

Over 1,000 Celebrate at Annual Wang YMCA of Chinatown Holiday Party

SUBMITTED BY THE WANG YMCA

On December 7 over 1,000 community members, including 700 children, gathered to enjoy the boisterous annual Holiday Party at the Wang YMCA of Chinatown. The children enjoyed fun holiday-themed carnival games and tasty food provided from the Wong family's restaurant, Kowloon of Saugus.

The YMCA of Greater Boston is one of Massachusetts leading non-profits committed to strengthening communities by improving health,



(L-R): Ed Flynn and daughter, Patricia Barnwell, Nancy Yee Solomon, Richard Chang and Josiah Quincy Upper School Headmaster.

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South Ender Receives Trial Court Excellence Award

SUBMITTED BY SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Jorge Colón of the Office of Court Management was one of 17 individuals honored by the Massachusetts Trial Court with a 2019 Employee Excellence Award at an event at the John Adams Courthouse on November 21. Seventeen individuals and seven teams received this annual recognition from Trial Court Chief Justice Paula M. Carey and Trial Court Administrator Jonathan S. Williams. Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants also participated in the ceremony to extend his appreciation for the efforts of these Trial Court employees.

"These winners represent the great work done every day across the Trial Court," said Chief Justice Carey and Court Administrator Williams, when announcing the award



Trial Court Excellence Award winner and Court Service Center Circuit Manager Jorge Colón (second from right) receiving his award. With him from the right are Trial Court Chief Justice Paula M. Carey, Acting Co-Director of Trial Court Support Services Sheriece Perry, Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Ralph D. Gants, and Trial Court Administrator Jonathan Williams.

winners. "They have demonstrated excellence in a variety of important ways. Their dedication and commitment greatly help to advance the Trial Court's common goal - One Mission: Justice with Dignity and

Speed."

"Jorge is a tremendous asset to our court," said Chief Justice Carey. "We recognize his valuable

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Parade One Of The Best Of The Year



Courtesy: Sharman Altschuler

Parade, Moonbox Productions, Roberts Studio Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion, Boston Center for the Arts, through December 28. 617-933-8600 or bostontheatrescene.com

BY JULES BECKER

At a time when anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice are spiking, Americans of all creeds and colors need to know about Leo

Frank. Scapegoated in 1913 for the murder of Mariette, Georgia factory worker Mary Phagan, the Jewish National Pencil Company factory superintendent was convicted on the

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ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

My friend and I enjoy taking the dogs out for long on the trails in conservation land near our homes.

The dogs get their exercise and we get to chat and complain about anything and everything. However, there's one thing I cannot chat or complain about it to my friend because it's about her not picking up after her dogs.

I have tried to lead by example and always pick up after my dogs, I have voiced my disapproval of people who do not pick up after their dogs, I have stated every reason I could think of why people should pick up after their dogs and I have even offered to hold her dogs' poo bags until we reach a refuse container, but nothing has convinced her that picking up after her dog is the right thing to do. I

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Parade

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basis of trumped up circumstantial evidence and eventually lynched by an angry mob. "Parade," a 1999 Drama Desk best musical and both score and book Tony Award winner, richly captures not only the disturbing details of the case but also the remarkable love of Leo and Lucille Frank. Twenty years later, Moonbox Productions is marching out a brilliant Calderwood Pavilion revival that captures the singular musical's timely warning about the pervasiveness of anti-Semitism in particular and hate in general.

In the Jason Robert Brown (score)-Alfred Uhry (book) collaboration, that pervasiveness finds an annual occasion to celebrate in Confederate Memorial Day, which serves as a frame beginning and closing the show's timeline. While Lucille sees herself as a Georgia girl, Yankee Leo (from Brooklyn) —jostled and bumped by Southerners in director Jason Modica's smartly blocked staging—feels like an outsider. As Uhry's sharp script makes clear, the scapegoating for the Phagan murder involves a serious number of colluders—among them Governor Jack Slayton, unscrupulous district attorney and would-be governor Hugh Dorsey and a number of false witnesses he rounds up to make his case against Leo convincing.

