



Whither Energy Prices 2016

Something should tell us that with chronic global political instability in the Middle East and now in the Korean Peninsula, that the big dip in oil and resulting gasoline prices will likely not be sustained in the long run. It begs the overall question: What needs to be done to deal with the cost of energy in Massachusetts?

Conservation is the battle cry of environmentalists and consumers have been relatively responsive and will continue to be. But even activists admit that squeezing out cost reduction through energy management efficiencies can go only so far and its impact

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Befitting the Crime?

Do the Feds have secret information they're not telling us about? Did Catherine Greig hide the weapons or dig the graves or cover up murders? Was she dealing drugs for Bulger? Actually, those who committed those crimes served little time and are back on the street. Nobody else in the FBI except John Connolly covered up and excused Bulger's crimes. Really? Did Greig and Bulger engage in some modern day Bonnie and Clyde cross country crime spree?

It seems that the only reports that have been released are about buying kitchen appliances for country folk in Louisiana and feeding stray cats in Santa Monica. She's not the first woman to pick the wrong guy for a boyfriend, but she sure is paying a heavier price than most. What exactly has she done to deserve the time and money spent and the confinement she has endured? Enough. Stop wasting our time. Catch some terrorists or at least a dirty FBI agent.



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2015: The Year America was Offended

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If you read this column regularly, in fact, if you read our whole newspaper, you probably have realized by this time that we are proudly the opposite of what's described as 'politically correct' or PC. One definition of PC is 'A standard of speech and behavior imposed on society by those who believe they know what's best for everyone else'. Those who push PC have as their goal to control and regulate how we live our lives, what we say and even how we think. The PC enforcers fancy themselves as sort of shepherds and the rest of us as sheep. The fact that most South Bostonians have never fallen into the sheep category is something to boast about. And that a growing number of other Americans are tired of the PC movement and reject

it at every opportunity is encouraging and refreshing as well. But there are still those who try to push it onto others, who are easily led around by the nose. And of course, in the PC culture, everything that is not on the 'approved list' is considered to be offensive.

If 2015 was anything, it was the year America was offended.

The nation's liberal college campuses are the first that come to mind when offensiveness is brought up. Here, the pampered, spoiled and emotionally fragile students drew up lists, urged on by their whacky leftist professors, from behind the scenes, demanding free everything - free tuition, food, housing and even spending money. If you asked them where the cash to pay for it would come from they would

be offended, and of course you'd be deemed a racist. They insisted on banning words and any view that they didn't want to hear and in some cases, test scores and academic standards that they were too lazy to meet. If a school administrator disagreed with these demands, they must be immediately fired. Entire campuses were to be designated 'safe zones' where no word or action that might hurt their feelings would ever be allowed. 2015 brought about the term 'precious little snowflakes' when describing these students. Can we ever forget the students at a Massachusetts college who went into traumatic shock and needed counseling because a classmate had a Confederate Flag on her laptop screen?

The news media was another prime

example of those easily offended in 2015. To state the obvious such as 'criminal illegal aliens are overwhelming our southern border', 'terrorists are planning to infiltrate our country using a proposed flow of refugees from Middle Eastern countries' or that the vile group 'Black Lives Matter was advocating violence against America's police departments' was also offensive hate speech and must be banned. To call Hillary Clinton, after catching her in blatant lies about being 'under enemy fire in Benghazi, while her helicopter was landing' and that 'no government business was deleted from her private emails', a liar was insensitive and offensive. It's the truth, she did lie about it, but we're never supposed to say it.

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If there were ever data showing a need for drug prescription reform, this lead sentence in

Felice J. Freyer's Globe story says it all: "More than 90 percent of people who survived a prescription opioid overdose were able to obtain another prescription for the very drugs that nearly killed them, according to a Boston Medical Center study of chronic pain treatment published Monday."

This week, the squeeze will be on

* The MBTA Fiscal Management and Control Board will meet and the subject of hiking fares will take center stage.

* There's the matter of midyear budget actions, strongly hinted at by both Gov. Baker and Administra-

tion and Finance Secretary Kristen Lepore. While attention has shifted to the gaping projected hole in the fiscal 2017 budget, there remain 2016's unresolved problems, including deficient non-tax revenue.

* In the world of the private sector, a job-cut announcement of staggering proportions may be coming very soon from Hopkinton, where EMC and Dell seem primed to announce details of a restructuring plan that will cost it \$250 million. The Boston Business Journal broke the story about impending cuts on New Year's Eve.

Explaining the Globe's delivery nightmare

It hasn't been a very happy 2016 so far for many at the Boston Globe who have been struggling to get

their print product, still its bread and butter, in the hands of all its subscribers. For many customers, the delivery problems began Monday, Dec. 28. That's when a new outfit, ACI Media Group, took over for Publishers Circulation Fulfillment, which still delivers the Boston Herald, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and other regional dailies. As the clamor of frustrated subscribers grew, a Dec. 31 Globe story put the percentage of papers either late or not being delivered at 5 percent. On Sunday night, the Globe posted a story that put the percentage of non-deliveries or late deliveries at 10 percent (and also explored tensions between the vendor and Globe management).

To some, it seemed inexplicable. How could the region's most prominent and respected news source not be able to get its primary product into the hands of so many of its readers? But newspaper delivery is a complicated business, as many Globe staffers learned the other night after a memo that the paper was in "crisis mode" went out calling for volunteers to deliver papers. Door-to-door delivery is an art, as any delivery boy or girl learned back in the day. It takes times to find the right people to do the work and also learn the nuances of the route. ACI is short-staffed and it's clear the problem will linger until the delivery service gets fully up to speed. **Globe employees, many from the newsroom, rushed into the breach.**

But will they do so again? It was an impressive display of esprit de corps, captured in yesterday's story and many tweets. And don't miss Kevin Cullen's column about his adventures delivering in Hingham. Globies may have help save the day, but there are many more days to be saved, as the shorthanded new vendor looks for contractors to take delivery routes. **Print may be "dead," but the people who read**

print are not (even if they pretend they haven't heard of the Internet). People love to hate dominant daily newspapers, so when one screws up and interrupts a morning ritual, the chorus of boos grows loud and perhaps overdone. The perfectly serviceable digital edition is cold comfort for some.

