaxed to the point where a Catholic Church of any shape can be designated a basilica if the hierarchy so desires. There are many churches in this country which are laid out along basilican lines.

The whole concept of the Christian Basilica was taken from the pagan Roman court of law that was called a basilica. This, in turn, was copied from the earlier Greek civilization. The climate of Greece is intermediate, between rigorous cold and relaxing heat, and it favors outdoor life. The “Ecclesia,” or Town Meeting of the ancient Greek communities, met once a year in their “agora,” or market place. Later, it was held in open theaters and the number of meetings was increased to four per year. In the event of a rain shower the meeting had to be adjourned and everyone scooted for cover. The problem was soon solved by a supreme authority known as the “Archon-Basileus,” who ordered the construction of a huge building for the purpose of transacting civil and legal affairs. The Roman counterpart to this structure was first built about 200 B.C. by a high civil officer named Marcus Porcius Cato. He was commonly known as “Cato the Elder.” He used public funds to purchase about six buildings, demolished them, and constructed a civil and legal courthouse on the site. The name Basileus was changed to the Latin “basilica” and the structure was called the Basilica Portia after his family name. Many similar structures were built during later years. These included the Basilica Julia by Julius Caesar, and also one by the emperor Trajan. Probably the largest of all basilicas was the one that was started by the emperor Maxentius in 306 A.D. and completed by Constantine a few years later.

Although Constantine’s basilica is now in ruins, many of the walls and some of the domed roof sections are still standing. We are told that the architects Bramante and Michelangelo spent a considerable amount of time studying the structural principles of this edifice before finalizing their plans for St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome.

20 Years Ago Today

Twenty years ago today, fire broke out at Malden Mills Industries, Inc. The cause was a boiler explosion, which knocked out the sprinkler system. The fire continued well into the next day. About 30 people were injured. Malden’s commitment to safety issues and evacuation training yielded excellent results, as there were no fatalities in the huge conflagration.

I had just started my second year working for a trade association that represented American textile mills. Malden Mills was one of our members. The response of the industry was incredible. Malden’s competitors, rather than take advantage of Malden’s loss by trying to pick up business, actually offered to assist Malden in fulfilling contracts by letting Malden use their facilities to produce fabric so that Malden could return to operation even before rebuilding.

Malden Mills employed more than 1,500 workers at the 2-million-square-foot facility which straddled the Methuen-Lawrence city line in the Merrimac Valley region of Massachusetts. Everyone assumed that Malden’s president, Aaron Feuerstein, would take the insurance money and that would be the end of the company, at least as a manufacturer in Massachusetts. If he rebuilt at all, it was assumed it would be elsewhere, perhaps in China.

Feuerstein shocked the business world by declaring, immediately after the fire that he would rebuild, rebuild in Lawrence, and that he would use the insurance money to pay the workers while rebuilding and that they would have jobs. For this he became known as the “Mensch of Malden Mills.”

He kept his word. A new Malden Mills, with the latest in new technology, rose on the site where the 19th century mill had stood. The workers were paid. And, to the extent that he could, their jobs were waiting for them when the new plant opened. (Not all 1,500 jobs were preserved, as Feuerstein was forced to recognize that the only way the company could survive was as a smaller operation).

In an interview on CBS’s *60 Minutes* program, Feuerstein explained that in doing what he did he was simply following the teachings of the Torah —

“You are not permitted to oppress the working man, because he’s poor and he’s needy, amongst your brethren and amongst the non-Jew in your community.”

Aaron Feuerstein did all he could to save the business and those jobs. Unfortunately, he couldn’t do it all. By 2001, the company was bankrupt and he was forced out. The company survived, and was renamed Polartec after its best-known product. There is still production in Lawrence, mostly for the U.S. Department of Defense which requires that clothing for our armed forces be made in America. But much of the rest of their production is in China.

Later this month, Feuerstein will turn 90 years of age. He said recently to a *Boston Globe* reporter; “I go on living with gratitude and humility. I’m happy with my life. I do the best I can.”

NEXT WEEK: *The Basilican Connection*

FRIENDS of the NORTH END

Kick-off Annual Christmas Bocce Tournament

Standing, L-R: Charlie Marino, Vito Aluia, Joe Blazo, Joe Testa, Anthony Cortese, Paul Lavecchia, Angelo Di Girolamo, and Richie Delliago. Kneeling, L-R: Commissioner Sam Viscione, and Victor Passacantilli.

The FRIENDS of the NORTH END kicked off their annual Christmas Bocce Tournament on Sunday at the indoor courts in the Steriti Rink. Sixteen Friends took part in this annual event. The competition was spirited and the fun was enjoyed by all the players. The tournament will continue through the month of December and informal matches will continue throughout the winter months. Some of the contestants are pictured above. The Friends of the North End look forward to the planned renovations to the courts, funded mostly through a grant awarded in September of 2014 by the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

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Santa Returns

to Franklin Park Zoo's Tropical Forest

Make your holiday season extra merry and meet Santa at the Franklin Park Zoo! Children will want to make sure they visit with jolly old St. Nick, who will be available for photos on Saturday, December 12th, and Saturday, December 19th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm inside the always balmy Tropical Forest building, home to western lowland gorillas (including baby Azize, born earlier this year), ring-tailed lemurs, a giant anteater and much more. Other activities will include winter-themed arts and crafts, holiday-themed enrichment for the animals, and more festive fun!

Franklin Park Zoo is located at One Franklin Park Road, Boston, MA 02121.

For additional information, visit www.franklinparkzoo.org.

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Happy Birthday Frank

Singer Jimmy Geany meets "Ol' Blue Eyes" Frank Sinatra! As "The Chairman of the Board" Frank Sinatra's 100th birthday nears (December 12th), Boston singer Jimmy (Bono) Geany recalls the day he met Frank Sinatra. The chance meeting took place at the world famous Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City in 1995, Jimmy remembers, "It was such a thrilling experience to meet and speak to Mr. Sinatra! We spoke for a few moments about our mutual Sicilian ancestors and the beauty of the island of Sicily!" Sinatra's father was born in the city of Agrigento and Jimmy's maternal grandparents were born in the neighboring town of Sciacca. Jimmy will be singing a Sinatra tribute show this coming Saturday at DaNico's Italian Restaurant on the famous Mulberry Street in New York City's Little Italy.



Gibson Sotheby's International Realty



A wonderful North End/Waterfront holiday tradition continued this year with another successful Toy for Tots Party. Hosted again by Toni Gilardi, this year's event was held at Gibson Sotheby's International Realty at 350 Commercial Street from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Thursday, December 3rd.

Guests included family, friends, clients and other members of the community who were treated to cocktails and a variety of delicious foods provided by Janet Gilardi with some help from Bricco Salumeria.

Meanwhile, the toys and donations piled up, making this event a smashing success once again! The hosts would like to thank everyone who attended for their support and generous donations!



L'Anno Bello: A Year in Italian Folklore

Embracing the Celebrations of Light

by Ally Di Censo Symynkywicz

Is there a Christmas symbol more powerful and life-affirming than the light? Everywhere I turn this season, different lights glow in the air around me, each providing a distinctive sensation of the holiday season. When I see the multicolored lights strung around the bushes in the Hilliard's near my home, playfully blinking at me with their bright hues of red and green and blue, I am filled with a childlike zest for Christmas. These lights remind me of old-fashioned toys and candy canes, chocolate treats and wrapping paper. The golden lights that drip off ceilings are more elegant, reminiscent of a candle's warm heart and the generosity that accompanies the holidays. After all, a candle glowing in the window has long been a sign of hospitality and welcome. Meanwhile, the icy blue lights that adorn trees in some town squares remind me of quiet and snowy winter evenings, as sparkling as Elsa's palace in *Frozen*. Indeed, lights do form a significant aspect of the Christmas season, serving both a religious and symbolic purpose. Religiously, these candles signify the light Jesus brought upon the world at His birth on Christmas. Symbolically, the lights brighten the darkest nights of the year and celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice. Two holidays which occur this week, St. Lucy's Day and Hanukkah, incorporate lights as central features of their celebrations, spreading warmth and cheer into the chill wintry air.

St. Lucy's Day, one of my favorite feasts, occurs on December 13th. Known as *la Festa di Santa Lucia* in Italian, this holiday honors a fourth-century martyr from Syracuse, Sicily. Italians celebrate St. Lucy in varying ways depending on the region. According to a Sicilian legend, St. Lucy once alleviated a famine by sending ships bearing wheat into a port. To commemorate this event, some Sicilians prepare *cuccia*, a porridge of boiled wheat berries that can be served with honey and ricotta, on the feast day. In the northern areas of Italy, such as Veneto and Friuli, St. Lucy serves as a gift-bringer. She distributes small gifts to children on the eve of her festival, accompanied by her



donkey and by her assistant Castaldo. The name *Lucia* stems from the same Latin root as the word *light*, making her the perfect saint for festivities which take place on one of the darkest nights of the year. Before the calendar reform, December 13th was the winter solstice, a vestige which remains in the Italian proverb *Santa Lucia, il giorno più corto che ci sia* ("St. Lucy's Day is the shortest day there is"). Her association with light also explains why St. Lucy is such a popular saint in the Scandinavian countries, where winter darkness can last for the better part of the day. Candlelit St. Lucy's Day processions occur along the streets of major Scandinavian cities, featuring lots of girls dressed like St. Lucy, and boys wearing gingerbread men costumes or conical hats decorated with stars. On the feast of St. Lucy, a daughter in the family wakes up early and dresses in a white robe and a red sash. Sporting a wreath of electric candles on her head, she greets the family at breakfast by serving them hot chocolate and *lussekatter*, or raisin buns spiced with saffron which infuses a cheerful yellow shade. On St. Lucy's Day, I honor the light breaking through the darkness by baking sweet potato biscuits, which emerge warm from the oven with a beautiful sunny glow.

