

## To the Editor of The Boston Globe

Can anyone love Boston, Cambridge, New England, after feeding on a daily dosage of *The Boston Globe*? For example, read today's Globe (1/6/10) page one's headlines: "Man held in deadly Northampton arson"; "Framingham man charged with \$28m swindle"; "Some saw Coakley as lax on '05 rape case"; "Suspects talked of a desire to kill." The *Globe* section "New England in brief" is not more consoling: "Two men arrested after store holdup"; "Man found shot dead in Jamaica Plain"; "26-year old man killed in bar shooting"; "Details of bank robbery suspect released," etc. Yet, Boston, Cambridge, New England are the homes of some of the best artists, musicians, doctors, educators, economists, psychologists, etc. in the world; so are the artistic, medical, intellectual and scientific institutions. Is any of this greatness ever substantially reported upon in The Boston Globe? A revealing example of this penury of important news reporting. Last evening, *The Boston Musical Intelligencer* held a forum at the Old South Church on the sorry state of classical music radio in Boston, During the meeting, Christopher Lydon of WBUR said something to the effect: *The Washington Post* makes Washington look great, yet Washington is a mediocre city whereas *The Boston Globe* makes Boston look mediocre, yet Boston is a great city (*ad sensum*). By the way, last night's *The Boston Musical Intelligencer's* forum (consisting of concerned people with a deep desire to make Boston better) was merely alluded to in today's Globe (1/6/10) in a brief chit-chat blob found as the last item on the *Globe's* gossip page (B14).

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