Law Suit: State hasn't done enough to reduce emissions

Lawyers for the Conservation Law Foundation will argue before the state's top court this week that the administrations of Gov. Charlie Baker and his predecessor have violated the law by not enacting policies that would enable the state to meet goals for reducing carbon emissions, the Globe reports.

Health care premiums' unstoppable rise

Massachusetts health care insurers report 2016 will be another year of significant premium increases, with particular pain being felt by individuals and small businesses. Various factors are contributing to the increases, including taxes and fees insurers have to pay under the Affordable Care Act.

Special elections aren't so special

As Massachusetts faces several special elections for legislative seats this year, a Globe editorial crunches some numbers to reveal that more than half of the city's legislative delegation was voted in through a special election. "...the rules around the timing of resignations must be improved to avoid the political maneuvering that has become a regular practice."

Green Line workers are tops in OT haul

The Herald's Matt Stout dug through numbers to produce a very interesting analysis of overtime spending at the T. Green Line maintenance workers averaged about \$32,000 in OT through Dec. 15 of 2015, topping other lines by as much as double. The T management is looking into OT practices, which generated a \$75-million-tab last year.

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Reading Between The Lines

“The Revolution”

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In the last publication of this column, Dec. 17, it was pointed out that even with vacationing through the holidays not much would really change. It didn't take a Nostradamus, however to realize that some issues would become more pressing and begin to clarify.

On the Democrat's side, Martin O'Malley of Maryland couldn't even get enough signatures to be in one state's upcoming primary. That's just plain incompetence, so “color him gone”.

Next we have the choice of dreamers and crazy people everywhere, Bernie Sanders. The fact he still has a shot illustrates just how nutty the electorate has become.

Which brings us to Hillary. Her presence is even wackier than Bernie's. Her countless self serving lies have become so numerous that their sheer numbers provide a type of numbing immunity. Whitewater, stock deals, travel gate, Bosnian snipers, Ben Ghazi video tapes. Those are just the tip of her incredibly unscrupulous career. Her conduct toward her husband's victims and as a lawyer attacking a 12-year-old rape victim are starting to emerge. All of this, plus she's under investigation by the FBI. The Obama administration's FBI, not some Republican committee.

One good thing about the vacation is the chance to catch up on reading. One of the books, “13 hours at Benghazi” mentions Secretary of State Clinton just once. However, it is clear from the documented accounts of survivors and participants that the tragedy was the direct result of Clinton's politically calculated action or lack thereof. Remember, it was to her, directly, that the murdered U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens appealed for an upgrade in security.

An upgrade that may have raised political questions on Clinton's claim of Libyan “peace”, but may have saved the Ambassadors life. Hillary chose to protect her political image and gambled with the American lives and lost.

Yet, not for love of country but for the lust for power, her supporters will ignore it all and sing her false praise.

These same hypocrites express feigned amazement that anyone could support any Republicans, who, by the way, are dwindling to maybe three or four with a chance. All the governors with the possible exception of Chris Christie are ‘toast’. Bush, Kasich? Stick a fork in them 'cause they're done. Huckabee is a nice guy, but it's not going to happen. It seems Rubio, Cruz and, of course, Trump are going to fight it out. Rubio is young and very likable but who may have weakness in previous illegal immigration proposals that he has introduced and also in financial management.

Cruz is brilliant- a Constitutional scholar, former Supreme Court law clerk - he is the best debater on either side. He has specific, forceful, ideas on how to address current major problems. His weakness may be a perception that his positions are based on political expediency rather than conviction and that he'll adopt a position that he doesn't believe, because it will give him votes or favorable publicity. Although his strong support of the Tea Party contradicts that assessment.

Lastly we come to Donald Trump. That he has no experience is one common concern. Remember, however, that our community-activist-in-chief served 4 years as a State Senator before his election as U.S. Senator where he ran for president without completing his

first term. So experience, obviously, is not a requirement.

Judging by Obama's reported executive orders, constitutional understanding or obedience is not needed either. The prime qualification is to be part of the establishment of either party. Something Trump definitely is not. Which seems to have both sets of power brokers nervous. Which of course increases his appeal to the people and all of those who are not part of the establishment team.

Hater is the term the lame stream foists on Trump. It seems, like most

Americans, Trump is tired of the hate being heaped on its people and the country by its own so-called leaders. They trip over each other to be the first to blame every ill of the world on America or its people. War, global warming, racism, it's all America's fault.

America is a revolution. America is what's right with the world. It is the old established fight over religion causing today's world problems and the same establishment way of dealing with it. It's time for a revolution against both parties.

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There are several programs available to help consumers and not only low income individuals and families. The two prominent ones that have been doing so are Action For Boston Community Development (ABCD) and the MA Good Neighbor Energy Fund administered by the Salvation Army.

ABCD's Energy Department offers a variety of programs to help households pay heating bills, and access weatherization measures and effective and cost-efficient heating systems. Additionally, ABCD works with utility companies, local businesses, and residents to offer green energy services and education. These partnerships ensure that low-income residents have access to the information and services they need to keep energy costs low and help the environment.

The network of ABCD Neighborhood Sites also offers a variety of energy, heating, and utility assistance programs to meet the needs of their communities throughout Boston. ABCD provides referral and advocacy services for eligible clients interested in help for unpaid or overdue bills. The utility companies offer arrearage management programs where eligible clients may

have their utility debt forgiven (up to approximately \$1,500 - \$2000 per year) while adhering to a structured payment plan.

ABCD's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), the Fuel Assistance program, is the most well-known and effective service that provides heating bill payment assistance to low-income residents of various cities and towns.