Hanukkah, a Jewish holiday which begins on December 6th this year and ends on December 14th, also incorporates light into its festivities. Hanukkah celebrates the over two-thousand-year-old victory of a Jewish patriotic group known as the Maccabees over the Seleucid Army, which wanted to impose Greek culture and religion on the Jews. When the Holy Temple in Jerusalem was rededicated during the revolt, there was only a small supply of oil to light the sacred menorah,

or candelabra, in the Temple. Miraculously, however, the oil lasted for eight days, which forms the basis of Hanukkah as an eight-day celebration. Families honor the miracle of the oil by lighting one candle on their own menorahs every night of Hanukkah. Fried food is traditional for Hanukkah because it also commemorates the oil that lighted the Temple's menorah.

These foods can include *latkes*, which are potato pancakes, and *sufganiyot*, a jelly-filled donut. Italy is home to a number of old Jewish communities in cities like Rome and Venice, and there Hanukkah is celebrated with beloved traditions and specialty foods. One such food is *precipizi*, or deep-fried dough balls coated with honey. Golden and warm, the *precipizi* look like miniature suns, reaffirming the motif of light breaking through the darkness. Italian Jews also popularized frying vegetables, and as such fried artichoke remains a popular Italian Hanukkah dish. I grew up in a town with a large Jewish population, and holiday parties in my elementary school always featured a blend of Christmas and Hanukkah festivities. I remember playing *dreidel*, a game involving a spinning top and a pile of prizes, with my classmates and accumulating delicious *gelt* (chocolate coins) wrapped in golden foil, and topping *latkes* with sour cream and applesauce. It was wonderful to have two great holidays bring my town close together during the dark of winter.

As the winter solstice approaches, the nights get progressively darker, casting a gray gloom earlier and earlier into the afternoon. For this reason, holiday lights play a powerful and heartfelt role in many winter celebrations. Candles illuminate the nights across the world, whether they spring from the crown of a girl dressed as St. Lucy or from a Hanukkah menorah being lit by a family. It is easy to get bogged down in a metaphorical darkness this time of year — not just because of the early sunsets, but because of the stress and depression that sometimes accompany the holiday season. During moments like this, it is important to pay attention to the symbolic lights in our life: family and friends, nourishing food, personal strength, acts of kindness. When we dwell on these aspects, rather than let the darkness get the best of us, we will see that our inner light can outshine anything.

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THINKING OUT LOUD



by Sal Giarratani

The Dashcam Couldn't Have Looked More Damning

As a police officer for more than 27 years (now retired), I viewed the dash cam video released under a court order to be quite damning of law enforcement in the City of Chicago. In the video, I watched Laquan McDonald walking down the middle of a street waving what reportedly was a three-inch folding knife. Anyone who watched the video felt like they were in the driver's seat of a police cruiser.

As another cruiser approaches from the opposite direction, we see something has gone wrong. One officer gets out and starts shooting at the 17-year-old teen who just drops to the ground ... This officer fired all 16 shots in 17 seconds, killing the subject of the police pursuit. Other officers stood by and took no visible action at that point.

The shooting took place in 2014, and it took until November 25th for that police officer to be charged with first degree murder. The officer continued firing after the subject was down and, as a retired police officer I was sickened by that event captured on video. Before the release of the video, both Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Police Supt. Garry McCarthy said they expected large demonstrations and urged people to avoid violence. Mayor Emanuel said, "It is essential that it [the crowd] remain peaceful."

What happened on that street that night seemed criminal. What was the justification by Chicago City Hall to keep this video secret? What benefit came from their apparent inaction?

As a police officer, my number one job was to provide public safety and the best way to do such is to have the community working with you. That is not what I saw on that video. You can't just shoot somebody and think that is justified. There were at least 7 other officers at the scene, and while they weren't shooting, none moved to stop 16 shots from being fired at a suspect passing by at a distance.

I never agree with Rev. Jesse Jackson on anything, but I think he is right in calling for a federal investigation, adding that the other officers at the scene took no visible action. Jackson is also right in calling for a special prosecutor to replace Cook County state's attorney who delayed justice in this case for far too long.

Personally, I believe both the mayor and police superintendent have to explain and justify holding back first degree murder charges against a Chicago police officer for over a year. Leaders are supposed to lead.

If I lived in Chicago, I would be ashamed of my political leaders who did nothing for so long and only moved after a judge ordered them to do so.

No wonder many folks in Chicago are so angry. What happened on that video never should have happened, and if it happened, why did it take so long to hold someone responsible for the death of a 17-year-old, regardless of whether he was on PCP or not.

The job of a police officer is to both serve and protect. Sixteen shots in seventeen seconds is unacceptable in America and the City of Chicago.

I will be waiting for his defense attorney to explain away the evidence of the video. Without the pursuit of justice, what do we have?

Well, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel has fired the police superintendent to help ease tensions, but if he really wants to ease tensions he should resign as mayor because the buck stops with the mayor, not the top cop. And as for bringing in former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick to advise a new mayoral task force on the police department, does he really have outside eyes? Deval is not an outsider in Chicago. He came from there and we here in Massachusetts know that fact all too well. Bottom line, the mayor needs to follow his former top cop out the same exit door.

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Boston Common Tree Lighting

— A Huge Success —

by Marisa Dellatto



The 74th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Boston Common last Thursday marked the start of the holiday season.

This year's tree is a 49-foot white spruce from Nova Scotia. On display near the Park Street T Stop, the tree is decorated in multicolored lights and ornaments and is topped with a star. Unlike many other tree lighting ceremonies where just one tree is lit, 20 other small trees around the Common are adorned in white, red, green, or blue lights.

Many local acts performed on stage before the main event. The audience received a taste of *Elf the Musical* and *Matilda*, both of which are currently playing in Boston. Mayor Marty



Mayor Martin Walsh with New England Patriots Julian Edelman.
(Photos by Jon Seamans)



This year's tree is festively decorated.
(Photo by Marisa Dellatto)

Walsh hosted the event. The Patriots drum line, *The Voice* star Michelle Brooks Thompson, Pitch Slapped a cappella group, the Black Nativity Chorus, and many more helped add to the spectacle.

When it came time to light the tree, a Canadian government official, Mayor Walsh, Rudolph and Santa flipped the switch and illuminated the Common. The lights were accompanied by a fireworks show and confetti. After the lighting, the audience sang Christmas Carols together to ring in the holiday season.

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Date of Death October 19, 2015

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mary F. McGurn of Medford, 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 Mary F. McGurn of Medford, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in a supervised 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: November 23, 2015
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/11/15

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141
(617) 768-5800

Docket No. MI15P6437EA

Estate of
WILLIAM SALAMONE, JR
Date of Death January 16, 2011

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 Frances Furey of Framingham, 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 Frances Furey of Framingham, 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 December 23, 2015.

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: November 25, 2015
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/11/15

The Fourth Annual Christmas Concert

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



On Friday night, December 4th, the Fourth Annual Christmas Concert sponsored by The Consulate General of Italy, The Friends of the Italian Cultural Center of Boston and the Boston Conservatory took place at Sacred Heart Church in Boston's historic North End. Twenty-one talented students from the Conservatory sung some of opera's most beautiful arias to an appreciative audience in the beautiful setting of the upper church.

After a brief delay of fifteen minutes, the concert began at 6:45 pm. It opened with greetings from Ms. Patty Thom and Consul General of Italy, Nicola De Santis. Ms Thom, who has chaired the Conservatory's Voice and Opera Department since 2002, then took her seat at the grand piano

and accompanied the budding opera singers through selections of music sung with a professionalism that is a credit to both the students and their instructors.

The students performing were:

Alyse Brown, Haley Bryant, Micah Welch, Claudia Holen, Julia Kornick, Elizabeth Gause, Alison Saporta, Garri Paul, Abigail Whitman, Natalie Oronzo, Rachel Hahn, Sara Goldman, Clayton Underwood, Jillian Carelli, Julia Labuski, McKenna Havlin, Marissa Salazar, Felicia Varvaras, Sara Mortensen, Jasmine Ismail and Steven Myles

The singers performed in the sanctuary before a beautiful island of green ferns and topiaries that added both to the mood and festive nature of the occasion. Wreaths with tiny white Christmas lights hung midway down each of the nine stained glass windows which were also symbolically candle-lit with lanterns. The wonderful acoustics of Sacred Heart Church contributed immensely to the beauty of the evening.

The concert concluded with a selection of Christmas carols ending with a lovely version of Silent Night sung by the entire ensemble.

Contributing to the success of the concert were Sara Delvecchio, Assistant to the Consul and Walter Valeri, head of Italian language studies at the Boston Conservatory. We look forward to next year's concert.

On December 19th, the Annual Christmas Concert sung by the Saint Leonard Choral Society accompanied by the North End Chamber Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Dan Drzymalski will take place at 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church. This year's concert is titled: Versi e Voci di Natale. A Christmas party will follow at Saint John School located just across the street from the church. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets are currently on sale at the Parish Office. Tickets may also be purchased the evening of the event. A donation of \$10.00 is requested.

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting consulting services for **MPA CONTRACT NO. A352-S4, FY16-18 PROGRAM CONTROLS AND SUPPORT SERVICES AT MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY FACILITIES**. The Authority is seeking a qualified Consultant to provide program controls support services consisting but not limited to the following:

Estimating including life cycle and benefit cost analysis, scheduling including CPM and Pull Planning, change management, and overall general support including capital planning, risk assessment and other miscellaneous requests.

Such services shall be provided on an on-call, as-needed basis. These services are expected to be provided throughout ALL Massport facilities. The 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 three (3) consultants. However, the Authority reserves the right to select a different number if it is deemed in its best interest to do so. Each consultant shall be issued a contract in an amount not to exceed \$500,000. 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 **Monday, December 14, 2015** by contacting Susan Brace at 617-568-5961 or by email at **sbrace@massport.com**.

