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



## Story of the Christmas Crèche

by Bennett Molinari and Richard Molinari



Christmas is far and away the most nostalgic and sentimental season of the year. There are traditions we associate with Christmas, observances that we faithfully perform every year that speak of family and friends often no longer with us. There are certain foods that are prepared only at Christmas or special ornaments that appear every year to take their place on the Christmas tree, most every family has traditions associated with Christmas that extend back into the mist of time.

Of all the traditions we lovingly perform at Christmas, none is more meaningful than arranging the Crèche under the Christmas tree. Each piece occupies a special place with a family story attached that enlivens it, giving it a special meaning known only to our loved ones.

The origin of the Christmas crèche (from the Latin *cripia* meaning crib) is remarkable in itself for it resides with St. Francis of Assisi, the Saint who called himself, "A fool for God." The story has come down to us through the writings Saint Bonaventure in his "Life of Saint Francis" and through tradition, Francis is attributed with the introduction of the Presepio to the many customs associated with Christmas. The Presepio is described as a three dimen-

sional representation of the birth of Jesus Christ, composed of mobile figures artistically arranged as well as realistic elements such as houses, rocks, plants, etc.

The earliest representation of the Nativity can be seen in a fresco found in the catacombs of Saint Priscilla, 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD, portraying the Mother and Child, the Three Wise Men, Saint Joseph, and above a star with eight points.

In the year 1223, three years before his passing, Saint Francis was visiting Greccio, a small town in the hills of Tuscany, to celebrate Christmas. Francis realizing that the chapel of the Franciscan hermitage would be too small to hold the congregation for Midnight Mass found a niche in the rocks near the town square and set up an altar. He took a manger and filled it with hay, tied a donkey and an ox near it and with a crowd of people from the neighboring countryside, attended the celebration of Mass in front of the crib.

It was from this simple beginning that the Nativity scene, as we know it today evolved. The earliest Presepio or Nativity Scenes in Italy date to the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Ambrogio della Robbia created the first multicolored Nativity Scene in terracotta, found at the church of the Holy Spirit in

Siena. The Council of Trent, which closed in 1563, issued precise norms for devotion to the saints and relics and encouraged the diffusion of the Presepio or Nativity scene as an expression of popular piety.

The Jesuits added to the representation ornamental profusion and distanced it increasingly from its original Franciscan simplicity. The 17<sup>th</sup> century saw the appearance and development of scenic effects. Nativity scenes became a mirror for the culture which produced them, reflecting the society of the day incorporating aspects of daily life with traits of intense realism — they were enriched with unusual and exotic elements and scenery. At this time the Presepio began to step out of churches to be displayed in the home, large statues were replaced with wooden figures sometimes partly of straw with head and limbs in terracotta, wax or wood adorned with sumptuous clothing.

The Nativity Scene as we know it today, whether simple or elaborate is the representation of the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, Who came into the world to redeem mankind; it is the most monumental event in human history, represented in tiny figures beneath our Christmas trees inspired by Saint Francis.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

## News Briefs

by Sal Giarratani

### Gingrich and Romney Top Guys

The Republican Party has a problem this year with two top front runners, both damaged goods.

President Obama has stunk big time since becoming our president but the way the GOP is headed, he could get another four year lease at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue which would mean four more years of Vice President Joe Biden who everyday makes the legacy of Spiro T. Agnew look better all the time. I still think Chris Christie would have made a great GOP nominee and someone who could send Obama packing for Chicago, Hawaii, Cape Cod, Indonesia, wherever. With or without his birth certificate, OUCH! Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney? There's no clothespin big enough for me to vote for either of them.

### Meanwhile ...

Ron Paul is talking about possibly running as a third party candidate in '12 if he loses the Republican nomination. This sounds like more snack, crackle and pop from Paul. That could only bring a smile to Obama's face. I loved it recently when his son, US Sen. Rand Paul, (R-KY) held a press conference to diss Gingrich. Rand's not exactly an objective observer of the GOP race, is he? Like we don't know who he's backing, huh? Do the math, when you put Ron and Rand together, don't you get zero? More OUCH!

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During his civic administration, Marcus instituted many reforms. Most noteworthy are those which required names and registration of all free-born children, rewriting laws dealing with money-lenders and public sales, investing more judicial power in the Senate, and setting a statute of limitations in investigations concerning the deceased. He enhanced the prestige of the Senate by granting them the power to settle civil disputes, appointed only men of high caliber and integrity to the Senate, and always attended Senate meetings whenever he was in Rome. He extended court calendars to a maximum of 230 court-days, appointed special judges in charge of the property of wards, and appointed guardians for all youths without parental guidance. He even caused the city streets and highways to be maintained with the greatest care.

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus treated the Roman people on a par with those of a free state. He always endeavored to treat men reasonably, restraining them

from evil and urging them to do good. He was generous in his rewards and always was eager to forgive. It was said that his nature helped to make bad men good, and good men better.

Once again the tranquility of the State was disturbed by the Marcomannic war (Germanic border tribes). They originally occupied the territory between the Elbe and Oder Rivers. A pact was signed with Tiberius in 6 A.D. but in later years they began to invade Roman territory, and were attacked by Domitian. Hostilities ceased during the reigns of Trajan and Hadrian but flared up again under Marcus and Verus. It was during the pursuit of this war that Lucius Verus died from a stroke while riding in a carriage with Marcus.

After the death of Lucius

Verus, Marcus Aurelius Antoninus now became the sole ruler of the empire and his conduct became even more noble and virtuous than in the past. He showed more concern for those in the provinces, and waged a successful war against the Germanic tribes. The cost of prosecuting this war in Germany was very high and it drained his treasury; but even then he could not bear the thought of imposing new taxes. He chose to gain new revenue by holding a public sale in Trajan's Forum, the likes of which will never be seen again. The sale lasted for two months and included gold goblets, flagons, crystals, paintings, gold-embroidered clothing, and every kind of jewelry imaginable. Later, at the conclusion of the war, he even permitted buyers to return their items for a full refund.

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by David Trumbull



6% of Voters Pick Senator in Special Election,  
Republican Voters Disenfranchised

On Tuesday Massachusetts Representative William Brownsberger won the special election for Senator to replace Democrat Stephen Tolman. The district, Second Suffolk and Middlesex is made up of the towns of Belmont and Watertown and parts of the cities of Cambridge and Boston.

Representative (soon to be Senator) Brownsberger won with about one-third of the total votes in the four-man race. Since turnout, overall, was about 18 percent that means that about 6 percent, a little under 5,000 of the approximately 84,000 registered voters in the district, voted for the man who will be their senator. Given the history in Massachusetts, where incumbent senators almost never are defeated for re-election, it is safe to say that the man that 6% voted for will be senator for as long as he wants. Tuesday's election was a Democratic Party primary and under Massachusetts law no one can vote in a party primary if registered as a member of another party. That means the decision regarding who

will represent all voters in the district was restricted to voters who were Democrats or not enrolled in any party.