The Heating System Repairs and Replacement program (HEART-WAP) provides heating systems tune-ups, repairs, and burner and system replacements, and responds to emergency no-heat situations for low-income Boston households in need. Repairs of heating systems in emergency no-heat situations are possible for homeowners and, in some cases, renters. Replacement of heating systems are also considered for broken or inefficient furnaces and boilers. During the Spring and Summer tune ups are performed for both owners and renters.

All services are available at no cost to clients. The goal of this program is ensure that families have energy and cost efficient heating systems that function well.

ABCD's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) helps make

low-income households more energy efficient in order to lower energy costs for consumers and protect the environment. Weatherizing your home can reduce your heating costs by as much as 25% per year.

All services are available at no cost to clients. Those with oil or electric heat may receive improvements, at no cost, totaling \$4,500 or more. Through an NGRID sponsored weatherization program, those with gas heat may receive conservation measures totaling \$4,500. For more info go to: <http://www.bostonabcd.org/energy-and-fuel-services.aspx>

Now in its 31st year, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund has provided energy assistance to hundreds-of-thousands of residents in temporary crisis who are struggling to pay their energy bills and do not qualify for federal or state energy funds.

"This Fund really helps the people who might otherwise not be served, mainly the working poor of Massachusetts," says Major David B. Davis, Divisional Commander of the Massachusetts Salvation Army which administers the Fund. "Without assistance from the GNEF, many of the people we serve wouldn't be able to make their monthly utility payments."

A cooperative effort between sponsoring Massachusetts energy companies, The Salvation Army and caring neighbors throughout the Commonwealth, the Good Neighbor Energy Fund has raised over 19.8 million and assisted more than 85,000 households with a month's energy expense since its inception in 1985.

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MAYOR WALSH'S ONEin3 COUNCIL NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Council Serves as Leadership in City's Efforts to Engage Boston's Millennial Population

BOSTON - Monday, January 4, 2016 - Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced that applications are now available for those interested in obtaining a position on the 2016 ONEin3 Council, an appointed body of thirty young adults charged with leading efforts to engage Boston's 20-34-year-old population. The deadline to submit applications is Sunday, January 31st.

"Boston is known for having the best and brightest talent, and I look forward to seeing the great work to come from this year's ONEin3 Council," said Mayor Walsh. "The work that ONEin3 does to engage our young adult population in the issues that impact them the most is a critically important part of our efforts to move the

City forward for everyone."

The ONEin3 Council serves as the leadership for ONEin3, a civic engagement initiative that aims to empower and support Boston's millennial population through active citizenship. The Council will spend this year overseeing volunteers and managing projects that will increase young adult participation in city government and civic affairs. The Council will provide strong leadership in order to build a community of active, involved young adults from all over the city, working together to make Boston an inviting, connected, culturally rich and sustainable place for young people to live.

The 2016 ONEin3 Council will reflect the diversity

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Michelle Wu Rises to City Council Presidency

‘M’aking history’ is much more than a charming cliché when it comes to Boston and Massachusetts politics. It is a well-

deserved refrain. City Councilor At Large Michelle Wu was unanimously elected the Boston City Council’s next president, making her the first Asian-American and

third woman to hold the seat in the body’s 106-year history.

The political story, resonating among the pundits and veteran observers of Boston politics, is the bankable credit coming due of Wu’s gutsy support of outgoing president Bill Linehan in 2013. That marker has come full circle not only in her election but in its unanimity. At that time and since, the narrow-minded castigation of Wu’s vote for Linehan by the uncompromising stance of some in the progressive democratic movement caused them, in warped single-mindedness, to spend dishonest and futile time attempting to unseat one of their own. It is fair enough to say that they are lucky that her core principles are more genuine than theirs.

Has her agenda changed since 2013? It doesn’t appear so. In her first address as president, Wu said the council will take action on income inequality, criminal justice system reform, improved educational opportunities, and prepar-

ing for climate change. “We’re sworn in today at a time of historic inequality. This lack of opportunity has led to stark divisions in Boston,” Wu offered. “It is against this backdrop that the work of city government is more vital than ever.”

Going further, her goal would be to allow residents to track the actions of the council. “My focus would be on transparency and accessibility,” Wu said in a statement, “and really making sure the information available about what issues are before the council and what the status and progress is on all of those issues.”

The city council also welcomed two new women, Councilor at large Annissa Essaibi George and District Councilor Andrea Campbell, in a Faneuil Hall inauguration ceremony this morning, markedly changing the gender and racial makeup of a body that Mayor Martin J. Walsh said “will be forever identified with a new era in Boston’s history”.

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At least 50% of Halloween costumes were deemed offensive in 2015. There were still a few remaining kooks who went into meltdown if someone offended them by wishing them a Merry Christmas. There was the attempt to fire the football coach at a mid-western high school this year because he offended a couple of atheists by praying with his team before a game and who can forget the uproar over the ‘offensive’ name of the NFL’s Washington Redskins?