Each Qualification Statement shall be limited to 15 sheets (30 pages) of written material, which shall be printed on both sides of the sheet (8 ½ x 11). The 30 pages exclude cover letter, response cover, dividers, resumes and DCAMM documents.

Ten (10) copies of the bound document and one envelope clearly marked "Litigation and Legal Proceedings History" 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, January 14, 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 that is not received in the Capital Programs Department in a timely manner shall be rejected by Massport as non-responsive. All questions relative to your submission shall be directed to **CPBidQuestions@massport.com**. *It is strictly prohibited for any proponent to contact anyone else from Massport about this project from the time of this solicitation until award of the project to the successful proponent.*

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS P. GLYNN
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 12/11/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK SERVICES

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Massport) is soliciting Construction Management at Risk Services for **MPA PROJECT NO. M425-C1, AIR RIGHTS GARAGE, D STREET, SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS** (the project). In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 149A, Sections 1 thru 13, Massport is seeking a highly qualified and competent Construction Manager (CM) to provide preconstruction services and implement the construction of the Project in accordance with an agreement where the basis for payment is the cost of the work plus a fee with a negotiated guaranteed maximum price. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is being utilized to prequalify and shortlist CM firms who will be invited to submit proposals in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) to be issued by Massport.

The scope of work includes construction of a multi-level, approximately 1,500 space parking garage partially over the existing Interstate 90 tunnel structure built by the Central Artery and Tunnel Project (CA/T) on Massport's Core Block parcel in South Boston. The project site is bounded by World Trade Center Avenue on the west, the Silver Line World Trade Center Station and ramps to the north, D Street to the east, and DB Street (interstate highway access ramp) and the Massport Haul Road to the south.

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, December 23, 2015** on Massport website <http://www.massport.com/doing-business/layouts/CapitalPrograms/default.aspx> as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, on CommBuys (www.commbuys.com) in the listings for this project or by contacting Susan Brace by email at **sbrace@massport.com**.

In addition, a Project Briefing shall be held in the Capital Programs Department, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA on **Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 10:00 AM**. The briefing is not mandatory.

Responses 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, January 21, 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.

All questions relative to your submission shall be directed to **CPBidQuestions@massport.com**. *In the subject lines of your email, please reference the MPA Project Name and Number. It is strictly prohibited for any proponent to contact anyone else from Massport about this project from the time of this solicitation until award of the project to the successful proponent.*

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS P. GLYNN
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 12/11/2015

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting consulting services for MPA CONTRACT NO. **L1305-D1, RUNWAY 4R-22L REHABILITATION AND APPROACH LIGHT PIER REPLACEMENT, LOGAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EAST BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**. The Authority is seeking qualified multidiscipline consulting firms/teams, with proven experience to provide professional services including planning, design, environmental permitting, and construction related services including resident inspection, relative to the mill and inlay of Runway 4R-22L and the replacement of the approach light pier at Runway 4R. The 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 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 \$1,800,000.

A Supplemental Information Package will be available, on **Friday, December 18, 2015**, 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**

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

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 H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than 12:00 Noon on **Thursday, January 28, 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.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
THOMAS P. GLYNN
CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Run date: 12/11/2015

Holiday Songs

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1. Boreal bursts

6. Soldier's bed

9. Microbrewery product

13. "We all will be together if the fates"

14. Romanian money

15. Plural of pupa

16. Stupid and silly

17. Eyeball shape

18. Bornean ape

19. "Feliz"

21. "... with your nose so, won't you guide my sleigh..."

23. Gourmet mushroom

24. Windows to the soul?

25. "Hee" variety show

28. Persian backgammon

30. Knowledgeable

31. Shining armor

37. Oriental ware, pl.

39. One of seven dwarfs

40. St. Louis' Gateway

41. "Mele Kalikimaka is the to say"

43. Singer-songwriter Amos

44. Scout's mission

46. End of line

47. Mint product

48. Mrs. Potts of "Beauty and the Beast"

50. Falling-out

52. Lamb serving

53. Thomas the Engine's warning

55. Plays for pay

57. Part of a flower, pl.

60. "The weather is frightful but this is so delightful"

64. Natural talent

65. Nightcap rocks

67. Run of the law

68. Full of curd

69. "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas, Lean your this way"

70. First light, pl.

71. Algonquian people

72. Dashboard acronym

73. Wipe it clean to start fresh

24. Most avant-garde

25. "It" in "...but the very next day you gave it away"

26. Come to terms

27. Neopagan religion

29. German industrial valley

31. Drilling group

32. Thread holder

33. Chill-inducing

34. "The fire is slowly, and my dear, we're still goodbye"

36. Do this until you drop?

38. Finger move

42. Charted record

45. "You better watch out!"

49. Beneficiary of holiday toy drives

51. Found on a tire

54. Basketry stick

56. Butcher's refuse

57. Its out of focus

58. Like pink steak

59. Assistant

60. 4 years to a President

61. Caucus state

62. Litter member

63. Someone

64. TV monitor, acr.

66. Part of graduate's ensemble

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Socially Scene

by Angela Cornacchio



Boston dress designer David Josef (left) and Fashion Marketing leader Ann Maven (right) flocked to DVF on Newbury Street for a shopping event and charity drive for "The Women's Lunch Place."
(Photo by Angela Cornacchio)

Socially Scene Reviewed ... This past week, Boston's fashion community gathered together at DVF's Newbury Street store to see industry legend Diane von Furstenberg's new collection revealed.

The Boston Fashion Meetup paired up with store manager and Boston brand ambassador Meghan O'Brien, who welcomed the city's finest for a shop, mix and mingle event. All brought donations for the Newbury Street-based organization, The Women's Lunch Place.

The evening began with bubbly cocktails and tasty cupcakes from neighbor Georgetown Cupcakes that were designed especially for the event with an edible DVF logo. The VIP guest list was made up of fashionistas such as debutant dress

designer David Josef, leading lady of production Kathy Benharris, Samuel Vartan and Kiki Papadopoulos from Vartan Collections, pageant producer Iva Nicole, fashion marketing beauty Anna Maven and many more fabulous faces that make our fashion community what it is.

The guests mingled amongst themselves in their holiday attire and were then pulled together for a brief presentation from manager Meghan on the store's current collection and the history behind von Furstenberg. The December line is called, "Miami Vice," given that in the fashion world this month marks the beginning of resort wear. Von Furstenberg's line focuses on bold zebra prints, floral placements, striped jump

suits, and chiffon dresses that show her innocent side. The result is a collection fit for a debutante, or a dreamer.

O'Brien then moved into some background information on von Furstenberg and her journey through the business. Von Furstenberg said, "I didn't know what I wanted to do when I first started out, but I knew the woman I wanted to be." Though she has been active in the business for 40 plus years, DVF has only had store fronts for the past 10 years, and for only 5 years here in Boston. They were happy to welcome their guests for the evening, as they find many residents aren't aware of the store and have been doing their DVF shopping at Sak's. Von Furstenberg's current focus for the future of her business is, "If you get the millennial women, you will get their mother, and then get their daughter." The story could go on for days with the past, present and future of this icon in the fashion industry. You can read about it in her newly-released book, *The Woman I Wanted to Be*.

The night was a fashion success for the city, the brand, and the The Women's Lunch Place. If you are looking for great gift ideas, Diane von Furstenberg has them all. The staff can help you find that perfect handbag, a dress to make a statement at a holiday cocktail party, or even help you build a custom gift box with DVF swag. Visit www.dvf.com or pop into the store located at 73 Newbury Street. The evening took in many donations for The Women's Lunch Place, and if you're looking to make a lady's life a little better, you can view the suggested donation list at www.womenslunchplace.org/donate or visit them at 67 Newbury Street, Boston.

Plan Your Trip to the Pops

... Nothing says "tis the season" like an evening spent with the Boston Pops and good ol' Santa Claus. Their holiday show is on the Symphony Hall stage through December 24th.

The 2015 season is under the direction of Keith Lockhart. The group will be performing beloved classics of the season alongside four new arrangements, including *The Christmas Story*, arranged by Tony Award-winning, Boston-based orchestrator Bill Elliott in collaboration with Boston Pops Conductor Keith Lockhart. This new work will accompany a film montage of images drawn from famed children's book author and illustrator Tomie dePaola, who celebrated his 50th anniversary in publishing in 2015.



The Boston Pops and Santa will be on the Symphony Hall stage through December 24th.
(Photo by bso.org)

Also among the new arrangements is *Wonderful!*, inspired by the holiday classic, *It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, arranged by David Chase, who created the Boston Pops' wildly popular arrangement of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*.

The 2015 Holiday Pops season will present seven kids' matinee concerts, featuring a special children's sing-along, a kid-friendly menu with special holiday treats, and an opportunity for parents to bring their cameras and take photos of their children with Santa Claus after the concert. For a listing of the kids' matinee concerts, visit www.bostonpops.org.

Returning to ring in the New Year is The Boston Pops Swing Orchestra, joined by Boston's legendary bandleader extraordinaire Bo Winiker, in a gala concert to bring in 2016 at Symphony Hall on Thursday, December 31st at 10:00 pm. At this special concert, you can dance the night away on the Symphony Hall dance floor, then at midnight raise a glass for a toast to the New Year. World-famous Symphony Hall will be transformed in grand Pops style, with café-style seating for this special New Year's celebration, marking the most festive night of the year. The concert starts at 10:00 pm and the doors open at 8:00 pm with dancing and music by The Winiker Swing Orchestra and special guest vocalists Cyndy Gale, John Stevens, and Larry Willis.

If you're not able to make it out to Symphony Hall, the Boston Pops holiday tunes will stream on the web at www.bostonpops.org, as well as under the Symphony Hall marquee in Boston, through the end of December, making the special seasonal tunes of the Pops available to all free of charge. Additionally, Boston residents and seasonal tourists can hear the celebrated music of the Boston Pops for free as part of Blink!

