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Historic New England recently partnered with the Beacon Hill Civic Association to bring a lively event to the terrace at the Otis House Museum on Cambridge Street. Right, Otis House reenactors Cassandra and Cate. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.



BEACON HILL CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CORNER

BHCA Committee Work

Each year, the Beacon Hill Civic Association publishes its Annual Report covering committee accomplishments during the past year. We'll be sharing the committees' reports here over the next weeks.

Zoning & Licensing Committee

The Zoning and Licensing Committee ("ZLC") meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to hear from applicants seeking either zoning relief (variances or conditional use permits) from the Zoning Board of Appeal ("ZBA") or new/modified common victual ("CV") or alcoholic beverage licenses from the Bos-

ton Licensing Board ("Licensing Board"). All meetings continued to be held virtually this past year.

The ZLC provides a forum for community input into such applications. Applicants for zoning relief are asked to appear at a ZLC meeting where they are given the opportunity to describe their projects and rationales for the requested relief. Local restaurants, innkeepers, and merchants are similarly invited to present their licensing requests. The ZLC notifies abutters in advance and encourages both abutters and any other interested neighbors to attend and contribute to ZLC discussions. The ZLC takes into consideration all community

input, including concerns from affected neighbors, as well as the BHCA's overall desire to protect and improve the quality of life for Beacon Hill residents. It also considers the BHCA's commitment to maintaining active streetscapes and supporting neighborhood-oriented retail and service businesses on Charles and Cambridge Streets which are designated by the Zoning Code as 'Local Business' districts. After meeting with applicants, the ZLC makes recommendations to the BHCA's Board of Directors to either oppose or not oppose each application. The BHCA Board then

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Part One crime up 1 percent in Area A-1 from last year

By Dan Murphy

With the first six months of 2022 on the books, Area A-1 had seen a 1-percent increase in Part One crime from last year.

According to Boston Police, 935 incidents of Part One crime were reported in the district, which includes Beacon Hill, Chinatown Downtown, and the North End, between Jan. 1 and July 3 of this year as opposed to 928 during the same timeframe in 2021. But this year has still seen a nearly 10-percent drop from the five-year average of 1,019 Part One crime incidents, however.

(Part One Crime includes violent crimes [homicide, rape and attempted rape, robbery and attempted robbery, and aggravated

assault], as well as property crimes [burglary and attempted burglary, larceny and attempted larceny, and vehicle theft and attempted vehicle theft.]

The number of homicides held steady, with two incidents both this year and last, which was twice the five-year average of one incident in this category.

Rapes and attempted rapes saw an approximately 18-percent uptick as the number of incidents climbed to 13 from 11 in 2021. Eleven incidents was also the five-year average in this category.

Robberies and attempted robberies were down around 41 percent, with 54 incidents this year, compared to 90 last year. This year has also seen an around 30-percent

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Sheriff candidate, Zamor-Calixte, on hand for virtual discussion

By Dan Murphy

Sandy Zamor-Calixte, one of two candidates who will be vying for the Suffolk County Sheriff's seat in the Sept. 7 State Primary, was on hand Tuesday, June 28, for a virtual discussion sponsored by the Boston Ward 4 and Ward 5 Democratic committees.

A 16-year veteran of the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department who last served as Chief of External Affairs and Communication, Zamor-Calixte was joined for the discussion by the event moderator, Danielle Allen, who is the James Bryant Conant University professor at Harvard University, as well as a director of the Edmund J. Safra Center for Ethics. (The online event was originally planned as an



COURTESY PHOTO

Sandy Zamor-Calixte, candidate for Suffolk County sheriff.

online debate between Zamor-Calixte and Steve Tompkins, who currently serves as Suffolk County

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EDITORIAL

ANOTHER WEEKEND... ...ANOTHER MASS SHOOTING IN AMERICA

As we are writing this, we are watching the news reports about the mass shooting that occurred in Highland Park, Illinois, during a Fourth of July parade on Monday morning.