Republicans were effectively disenfranchised when the Republican Party failed to run any candidate. Green Party voters, likewise, were excluded due to that party's failure to run a candidate. The final election will be in January, but, by law, Mr. Brownsberger's name is the only one permitted on the ballot.

Congratulations to Mr. William Brownsberger. You won in a hotly contested race and my analysis is not intended to in any way diminish the significance of your victory.

However, an election in which 5,000 voters decide for 84,000 who will be the senator and in which several thousand registered Republican or Green Party member had, effectively, no vote, points to problems with the system here in Massachusetts.

First, SHAME on the Republican Party and the Green Party for failing to run any candidates. Why should any voter in this district choose

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# Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday ... Catie Copley

by Freeway



**Catie enjoying her birthday cake.**

My friend Bill Cohn is the chef at the Union Oyster House, who keeps telling me about this dog named Catie Copley that welcomes guests that come to the Fairmount Copley Plaza Hotel. Bill keeps asking me, "Please go to the Fairmount Copley Plaza Hotel and meet this dog and take some pictures." Finally I did. I attend Catie's birthday party at the Fairmount Copley Plaza Hotel and had cake and treats and the human companions also had cake and coffee. What a wonderful time. It was such a special day for Catie. As you can see from the photo I had a great time.

Chef Bill Cohn gave my human companion, who also works at the Union Oyster House, a book called "Catie Copley's Great Escape" and we sat down together and read it.

Let me tell you a little about the book "Catie Copley's Great Escape."

Catie is a black Labrador retriever who lives an unusual life as Canine Ambassador at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. Her job includes welcoming guests, taking them for walks and helping Jim at his job as the hotel's Chief Concierge. Santol, who is a trained guide dog, just like Catie, is her canine counterpart at the Fairmont Le Chateau Fontenac in Quebec City, Canada.

Catie, a very lady-like dog, was surprised when, one day, a large, furry, black and white intruder snatches her toy lobster and runs away with it. She is taken aback, but once she gets to know the rambunctious Santol they become good friends. When Jim drives Santol back to Canada, Catie is very excited to go too.

This was Catie's first vacation and her first time in a strange city where they speak a different language. Santol introduces her to a famous goat, a friendly horse, a clumsy juggler, and intriguing new foods and smells. Catie finds that there is a lot of opportunity for adventure maybe a little too much adventure.

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this book in America is donated to NEADS/Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans, based

in Princeton, Massachusetts. Since 1976, NEADS has trained more than 1,000 service dogs to assist deaf or physically disabled individu-

als. For further information, please visit [www.neads.org](http://www.neads.org).

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The book is wonderful and I believe children of all ages will enjoy it. Catie Copley's "Great Escape" written by Deborah Kovacs and illustrated by Jared T. Williams.

I can't thank you enough Chef Cohn for thinking of me and the book was signed by Catie Copley which makes it more wonderful and especially to me "Freeway" That's all for now!

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ZYNGA IPO STUMBLES AS STOCK DROPS 5%

Analysts say big numbers of restricted stock made institutions pause. Zynga ended its first trading down 5% @ 9.50 after pricing its stock @ \$10. The top ends of its range investors were a little jittery. Still Zynga raised \$1 billion, making it the largest IPO since Google which raised \$1.67 billion. While Google richly rewarded early investors, the jury is still out on Zynga and other internets that have gone public in the recent past. LinkedIn faired better than Zynga on their first few days unlike Groupon and Angie's List but they all traded on lower than their "pop" prices. Zynga is profitable but investors fear its reliance on Facebook. Zynga reported net income of \$597 million in 2010, and earned \$30.7 million on sales of \$828 million in the current quarter. But the current quarter at least \$510 million came from employees' restricted stock which matured with the offering. This scared even some institutional investors.

Stock analyst Bhatia rates the stock as underperforming, but other tech watchers are still bullish. Starting in 2012 the company is coming out with new games and whether they can be as successful as the older games remains to be seen. This will drive trading on the NASDAQ to new lows. Lows outnumbered new highs every day of the week. Among *Investor's Daily* 197 groups, only three groups rose more than 1% for the week. Airlines, newspapers and cement and only two other stocks gained more than 1% for the week. Alevion Pharmacy and Dollar General. The S&P 500's weekly loss was 2.8%. From a longer prospective, cash is king even gold has lost its luster. The SPDR Index fell almost 7% for the week. Market Watches, blamed the trimming of the Indexes on a report that Fitch threatened to cut ratings on six European Union nations. Italy, Spain, Ireland, Belgium, Slovenia and Cyprus, but it affirmed France's AAA rating

after the close, but downgraded Belgium's rating by two notches on Monday. After nine years and 4500 American lives the United States formally ended its military mission in Iraq starting with our \$800 million in cash. The number of jobless claims rank is 366,000 for the week, the lowest since May 2008. The PPI rose 8% over analysts' earnings estimates. Worst year since 2008. Isn't likely to be a breakout with little reduction in unemployment until after the 2012 elections. Jobless claims falling to a three year low as strong factory surveys offered further evidence that the U.S. economy is in better shape than the rest of the world. The European debt crisis and Congress' statement on extended Medicare. The four year moving average dropped to a seasonable adjusted 385,000 and the lowest level since May 2008. Analysts say retailers kept staff over Thanksgiving probably helped.

THINKING  
OUT LOUD

by Sal Giarratani

Brown Fights VA Bureaucracy

US Senator Scott Brown, R-MA. recently held a two-hour meeting at Quincy City Hall concerning the bureaucracy of the VA system. At this session, he heard from veterans, veteran agents and the director of the VA's Boston regional office. It seemed appropriate for Brown, a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and also an officer in the Massachusetts Army National Guard to hold this hearing in Quincy.

Brown didn't fault the VA for any lack of concern but he sympathized with all those who spoke before him at Quincy City Hall about the long delays that tens of thousands of veterans say they face when applying for benefits. Over a dozen veterans from Quincy and the South Shore were in attendance to let Brown know their personal stories on the VA log jam they were facing. They all did agree that the VA has been overwhelmed by new claims from Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. Brown added that claims have doubled since 2001 and said the VA is aiming to cut the average time to complete a claim by two-thirds by 2015.

Brown listened to all the personal experiences veterans have had to survive. One story stood out. Paul DeMaio of Plymouth was a retired state trooper who was called up for active duty with his Guard unit in 2003 in the first months of the Iraq invasion. The supply convoy he was on was under constant fire. Today, eight years later, he suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder, hearing and memory loss from a later stroke. He is still struggling to get full disability benefits from the Veterans Administration. According to a news story in the *Patriot-Ledger*, DeMaio told Brown about his ordeal and stated, "I hope no one has to go through what I've been going through." This past September, the VA gave him a 60 percent disability status which he is now appealing with the help of Brown's office.

As a Vietnam-era US Air Force veteran and past public communications officer for Dorchester's DAV, Post 13, I appreciated Sen. Brown taking the time to listen to our disabled veterans. In the military, there's a saying, "Leave no one behind." The VA system is doing the best it can but there is still room for much improvement until the VA leaves no veteran behind a wall of paperwork. Fighting the enemy was bad enough but taking on government bureaucracy can seem worse at times.