Blink! is a must see for the holiday season, and a tradition for most to enjoy a light and sound extravaganza. The seven-minute long sound and

light spectacle illuminates the Boston skyline with over 350,000 LED lights dancing to the music of the Holiday Pops. The light show projects every 30 minutes throughout the holiday season at Faneuil Hall, and was visited by more than 200,000 last season.

The Boston Pops is popular all over the world and we are blessed to have an amazing holiday tradition right here at home. The Pops will continue their holiday celebration through Thursday, December 24th, and ring in the New Year on Thursday, December 31st. For more information about this year's Holiday Pops programs, which feature a visit from Santa Claus at every performance and seven special kids' matinees, visit www.bostonpops.org. Tickets are on sale now and are available by visiting www.bostonpops.org or by calling 888-266-1200.

Holiday Beat and Cocktails

... The Beat Brasserie celebrates the holidays with the Brian Thomas & Alex Lee Clark Big Band for a night of music and cocktails.

Get your holiday swing on with the Beat Brasserie, located in Cambridge's Harvard Square, with a special performance from Brian Thomas & Alex Lee Clark's Big Band on Sunday, December 20th from 7:00 pm to 12:00 am. They'll be playing their undeniably unique jazz funk music and mixing in a few holiday favorites throughout the night. Enjoy the culinary stylings of Executive Chef Ignacio Lopez, handcrafted cocktails, amazing beers and American craft wines from the all on-tap wine list poured by The Beat's expert bar team.

The Brian Thomas & Alex Lee Clark Big Band formed in 2011 and has quickly gained a reputation for featuring some of the best players in Boston, great compositions and a sound that pushes the art of the big band forward, resulting in an entertaining atmosphere for both the band and the audience. Boston-based trombonist Brian Thomas is one of the most

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North End Holiday Stroll Bring Crowds to Neighborhood Shops

by Matt Conti

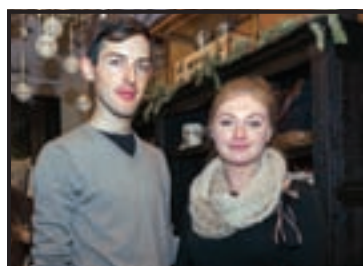


(Photos by Matt Conti,
www.northendwaterfront.com)

It was a balmy Friday night for the popular North End Holiday Shopping Stroll, now in its 9th year. Shoppers had free reign to explore the trendy boutiques, wine stores, and specialty shops through the neighborhood's fabled streets. Stores offered holiday refreshments and special discounts as shoppers punched their 'passport' cards to win gift baskets.

Kicking off the annual stroll was the lighting of the Cross Street Christmas tree, courtesy of the North End Beautification Committee. Hot chocolate was provided by Caffe Paradiso with caroling and NEMPAC musical performers.

Participating shops for the holiday stroll this year included Shake The Tree, Twilight, The Wine Bottega, Lulu's Sweet Shoppe, Ensemble Boston, LIT Boutique, Cocoanuts Boston, Cataldo Interiors, Sedurre, Sol Optics, in-jean-ius, Orchard Skateshop, North Bennet Street School, Polcari's Coffee Shop, I Am Books, SALMAGUNDI, Heart & Sole, Fleet Street Guild, Exhale Battery Wharf and Battery Wharf Hotel.



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by Jeanette Cataldo



Let's Talk

Avoiding "Cabin Fever" this Winter ...

When "old man winter" is upon us and we are stuck indoors, here are a few suggestions to help brighten your mood.

I know myself lighting a fireplace, cooking up a storm, and, of course, eating far too much helps me make it through those days I'm snowbound. But ... then the guilt sets in!

However, this is also a perfect time to start thinking about getting ready for spring! Take out the things you put away for winter. Think about changing your theme with colors, pillows, bed ensembles, etc. Not only is this a productive and guilt-free way to spend a few days, it's a great way to get out of the winter funk.

The way we get cozy and festive for the winter season is the same way to get fresh and bright for the spring season.

Look through magazines and find pictures of what inspires you. It's always nice to keep a folder with all the things you like. They may not all work in your space, but there is always something you can take from a design you fall in love with.



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AN EN VOGUE CHRISTMAS (DVD)
Lionsgate Home Ent.

Over the years, the funky divas of En Vogue have gone their separate ways — until they are asked to perform a benefit concert to save the club that made them stars. They put aside their hesitations to reunite for the special night, but first must overcome their challenging history with Marty, their former manager and the man responsible for breaking them up. In the spirit of the holidays, the ladies find forgiveness and come together for an epic *An En Vogue Christmas* concert to keep the club from closing its doors forever. Featuring some of En Vogue’s biggest hits and two new original songs.

‘TIS THE SEASON FOR LOVE (DVD)
Cinedigm + Hallmark

Hanna Baker (Sarah Lancaster) left her small town of Kern to seek the stardom that everyone knew was her destiny. Now, ten years later, with none of her dreams coming to fruition and feeling like a failure, Hanna heads back to Kern to cheer herself up with a real, hometown, family Christmas. Once back, Hanna sees that life in Kern has moved on quite nicely without her and she soon finds herself longing for her past. Everyone seems so content with their lives that she starts to think that maybe leaving was a mistake. Everything changes when a magical Santa gives her the wonderful opportunity to see what her life would’ve been had she never left to pursue her acting dreams. She is shocked to learn that her alternate reality is nothing like she could’ve imagined, opening her eyes to new possibilities, new opportunities, and a whole new love she never even considered.

ICE SCULPTURE CHRISTMAS (DVD)
Cinedigm + Hallmark

As a little girl, Callie Shaw (Rachel Boston) always knew she wanted to be an amazing chef. Now, after spending years trying to get her foot in the door, she’s losing faith that she has what it takes to succeed. Wondering, is it time to give it up? Working as the entry-level new hire in her hometown’s country club kitchen, Callie finally gets the opportunity to make a name for herself through a culinary Christmas ice-sculpture contest. The only problem is that she’s paired with David Manning (David Alpay), a handsome, wealthy entrepreneur who believes whole-heartedly in Callie’s talents, but knows nothing about ice sculpture. If David can learn the ropes in time and help Callie believe she has all the right stuff, Callie just might enjoy a Christmas to remember, bringing her closer to a man who truly loves her and achieving her lifelong dream.

CHRISTMAS TRADE (DVD)
Cinedigm

Never judge a man until you’ve walked a mile in his snowshoes. This is the lesson learned by overworked attorney Mitch Taylor and his 12-year-old son, Robbie, after a mysterious package from Santa causes them to switch bodies and experience the holiday season from the perspective of the other. Christmas magic has never been stronger than in this family film. Mitch and Robbie definitely think the other has it pretty easy — until they are forced to find out what it’s like to spend the holidays, literally in each other’s shoes!

NORMAN ROCKWELL PRESENTS: A CHRISTMAS TAIL (DVD)
Cinedigm

It’s the most wonderful time of the year in this heartwarming story of friendship, fur and — just maybe — love. Maggie (Chandra West), a single mom, visits the local animal shelter and adopts a Labrador Retriever for her son, Ethan (Beamer Wigley). But things get complicated when they discover that the pup ended up at the pound after chasing a cat, and losing his original family — bachelor-dad Jack (Antonio Cupo) and his daughter, Olivia (Tiera Skovbye). As the four-some spends time together, they realize that they have more in common than their canine companion, and find the true meaning of the holiday season.

THE NUTCRACKER SWEET (DVD)
Cinedigm

The Nutcracker Sweet begins on Christmas Eve when the Silberhaus children, Marie (voiced by Alicia Silverstone) and Fritz (voiced by Karen Strassman), receive an unexpected gift from their godfather — a nutcracker doll (voiced by Drake Bell). Soon caught in the enchanted present’s spell, the children are swept into a dangerous world and witness a great battle between a vast army of toy soldiers, led by the Nutcracker, against a terrible platoon of mice commanded by the evil Mouse King. Follow Marie and Fritz’s journey through the Kingdom of Dolls, through the Christmas Forest, past the Almond Milk Seas, and the Palace of the Marzipans. An unforgettable journey of magic and holiday adventures.

GET SANTA (DVD)
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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

CHECK OUT THE BOSTON BROADSIDE

The *Boston Broadside* is a great conservative monthly tabloid newspaper with some great conservative stuff in it. Jeff Kuhner says, “I love the *Boston Broadside*. It is the best printed publication in Massachusetts.” I don’t always agree with Jeff on everything, but on this monthly newspaper, he is 100 percent correct. For more info, go to www.BostonBroadside.com.

I’M SINGING IN ITALIAN, HOW’S THAT HAPPENING?

Recently, someone gave me a music CD by Australian-Italian singing sensation Alfio who is hot in Italy and getting pretty popular in America’s Italian-American community. I have been listening to him in the car so much, I am now singing in Italian, which is strange since I don’t sing that well in English. Great sound. You got to hear this singer singing his heart out.

I LIKED BOB FINNERAN’S LETTER IN THE HERALD

I love both writing and reading letters to the editor in newspapers, and Bob Finneran of Walpole sounds like a guy like me. In a recent *Boston Herald* letter, he questions whether or not the federal government can require states to take in any Syrian refugees against the wishes of the state. Washington, DC, says it can, but Bob wonders aloud about the 10th Amendment which states, “The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively or to the people.” Bob could be on to something here. Where in the Constitution does it state that the federal government has the power to resettle anyone?

I STILL REMEMBER THAT FIRST BILLY JACK MOVIE

One day recently, while driving through Day Square in

East Boston, two guys riding Harleys and wearing cool leather jackets stopped in front of me to talk. I just waited them out a bit. Eventually they both made a u-turn. There was a car behind me in the traffic line blowing his horn repeatedly. I just ignored him. I guess he never saw that *Billy Jack* movie almost 45 years ago when that guy in his Volkswagen Beetle started honking at a bunch of bikers. Sometimes you just have to relax and wait. Why get all bent out of shape?