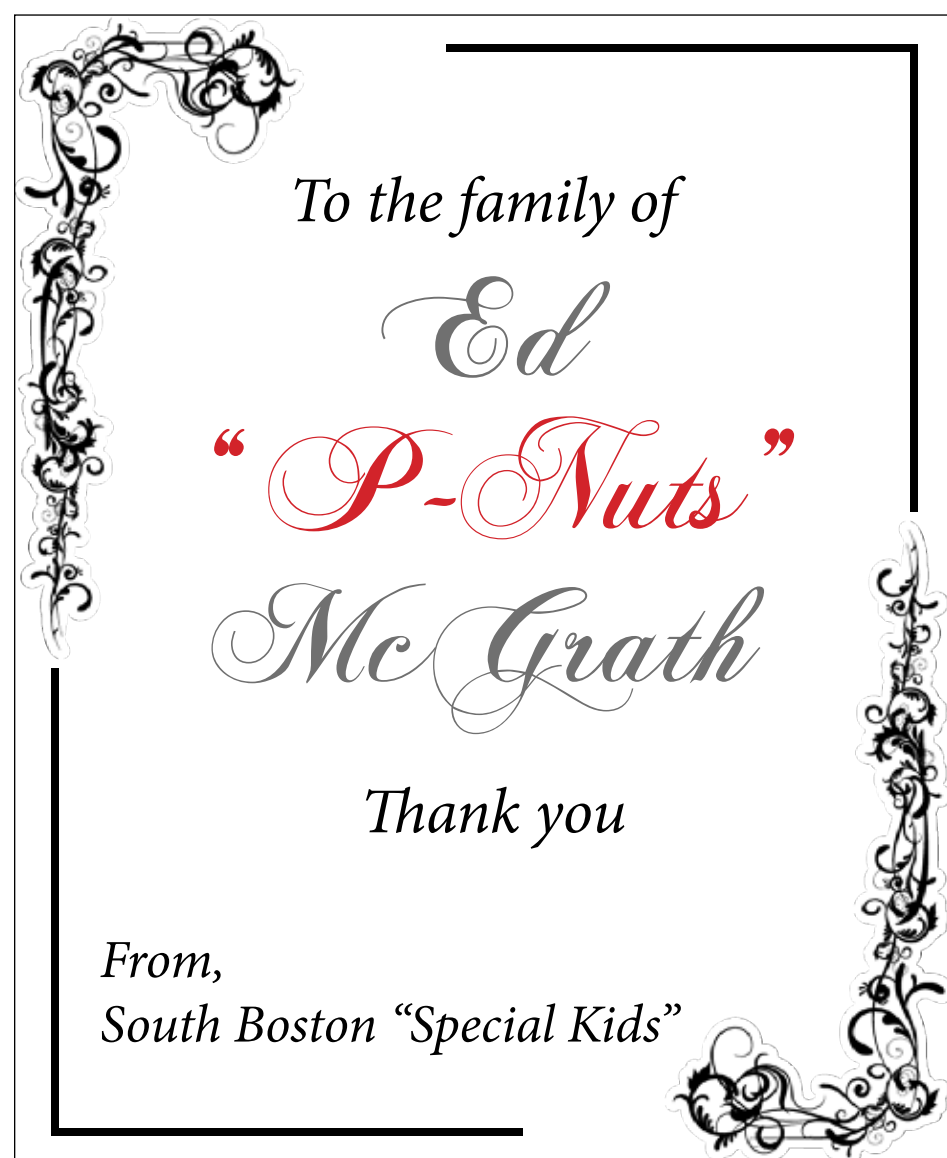
We were told that we couldn’t call the rioters and looters in Ferguson and Baltimore ‘thugs’ because the name was insensitive and offensive. One suggestion was to be PC and refer to people in those cities smashing store windows and stealing TV’s as ‘Undocumented Shoppers’. No, really. And of course we have the current occupant in the White House who just cannot bring himself to call Islamic terrorists beheading, stoning and blowing up people they don’t like what they are: Islamic terrorists, because that would be – you guessed it – offensive.

But probably the biggest offender of all in 2015 had to be Donald Trump.

And he seems to be having a hell of a time doing it. He’s probably insulted every public figure in the world at least once and in some cases two or three times and loving the reaction he’s getting from the PC crowd. They are horrified, outraged, beside themselves and so mad that spittle is dripping from their mouths. But they keep quoting him, inviting him on TV shows and the news media members, who despise the guy, follow him around like puppies. He’s playing them like a puppet master and winning the praise of millions of Americans who find it all so satisfying.

But the best part of all is the growing number of Hollywood liberals who say they will leave America if Trump becomes president. Rosie O’Donnell is the latest one to make that announcement. It seems there really is a silver lining to every cloud. If Trump can get the rest of them to leave, he might not be so bad after all.

With any luck, 2016 will not find as many people so easily offended. It’s time for those overly sensitive souls, at least the ones who won’t be leaving America, to toughen up, grow up and start acting like adults.





Vigilance Is The Price Of Freedom.

While visiting a sick friend, Boston Firefighter and union leader Mike Mul-

lane, last week, a doctor introduced himself to me and said, "I wasn't around when you were Mayor of Boston, but some of the younger doctors around here are curious, why did the City give this new state of the art hospital to Boston University? Just then another doctor walked into the cafeteria, and asked if he could join in on the conversation. The doctor explained, we heard so many stories over the years, but this is the first time we ever met you and we're hoping that finally somebody in the know might explain why this questionable sale took place."

I started out by saying that believe it or not, during all of these years, the media has never asked me to explain the situation.

First of all, let me point out that when I was first elected mayor, several prominent Boston businessmen asked to meet with me to urge me to tear down the old city hospital. It

would be great for luxury housing, they said. It's old and antiquated. Maybe the city could sell it to Boston University. Admittedly, the City Hospital was facing an accreditation problem at the time. But people in my Administration had a different priority. Build a brand new state of the art hospital for the many poor and uninsured in Boston, and recent wave immigrants, many from Ireland and Puerto Rico.

Even before I was sworn in as mayor, a remarkable team comprised of BRA Director Steve Coyle, City Attorney Joseph Mulligan, Capitol Planning Director Mary Nee and Federal Relations Director Howard Liebowitz put together a comprehensive building plan and, despite overwhelming odds, we secured the necessary financing, and Federal insurance to move forward in the rebuilding of a new Boston City Hospital. We received the support

of both Democrats and Republicans in Washington. Most big cities were closing their municipal hospitals at the time, except Boston. However, after the Presidential election in 1992 and I was appointed U.S. Ambassador, Boston entered into a deal with Boston University and sold the public taxpayers financed hospital.

Last Sunday, a group of dedicated former City Hall officials met to celebrate the life of recently deceased Howard Liebowitz. I told them about the two medical doctors recent questions about why the Boston City Hospital was sold to Boston University back in the early 90's.