Folks like Paul DeMaio have gone through enough nightmares, haven't they?

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Distractions are NOT Solutions

by Herman Cain

You would think an election year would be the ideal time to have a serious discussion about the nation's problems, and about how we are going to solve them. After all, voters should demand that any candidate who wants to become president should clearly identify the nation's priorities, and explain his or her approach to solving them.

Instead, most of the media attention focuses on the latest story directing attention away from the many failures of the current president and his administration, or on what a candidate said or did years ago, or, a debate or interview gaffe.

We already know that President Obama will be the Democrat nominee. That gives him a major head start over his Republican challengers, which presents the perfect opportunity for him to lay out his solutions for our nation's economic and fiscal crises, its energy challenges and its national security priorities.

Instead, what is he talking about? He is focused on the extension of a temporary payroll tax cut, which does have some small merit as a short-term measure, but does not represent a comprehensive solution to the nation's muddled tax code or its critical need for economic growth.

President Obama is also trying to avoid what should be an easy decision – to approve the Keystone XL pipeline from Canada to the U.S. This project would add to our

economic vitality and improve our energy situation. But instead, he wants to delay the decision to appease environmental extremists, which could cause that oil to be redirected to other countries.

The president continues to talk about a surtax on millionaires and people paying their "fair share." According to whom? That plays well with the class-warfare crowd, but it doesn't do a thing to solve the underlying problems that created our perpetual budget imbalance and mounting national debt. If the president was serious about solving the nation's most crucial problems, he would be presenting serious solutions and working to gain the public's support. Instead, he is focusing on short-term changes and trying to avoid any decision that might be controversial.

It's called campaign mode instead of solving problems.

On the Republican side, the presidential contenders make broad references to *what* the major issues are, but not nearly enough about *how* to solve those problems. In fairness to the candidates, much of this is perpetuated by the media's attention on day-to-day trivial matters, or who got the best of someone else in a debate exchange, and how this will play with the conservative and independent voters.

One day, a candidate is put on the defensive for a statement he or she made some years back that leads to the charge of "flip-flopping." The

next day, a campaign ad or personal attack comes under scrutiny.

All of this and more distracts from the real substance the public deserves. I've often said that leadership starts with focusing on the right problems, or you will never get to the right solution. Right now, the president, Congress and to some extent the Republican candidates are not focusing on the right problems, and not nearly enough on solutions. Neither are the media, but that's no surprise. They never do.

But what this leads to, unfortunately, is a leadership vacuum in which the campaign conversation is focused on trivia and controversy, and candidates try to gain the upper hand by being more effective than their rivals at dealing with the trivia and controversy. The president, of course, wants to talk about anything but the nation's real problems because he has not solved them and has demonstrated that he lacks the ability or the people around him to do so.

The American people are not stupid, although the political class often treats them as though they are. The American people are also not afraid of confronting reality, although the political class is perpetually afraid

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## Mrs. Murphy . . . As I See It

'Tis the night before Christmas and all through the streets of East Boston believers are lining up to catch a glimpse of Santa. Sleigh bells can be heard in the distance as Santa is making his way into East Boston. People are waiting in excitement for Santa and his reindeers to arrive. The children cry with joy as Santa steps out of his sleigh with a list and a bag of gifts. Santa starts his visit at Central Square where the Chamber of Commerce is waiting with hot chocolate and cookies. He waves to Chamber President Neffo Cappuccio, EB Main Streets Director Clark Moulaison and other volunteers and says, "I'll be doing my shopping locally this year"! Noticeably missing from the greeters is Frank Durante, Santa wishes him well! Among the crowd is Massport friend Anthony Guerriero who continues to do great work with the community of East Boston. Santa

smiles at him and says Tom Butler would be very proud. His Honor Mayor Tom Menino has given him the key to the city. Santa in return gives the mayor a new bicycle to ride into City Hall everyday ... Santa isn't surprised by all the discontent in the country and warns America they need a new President ... Santa spots Paul Travaglini of First Priority Credit Union and Liz Jones of Everett Co-Operative Banks and gives them the Platinum Award for providing excellent service to their customers ... Santa sees the Lombardo family always pleasant and nice and Vinny gives Santa some special advice and Santa gives Vinny a set of brand new golf clubs. There is also an invitation for Santa to Vincent's Nightclub in Randolph so Santa and the Mrs. can enjoy an evening out on the town ... Jerry of Gloria Stores on Everett Street is waving a huge Salami in the air trying to get Santa's attention to give him a bag of Italian goodies to share with

his friends ... He rides through the streets and waves at the people he sees ... There is Dino Manca, Buddy Mangini, Joey Cuzzi, Michele McPhee, Diane Modica, Grace Previte-Magoon and so many more ... he is very very pleased! The Tauro family has fresh baked cookies for Santa and an invitation to the Mt. Carmel Church for a blessing. Santa winks at Ben and says, "Keep up the good work." ... Making his way up to Orient Heights to visit with the Ruggiero family and get a gander at the Christmas tree in the square, his sleigh stalls and it's a quick call to Pat Todisco's Towing Company and Santa is back on his way! ... He heads up to the Don Orione and visits with the residents bringing along his singing and accordion duo to spread the love to everyone. He ventures down to Kelley's Pub where he sits with the Mastrangelo's and hashes over old times and the good old boxing days. John gives Santa a pair of bronzed boxing gloves. Santa enjoys a beer or two before moving on to Ecco Restaurant where he's greeted by Dave Modica with a dinner certificate for fine dining...It's off for a pizza and bbq lamb at Santarpio's on Chelsea Street where he gives Frank Santarpio a big box of cigars that he picked up at his good friends at Tufts

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Left to right: WBZ-TV news anchor Lisa Hughes, author Dennis LeHane and WHDH-TV investigative-reporter-turned-author Hank Phillippi Ryan were among the VIPs at the “Hometown Authors Reception” recently held at the Hotel Commonwealth to benefit the ReadBoston non-profit organization. (Photo by John Harrison)

On December 5 the Hotel Commonwealth hosted a “Hometown Authors Reception” to benefit ReadBoston. Mayor Thomas M. Menino joined some of Boston’s top authors at the reception where guests were able to purchase books directly from their favorite writers and have



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# The Socia

by Hilda M. Morrill

them personally inscribed. The holiday party also included a special performance by Bill Janovitz of the Boston band “Buffalo Tom.”

This year’s featured authors included: Dennis LeHane, Ben Mezrich, Mary Ann Esposito, Amy Traverso, Erin Murray, Joseph Finder, Casey Sherman, Michael Blanding, Andrew Rimas, Victoria Abbott Riccardi, David Becker, Marianne Leone Cooper, Hank Phillippi Ryan, Bill Martin, Dr. William Henderson, and Jef Czekaj — just to name a very few.

Launched by Mayor Menino in 1995, ReadBoston’s mission is to ensure that every child in Boston can read at grade level by the third grade. ReadBoston, through many resources, helps children learn to read so that in the future they can read to learn. Boston is proud to be one of the first cities in the nation to launch a city-wide effort to help children learn to read.