In fact, the very telling ensemble sequence at the end of the first act finds the entire group dancing and cavorting to celebrate Frank's conviction—credit Kira Troilo's expressive choreography. Even Chel-



(L-R) Donald Wong, James Morton and Nancy Yee Solomon

sea Kerl's clever costumes serve as a kind of color code—various shades of red for 'red hills of Georgia'. Confederates like religious extremist Tom Watson and Governor Slayton and dark suits for Leo and African-Americans who find themselves being manipulated by Dorsey. Lindsay Genevieve Fuori's striking set makes transitions and scene changes just as smooth with stairways at both sides and large evocative boulders.

Director Modica keeps the Leo and Lucille-focused second act as taut and well-paced as the case-centered first. Phil Taylor has all of Leo's naïveté and early trusting nature and Haley K. Clay Lucille's contrasting savvy and tenacity. Their time together—especially during their unusual romantic picnic, possesses real chemistry. Their emotional duet "All the Wasted Time" is stunningly poignant. Taylor delivers the seminal prayer "Sh'Ma"(traditionally uttered by someone

facing imminent death) with great feeling.

Look for that feeling from the actors portraying villains and conflicted characters as well. Jerry Bisantz captures Dorsey's scheming especially as he puts pressure on a parade of witnesses. Dan Prior proves equally convincing as jaded journalist Britt Craig and overly charming Governor Slayton. His "Big News" is front page fun. Aaron Patterson has scene-stealing vocal force as complicated witness Jim Conley. Other standouts in a stellar cast include Gabe Kinsman as Frankie Epps, Elbert Joseph as Newt Lee, Todd Yard as Watson and big-voiced Yowande Odetoyinbo as Frank housekeeper Minnie McNight.

Last season Moonbox Productions brought chilling impact to "Cabaret." Without exaggeration, its "Parade" is as good as the original at Lincoln Center and easily the best midsize production of the year.

Dog Lady

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hate seeing the trails we enjoy being littered with dog feces, but I don't even say anything anymore because she gets angry when I tell her she should pick up after her dogs. What else can I say or do to let her know this really bothers me? Sometimes, I don't even want to walk the dogs with her.

—Grace

Dear Grace,

Dog Lady doesn't dance around this issue. Neither should you. Tell your walking buddy straight on: "It really bothers me when you don't pick up after your dogs. If you don't want to pick up, then I don't want to walk with you." Simple. The environment is too precious to waste on dog waste.

Dear Dog Lady,

Can you explain why my dog Cherry

wags her tail even when I come home from work and think she's angry at me?

—Malcolm

Dear Malcolm,

Aw, c'mon — humans fight wars and hold grudges, not dogs. Dogs wag their tails when their humans get home from work because they're saying: "Hi! I love you! Give me something! Hi. Did I say I love you? Hi! Give me something more! C'mon, let's play! Hi! Don't just stand there. Pet me, you fool!" Cherry clearly is happy to see you. So, smile and enjoy the free exuberance.

Dear Dog Lady,

'Tis the holiday season and being in a festive mood I bought my dog Max (a 75-pound pit bull/Labrador mix) a pair of reindeer antlers. His coloring is such that he truly looks like a reindeer with them on, not to mention the fact he looks adorably funny. We got them at the pet store the other day and

I made him walk home with them on. He did a great job of wearing them on the short walk home and didn't try to shake them off. When we got home, however, he gave me a look that said, "You owe me."

My question: Do I owe him?

—Brian

Dear Brian,

Perhaps you owe Max a similar humiliation — in human terms. Don those antlers and walk a whole block in Max's shoes.

Of course you owe him. Fa-la-la-la-la-la-la-la. Yet, the magical quality of dogs is their ability to ignore all grudges and gripes. The canine species is not hobbled by meting out retribution. Your dog is always a good trouper. You owe him the gifts of the season — a great romp, a yummy treat and chew, a bowl of food and a winter's nap on a soft blanket.

Write: Askdoglady@gmail.com.

Court

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contributions through his role leading the Court's Spread the Word Working Group of

the Language Access Advisory Committee and ensuring access to justice for Limited English Proficient court users."

Mr. Colón is Court Service Center Circuit Manager who began working at the Trial

Court in July 2017. He is a Boston resident.