When the public is not sufficiently informed and the community is not involved, the people's interest are often least served. This was a sad case of neglect.

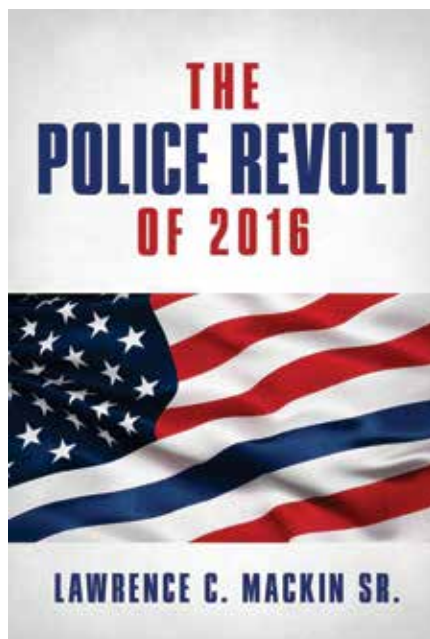
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fluctuates. According to industry experts, stability in sourcing energy is the foundation of both cost control and environmental impact.

Renewable energy technologies are being explored and developed with solar energy taking the lead, but that technology has to be subsidized by direct taxpayer dollars and tax credits to the tune of \$39 billion annually. Even with that support, solar energy accounts for less than 1% of the total production of electricity in the US. In New England, hydrokinetic and wind power are struggling to gain acceptance and investment as government subsidies directed to these technologies are much smaller. Nuclear is re-emerging as a reliable option, but old and ailing plants are being shut down because the costs to upgrade are prohibitive from a 'return on investment' (ROI) assessment.

Natural gas appears to be the most stable of all energy sources and new pipelines are being proposed including a \$5 billion expansion of Kinder Morgan's Tennessee Gas Pipeline that plans to supply MA and New England. The company promotes its safety record and the fact that there are hundreds of miles of pipe already existing in various communities of MA without incident. The other company Spectra Energy is proposing a \$1 billion expan-

sion of its Algonquin Pipeline starting from New Jersey. Although there is some opposition to both projects, Spectra's opposition stems from its pipeline planning to go through a section of West Roxbury running near a quarry that detonates explosives.

Here is an example of the price differentials between Boston and Raleigh North Carolina, an area that aggressively competes with this area for jobs and companies.

Consumer prices are 17.26% higher; Consumer prices including Rent are 48.78% higher; Rent prices are 120% higher; Restaurant prices are 14.03% higher; Grocery prices are 15.91% higher; Purchasing power is 15.26% lower. Those hardest hit when it comes to energy costs and these other cost differentials are low and moderate income folks and seniors on fixed incomes. Not all of these people lived in public housing. Many are renting or maintaining aging homes, so government assistance is limited in these cases.

Until Massachusetts gets a grip on energy costs, which affects all of those indicators referenced above, the Commonwealth's competitive advantage, anchored in the health care and education industries, will be lost as universities and health care facilities from those areas, where the cost of living is more favorable, target and attract renowned educators, entrepreneurs and physicians.

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103 Dresser St UNIT 103 Condo	\$920,000	9/25/15	8	2.5	1700
881 East Second St UNIT 2 Condo	\$899,000	9/11/15	4	2	1233
81 Dresser St UNIT 81 Condo	\$895,000	9/10/15	7	2.5	1932
141 West Second St UNIT Condo	\$849,000	9/8/15	4	2	1543
141 Dorchester St UNIT 511 Condo	\$781,500	9/8/15	2	1	1032
474 East Third St UNIT 2 Condo	\$780,000	9/25/15	5	2	1300
585 East Seventh St UNIT 1 Condo	\$740,000	9/15/15	5	2	1346
185 West Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$695,000	9/25/15	5	2.5	1722
41 L St UNIT 6 Condo	\$690,000	9/18/15	4	2	1350
655 East Second St UNIT 203 Condo	\$686,000	9/25/15	5	2	1092
15 Preble St UNIT 7 Condo	\$609,000	9/25/15	5	2	925
349 Silver St UNIT 1 Condo	\$599,000	9/10/15	5	1	1078
116 F St UNIT 1 Condo	\$595,000	9/17/15	7	2	1330
342-346 Dorchester St UNIT 1 Condo	\$581,000	9/25/15	5	2	1400
881 East First St UNIT 101 Condo	\$553,000	9/22/15	3	1	1067
215 Bolton Street Single Family	\$549,900	9/18/15	6	2	1200
437 D St UNIT 1A Condo	\$530,000	9/21/15	3	1	706
15 Preble St UNIT 1 Condo	\$515,000	9/8/15	5	2	895
436 West Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$435,000	9/8/15	4	1	676
5 Mohawk St UNIT 1 Condo	\$415,000	9/10/15	3	1	700
3A Douglas Street Land Listing	\$315,000	9/9/15			
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PROJECT PROPONENT:
Oranmore Enterprises, LLC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The proposed project will be a new development; a 9-unit condominium building that is approximately 21,677 square feet with one approximately 536 square feet commercial space at street level. The building is 5-6 stories tall and is comprised of brick, metal paneling, and Arriscraft stone block. The structure also includes 10 interior, on grade garage parking spaces.

MAIL TO: EDWARD M MCGUIRE III
Boston Redevelopment Authority
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201

PHONE: 617.918.4251

EMAIL: Edward.McGuire@boston.gov

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L St. Brownies Continue the Tradition with 113th New Year's Day Swim

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Long standing traditions abound in South Boston. It's one of the many things that make this town so unique. Well, the terms colorful, original and just plain fun come to mind whenever mention is made of the Annual L Street Brownies New Years Day Swim. And kicking off 2016; which makes it the 113th consecutive year for the swim was no exception as hundreds once again braved the frigid waters of Boston Harbor last Friday.