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For more information about the organization, call 617-918-5289 or visit [www.readboston.org](http://www.readboston.org).

..... Joyce Hampers, founder and owner of Emerge Spa & Salon and the G20 Spa & Salon, recently hosted the “SPAliday 2011” soiree simultaneously at her two Newbury Street spas across the street from each other. We are told that Hampers also just happens to be the President of the Newbury Street League. Helping host the holiday



At the “Feed the Hungry Gala,” Quincy resident right: New England Patriots cheerleader Asia Ba emcee for the evening, Chet Curtis; New Engl Allston; and Miss Massachusetts USA, Natalie

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President Don Uvanite, center, poses with, left to right, Lisa Barnes of Braintree; NECN news anchor and England Patriots cheerleader Sarah Wiewel of Boston.

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shopping party were the dynamic TV duo of Jenny Johnson and Billy Costa of NECN's *TV Diner*. The evening included complimentary mini-services, gifts with purchases, holiday music, a raffle benefiting The Home For Little Wanderers — plus festive food and drinks from Top of the Hub, Joe's American Bar & Grille, Treats on Washington and Effen Vodka.

Top of the Hub prepared Salmon Gravlax appetizers and served a trio of holiday wines for the festivities in the Fireside Lounge atop the Emerge Spa & Salon. Among the restaurant staff members greeting and serving guests were Mark Porcaro, Corporate Executive Chef; Sous Chef Rory Hogan; Tu-Uyen Dao, Assistant to the General Manager; and Sean Conroy, Beverage Manager.

..... Rick Doane, Executive Director of Interfaith Social Services of Quincy, is proud to announce that the organization raised more than \$60,000 at its recent "14<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Social Services Feed the Hungry Gala," helping to put food on the table for hungry families throughout the South Shore this holiday season.

Some of this year's auction items included Patriots tickets, a dinner party for 8 people prepared by Chef Paul Wahlberg of Alma Nove and Wahlburgers in Hingham, vacation getaways, sports memorabilia, a \$500 shopping



Joyce Hampers, center, founder and owner of Newbury Street's Emerge Spa & Salon and the G2O Spa & Salon, is pictured with Jenny Johnson, left, and Billy Costa of NECN's *TV Diner* at the recent "SPAliday 2011" holiday party. (Photo by R. J. Donovan)

spree at The Derby Street Shoppes — and we are told that one lucky person went home with an iPad.

With the money raised at the event, which was held at Vincent's Night Club in Randolph, the organization will be able to help thousands of impoverished families this holiday season. Last year, Interfaith's programs helped more than 25,000 local residents. Its Pantry Shelf Food Program distributed more than 400,000 pounds of food to hungry families and individuals throughout the South Shore.

To find out more about the organization and its programs, visit [www.interfaithsocialservices.org](http://www.interfaithsocialservices.org).

**Merry Christmas and Best Holiday Wishes to all!**

(Be sure to visit Hilda Morrill's gardening Web site, [www.bostongardens.com](http://www.bostongardens.com). In addition to events covered and reported by the columnist, "The Socially Set" is compiled from various other sources such as news and press releases, PRNewswire services, etc.)

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## THE LEGAL Interest

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**If you are a witness to a crime and a Massachusetts Judge grants you immunity for your testimony, can you later be charged with a crime by the U.S. or another state from the information derived from the immunized testimony?**

**Janet Vaccari & another,<sup>1</sup> petitioners.**

**<sup>1</sup>Deana Pistone.**

**SJC-10914**

**SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS  
September 8, 2011, Argued • October 13, 2011, Decided**

The Supreme Judicial Court Said:

We agree. The United States Supreme Court has made clear that a witness who is compelled to testify in a State court pursuant to a valid immunity order issued under the laws of that State is entitled to the full protection against self-incrimination provided by the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution in other courts. It is true

that the Fifth Amendment's privilege against self-incrimination provides use and derivative use immunity.<sup>5</sup>

Contrary to the witnesses' claim, with respect to any possible Federal prosecution, they must and will receive full protection against the use of any compelled testimony or the fruits of any such testimony. And as this court has previously indicated, the same holds true

in connection with any prosecution in another state.

The Immuned Testimony must be truthful if not you can be tried for perjury.

An immunized witness has no right to immunity for prosecution for perjury committed while she is testifying pursuant to the immunity order.

This case says if you are testifying with immunity you cannot be charged by the feds or another state.

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

#### **Please Return Our Drone**

President Obama said the U.S. government has requested that Iran return our downed spy plane. When asked whether the downing compromised our national security, the answer was no comment. Obama said, "We have asked for it back. We'll see how the Iranians respond." What makes him think the drone is still in Iran? He might want to write another letter in Chinese this time, eh.

#### **Bill of Rights Day?**

We all know when the Declaration of Independence was signed. It is a national holiday every July 4<sup>th</sup>. However, most Americans have no idea that December 15 in 1791 was the date that our Bill of Rights was born.

Without our Constitution and its Bill of Rights, July 4, 1776 would have been a meaningless date. For American citizens, the Bill of Rights protecting us from our government is far more important than breaking away from King George III. It is time for all of us to remember how important the Bill of Rights is to every single one of us. We are a free people not because we broke away from Britain; we are a free people because our Bill of Rights says so.

Government didn't give us

any rights that all of us didn't already have by virtue of our births.

We had these rights before December 15, before July 4<sup>th</sup> and before Paul Revere took that historic ride back on that night in 1775.

#### **Poor Keating:**

**Is He Going Coastal or Back to Sharon?**

When the redistricting map for US Congress went public with one less House seat, US Rep. Bill Keating thought about running against US Rep. Stephen Lynch since BOTH Quincy and Weymouth were added to Lynch's district or should he take a good look at the newly created 9<sup>th</sup> district which included the South Shore starting with Hingham, also New Bedford and all of the Cape and the Islands. He chose this new district. However, with the news that Barney Frank won't seek re-election in his 4<sup>th</sup> district, Keating could have just gone home to Sharon now to be in the 4<sup>th</sup> district. Oh, and it is rumored Joseph P. Kennedy III wants to run for a House seat and Barney's 4<sup>th</sup> doesn't seem to do. With the Kennedy family history down on the Cape that seat seems perfect for him.

Will the state Democrat Party try to pressure Keating

to go home to Sharon and make everybody happy? Too bad Frank kept his decision such a secret especially for Keating's sake.

I always knew Keating was in the middle of the shuffling of the chairs on the deck of Bay State Politics. A young Joe Kennedy could probably run and win in any of the new nine House seats. Once again, all this chair moving could very well open up at least three potential House seats come next November.

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by Sal Giaratani



### December Baseball History

On December 13, 1996 Roger Clemens left the Red Sox for the Toronto Blue Jays after 13 seasons, as a free agent. Clemens left the Sox tied with Cy Young for wins (192) and shutouts (38) and also as career leader in losses with 112. Cy Young lost 111.