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Holiday Celebrations

Kathleen O'Brien of United South End Settlements (left) is ready for the City of Boston's official Christmas tree lighting entertainment spectacular along with friends and family Kaydence Wharton, 4, Kathy Parise, Isaiah Morgan, 12, and Marianna Jimenez, 8. The show featured a surprise appearance by country superstar Dolly Parton. Mayor Martin J. Walsh and guests from the Province of Nova Scotia including Minister

of Communities, Culture and Heritage Leo Clavine hosted the December 5 celebration presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, title sponsor The Province of Nova Scotia, signature sponsor Encore Boston Harbor, Jumbotron sponsor Geico Local Office, presenting sponsors Exelon and the Coca-Cola Company, and media sponsors WCVB Channel 5, Magic 106.7 FM, and the Boston Globe.



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ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a public hearing will be held on January 8, 2020, at 9:30 A.M., in Room 900, Boston City Hall, in connection with the Second Amendment to Development Plan for Harrison Commons and Harrison Court within Planned Development Area No. 59, ("Second Amendment"), filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

Said Second Amendment would allow for the renovation and conversion of the existing Church and Link Buildings into a residential development with twelve (12) condominium ownership units, fifty-one (51) rental units, including six (6) deed restricted rental units, forty-five (45) off-street vehicle parking spaces in the adjacent James Court Garage and at least sixty-three (63) on site bicycle storage spaces.

A copy of the Second Amendment may be viewed at the office of the Zoning Commission, Room 952, Boston, City Hall, between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. any day except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

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Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon Street, PO Box 9667, Boston, MA 02114	
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Paul Miranda of Plymouth, MA in the above-captioned matter alleging that Charles Miranda is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that some suitable person (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.	
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/26/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.	
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Crime

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Man charged for rape and murder in a South End hotel - in 1980

A man currently serving a life sentence for raping and murdering a young woman in an Alabama motel room in 1982 was indicted yesterday on charges he raped and murdered Wendy Dansereau, 19, in a room at the Hotel Diplomat at Chandler and Berkeley streets in the South End two years earlier.

Investigators' path to Steven Jerome Fike started when his DNA matched that in a sample that had been taken from the murder scene, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office. In a statement, DA Rachael Rollins said:

Ms. Dansereau was 19 years old when she was murdered, and her family has waited nearly four decades to know what happened to her. Today, we have not only the advances in forensic testing necessary to identify her killer, but a team of dedicated professionals – including Boston Police Detective Jack Cronin and SCDAO Civilian Investigator Emily Wood – who have worked to find answers for Ms. Dansereau's loved ones, especially her daughter, who was only four weeks old at the time of her mother's death and has waited her entire life for accountability.

Dansereau, a Worcester native, had been staying at the Diplomat while trying to get into public housing when she was murdered on March 18, 1980, according to press accounts at the time.

Fike, 60, is currently imprisoned at the Elmore Correctional Facility in Alabama, serving a life sentence - with the chance of parole in 2023 for a Jan. 30, 1982 murder. A jury convicted him of raping and then beating to death Patricia Ann

Culp, 20, in a motel room in Bessemer, AL, then dumping her body in a neighboring county. Prosecutors said the two had met at a nightclub where Culp was a dancer.

About two months after Dansereau's murder, Fike was back in Alabama - and being admitted to an Alabama prison to serve a sentence of one year and a day for grand larceny, according to Alabama prison records.

At the time of both murders, Fike was married to an Alabama woman, although separated. In 1982, the woman gave birth to a child who was taken away by the state a month later for parental neglect. In 1983, Fike, already imprisoned on his Alabama murder conviction, sued to try to have the baby given to his parents - even though he testified the baby could not have been his biological child because he had no contact with his then wife for ten months before the baby was born. He lost that case.

Owner of drain and pipe company gets two years in jail for drowning deaths of two workers

WBZ reports that a Suffolk Superior Court judge this morning sentenced Kevin Otto, owner of Atlantic Drain Service of Roslindale, to two years in jail for the deaths of two of his workers in a trench at Dartmouth and Tremont streets in the South End in 2016.

The judge stayed the sentence until Dec. 31 to let Otto's attorney file a motion for reconsideration of the October guilty verdict against Otto and his company on two counts of manslaughter. Robert Higgins and Kelvin Mattocks died when the trench they were working in collapsed and snapped a hydrant connection, filling the trench with water.

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Event Description

On behalf of the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC), the January 6 RSMPOC Meeting is being postponed to February 3, 2020. On February 3rd, the BPDA will be providing a debrief on the P3 Development Process.

For more information on the upcoming meeting, including the draft agenda and all materials from previous RSMPOC meetings, please visit bit.ly/theRSMPOC.

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