BOSTON SOUTH ROOTS SHOWING

Every neighborhood as great as the South End deserves a history book of its own. Now it has one, entitled *Boston’s South End* by Russ Lopez. Look for it, especially if you came from the hood like I did. You can find it at the South End Library, or get more information at www.SouthEndBookstore.com.

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Date of Death December 23, 2012

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ALBERT CLYDE ALLEN, JR.
Date of Death November 21, 2005

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Estate of
MICHAEL DAVID ARELLANO
Date of Death March 11, 2011

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Estate of
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Date of Death December 13, 2012

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Estate of
BARBARA ANN BRISTOL
Date of Death November 21, 2012

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Estate of
JOHNNY LEE BYRD
Date of Death December 11, 2012

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Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

A homeowners' association ordered an Idaho man to remove the Christmas decorations from his front yard because they might be offensive to non-Christians. Jeremy Morris's holiday display featured tens of thousands of lights, a live choir, and a life-size Nativity scene. The association objected, calling the display "a nuisance" to residents of other faiths. Morris says the display will stay, and that "religious freedom" is at stake.

That's using your head! A Massachusetts woman has won the right to wear a spaghetti strainer on her head in her driver's license photo. Lindsay Miller, a member of the satirical Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, argued that she has a First Amendment right to wear the colander. "I do hope this decision encourages my fellow Pastafarian Atheists to express themselves," Miller said.

Bravo! A Milwaukee cop issued himself a ticket for parking his squad car in a handicapped spot. "The rules are the same for my squad car as for any car," said Sheriff David Clarke. "Parking there is inexcusable."

Congratulations! First same-sex wedding: Two men became the first gay couple to wed in overwhelmingly Catholic Ireland. Cormac Gollogly and Richard Dowling, both 35, have been together for twelve years and engaged for five. "We are really delighted to be able to do it," Dowling said, after tying the knot in a small town in County Tipperary. "Having a full marriage was important to us, so now we can relax and get old together." In May, Ireland became the first country to legalize gay marriage by popular referendum, rather than by court ruling or government decree. Irish eyes are smiling.

The astute Rosalie Cunio of Waltham reminds us that marriages are made in heaven, but they are lived on earth. How true!

Carlo Scostumato claims why shouldn't a woman take her husband's name? She takes everything else!

I believe it was the lovely and brilliant Penny Morse who once said, "A woman always remembers where and when she got married; a man sometimes forgets why!"

Despite first lady Michelle Obama's efforts to improve the American diet and lifestyle with her "Let's Move" campaign — the percent of obese Americans has actually increased. About 38 percent of U.S. adults were obese in 2013 and 2014, compared with 35 percent in 2011 and 2012.

Reminder! According to the National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, the United States loses 642 World War II veterans every day. Massachusetts has 36,835 living veterans from the war, and Honor Flight New England is determined to thank them all for their service while there's still time.

Did you hear that Baltimore recorded its 300th homicide of the year, up 42 percent from 2014's overall total? The number of killings has surged in the city since it was hit by rioting over the death of a black man in police custody in April.

So what else is new? Lower blood pressure is better. Current blood pressure standards are too high, and aggressively treating people now considered healthy can prevent more heart attacks and strokes and save lives, a new National Institutes of Health study has concluded. Under existing clinical guidelines, healthy adults should have a systolic blood pressure of 140 or lower.

Health scare of the week. Beware! Belly fat, beer belly, spare tires, and love handles. These seemingly innocuous terms are used to describe an extra fat that accumulates around some people's waistlines, but new research suggests so-called central obesity is actually a serious health concern even for people with a "normal" body mass index (BMI). After examining data compiled on 15,184 adults who were followed for an average of 14 years, researchers found that men and women with higher levels of belly fat have a greater risk of death than overweight or obese adults whose fat is more evenly distributed throughout their bodies. One possible explanation is that belly fat is associated with a build-up of deeper visceral fat that wraps around internal organs, increasing the risk for heart attacks and strokes.

It's well established that a sedentary existence is bad for us and that regular exercise promotes better health. Apparently, new research reveals, we don't even have to hit the treadmill to feel

better; just standing up can have significant benefits, *The Washington Post* reports.

Standing for half of the day reduces the likelihood of obesity among men by 59 percent, compared with 47 percent among women. It's unclear from the data if standing directly reduces obesity risk, or if people who are obese simply stand less.

Rent-a-Mom, A Brooklyn woman began renting "mothering" services to needy hipsters. For \$40 per hour, Nina Keneally will cook meals, go shopping, or offer guilt-free motherly advice to Millennials. "Everybody needs a mom now and then," Keneally said, "but maybe not his or her own mom."

Good news for ex-convicts. President Obama ordered federal agencies to stop asking prospective employees about their criminal histories early in the job application process, in a bid to help more former convict's reintegrate into society. The government "should not use criminal history to screen out applicants before we even look at their qualifications," Obama said in a speech in Newark, New Jersey. Recently, more than 6,000 federal prisoners convicted of non-violent drug offenses were released from prison early under new Justice Department guidelines that lower sentences for some drug convictions.

News from Bucharest, Romania, Prime minister ousted: Prime Minister Victor Ponta resigned after a fire during a heavy-metal concert at a crowded nightclub that killed 32 people and left dozens with burns and smoke inhalation injuries. Protesters blamed the government for the tragedy, saying it has allowed corruption to permeate the permitting and inspection process for public venues.

Ah, Romania. We were responsible for escorting a first charter flight to Romania. Heading it up was Rosemarie Sansone. The airport security guys were ready to feel us all over to make sure we were not carrying weapons. Thanks to Sansone, and my yelling, they stopped. Enough said.

Members of the Atlantic City Council approved a resolution inviting Bucharest, Hungary, to become one of its sister cities. Unfortunately, Bucharest is the capital of Romania.

Free! Free! Two weeks after authorities in Mahoning County, Ohio, charged Eric Jones, 47, with killing his wife, they dropped the charges. Youngstown police Lt. David Williams explained that Jones was set free because he may need a heart transplant and authorities didn't want to be responsible for the bill, which could top \$250,000.

Wee bit of Italian-American history. In 1926, silent screen star Rudolph Valentino (Rudolfo Guglielmi) is reported to have had a furious fist fight at the Waldorf Astoria with John Wannahopper. During the battle over a woman, the movie idol was punched in the stomach. "The Sheik," age 31, died of peritonitis several days later and was mourned worldwide.

Along with the great musicologist and show biz great Al Natale, we discovered what Joan Bennett had to say about columnist Hedda Hopper. "Hedda Hopper had been taking potshots at me in her columns for years. I finally got fed up, and around 1950 I had a live skunk shipped to her house. Later, she wrote that she'd named it Joan. A columnist always got the last word."

Permanent addresses: Henry Cabot Lodge (1850-November 9, 1924) Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Conservative Republican senator (1893-1924) who opposed U.S. entry into the League of Nations.

Just 11.6 percent of Americans moved last year, a near historic low. While long distance moves are beginning to pick up as the economy improves, local moves — which involve staying within the same county — are currently at their lowest level since the government began recording data in 1948.

Employees at mid-sized and large companies paid \$4,700 on average this year towards health insurance premiums and out-of-pocket costs, up from about \$2,000 in 2014.

Americans are planning to buy the most Christmas presents this holiday season since 2007. On average, families say they'll spend \$830 this year, up from \$720 they spent in 2014.

AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL ITALIAN NAME



Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli



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CANNALICCHI "Kanna lee kee"

A Sicilian Christmas Fig Cookie

FILLING:

1 pound dried figs
1 cup red wine
1 cup water
1/8 teaspoon black ground pepper
1/2 cup fine chopped walnuts (optional)
Sprinkle of salt

DOUGH:

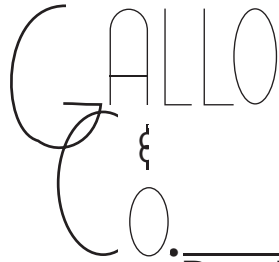
5 cups flour
3 tablespoons sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup vegetable oil
3/4 cup water

DAY 1: Place dried figs in bowl with wine and water to soak overnight. Cover and refrigerate. (Less liquid may be required if you are not using dried figs.)

DAY 2: Chop figs or mince in food processor. Add black pepper, walnuts and mix in bowl.

DOUGH PREPARATION: Place flour, sugar and salt in a 12-inch bowl. Add slightly beaten egg and oil. Add water gradually until mixture holds together. Remove from bowl. Knead to smooth consistency. Cut into four portions. Roll individual portions into long rolls one-inch thick. Cut these rolls into three-inch portions. Place in bowl. Keep covered. With rolling pin, roll each three-inch portion into long strips approximately 1 1/2 inches wide. Place filling in center of strip with teaspoon. Fold sides over. Turn so seam is on bottom. Press to flatten slightly. Cut pieces diagonally about 1 1/2 inches long. Longer pieces can be shaped as S's or U's or round-like doughnuts. Slit sides with point of knife before baking. Place on greased cookie sheet and bake in preheated 400°F oven for twenty to twenty-five minutes. Tops will not color much. Bottoms will brown. Cool before storing in a canister.

NOTE: During Christmas week, relatives gathered in one of the homes to make this traditional Christmas cookie. I particularly loved watching my grandmother and Aunt Marianna shape thin rounds of dough with the rolling pin. Then they placed the fig mixture in the center of each round of dough and proceeded to gently pinch pleat the dough around the fig filling. It created a small tart. Not having mastered that procedure, I continue to shape my Cannalicchi as mentioned in the recipe.



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Estate of
JOHN M. HARRINGTON, JR.
Date of Death November 8, 2015

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Edward J. Joyce of Wellesley, MA**, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Edward J. Joyce of Wellesley, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Estate of
FREDDIE LEE WINTERS
Date of Death November 17, 2012

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Gretta P. Winters of Yazoo City, MS**.