Four years later to the day, the Red Sox signed Manny Ramirez as a free agent from the Indians to an 8 year, \$160 million contract, on the same day the Rangers agreed to a 10 year, \$252 million contract to Alex Rodriguez. A few years later when he left Texas for the Yankees, he got a new \$275 million contract.

That \$275 million mark is still tops in the majors with brand-new Angels first baseman Albert Pujols right behind him with his new \$254 million, 10 year deal. If only America was as strong as the American League, huh?

### Inflated Salaries

#### Exhibit Number 1?

The Houston Astros just signed catcher Humberto Quintero to a one year, \$1 million deal and possible bonuses. Last season, he hit .240 with two homers and a career high 25 RBIs. Not exactly Cooperstown material.

### Brewers Turn to Ex-Cub Ramirez

The Milwaukee Brewers picked up free agent third baseman Aramis Ramirez and he will add some punch at the plate. The Brewers can probably use his big bat with the expected loss of free agent Prince Fielder. NL MVP Ryan Braun might miss the first 50 games of 2012 if he loses his appeal for testing positive for a banned substance. Ramirez played 149 games for the Cubs this past season hitting .306 with 26 homers and 93 RBIs.

### Pujols Maybe Greatest Since Babe Ruth

Brand new LA Angels first baseman Albert Pujols may be the greatest player in baseball history compared only to Babe Ruth. He just signed a fantastic long-term deal with the Angels after 11 great seasons with the St. Louis Cardinals. Today at age 31, his career numbers are supersonic. He has a .328 career average with 445 home runs. This past season was probably his worst to date, only hitting 37 homers with a .299 average. If not for a bad April, his numbers would have been even better.

### Fenway to Celebrate Centennial in '12

Fenway Park will live to see its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in

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### • Distractions Are Not Solutions (Continued from Page 6)

of asking them to do so.

What I fear we will get out of this process is a last-man-standing president, who takes the oath of office and has all the constitutional power contained therein, but can't achieve real solutions with the consent of the

people because he didn't earn that consent by focusing on the right problems and real solutions.

We have a president like that already. We can't afford another one.

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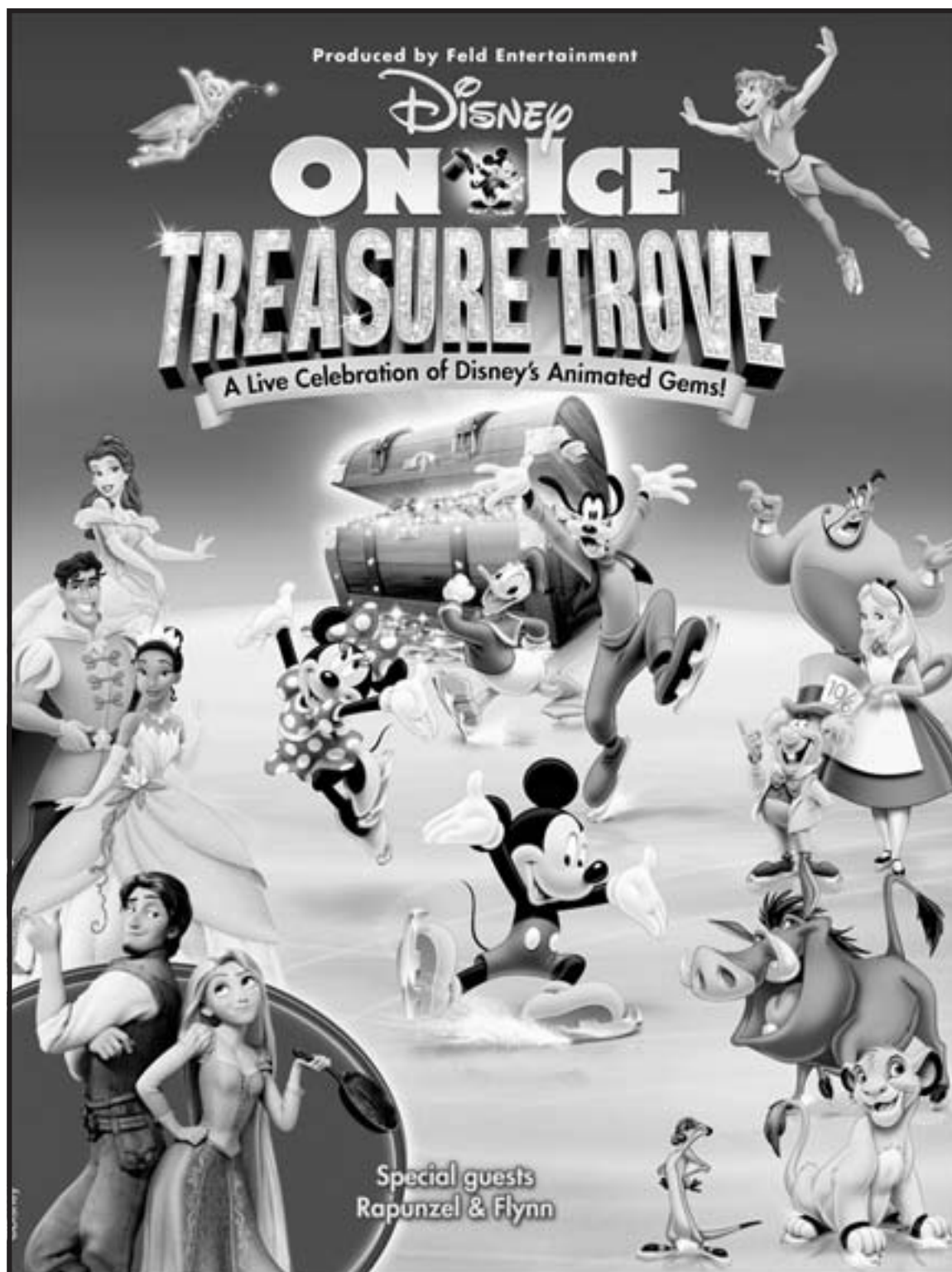
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# Ray Barron's 11 O'CLOCK NEWS

Wow! A British study found that men now spend 81 minutes a day on personal grooming, including shaving, washing, moisturizing, and picking out clothes. Women spend only 75 minutes a day on personal grooming.

Ah, love! The 83-year-old Paul Tredo of Kansas City, Mo., tied the knot with 96-year-old Fern Schurr. "Suddenly there she was, and it became evident that she was the one I wanted to be with," said Tredo. "It's never too late, you're never too old."

Massachusetts fisherman Carlos Rafael accidentally caught an 881-pound tuna in his trawl gear. When he reported the catch — worth up to \$400,000 on the sushi market to fishery officials, they seized the giant tuna and told him he'd broken the law because he hadn't used a rod and reel.

A Georgia man is suing a factory for firing him after he refused to wear the number 666. Plastic firm Pliant Corp., asks workers to wear stickers showing the number of days since the plant's last accident. As that figure climbed toward the Bible's "Mark of the Beast," Billy Hyatt told supervisors he'd be "condemned to hell" for wearing the number, and was subsequently fired.