The event kicked off earlier than most years because of the tide. As one crowd

gathered on Day Blvd and on the shoreline, another crowd was assembling at the L Street Tavern. This group, led by Kevin Conroy, and there to support the Scleroderma Foundation, proceeded down the middle of L Street. Conroy; playing his famous bagpipes and joined by Pipes and Drum players from the US Postal Service, The Boston Fire Fighters, The Boston Police and members of the IBEW Electrical workers. They merged with the other crowd which combined, now swelled to over a thousand people. The air temperature was mild for January 1st, but the water, as usual, was brain freez-





ing which makes it all the more of a challenge. World famous chef George Locassio; who tested the water with a thermometer attached to a fishing poll kept all informed of what to expect.

Like race horses lined up at the starting gate, the exuberant crowd awaited the sound of the starter horn and then the stampede began. Long time participant Tommy McAuliffe, positioned off shore in a Kayak, kept the charge fired up with his trumpet or trombone or bugle or whatever that horn he has as the charging hordes entered the icy ocean and hundreds of screams and shrieks and much laughter from the shocked swimmers filled the air. It was wild pandemonium and it was “awesome” as one spectator said through chattering teeth.

The Annual L Street Brownies swim is an event where people wear anything they feel like wearing. All sorts of crazy and creative costumes can be seen which makes it an even more festive gathering. This year, a very tall guy dressed as the Star Wars character Chewbacca was one of the biggest hits of the day.

This annual swim is sponsored by the BCYF Curley Recreation Center

and the staff seems to do a better job at it with each passing year. South Boston Today spoke with Fred Ahern, the director at the Curley Center who was quite pleased at how it all turned out. He credits the dedicated staff members who worked this day and did much to prepare for it in advance as well as the many volunteers from the L Street Brownies and supporters who all collectively combined to keep everything running smooth. The L Street Brownies use the event to raise money to support the South Boston Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund. Ahern emphasized that several other groups and charities also participate and raise funds for worthy causes on this day, among them The Joey Fund and the Scleroderma Foundation and are most welcomed and encouraged to do so. This is an event that is 100% positive and along with people enjoying themselves, great things come out of it and many good causes benefit.

Said Fred Ahern, “It’s a good time and people keep coming back year after year to be part of the experience. It’s a nice way to kick off a new year.” And that it certainly is.



Consumer Affairs and Licensing

Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing has received the following application:

To amend the entertainment license by adding the categories of instrumental music, vocal music, (five performers), disc jockey, dancing by patrons, and karaoke. The establishment is currently allowed to operate radio, audio device, widescreen television, and television.

At: 70 Sleeper Street, Boston, MA
Known as: Envoy Hotel
The applicant is: FPC Hotel, LLC
Manager of record is: Joseph Mellia

A public hearing on this application will be held at Boston City Hall, Room 809A, on **Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.**

The proposed entertainment would be operated and maintained until 2:00 a.m.

Anyone wishing to speak on this matter is invited to attend the hearing. Interpretation Services in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole and American Sign Language may be available upon request if the request is made two weeks prior to the public hearing. Call 617-635-4165 to request an interpreter. Written comments may be made prior to the hearing by writing to:

Christine A. Pulgini, Esq. Interim Director
Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing
Room 817, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201
Telephone (617) 635-4165 Fax (617) 635-4174

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Ben Mamm



BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY JANUARY LITERARY EVENTS

Central Library, South Boston, South End to Host

Boston Public Library locations will host a variety of literary events this month, with topics ranging from finance to genealogy:

- Tzivia Gover demonstrates skills and knowledge for living your best life and making 2016 more joyful as she discusses Joy in Every Moment: Mindful Exercises for Waking to the Wonders of Ordinary Life on Thursday, January 14, at 6 p.m. in the Commonwealth Salon at the Central Library in Copley Square, located at 700 Boylston Street.
- Edgar Allan Poe, portrayed by Rob Velella, returns from beyond the grave to tell of his experiences in Boston and to read from both his poetry and prose on Thursday, January 21, at 2 p.m. in the Commonwealth Salon at the Central Library in Copley Square, located at 700 Boylston Street. Part of the Never Too Late Series.
- A wintertime book sale takes place

at the South Boston Branch on Saturday, January 23, at 10 a.m., featuring adult, teen, and juvenile books, in addition to audio books and CDs. The branch is located at 646 East Broadway.

• Award-winning short story author Virginia Pye will read from her book Dreams of the Red Phoenix, which describes Americans' experiences in China on the cusp of World War II on Tuesday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the South End Branch, located at 685 Tremont Street.

• Sari Mauro explores the collections that are of special interest to genealogists, both those accessible online and onsite at the Congregational Library & Archives on Wednesday, January 27, at 6 p.m. in the Commonwealth Salon at the Central Library in Copley Square, located at 700 Boylston Street. Part of the Local & Family History Series

MAYOR WALSH'S COUNCIL CONTINUED FROM page 6

of Boston's young adult population and will be representative of their wide variety of interests and experiences. Last year's Council was comprised of 31 Boston residents, including 16 women and 15 men who live in 17 neighborhoods across Boston, and work in 22 different industries. In order to be eligible, applicants must be between the ages of 20-34 and live in Boston.

The 2016 ONEin3 Council will

be installed in March, after which point any young adult wishing to be involved with ONEin3 will be welcome to attend open meetings and volunteer time, energy and talent to further ONEin3's mission of empowering and supporting Boston's millennial population.

Applications for the 2016 ONEin3 Council can be found at www.ONEin3Boston.com.

ABOUT ONEin3

With more than one-third of our population between the ages of 20-34, Boston is home to the

highest proportion of young adults out of any major city in America. Recognizing the importance of engaging this demographic, the Mayor launched ONEin3 to serve as the connection between the City of Boston and its millennial population. Through its various programs and events, the Mayor's ONEin3 initiative builds relationships, increases civic engagement and promotes active citizenship to empower and support Boston's young adults.