We initially were disappointed with the news coverage of this horrific event because there was no mention by the reporters and commentators that Highland Park is well-known for its large Jewish community. We had many friends in college who were from Highland Park and who were members of the Jewish faith. Our daughter at a local university also has friends from Highland Park and they stated their belief in the immediate aftermath of the shooting that their community was targeted because of its large Jewish population. The Israeli Foreign Minister offered his nation's condolences to the citizens of Highland Park.

The reason we mention this is because of the possibility that the motivating factor by the shooter was his desire to commit yet another hate crime similar to the targeting of a Black neighborhood in Buffalo, N.Y., a few weeks ago by a young man who adhered to white nationalist beliefs. Whether authorities will be able to find definitive "proof" of an anti-Semitic motive in the Highland Park shooting may never be known.

However, we recall when the neo-Nazis went to court in the 1970s in order to march in nearby Skokie, Illinois, another community with a large Jewish population, including Holocaust survivors (which is why the neo-Nazi group deliberately targeted that town for their march).

Fast forward almost 50 years, and it was a bunch of neo-Nazis who gathered in Charlottesville, Virginia, in 2017, and who were chanting, "The Jews will not replace us."

Anti-Semitism has existed for centuries and it still is prevalent today, but now is reaching record levels. The anti-Defamation League reports that anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. reached a record-high of 2,717 in 2021. That's a 34 percent increase from the year before and averages out to more than seven anti-Semitic incidents per day in our country.

Even if one accepts the pro-gun lobby's self-serving and silly mantra that, "Guns don't kill people, people kill people," the reality is that the easy accessibility to military-grade weapons of mass death by those who seek to target our fellow Americans who are members of Black, Latino, Jewish, LGBTQIA+, and other minority communities provides the means by which they can perpetrate these horrific attacks.

Until our government leaders are willing to take a stand against limiting the sale of these weapons, a measure that the vast majority of Americans support, Monday's tragedy in Highland Park, Illinois, will be repeated again...and again...and again.

GUEST OP-ED

Allen Kentucky, mental illness erupts into pure hell

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Allen, Kentucky is a place that holds fond memories for me. When I was only sixteen years old, Allen Baptist Church invited me to speak for a weekend youth event. I had the opportunity to meet and work with over a hundred people from the Allen community. Lasting friendships were made with some of the finest people on earth. To this day, the kindness and fellowship bestowed on me by that group of people were instrumental in my life's direction.

Sadly, even the finest communities and dearest people on earth can experience pure hell. Mental illness erupted as Floyd County police officers were shot dead in Allen last week. According to news reports they were trying to serve a warrant to a man accused of domestic violence.

Floyd County Sheriff John Hunt said the officers faced "pure hell" when they arrived at the man's home.

Four other people were injured at the scene in Allen, a small town of 166 people located just outside of Prestonsburg.

The officers who died in the shooting late on Thursday have been named as Capt. Ralph Frasure, Deputy William Petry and

dog handler Jacob Chaffins. K9 Drago, one of the dogs that Mr Chaffins handled, also died.

Capt. Frasure had been with the Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Police Department for 39 years. The department said he had served "with honor and glory up until the last second".

The men ran into a barrage of gunfire from a rifle when they went to the house on Main Street shortly before 6:00 EST.

The shooting continued for nearly three hours before suspect Lance Storz was taken into custody, having surrendered after negotiations involving members of his family.

He has been charged with two counts of murdering a police officer, five counts of attempted murder of a police officer, one count of attempted murder and one count of first-degree assault on a service animal.

The families and friends of the slain police officers and the wounded officers have been forever changed. The community of Allen will forever be scarred by one of the worst events to ever occur in the state of Kentucky.

Gun violence is not limited to age. An assault rifle in the hands of any mentally deranged person

results in tragedy.

Police officers have a scary job. It's no wonder they are nervous and seem sometimes quick to pull their weapons. Floyd county officers walked into a situation and were totally caught off guard. Looking back, they would approach Storz differently. A miscalculation too often is fatal. In the moments of what appears to be just another day of work or life, the worst tragedies can happen.

Allen is a wonderful Eastern, Kentucky town. The town is filled with beautiful, loving people. Evil at the highest level can exist and erupt in any place. It's not limited to a big city hundreds of miles away. This is why all communities, sheriff departments, schools and churches must be vigilant in being aware of the ongoing dangers of America's growing mental illness epidemic. Ignoring our cultural mental illness dilemma will only perpetuate ongoing fatalities.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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decrease from the five-year average of 82 incidents in this category.