Bow wow! A dog in Australia drove a 20-ton RV down the street after releasing the hand brake with its paws. Passerby Phil Newton, 30, says he was startled to see an RV roll by with a dog in the driver's seat and his paws on the steering wheel. Newton gave chase and was able to board the vehicle and bring it to a stop. Owner Richard McCormack, 62, says his dog, Woodley, a German koolie, has seen him release the hand brake many times. "He was just copying me."

The jolly Lisa Cappuccio of East Boston, says, "Christmas is a time when a lot of others besides Santa find themselves in the red."

The charming Rosalie Cunio of Waltham reminds us, "When we throw out the Christmas tree we should be

especially careful not to throw out the Christmas spirit."

A Christmas miracle is how everyone receives more Christmas cards than they send. The greatest Christmas crisis occurs when a family mixes up the lists of those who sent cards last year and those who didn't.

Show biz births on Christmas Day, Humphrey Bogart, Cab Calloway, Tony Martin, and Sissy Spacek. Deaths on Christmas Day, W.C. Fields and Charlie Chaplin.

Huh? Social Security disability benefits — paid to people who can no longer work — more than doubled between 2001 and last year, when they totaled \$124 billion. The program may run out of reserves in seven years. So reported *The Wall Street Journal*.

Interesting useless information: The American city first to establish a police department was Boston. Regular-duty officers were appointed on May 5, 1838. Perhaps next May 5<sup>th</sup> Boston should celebrate the anniversary of Boston being the first city in America to establish a police department.

According to Giuseppina, la coscia storta, most of us spend a lifetime going to sleep when we're not sleepy and getting up when we are.

The wide-awake Tom Analetto of Medford, says, "When a man walks in his sleep, he leaves his wife; when he talks in his sleep, his wife leaves him."

Questions people ask: Where is the windiest and coldest place on earth? Antarctica. What percentage of the human body is made up of water? Seventy percent. The world has approximately how many different languages? Last count, Five thousand. What bird's eyes are bigger than its brain? The ostrich. And what was one of the original meanings of casino? A public room, or place, for social gatherings, dancing and music. Its association with gambling would come later.

Italian supercars are notoriously difficult to handle, but



Ferrari's new mid-rear engine sports cars are different; easier to drive yet in each configuration still "a mighty presence on the road." Gee, we are anxious to own one!

Household chores bug you? Here's something to make you feel better about all that dusting and cleaning — it could just save your life. Researchers at the U.S. National Cancer Institute say women who stay fit and physically active after menopause are 17 percent less likely to develop the killer disease. Just one hour of vigorous housework a day can make all the difference ... as long as it's physically demanding.

Wee bit of show biz reminiscing with the stately musicologist Albert Natale. Hoagy Carmichael's mother used to play mood music for the silent movies at the local cinema in Bloomington, Indiana. One more time! Bing Crosby's recording of "White Christmas" has sold more than 100 million copies!

"White Christmas" was created by a Jewish-American Irving Berlin. In 1934, the Benny Goodman band was playing at Billy Rose's Music Hall and attracting nobody except musicians. One year later, it would be an entirely different situation. Band-leader Artie Shaw was the first of six husbands for actress Lana Turner. Artie and Lana were married for one year (1940-41). Helen O'Connell on the Big Band days: "If I'd known it was an era, I'd have paid more attention. All I remember is sleeping in the back of the bus." And singer Russ Columbo (a Bing Crosby sound-alike) also played violin and accordion. Columbo would work with the Rhythm Boys with Bing Crosby. Singer bandleader Vaughn Monroe appeared in two western movies, "Singing Guns" (1950) and "Toughest Man in Arizona" (1952).

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# Recipes from the Homeland

by Vita Orlando Sinopoli

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## STRUFOLI

### A Fried Nugget-Shaped Pastry

- |  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| 2 ½ cups flour                           | 1 large egg (beaten)    |
| ¼ cup sugar                              | ½ cup milk              |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder                 | 1 teaspoon vanilla      |
| ½ teaspoon salt                          | 1 eight-ounce jar honey |
| 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine | 1 small jar nonpareils  |
|  | 4 cups cooking oil      |

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

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

These do not need refrigeration.

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

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


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




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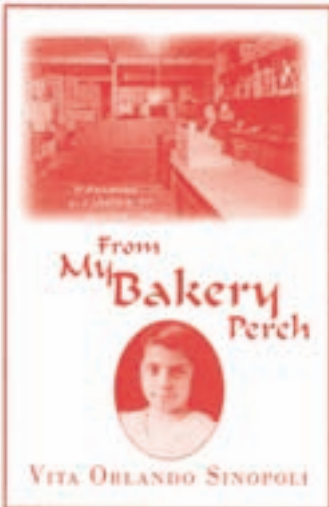
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# Nanna & Babbononno

by John Christoforo

A Nostalgic Remembrance



Last week, I told the story about visiting Santa Claus, and there was even a picture of me mugging for the camera. One of my fondest memories concerning Christmas that took place as a child was the annual party at the Trinity Neighborhood House on Meridian Street in East Boston. During the course of the year, I attended that long-gone settlement house and learned how to make model planes, play basketball, box, wrestle, and even dance. During the week before Christmas, the staff would have a party for the kids of the neighborhood. The only parent who wasn't working was Babbononno and he accompanied me a couple of years in a row.

Of all the things that happened at the party, the one I remember the best was the reading of the Gospel According to Saint Luke, Chapter 2, by Ms. Orr, the woman in charge. I would hear this once again at the Children's Christmas Mass at the Sacred Heart Church on December the 25<sup>th</sup>, and I thought you might like to read it:

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that the entire world should be taxed, and all went to be taxed everyone into his own city.

And Joseph also went up



To all our readers, "Buon Natale e Pace." Left to right: John Jr., John, Loretta and Michael.

from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the City of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered, and she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were afraid.

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not, for, behold,

I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace and good will toward men.

There are many versions of this Gospel reading and this is an abbreviated one, but the one I remember the best. And so, from the Christoforo family, Loretta, John Jr., Michael and yours truly, we wish you a very Merry Christmas, 7December 25, 2011. BUON NATALE a tutti and may GOD BLESS AMERICA.

## • Res Publica (Continued from Page 2)

to register in your party when you can't be bothered to run local candidates, leaving your party members with no one to vote for in the primary and the Democratic Party nominee as the only name on the ballot in the general election.

Secondly, this is not an unusual outcome in Massachusetts. The incumbent resigns, there is a special election with multiple candidates in a one party primary. This is not new in American politics. Back in the days of the "solid South" one party Democratic states of the old confederacy also had multi-candidate Democratic primaries that too frequently yielded winners who got less than

half of the vote. In some cases — I believe Georgia is one of them — the law was changed so that if the winner got less than 50% there was a mandated run-off election between the top two vote getters. The city of Cambridge, Massachusetts for municipal office uses a system called "single transferable preference voting" which is a mouthful of a phrase that describes a type of automatic run-off. I'm not advocating any particular reform, but, when 6% of the registered voters decide, in a special election, who will likely be the senator for the next decade or more, I think we ought to start at least talking about possible reforms.

