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HAPPY HOLIDAYS, EVERYONE! Here at the magazine we are celebrating our newly redesigned website with online-exclusive content, blogs and interviews (like the one I did with Manolo Blahnik, pictured above) and our increasing presence on Twitter. If it's been a while since you visited, please go to bostoncommon-magazine.com. You can follow us at twitter.com/bostoncommag for both news and previews of upcoming stories. And this year in our gift guide, you'll see we took technology to the next level—you can use your mobile phone and a free app to scan a few items for purchase from the barcodes on the page. I love when technology gives us something to celebrate!

Speaking of celebration, this time of year is all about incredible dining and bubbly Champagne. And when I think of Champagne, it's hard not to conjure Mireille Guiliano, the former CEO of Veuve Clicquot.

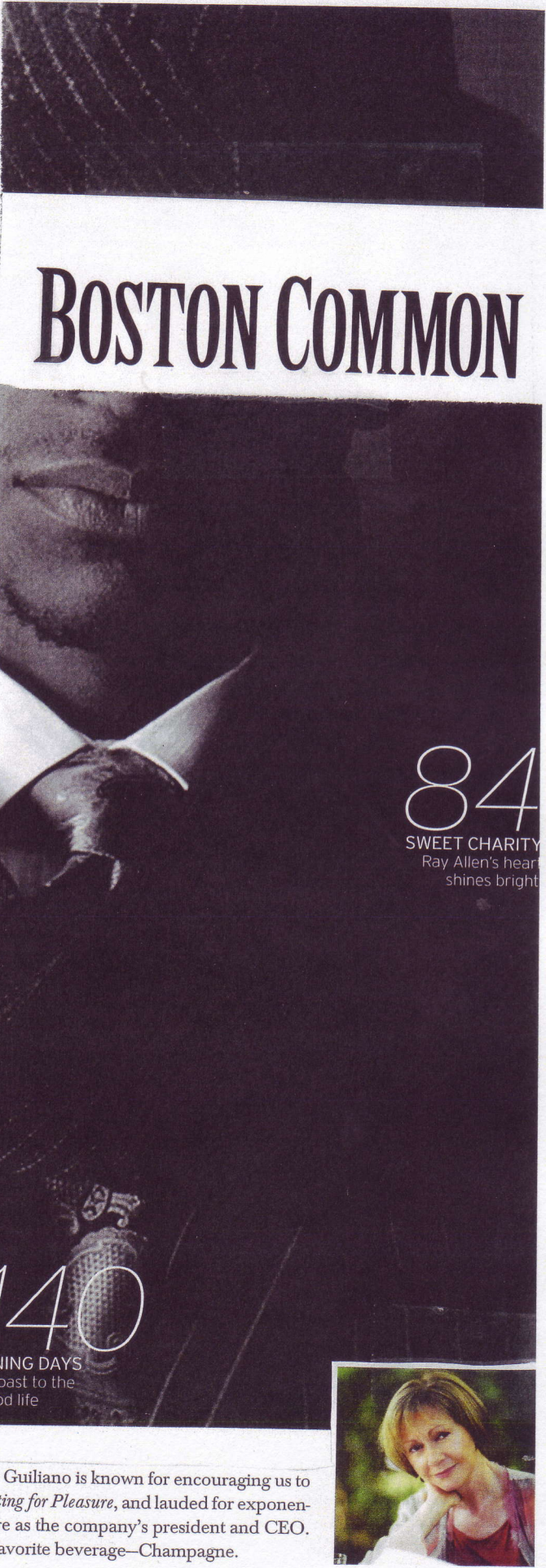
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When she was in town stumping for her latest book—*The French Women Don't Get Fat Cookbook*—we hashed

out some ideas for an article about her experience with Champagnes over salads Niçoise at Bistro du Midi. She was excited to write about her favorite vintages for *Boston Common*, feeling a close connection to the area because of the many friends she made as an exchange student in Weston years ago. We debated the best croissants in the city, and I asked her why bubbly makes everyone so, well, bubbly. She, who has spent years quaffing the liquid and combing the region, believes that it has something to do with trace amounts of lithium found in the soil of Champagne. I loved that little morsel of science sneaking into my glass. Cheers to knowledge and to a happy, bubbly New Year!

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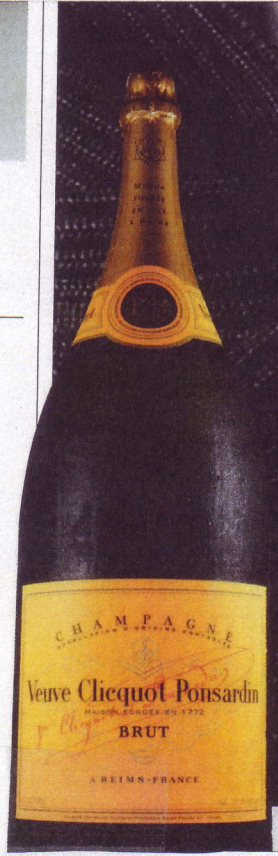


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