Incidents of domestic aggravated assault saw a minor uptick as the number climbed to 18 from 17 last year. This year's rate is also an 80-percent increase in the five-year average of 10 incidents.

Incidents of non-domestic aggravated assault also saw a slight decrease from last year, with 94 this year – up from 98 in 2021. This year has also marked a nearly 22-percent decrease from the five-year average of 120 incidents.

Commercial burglaries saw a 16-percent increase as the number climbed to 29 from 25 last year. This year has seen an almost

31-percent drop from the five-year average of 42 incidents, however.

Residential burglaries were down more than 30 percent, with 16 this year - down from 23 in 2021. This year also marked an approximately 38-percent decrease from the five-year average of 26 incidents in this category.

Incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle dropped a little more than 4 percent as the number fell to 107 from 112 in 2021. This year has also seen about a 26-percent decrease from the five-year average of 145 incidents in this category.

On the other hand, other larcenies were up about 9 percent, with

541 this year, compared to 496 last year. This year has still seen a nearly 9-percent decrease in the five-year average of 593 incidents in this category, however.

Incidents of auto theft were up almost 13 percent as the number climbed to 61 from 53 in 2021. This year also sees a nearly 39-percent increase from the five-year average of 44 incidents in this category.

Citywide, Part One crime is up 3 percent as the number of incidents climbed to 7,098 from 6,910 last year. But this year has still seen a nearly 9-percent decrease from the five-year average of 7,792 Part One crime incidents across the city.

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conveys its positions to the ZBA or the Licensing Board so that community views are considered in the City's zoning and licensing decisions.

The ZLC remained active during the past year. From May 2021 through April 2022, the ZLC considered a total 11 proposals, the same number as in each of the past two years. The total this year consisted of 6 commercial and 5 residential applications, which was the same mix as the prior year.

On the commercial side, the relief involved 3 requests for changes to or transfer of liquor licenses, 2 new Common Victual aka "CV" licenses, and 1 conditional-use permit on Charles Street.

The residential relief was more varied this year. There was only 1 applicant seeking relief for excessive Floor Area Ratio ("FAR"). There were 3 seeking relief for insufficient rear or side yard setback; 1 for Usable Open Space Insufficient; and 1 for Building Height Excessive. Only 1 applicant appeared more than once

during the past year, largely due to the ZLC Chairs' efforts to prepare applicants in advance for more efficient/effective presentations.

Of the 11 proposals considered, the ZLC voted not to oppose 8, in some cases with a 'Good Neighbor Agreement' to be negotiated with the applicant. With opposition from abutters and other ZLC concerns, 2 proposals, a liquor license and a deck, were opposed. One commercial applicant withdrew their application.

Overall, we consider the ZLC to have had both an active and productive past year.

Tom Clemens, Co-Chair
Katherine Judge, Co-Chair

Save the Dates for a BHCA Centennial Celebration Weekend!

Make plans to join your friends and neighbors for a special weekend! We will be celebrating our Centennial on Saturday, September 17th, 6-9pm, with an outdoor dinner on the flat of Mt. Vernon Street. Tickets will go on sale later in the summer. On Sunday, September 18th, we will celebrate

with our annual Fall HillFest, open to all, with games and food for children and their families, the famous dog show, live entertainment, and much more.

Upcoming BHCA Meetings & Events

Board of Directors - Monday, July 11th, 7pm, via Zoom*

Architecture Committee - Monday July 18th, time TBD, via Zoom*

Outdoor Centennial Dinner - Saturday, September 17th, 6:00pm

Fall HillFest - Sunday, September 18th, 12:00-4:00pm

* Contact the office for joining details.

Become a BHCA member or renew your membership in our Centennial Year!

This is a great time to join the BHCA or renew your membership now that we are scheduling outdoor centennial activities for the summer and fall. Go to <https://www.bhcivic.org/become-a-member.html> to sign up or renew today, or call us at 617-227-1922.