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## • Mrs. Murphy (Continued from Page 7)

Tobacco. Big Cheese Frank Sr. lays out a spread for Santa with all his friends, Joe Faretra, Clerk Magistrate, City Councilor Sal LaMattina, Rep. Carlo Basile, Al Caldarelli of CDC, John Nucci, Joe McNamee of J&M Mechanical and many more ... Santa sees bright lights in the distance and follows the lights

to Elite Donut where he's happy to see a Christmas tree lit, and the gang inviting Santa to sit ... Jane's prepares her famous red and green holiday pancakes, and Joe offers Santa a jar of his cherry brandy preserves with a pinch on the cheek. Santa has a special gift for Joe, a dazzling wall clock that plays

hit songs every hour. Santa wants to play Keno so he travels off to see his old friend Eric of Jeveli's Restaurant and has a dish of fried calamari while there. He commends Eric for keeping Jeveli's one of the oldest family owned Italian restaurants in tip top shape and loves the Terminal J bar where it's easy to park his sleigh! ... Desiring some more Italian goods Santa skips over to Spinelli's where he flips when he spots Rita, Louis and Anthony behind the counter waiting to give out some holiday cheer. Santa orders enough food for a week and plants a kiss on Rita's cheek saying I'll be back for some fresh made ravioli ... Heading back to Central Square he stops by Pericola's Gift and Jewelry Shop to say hello to Dave Oriola, and purchase a huge diamond for the Mrs. He almost forgot that the elves love Italian cookies so he dashes over to A&L Bakery for a pound of biscottis. Rita rushes out and hands him a panettone and says "Christmas isn't Christmas without one of these." He rides over to Lubec Street for a quick beard trim and the "latest news" from Rosa at Salon International ... Then with a hearty Ho Ho Ho he announces he must go. Up, Up and away Santa's back to the North Pole ... Merry Christmas everyone from the staff of the Post-Gazette.

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MICHELLE NHUCH

vs.

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To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: David J Burgess, Esquire, David Burgess & Associates, 81 Middle Street, Concord, MA 01742 your answer, if any, on or before January 24, 2012. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
WITNESS, Hon. PETER C. DiGANGI, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 13, 2011  
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The Trial Court  
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Docket No. MI11D4887DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY  
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JOANNE JONES-SCOTT

vs.

LEON N. SCOTT

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court.  
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Joanne Jones-Scott, 9 Reed Street, #1, Cambridge, MA 02140 your answer, if any, on or before January 16, 2012. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
WITNESS, Hon. PETER C. DiGANGI, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 5, 2011  
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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 Giaratani

**PATRICK RELENTS AND CALLS IT A "CHRISTMAS TREE"**  
As opposed to Gov. Lincoln Chafee down in Rhode Island, Governor Patrick here in Massachusetts has come out of the politically correct closet and now calls a Christmas tree a Christmas tree. It seems silly to be even talking about the whole thing. Why are so many folks afraid of the word "Christmas"? What fears come to their collective minds?

**MERRY CHRISTMAS ...**  
Christmas greetings go out to former Mayor Ray Flynn and his entire family and best wishes for 2012, too. Ray and I have been friends for almost 40 years now as time continues to fly by for both of us. In public office, he was always a voice for all the people of Boston.

**AN ELITE CHRISTMAS TO ALL**  
Merry Christmas greetings go out to Joe, Jane and everyone at the Elite Restaurant in Day Square, East Boston. This place is the coolest diner in town. The shop's Christmas tree stands tall and proud thanks to Dominic Petrosino's help too.

**THE OCCUPY MOVEMENT NEVER A THREAT**  
The various occupy folks across the country never really endangered the status quo. At best they were a distraction from reality and at worse, a minor irritant. It was more media circle than a social justice movement. Anyone can make headlines nowadays, but changing the course of things through public action is something else all together. The country is falling apart thanks to both Washington, D.C. and Wall Street. Blame greedy big banks, blame the money-ed class, blame the top 1 percent, but unless you are also blaming the guy currently living inside the White House or all those jokers up on Capitol Hill, your protest is like St. Paul said long ago, it is nothing more than "a noisy gong signifying nothing." OUCH!  
The Occupy Wall Street, Occupy Dewey Square, Occupy Anything movement

was never a threat to those in power controlling the status quo. However, had ordinary folk, working folk, middle-class homeowners, truck drivers, etc., set up camp around the country venting their anger at the country's political and business leadership that led to an economic free fall, then and only then would those running government and business listen and re-act. A bunch of nitwits who could neither write a simple sentence nor deliver a 30 second sound-bite without sounding foolish were a threat to anything but the grass they were camping on. Occupy Boston accomplished one thing. They turned the Rose Kennedy Greenway into the Rose Kennedy Brownway. That's it. That's their legacy.

**WINTER WONDERLAND PARTY**  
Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston will be holding a Winter Wonderland Party on Saturday, January 14, 2012 in the church hall. Cocktails at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm, food by Meridian Market, music by East Coast Acappella and a DJ too. Purchase tickets after Masses or at the rectory.

**THE CANDY MAN'S CAUGHT**  
Remember Sammy Davis, Jr., singing the "Candy Man"? Well, there was another candy man but he wasn't selling candy, he was stealing it. It seems a 39-year-old guy was arrested recently and charged with larceny after walking out of the Super Stop & Shop at South Bay Center with a cart loaded

with almost \$1,000 worth of candy bars. He was spotted by police on Greenville Street in Roxbury at 3:28 am pushing the cart, which also included some meat, too. I know I always love my steak with a side of Twizzlers. When the cops asked to see the receipt, you know what the answer was. Chalk this up to a bad sugar craving.

ST. JUDE AND ST. ANTHONY NOVENA

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the hopeless, pray for us. St. Anthony, most loving protector and wonder worker, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day and by the 8th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. My prayers have been answered. Favor received.

V.F.

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Docket No. MI09D-1193DR  
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION  
MARIA GIRLEZA JARAMILLO MEDINA, Plaintiff

vs.


ANGEL D. LONDONO SANCHEZ, Defendant

To the above named Defendant(s):  
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, seeking a Modification. You are required to serve upon Maria Girleza Jaramillo Medina - plaintiff - whose address is 66 Pearl Street, Framingham, MA 01702 your answer on or before January 19, 2012. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at CAMBRIDGE.  
WITNESS, Hon. PETER C. DiGANGI, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE, this 8th day of December, 2011.  
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In the Estate of  
**ROSE M. YOHE**  
Late of **BILLERICA, MA 01821**  
Date of Death **August 20, 2011**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that **Gina Radzvin** of Billerica, MA or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve **Without Surety**.  
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 10, 2012**.