Gretta P. Winters of Yazoo City, MS has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

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Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



When I was a kid, I belonged to the Trinity Neighborhood House, a settlement house located at 406 Meridian Street in the Eagle Hill section of East Boston. The house was built in 1847 for a local businessman named Noah Sturtevant. In 1917, it became the Trinity House, a Red Feather recreation facility and day nursery for locals established by the Trinity Church in Copley Square. In 1966, it merged with the East Boston Social Centers and is now being rehabbed to provide elderly housing for neighborhood folks, but is registered as a landmark, which means that changes to the outside of the building are prohibited. This was within walking distance of Eutaw Street where we lived and I joined the settlement house to learn how to box, make model planes and play basketball. At one point, I even learned how to ballroom dance, but this was years later. They had a Cub Scout group in operation at the center; I joined for a short time, but I had to quit when they told us that we would have to attend a particular Protestant Church that was an affiliate. I wound up joining the Cub Scouts at the Sacred Heart Church which was our parish. Things were a bit restrictive in those days.

Well, it was 1949, and I was making model planes one evening a week, and playing basketball, or boxing on another. When I first started, a man named Mr. Dudley was the director. He was replaced by a local, J.J. Dana, and after a basketball game one night, he informed the teams that the Trinity House was having a children's Christmas party and we were invited to attend with our folks if they could make it. I told my mother and grandparents about the party when I got home, but the date and time conflicted with everything Nanna and my mother would be preparing for Christmas Eve and Christmas day dinners, and Dad would be playing with the band he was with back then.

This left only Babbononno. I asked my grandfather to bring me to the party and he agreed. When I gave him the date and time, he cancelled a trip to whatever social club he frequented on that night and we were set to go. On the night of the party, Babbononno dressed in a suit, shirt, and tie. He always had to look the part which included a spit-shine on his shoes. He supervised my dressing and helped me tie a necktie, fearing that I couldn't make a four-in-hand knot. Once he was satisfied with the way I looked, we headed to

Meridian Street and the Trinity House. When we arrived, we were greeted by Ms. Orr, one of the directors, and Edith DeAngelis, her assistant. (Years later, Dr. Edith DeAngelis would become an advocate for all things East Boston, but that's another story.)

Once inside, there was entertainment and music for us kids, and later, soda and cake. After the treats were consumed, we all sat down and the Gospel according to St. Luke was recited by Ms. Orr as she held a Bible in front of the guests. After, we might hear *The Night Before Christmas*, by Clement Clarke Moore, or *Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Claus*, by Francis P. Church. When the evening came to an end, there was a little gift for each of us that was handed out by Ms. Orr as we exited the building. Babbononno had a sweet tooth and the cake and soda was always to his liking. With him satisfied, I knew that there would be no complaints once we got home.

Around the same time, the Scout Master at the Sacred Heart Church would hold a Christmas party for the kids in the Cub Scouts. His name was Bill McGonagle, and his wife, Mary Jane, was our den mother. I would attend the general party at the church and another party at the McGonagle house which was on Saratoga Street, a few blocks away from Sacred Heart Church. Back then, Christmas time was a busy period for the men in my family. Dad was playing at Santa's Village in the Jordan Marsh Department Store during the afternoons and several parties in the evenings through December 24th. Neither he nor my uncles worked on Christmas Eve. They all had morning jobs on Christmas morning. Uncle Nick played a Christmas party for the kids at the Fernald School in Waltham. They all had special needs, and to him, this was giving back. I don't remember where Uncle Paul played, but he had something every Christmas morning as well. For years, Dad played a Christmas morning party aboard the *U.S.S. Vulcan*, an aircraft repair ship that was based in Boston. Much of the crew was composed of Bostonians and they and their families attended a Christmas party aboard the ship with good food, good entertainment and a visit from Santa for the children of the men who manned the ship. I often attended the morning party with my father and loved the idea of being on a war ship with the kids of the sailors who manned the vessel.

Later in life, beginning when

I was about 18 or 19, I followed suit. I was in college at the time and often attended class in a tuxedo, carrying my bass violin with me. I wasn't afraid of it being stolen if I left it in my car all morning, but was always worried about the wood cracking in the cold and the strings going out of tune due to the temperature outside the car.

When I began playing for the Ken Reeves Orchestra, we often had several afternoon parties to play, one after another. Most businesses would have parties in their offices for a couple of hours and this was in the day before DJs. Everything was live music. On a given afternoon, I might play a party from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm and rush to another location and play a second party from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. I would then have a half hour to rush to where ever I was playing that night and entertain at another party, or maybe two, if they could be squashed in together without overlapping.

If we had jobs to play on the 24th, Dad, my uncles and I would make sure that they ended before it was time to head home, and have the Christmas Eve fish dinner that my mother and Nanna would prepare. If there were jobs that were booked for Christmas Eve, everyone in the family would have a backup musician who was Jewish, to cover them. They had agreements with Jewish musicians and Dad and my uncles would cover for them on Jewish holidays when work interfered with their religious practices. Things worked out well; back then the Boston's Musicians Union was a combination of Italian and Jewish musicians.

Those days are long gone, but the money I made helped to pay my college tuition. Beyond this, I had fun. Looking back at the first part of the story, I guess I've had fun all of my life — no complaints thus far.

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PHILIPPE FAUCHE
Date of Death June 29, 2015

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Philippe M. Fauche of Roslindale, MA. Philippe M. Fauche of Roslindale, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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See *Natasha, Pierre & the Great Comet of 1812* on the Loeb stage through January 3, 2016.

(Photo by www.americanrepertorytheater.org)

sought-after musicians in the country, playing music ranging from jazz to funk. He has been playing trombone since the age of 10 in his hometown of Rochester, NY and leads his own jazz quartet, big band, and funk powerhouse Akashic Record, each of which feature his original compositions. Brian Thomas will perform with Alex Lee-Clark, who has played with the Temptations and the Four Tops, and has crafted a unique and exciting sound by blending jazz and pop sensibilities. He is a trumpet player, composer, and arranger currently living and teaching in Boston and is currently an in-demand performer.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 20th, and enjoy the unique sounds of The Brian Thomas & Alex Lee-Clark Big Band, while Executive Chef Ignacio Lopez serves up delicious dishes that will cater to your taste buds. If you're just out looking for drinks, pop in and see the band at the bar while enjoying The Beat's wine on tap and signature cocktails.

The Beat is located at 13 Brattle Street in Cambridge. For more information, or to make a reservation, visit www.beathotel.com or call 617-499-0001.

Take a Seat for The Great Comet ... The Loeb Drama Center is featuring *Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812* through January 3, 2016.

This story is based on a scandalous 70-page slice of Tolstoy's *War and Peace*. This electro-pop-opera from the musical mind of Dave Malloy, who brought us *Three Pianos*, *Ghost Quartet*, and *Beowulf*, is Tolstoy like you've never experienced him before. Step into a glamorous, romantic world of chandeliers, vodka and caviar in the salons and opera houses of 19th century Moscow, where passions ignite as Napoleon's war rages outside the city. This new musical brings to life the heart of literature's most epic tale of love and fate.

Created by 2015 MacArthur Genius Grant-winner Mimi Lien, a uniquely immersive set will transform the Loeb Drama Center into an opulent private club in the heart of Moscow, allowing for actors to move fluidly throughout the space and amidst the audience. As part of the staging, you will be able to sit amongst the action, or in traditional orchestra-style seating. The design offers a variety of seating arrangements, includ-

ing cabaret tables, banquettes, stools, and the premium locations on stage will provide you with the most intimate vantage points to view the action.

This dramatic tale will be on the Loeb Drama Center stage through January 3rd, and is an interactive experience not to be missed. The Loeb is located at 64 Brattle Street in Cambridge. Call 617-547-8300 for more information on tickets and times, or you may visit www.americanrepertorytheater.org.

A Tasty Treat to Compliment Your Time in the City ... The Boston Hot Chocolate Experience is back.

The MET Restaurant Group is bringing the "Boston Hot Chocolate Experience" featuring Taza Chocolate, to its four Massachusetts locations just in time for the holiday season! Locations include MET Back Bay in Boston, MET on Main in Nantucket, MA, as well as the MET Bar and Grill locations in Dedham and Natick, MA.

The Boston Hot Chocolate Experience is presented in a flight of four miniature glasses and hosts four distinct flavors for chocolate lovers, including: Classic Hot Chocolate — featuring Taza Vanilla Chocolate, whipped cream and mini toasted marshmallows; Mexican Hot Chocolate — with Taza Cinnamon Chocolate, whipped cream, a cinnamon stick and grated Taza Guajillo Chili Chocolate; Salted Almond Hot Chocolate — with Taza Salted Almond Chocolate, whipped cream and an almond biscotti, and finally, Peppermint Hot Chocolate — featuring Taza Cacao Puro Chocolate, peppermint, whipped cream and a candy cane.

Each flavor can be upgraded to an "adult version" with additions such as Bailey's, Espresso Liquor, Amaretto, and White Crème de Menthe. If hot cocoa lovers find that they are in the mood for just one, MET Restaurant Group has that covered. You can order any flavor as the "One Big One" presentation.

The Boston Hot Chocolate Experience has begun and will continue until spring 2016. Locations are: MET Back Bay, 279 Dartmouth Street; MET on Main, 38 Main Street, Nantucket; MET Bar and Grill, 400 Legacy Place, Dedham; and MET Bar and Grill, 1245 Worcester Steet, Natick. Seek out the location nearest you and get your hot chocolate fix in fashion!

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• **Boston Conservatory Concert** (Continued from Page 1)

performances of both English and Italian Christmas songs to finish off the show. The upper church at Sacred Heart was adorned in Christmas bows, wreaths, and other decorations. Every pew was packed with

audience members. Each student got their chance to shine and show off their amazing talent. The Christmas Concert was a chance to experience a slice of Italian culture in one of its purest forms.