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Docket No. SU15D2410DR

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Olufunke Ladega

vs.

Kingsley A Ladega

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

Boston, MA 02114

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown of the marriage pursuant to G.L. c.208 Sec. 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:

Olufunke Ladega

**1825 Washington Street, Apt 1A
Boston, MA 02118**

Your answer, if any, on or before **02/25/2016**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

**WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong
First Justice of this Court**

December 10, 2015

Felix D Arroyo, Register of Probate
January 07, 2016

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE

Docket No. SU08P1936AP1

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Charles Welch

Date of Death: 04/02/1989

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street,

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To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

**Kathy L. McNair
of BRIGHTON MA**

requesting that an Order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue including to approve an accounting and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
For the First and Final Account.

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 02/25/2016.

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.

**WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong
First Justice of this Court**

December 17, 2015

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Open House Wednesday January 27 9-11 AM & 5-7 PM

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Would you like to see learning happening? Visit our school at 371 West Fourth Street and you will see students personally invested in their education and teachers creating meaningful interactions that empower students to think critically and communicate effectively.

St. Peter Academy is an independent private Early Childhood 18 months+ through Grade 8 school dedicated to providing a high quality education to children of all faiths and diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

Teachers are engaged and regularly attend high quality professional development seminars in order to stay abreast of 'best practices in education' and deliver a continuum of rigorous and collaborative academic instruction. Parents are engaged as board members, advisors, event planners and classroom volunteers. Investment in STEM curriculum is already showing results. Technology and building upgrades are underway that are state of the art. The leadership of the school believes that the classroom is not the only learning venue. South Boston and Boston is rich with educational experiences and we take advantage of it.

St Peter Academy expands its students learning experience beyond the traditional classroom and into the real worlds of the arts, marine environment, civic engagement, the physical sciences, business economics, urban design and more. From the South Boston Waterfront to the Museum of Fine Arts, St Peter Academy students and families realize the benefits of learning in an urban community.

Here is what parents are saying about St. Peter Academy:

"St. Peter's is more than a school to which we send our children. It's the village that's helping us as parents to raise children who are serious scholars, leaders, and citizens who are committed to the surrounding community. It's a vibrant, loving community where we know our children will be taught the tools to succeed in life with whatever challenges come their way. It's a community that builds confidence in abilities."

-Emily and James Condon, St. Peter's Parents

"I like that St. Peter Academy allows my children to grow and learn in a safe family environment that encourages independence and responsibility for not only themselves but the society in which they live! The teachers at SPA take the time to be involved in their students' lives and encourage them in both individual school achievements and achievements outside of the classroom including sports and drama."

-Keri and Derek Baszkiewicz, St. Peter's Parents

"I really appreciate the small classroom size and family feeling from all the teachers, staff, and families of St. Peter Academy. As a mother of three, I appreciate that S.P.A. offers an afterschool I can trust. I know my children are also getting a great education."

-Olga Markos, St. Peter's Mother

"I'm a mother of 2 children ages 12 and 14. We moved to South Boston from a large North Shore public school system to St Peter Academy in 2012. My son is currently in the 5th grade and has ADHD. The progress he has made in just the last 3 years here at St Peter Academy has changed his self-confidence and total

attitude on learning. My daughter recently graduated the school from the 8th grade. I'm thrilled to say that she was accepted to her top choice private college preparatory high school in Boston. I feel that this is all due to her hard work and constant support and guidance of St Peter Academy school staff. I'm so grateful for the teachers, Principal and this great school family that we have come to love."

-Sarah L., South Boston Resident & St Peter Academy Parent

"We love the individual attention our children receive in the small classroom environment and the close community feel of all grades Pre-K through 8th. Their zero-tolerance to bullying approach is a big plus, which allows our children to focus on their education. And our teachers are second to none!"

-Kenny and Maria Blasi, St. Peter's Parents

We are a center of academic excellence, challenging our students to think critically and to consider multiple perspectives, focused on preparing our students for tomorrow's world. We serve a diverse population of students who live down the street, across town in Boston's neighborhoods and surrounding suburbs. We welcome students and families from all backgrounds and faiths.

We welcome the opportunity to have you visit St Peter Academy to see for yourself that ours is a unique and wonderful learning community. All are welcome at our Open House on Wednesday January 27 from 9:00-11:00 am and 5:00-7:00 pm or contact Mrs. Doreen Brown or Mrs. Maria Blasi to arrange a tour at 617-268-0750 or SPA@StPeterAcademy.com **The St Peter Academy Community is a place where our students and families are at the center of everything we do!**

St. Peter Academy At A Glance

Serving students from Early Childhood 18 months old through Eighth Grade
Early Childhood Classrooms – Two Teacher Co-Teaching Model and Opening the World of Learning and Building Blocks, Two Nationally Recognized Literacy, Math, Social Studies, Social Emotional Curricula, as well as Technology and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Elementary & Middle School Curriculum – Our rigorous core curriculum is aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and the National Common Core Standards and is enhanced with a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Curriculum and computer based technology in every classroom

Enrichment – Instruction in Visual, Dramatic & Music Arts; Nutrition & Fitness Classes; Technology Instruction; Student Government; Public Speaking; Writer's Workshop; Math Olympiad Competition; ISEE Prep Classes; BOKS Fitness Program; Girl Scouts; Academic & Cultural Field Trips; World Language (Spanish); Middle School Reflective Retreat; and Community Service.

- School Day 7:55 am – 2:35 pm
- Before School Program 7:00 am
- Extended Day & Free After School Clubs 2:35 – 6:00 pm
- Summer Program 8:00 am – 6:00 pm
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St Peter Academy is recognized around the city for the quality of its graduates. Students have advanced to Boston Latin, Boston Latin Academy, Boston College High, Roxbury Latin, Thayer Academy, Catholic Memorial, Boston Arts Academy, Newman Boston, Fontbonne Academy, Saint Joseph Preparatory.