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**Under the new Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code 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 the appointed Personal Representative.**  
Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.  
WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 13, 2011  
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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI11P5964EA

In the Estate of  
**ELEANOR G. RUSSO**  
a/k/a **ELEANOR RUSSO**  
Late of **LEXINGTON, MA 02420**  
Date of Death **December 1, 2011**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Elaine R Boucher** of Medford, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.  
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 16, 2012**.  
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

**MUPC SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE**  
To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs;  
Notice is being sent to you as you may have a legal interest in this case, in order to inform you of your rights.  
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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.  
WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 19, 2011  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/23/11

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
Docket No. SU11P2533EA

In the Estate of **Antionette Giordano**  
a/k/a **Antoinette Giordano**  
Late of **E. BOSTON, MA 02128-1010**  
Date of Death **MARCH 11, 2011**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last copy of the will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Ciro Giordano** of Brookline, MA be appointed executor, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.  
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **BOSTON** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 12, 2012**.  
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.  
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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.  
WITNESS, Hon. **JOAN P. ARMSTRONG**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 13, 2011  
Sandra Giovannucci, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/23/11

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The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI11P5947EA

In the Estate of  
**HOWARD JOHN MISSELHORN**  
a/k/a **HOWARD J. MISSELHORN**  
Late of **AYER, MA 01432**  
Date of Death **October 24, 2011**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Karen M. Sherwin** of Ayer, MA and **Barbara M. Wyman** of Tampa, FL be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.  
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 13, 2012**.  
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.  
WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 16, 2011  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI11P5912EA

In the Estate of  
**FRANCES M. GADSBY**  
Late of **SOMERVILLE, MA 02143**  
Date of Death **September 9, 2011**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **MARIE GADSBY** of Somerville, MA be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.  
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 13, 2012**.  
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.  
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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.  
WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 16, 2011  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
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The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI11P5905EA

In the Estate of  
**MARY F. WILLARD**  
a/k/a **MARY FAXON WILLARD**  
Late of **CONCORD, MA 01742**  
Date of Death **November 4, 2011**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**  
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Jane W. White** of Belmont, MA be appointed executrix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.  
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 11, 2012**.  
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.  
WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 14, 2011  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/23/11

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Docket No. MI11P5827EA

In the Estate of  
**MARY M JONES**  
a/k/a **MARY McSHANE JONES**  
Late of **CONCORD, MA 01742**  
Date of Death **October 9, 2011**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Robert Thomas Jones** of Concord, MA and **Margaret Jones Meeker** of Traverse City, MI be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.  
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 10, 2012**.  
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.  
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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.  
WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 13, 2011  
Tara E. DeCristofaro, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/23/11

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
Docket No. SU11P2541EA

In the Estate of  
**LORRAINE LICCIARDI**  
Late of **E. BOSTON, MA 02128-1010**  
Date of Death **NOVEMBER 27, 2011**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Gennaro Licciardi** of E. Boston, MA be appointed executor, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.  
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **BOSTON** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: **JANUARY 19, 2012**.  
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.  
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Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond.  
WITNESS, Hon. **JOAN P. ARMSTRONG**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 14, 2011  
Sandra Giovannucci, Register of Probate  
Run date: 12/23/11

LEGAL NOTICE

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The Trial Court  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
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Boston, MA 02114  
Docket No. SU11P2544EA

In the Estate of  
**MARY E. ALBANO**  
a/k/a **MARY ALBANO**  
Late of **E. BOSTON, MA 02128-1010**  
Date of Death **November 15, 2011**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Anna Fairbanks** of Wakefield, MA and **Michael Albano** of E. Boston, MA be appointed co-executors, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.  
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **BOSTON** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 19, 2012**.  
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WITNESS, Hon. **JOAN P. ARMSTRONG**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 14, 2011  
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The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. MI11P5856EA

In the Estate of  
**ELEANOR BOTTAFUOCO**  
Late of **STONEHAM, MA 02180**  
Date of Death **October 13, 2011**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be **the last will** of said decedent be proved and allowed and that **Susan M Buttafuoco** of Stoneham, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve **Without Surety**.  
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 9, 2012**.  
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.  
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WITNESS, Hon. **PETER C. DiGANGI**,  
First Justice of this Court.  
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## CORNER TALK

by Reinaldo Oliveira, Jr.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

**"The Fighting O'Brien's"**

Chad Dawson-Bernard Hopkins Bout Ruled a No Decision

Don't Forget December 30, 2011 in Las Vegas

Brock Lesner Battles Alistair Overeem in UFC 141

In 2011, **Fighting Maureen O'Brien** won the Fall River PAL tournament and the Rocky Marciano Tournament sub novice. Also, two time Ringside Tournament Masters Champion **John O'Brien** did some sparring with middle-weight and light-heavyweight Champion of the World **Iran Barkley**. They're a real tough father-daughter Fight-Family. Congratulations to you both.

The bout between **Bernard Hopkins** and **Chad Dawson** was ruled a no contest by the California Boxing Commission due to the fact it was stopped due to the ruling on the manner in which Bernard Hopkins' injuries to his shoulder occurred. Thus causing the bout to be stopped.

At UFC **141**, remember to check out December 30, 2011 at the Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. **265 lb. Brock Lesner** and **260 lb. Alistair Overeem** fight it out. These two behemoths should provide plenty of action.



## HOOPS and HOCKEY in the HUB

by Richard Preiss



He had his back up against the wall, he did, as do many visiting basketball coaches.

For that is how many coaches who come to the Garden elect to give their post-game press conference — leaning against the wall outside the visitors' locker room.

But in this case, the mentor was not paying a call to the Hub. In fact, he was quite familiar with it. For the man up against the wall on this particular Friday night in December was Doc Rivers, the head coach of the Boston Celtics.

In a way he was a visitor that night — or rather a most interested spectator — as he had just watched a preseason version of the Green go through their paces during a scrimmage played out before some of the most ardent supporters of the team — season ticket holders and corporate sponsors.

While the on-court result had excited those in attendance — with the outcome decided by a last second basket — a more studious eye could envision potential problems ahead as the condensed 66-game, four-month regular season approached.

Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett had been held out as has Jeff Green — who a few days later would be declared out for the season because of upcoming heart surgery. The point is that the Celtics — once you get past the starters and a couple of key substitutes — are thin.

With the compact schedule, should any of the Big Three plus One (Pierce, Garnett, Ray Allen plus Rajon Rondo, have to sit for even a minor injury, the result could be devastating. Several games over a short period of time might be missed since the schedule features several spots where there are four games a week and two when five per week are penciled in.

Where would the Celtics find themselves in such a situation? Up against the wall — and a hard and unforgiving one at that. There would be very few places to turn as game after game would have to be played with at least some bench players.

The pace of the season would be unrelenting. In fact, one interesting statement coming from Rivers that very night is that Garnett will have his minutes limited during the regular season by playing about 15 minutes per half with his on court action taking place in separate segments of about five minutes apiece.

To us it sounds as if the Celtics will use the regular season to qualify for the playoffs by limiting the exposure to injury for Garnett and perhaps others — the goal being to have a healthy lineup when the "second season" (the one that matters above all else) begins in late April.

It's then that the jets will be turned on, that full throttle will be given and that the quest for Banner 18 will begin in earnest.

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**Dom Campochiaro, President**