• **News Briefs** (Continued from Page 1)

cies. That may be true. However, in Muslim-dominated countries, the law of the land is the *Koran*. These countries are theocracies, not democracies, and are often run by clerics. Most of these countries practice Sharia Law and treat women, gays, and minority religions like second class citizens. That’s the truth that the PC crowd won’t accept.

Middle Quote

“New York is an exciting town where something is happening all the time, most of it unsolved.”

— Johnny Carson

Why is Kasich Still Running and What of Trump?

Many in the Republican establishment have latched onto Ohio Gov. John Kasich as the anti-Trump with a Super PAC supporting him. He’s been bashing Donald Trump, too, as have others of the so-called Republican Ruling Class. Whatever happened to Ronald Reagan’s 11th commandment against Republicans attacking each other? The more Republicans push Trump up against the wall, the more they may get their wish of stopping him from getting the party nomination. But what if Trump were to hit back by running as a third party candidate? Then what? I wouldn’t blame Trump if he did just that. Trump going rogue would mean the death-knell for the GOP on November 8, 2016.

History is History, Learn to Live and Learn from it

Lately all things Confederate are getting bashed, as are our Founding Fathers, many of whom supported the institution of slavery. To honor our founders is not to support racism or slavery. It is to honor the ideal they created, even if some, or many, were hypocrites. We can’t change the past, but to say we should forget about many great leaders and pretend they never existed is rubbish.

I saw a large print of Thomas Jefferson at a Goodwill store a few days ago. I was surprised

this print was for sale rather than handed over to the PC fascists who would gladly burn it. Recently, *The Atlantic Magazine* wrote of the protesters calling for Princeton University to rename the Woodrow Wilson School on campus since Wilson was clearly a racist. The magazine called him a defender of domestic terrorists, an “exhorter of the Lost Cause” who resegregated the federal government. Gee, I thought liberals used to love Wilson and his Progressive mentality. That was apparently then, this is now.

Remember John C. Calhoun, who had a whole chapter in John F. Kennedy’s *Profiles in Courage*? Well, now students in South Carolina want his statue taken down since he supported slavery.

Where does the madness stop? What about George Washington, or Thomas Jefferson, and so many others who either owned slaves, or condoned the practice? History isn’t always pretty. Over time societies evolve and improve. That is the one constant lesson of history and its people and practices.

At Least Hillary’s Sorry for Something, Even if She’s Wrong

The deaths of four Americans in Benghazi didn’t get to hear her say she was sorry. The use of a private server as secretary of state didn’t get her to say she was sorry. But now she has found something to be sorry about. She’s sorry she used the term “illegal immigrant.” That was a poor choice of words, she wrote on Facebook. She says they “deserve to be respected.” Her pandering to illegals sounds odd to me. Illegals can’t vote, at least not legally.

End Quote

“The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers.”

— Thomas Jefferson

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Docket No. MI15P602EA

Estate of
HIROSHI OSHIRO

Date of Death July 14, 2011

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Mildred Y. Oshiro of Honolulu, HI.

Mildred Y. Oshiro of Honolulu, HI 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. MI15P6265EA

Estate of
FATE WRIGHT, JR.

Date of Death November 19, 2012

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Josie M. Wright of Opa Locka, FL.

Josie M. Wright of Opa Locka, FL 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. MI15P6253EA

Estate of
SHIRLEY ELIZABETH CROSBY

Date of Death July 19, 2015

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Elizabeth A. Crosby of Arlington, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Elizabeth A. Crosby of Arlington, 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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Docket No. MI15P6292EA

Estate of
WALTER MANGOLD NEWMAN, JR.

Date of Death February 26, 2012

INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Lisa S. Newman of Charlotte, NC a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Lisa S. Newman of Charlotte, NC 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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Gridiron Audibles

with Christian A. Guarino



What Happened?!



Down 35-14, the Patriots put together a respectable comeback, but ultimately earlier mistakes, and there were plenty, did the team in. Two interceptions by Brady, one of which was returned 99-yards by cornerback Malcolm Jenkins, sparked the reenergized Eagles. Once again, the New England special teams unit had a hand in the defeat as a second quarter Ryan Allen punt was blocked and recovered for six by linebacker Najee Goode.

To say the Patriots have sustained critical injuries to the starting 22 is undeniable. However something much more sinister has been evident the past two weeks. The Patriots are simply playing un-Patriot like. Mental mistakes and bone-headed coaching (yes, even the great Bill Belichick can be faulted) have aided the two-game losing streak.

No matter the injuries, the Patriots should have defeated the Eagles last Sunday. Last Sunday, the referees were not the excuse, especially since the first eight penalties of the game were called on Philadelphia. The

Patriots were only flagged on three occasions.

Up 14, having just scored midway through the second quarter and with the Eagles offense completely immobilized (sound familiar?), Belichick decided to have former rugby player Nate Ebner drop-kick the ball on the kickoff. The poorly executed play resulted with the Eagles recovering and gaining a head of steam on their way to 35 unanswered points.

For all his brilliance, this was another example of Belichick trying to outsmart an opponent with a cute play when a traditional play call would have sufficed. Another headscratcher, albeit less questionable call, came with three minutes to play after Brady had cut the lead to 35-28. Instead of kicking off and relying on his defense, which had played a decent game, with two timeouts and the two-minute warning at his disposal, Belichick ordered yet another failed onside kick by Ebner. Eagles ball in Patriots territory.

“We threw stuff at them and they handled it,” said “kicker” Ebner after the game. “They threw stuff at us that we didn’t.”

Even after a two-game skid, the Patriots are far from fatally wounded and are capable of turning things around. It simply comes down to playing smarter football. History has proven that they will.

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Docket No. MI15P6399EA

Estate of

ROBERT D. DELANEY

Date of Death September 24, 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 Claire Delaney 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 Claire Delaney 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 December 22, 2015.

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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UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM
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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: November 24, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate

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Docket No. MI15P6465EA

Estate of
IRENE L. LoPRESTE
Also known as
IRENE LoPRESTE
Date of Death September 12, 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 **Gail LoPreste-Wang 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 **Gail LoPreste-Wang 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 December 23, 2015.

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WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 25, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI15P6469EA

Estate of
AGNES SANDERS
Date of Death November 25, 2008

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Leona Williams of Monroe, LA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Leona Williams of Monroe, LA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal 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 20, 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: November 25, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI15P6466EA

Estate of
NICHOLAS HERMAIN CHANDLER
Date of Death January 9, 2007

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Barbara J. Chandler of Camden, AL** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Barbara J. Chandler of Camden, AL** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate 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 December 23, 2015.

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WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 25, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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EXTRA Innings

by Sal Giaratani

Boston Has Had Three Pro Football Teams

Did you know that the City of Boston and the Greater Boston area have had three NFL teams to root for over the years? Originally, Boston fans had the Boston Yankees to root for before the team left for New York and became the Giants. Then, we had the Boston Redskins who left and became the Washington Redskins. Lastly, we had the AFL's Boston Patriots in 1960 who went on to become the NFL's New England Patriots out in Foxboro. By the way, when the Boston Patriots were planning to move out of town to Route 1, the original name was to be the Bay State Patriots. But then someone figured out fans would start calling the Bay State Patriots B.S. Patriots for short. No B.S. This is actually true sports history.

Tigers Get Zimmermann

Right-hander Jordan Zimmermann and the Detroit Tigers have reached an agreement on a 5-year, \$110-million contract pending his physical. He is a two-time All-Star who went

70-50 with a 3.32 ERA for the Nationals in 178 starts. Last year, the Tigers finished a sorry last place in the AL Central division. Zimmermann will also be the first pitcher signing a \$100-plus million deal after having Tommy John surgery.

Happy Birthdays Go Out to ...

The "Hit-Man," Mike Easler (65), Dick McAuliffe (76), and George Thomas (78).

Easler and Thomas played part of their good careers at Fenway Park, while McAuliffe owned second base for the Tigers.

Minor League Babe Ruth Retires



Minor League HR King Mike Hessman has retired as an active player and will pursue a career as a coach. Back in August, Hessman hit a grand slam to pass Buzz Arlett with his 433rd home run. The 37-year-old Hessman is often compared to the character Crash Davis, (Kevin Coster) in the movie *Bull Durham*. Hessman's slam was his last home run. He was signed by the Braves in 1996 and spent 19 years in the minors. He also played 109 big league games spanning three teams and five seasons.

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Docket No. MI15P6454EA

Estate of
GERTRUDE ALICE DAMON
Also known as
GERTRUDE A. DAMON
Date of Death September 5, 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 **Nancy B. Adcock of Monroe, CT** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Nancy B. Adcock of Monroe, CT** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 25, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI15P6453EA

Estate of
ROBERT B. CLEARY
Date of Death September 16, 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 **Anne T. Cleary of Weston, MA** and **Robert B. Cleary, Jr. of Weston, 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 **Anne T. Cleary of Weston, MA** and **Robert B. Cleary, Jr. of Weston, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 25, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI15P6540EA

Estate of
ZENOBIA WINNIFRED BOISCLAIR
Also known as
ZENOBIA W. BOISCLAIR
Date of Death October 7, 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 **David R. McConnell of Ashland, 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 **David R. McConnell of Ashland, 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 27, 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 2, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
Run date: 12/11/15

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Docket No. MI15P0906EA

Estate of
WILLIAM RHODES DUNTON
Also known as
WILLIAM R. DUNTON
Date of Death October 3, 2014

CITATION ON GENERAL PROBATE PETITION

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by **Chad Waterman of Lexington, MA** requesting that this Honorable Court order the Personal Representative of the Estate of William Dunton to pay the Petitioner's claim in accordance with M.G.L.A. 190B, S.3-805(4).

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 December 28, 2015.

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.

WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 30, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Docket No. MI15P6438EA

Estate of
PATRICK B. QUIRKE
Also known as
BRENDAN QUIRKE
Date of Death December 30, 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 **Dorothy M. Murray of Billerica, 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 **Dorothy M. Murray of Billerica, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, HON. EDWARD F. DONNELLY, JR.,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 25, 2015

Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate
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Boxing Ringside

WITH BOBBY FRANKLIN

Title is Lost in a Flinch

Klitschko Exhibits a Lack of Basic Boxing Skills While Losing the Title



Klitschko vs. Fury.

Recently, I watched something on television that was billed as being a “fight” for the Heavyweight Championship of the World. Now, there may have been some confusion since the event was being broadcast from Germany and the American commentators said they had no control of the live feed. I am imagining there was also some language barrier. What I witnessed could not have possibly been a match for the Heavyweight title. As a matter of fact, I am not sure what it was I was watching. It certainly wasn’t a boxing match. While the names of the contestants were familiar to me, neither of these guys had even the remotest idea of how to box.

Okay, I’m being a bit sarcastic here. But the reality is the bout that took place between Wladimir Klitschko and Tyson Fury was without a doubt the worst title fight in the history of boxing. Neither of these very large men had the skill level of a decent amateur from years ago. Klitschko went into the ring with 67 bouts under his belt, yet he looked like a guy who had just walked into a gym and didn’t have the slightest idea of how to box. Fury, with a career consisting of 24 bouts, was just as lacking in talent.

The most obvious example of how truly awful these guys were, was the fact that when Fury would appear to be getting ready to throw a punch (this used to be called feinting), Klitschko would flinch. Instead of attempting to slip and counter the punch, he would close his eyes or just throw up his hands awkwardly out of fear of being hit. He appeared flustered and confused throughout the entire match. Fury was certainly no Gene Tunney. He lumbered around the ring like a guy who had never even seen a boxing match. To call the moves I witnessed amateurish would be an understatement.

When young men have their first experience sparring in a gym, they will quite often close their eyes, or put their heads down when a punch is thrown at them. I can remember the many times I have heard trainers yelling at a young guy, “Don’t shut your eyes, you’ll get clobbered doing that.” It is the most basic of basics when learning to box; you have to stay cool and aware. You have to see the punches in order to counter them and/or block them. Shutting your eyes and flinching make you disoriented. It was truly and utterly amazing to see someone with the amount of bouts Wladimir had doing this.

Some people have said that he lost because he is getting old. He lost because he cannot fight. The fact that he has as many wins as he does speaks volumes about just how bad the heavyweight division is and has been for years. Fury has no boxing skills either, but just the fact he was moving around the ring a little was enough to completely fluster the champion.

After watching this debacle, I have to say I be-

lieve that Klitschko and Fury are by far the two worst champions in the history of the division. I can’t name a past champ, from Larry Holmes to John L. Sullivan, who would have lost to either of these guys.

Listening to the commentators talking about Klitschko possibly beating Joe Louis’s record for most title defenses was truly sacrilegious. Just breathing the name Louis in the same sentence with either of these guys is disgraceful and a slander to the memory of perhaps the greatest fighter who ever lived.

Boxing has had its obituary written many times over the years and has always defied the pronouncements of its demise. But today things are different. In the past, boxing was thought to be out because of its being controlled by gangsters, or because of a tragedy in the ring such as the death of Benny Kid Paret, or because a great champion had retired and the successor to the throne was overshadowed by his predecessor.



Klitschko flinching.

What is different today is the fact that there are no heavyweights that can fight. They have absolutely no boxing skills whatsoever. Most young fans, having been educated about boxing from watching the endless stream of *Rocky* movies, are completely ignorant about what a real professional heavyweight should look like.

The other night I watched another world title bout. This one was in the middleweight division, between Peter Quillin and Daniel Jacobs. Again, the loser lost because he shut his eyes when a punch was being thrown at him. He clearly saw the punch coming at him and just froze, which led to him being stopped in the first round. This was a former world champ with 31 wins. It was interesting that the commentators used the term flinch to describe what Quillin did. What was surprising is the fact they did not seem surprised that an experienced fighter would do such a ridiculous thing.

I think we will be hearing about more fighters flinching before it is stopped. It doesn’t appear it is considered important to teach this most basic of the basics, learning to react to punches, to today’s fighters.

Something called boxing will continue to be broadcast on television, and people will pay to watch it. But make no mistake, this is not the sport of Louis, Dempsey, Marciano, Ali, and thousands of others who fought throughout the years. This is an entirely different thing, and it is time to stop pretending any of these so-called boxers would have stood up to those who went before them.

HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



Rajon Rondo

It was almost a year ago that Boston Celtics Director of Basketball Operations Danny Ainge finally pulled the plug and initiated the move that everyone knew was coming — he jettisoned guard Rajon Rondo by trading him to the Dallas Mavericks.

The action really caught no one by surprise. It had been talked about for the better part of 2014. In its NBA preview edition that hit the stands in October of that year, *Sports Illustrated* predicted that Rondo would be gone by the trade deadline in March.

The only think Ainge did was move up the date of the departure — it was December 18, 2014 — and send him to a team owned by one of the more talkative executives in the NBA (Mark Cuban) and coached by a former Celtic — Rick Carlisle.

It was also the last year that Rondo would be under contract to the Celtics. So Ainge sent him on his way for three players (only Jae Crowder is still with the Celts) and some draft picks. Don’t cry. He was making somewhere in the neighborhood of \$55 million over the course of a multi-year deal.

The move was also symbolic since Rondo was the last player remaining in Boston from the team that had won the 2008 NBA Championship. The Big Three of Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen had already left for other teams, as had Kendrick Perkins, Glenn “Big Baby” Davis and Coach Doc Rivers.

Rondo was only 6-1, meaning that the average man could look him in the eye at press conferences — a rarity in the NBA. But he stood tall in one category that is often overlooked in today’s game of NBA giants — assists.

He had mastered the art of the dish off so well that he had led the league in the assist department for three of the last four years prior to the trade and was leading the circuit again when he was sent to the Lone Star State.

When he boarded the plane for Texas, he had played 17,346 minutes for the Celtics over the course of 527 games in which he had scored 5,783 points. He also accumulated 4,474 assists — he was fourth all-time in Celtics history in that category — and had developed a reputation as a highway robber on the court with 990 steals — third on the C’s all-time list. Averaged out, his stats included 11.0 points, 7.5 rebounds and 8.5 assists per contest while playing just over eight seasons for the Green.

Still, there was the feeling that the Celtics, in their new configurations without the Big Three, were better off when he was not on the floor. Celtics fans can recall when Rondo was injured during the 2012-2013 season with many feeling that the team played better when he was out.

Once out of Ainge’s sight, he was on someone else’s mind — that of Carlisle, the mentor of the Mavericks. Over the next several months, the two would fail to be on the same

page numerous times as Dallas media members chronicled how he would differ with the coach on how to run the offense.

In the era of Pierce, Garnett and Allen in Boston, it was Rondo who became the playmaker. The three stars, Coach Doc Rivers and the rest of the team were all on the same page.

However, the Rondo of the Banner 17 team was not in that role as much when playing for Dallas. Things started out OK. In a return to the Garden a scant three weeks after he left, Rondo canned 29 points (including 5 three-pointers) as the Mavs rolled over the Celtics 109-91.

But things changed. Like all coaches, Carlisle had a way he wanted to see things run. Rondo, according to observers, wanted more freedom to be the playmaker. There was a difference of opinion that went public in February and resulted in a one-game suspension.

As time went on, things never really improved. Consider this observation by NBA writer Michael Lee: “After arriving in Dallas averaging a league-leading 10.8 assists, Rondo had only seven double digit assist games with his new team. And in the final 25 games of the regular season, the Mavericks were outscored by 108 points with Rondo on the floor.”

The end finally came during a first round playoff series with the Houston Rockets. Rondo performed poorly in Game 3, and when Carlisle was asked if he expected him to ever play for the Mavericks again, the coach said: “No, I don’t.”

However, in the land of 30 NBA teams, there are always other opportunities. Come summer, Rondo signed a one-year free agent deal with Sacramento for \$9.5 million. Fast forward to December 3rd when the Celtics squared off against the Kings in Mexico City. The new Celtics team topped the Kings 114-97. Rondo was ejected in the third quarter for arguing with an official. He left the court after having contributed five points and eight assists over 24 minutes for his team that is the third worst in the Western Conference after New Orleans and the L.A. Lakers.

Things seem to be following a familiar path. There’s already been a meeting this month between Head Coach George Karl, Rondo, and DeMarcus Cousins. Something about the two players wanting the offense slowed down.

There’s three quarters of the season left to go. Anyone care to predict what will happen next in the NBA career of Rajon Rondo?

22nd Annual Mayor’s Cup Youth Hockey Tournament

Boston’s youth hockey players will be ready for action as the 2015 Mayor’s Cup Hockey Tournament kicks off on Sunday, December 20th. Hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department with support from presenting sponsor, the Boston Bruins Foundation, and additional support from P&G Gillette, teams from throughout Boston will participate in this citywide tournament to vie for the championship title in 13 divisions for boys and girls ages 6 to 14. “Through sports like hockey, young people are given a chance to build life-long skills, such as teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership,” said Mayor Walsh.

Games begin on Sunday, December 20th at 8:30 am, and are played all week long at local

rinks throughout Boston. Rinks hosting the tournament include Bajko Rink in Hyde Park, Devine Rink in Dorchester, Emmons Horrigan Rink in Charlestown, Murphy Rink in South Boston, Porazzo Rink in East Boston, Roche Rink in West Roxbury, Bright Hockey Arena at Harvard University, Conte Forum at Boston College, Walter Brown Arena at Boston University, and Matthews Arena at Northeastern University. The girls’ finals are scheduled for Wednesday, December 30th, at Matthews Arena and the boys’ finals will be held Sunday, January 17th, at Conte Forum.

For a full game schedule, please go to the Parks Department’s recreation page at www.boston.gov/parks/recreation.asp.