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BOSTON AWARDED \$30K GRANT
BY U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the national model in sports-based youth development in underserved communities. The grant will fund soccer programming in City of Boston parks. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department was one of 24 organizations nationwide to receive a grant.

“With funding from the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be able to dramatically increase the scope of our soccer programs,” Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook noted. “This grant enables us to attract more participants from a large untapped population of at-risk youth by increasing participant capacity, adding more locations across the city, and offering these programs on a year-round basis.”

The Parks Department’s soccer offerings consist of four key programs: Boston Neighborhood Soccer League (BNSL), Seasonal Developmental Clinics, the Mayor’s Cup Tournament, and instruction offered at multi-discipline Summer Sports Centers. The goal is to ensure all Boston’s youth has access to free, quality sports programs in neighborhoods throughout the city. The Department plans to build upon and

expand current soccer offerings to include more year-round leagues and skill clinic series.

The U.S. Soccer Foundation awards grants to programs and projects that share their belief that the game of soccer breaks down barriers for children to live healthier, more secure, and confident lives. These programs will improve the physical fitness level of Boston children while building teamwork and a sense of community in a safe environment.

“The U.S. Soccer Foundation is thrilled for the grant recipients,” said Ed Foster-Simeon, President and CEO of the U.S. Soccer Foundation. “Through sports-based youth development, these organizations provide a structured environment that instills self-discipline, builds self-confidence, encourages a healthy and active lifestyle and fosters quality relationships.”

Since its inception in 1994, the U.S. Soccer Foundation has awarded more than \$100 million in grants to non-profit organizations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Support for the U.S. Soccer Foundation’s grant process is provided by the Foundation’s corporate partners, including Hellas Construction, Kwik Goal, Hunter Industries, Musco Sports Lighting, Soccer.com, and Sport Court.

Gate of Heaven CYO Basketball League Standings		
Boys Cadet League		
Metro Energy	Won 7	Loss 0
Jack McDonough Club	3	4
Nick Collins Club	3	4
PS Deli	1	6
Boys Midget League		
Bill Linehan Club	Won 6	Loss 0
East Boston Savings	3	2
Blasi's Café	3	3
Ryan Club	2	3
Joe Evans Club	0	6
Girls Cadet League		
Kelly Collins Club	Won 3	Loss 1
Seaport Realty	3	1
Hoop Dee Doo	1	3
Olson/Caputo Club	1	3
Travel Teams		
Boys		
3rd & 4th Grade – Sister Pat Club	Won 1	Loss 4
5th & 6th Grade – Massport	3	1
7th Grade	3	2
8th Grade – Sean Dwyer Club	3	3
9th Grade–O'Brien's Funeral Home	2	3
10th Grade-Boston Home Inspectors	5	0
11th Grade	4	1
12th Grade	4	2
18 & Under – Iron Wokers Local #7	2	1
Girls		
5th & 6th Grade	Won 2	Loss 3
7th & 8th Grade	0	5
High School	3	2



For The Celtics, Winning Comes From Defense

By Nate Fishman



A little over a year ago today, Rajon Rondo, once a member of the Boston Celtics, was traded to Dallas. Among the players the Celtics got back in the trade were Brandan Wright, Jameer Nelson and Jae Crowder, Crowder being the only that would stick beyond the trade deadline that year. Like many people, I thought the Celtics could have done much better on the return, assuming they would try to trade Wright or Nelson.

I had gone down to Dallas a month before the Rondo trade happened in

to visit my former college roommate, a Mavericks fan. We went to check out the Mavs game that weekend, and I remember seeing Jae Crowder play. He was a fan favorite down there in Dallas, in the sense that Scal was during his Celtics days - a super-role player, who hustled a lot and brought the intangibles. I remember my friend kept raving about him, saying how good he'll be in the league, and I kept saying "I really don't see it, man".

It was probably no less than two weeks after being traded that Rajon

Rondo admitted to not playing any defense during the tail-end of his Celtics stint. "I haven't played defense in a couple of years. I've been able to hide it with Avery Bradley on the ball." To a degree, he was right. Avery would often times guard the best backcourt player of opposing teams. But it did come off as someone who didn't give much effort on defense.

Earlier that year during the off-season, the Celtics drafted Marcus Smart, a point guard. There was a speculation that because Boston drafted a point guard, Rajon would be shipped out - and they were right on the money.

The Rondo trade was the cementing of what seemed to be a new approach that many didn't exactly see coming at the time. While the Celtics were stock-piling draft picks left and right by trading Rajon Rondo and Jeff Green and flipping those returns for more draft picks and building for the future, they were also quietly accumulating a core of young players who could blossom into defensive assets for the Celtics.

Crowder has drastically improved since being traded a little over a year ago.

With this current team, the Celtics now have 3 of the better defenders in the league in Bradley, Smart and

Crowder. Between those 3 and the help of the rest of the team, this Celtics team has been a bend-not-break type of good to start the season. It's been their defense that has kept them in the game until the end, even when they probably shouldn't have been with their offense.

The C's defense is tied for second in the NBA in defensive rating, checking in 97.4. They are bordering the top 5 in points per game allowed; tied with Indiana at 6th with 98.7 ppg allowed. The biggest success however, has been turnovers. Forcing turnovers, has unquestionably kept this team in ball games they shouldn't have been, and given early leads when things have been going well offensively. The Celtics as a team check in at first in the league, forcing 16.6 turnovers a game. They are also 3rd in the league with 19.3 points a game off of turnovers.

Danny Ainge not only went into rebuild mode when they traded away Rajon Rondo but they started to build a current roster with an emphasis on team defense. It's been a priority with Ainge and Stevens, and it's the focal point of this team right now. While this young team still tries to figure it all out offensively lacking a true superstar that can score, the defense will continue to keep them in games.

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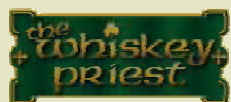
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