Rep. Livingstone, House pass reproductive rights bill in the wake of Roe v Wade being overturned

By John Lynds

In response to the US Supreme Court's (SCOTUS) recent decision to overturn Roe v Wade, Rep. Jay Livingstone joined his House colleagues last Wednesday to pass a bill to uphold reproductive justice and gender-affirming care.

The bill, H.4930 "An Act expanding protections for reproductive rights", passed 136-17 and aims to safeguard people seeking abortion, shield healthcare providers who treat people coming to Massachusetts for care, and prohibit co-pays or cost sharing for abortion and gender-affirming services.

"Massachusetts is going to stand out as a beacon to the rest of the country. If people need reproductive care, if people need gender affirming care, they can turn to Massachusetts and people can get that care regardless of financial means," said Rep. Livingstone, who is Vice Chair of the Joint Committee of Healthcare Financing. "I was proud to speak in support of H.4930 and express my unwavering commitment to expanding reproductive and gender-affirming healthcare services and increased protections for residents and those who travel to the Commonwealth for such care. Thank you to my colleagues who voted overwhelmingly in favor of this legislation and for prioritizing this legislation less than one week after the SCOTUS decision. This was a bipartisan victory for reproductive justice and LGBTQIA rights. Thank you Kate Dineen for sharing your story and bringing to our attention that there was a loophole to close. You made a huge positive difference for the bill addressing this issue."

House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy) said although abortion remains legal in Massachusetts due to the Legislature's efforts in 2020 to codify and expand access, the Massachusetts House took additional efforts to further protect these rights and establish additional safeguards following the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. "The Supreme Court's decision to completely overturn Roe v. Wade represents a fundamental attack on women's rights. Now, more than ever, it is the responsibility of leaders in Massachusetts to ensure that the Commonwealth can serve as a sanctuary for women seeking reproductive health care, and for providers whose licenses could be at risk because of this recent Supreme Court decision,"

said Speaker Mariano. "I want to thank Chairs Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Rep. Michael Day, as well as all my colleagues in the House, for their commitment to protecting a woman's right to choose, and for their hard work that facilitated the passage of this legislation."

Day, who chairs the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, said the bill passed in the House makes it clear Massachusetts is going to continue to champion reproductive rights for women.

"Five members of the Supreme Court recently said states can decide whether millions of American women should be treated as second class citizens," said Day. "Today, we in the Massachusetts House answered that question by reaffirming that our constitution and our laws make clear that women control their own bodies and that we will always step up to protect the fundamental rights of our residents here in the Commonwealth."

"An Act expanding protections for reproductive rights" allows providers to apply to the Secretary of State to shield the health care professional's address from public disclosure and designates reproductive health care and gender-affirming services as legally protected health care activity.

The bill reaffirms that access to reproductive health care and gender-affirming services are a right secured by the constitution or laws of the Commonwealth.

The bill also Requires insurance coverage for abortion and abortion-related care without being subject to deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, or other cost-sharing requirements and requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to issue a statewide standing order to authorize licensed pharmacists to dispense emergency contraception.

The bill also provides additional protection for out-of-state patients coming to Massachusetts in search of reproductive health care.

The bill prohibits the Boards of Registration of various health professions from disciplining or taking adverse action on an application for registration of any person who assists with reproductive health care or gender-affirming services.

It also prohibits Massachusetts law enforcement from providing information related to an investigation or inquiry into legally protected health care services to feder-

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Sherriff, but Tompkins was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict, according to Allen.)

Asked how she would explain the most important roles of the sheriff's office to her 11-year-old child, Zamor-Calixte replied "care, custody, and control."

As sheriff, Zamor-Calixte said she would look closely at "evidence-based programs" as opposed to assessing. She said she also evaluate the sheer volume of programming currently operating under the auspices of the sheriff's office and suggested that rather than 80 different programs, they could perhaps offer half as many programs while allocating surplus funds elsewhere.

Additionally, Zamor-Calixte said she would work to help the previously incarcerated overcome "systematic barriers" upon reentry, such as obtaining a Massachusetts ID, which is needed to secure employment and housing. The goal, she said, would be upon reentry, for individuals to reintegrate into their families and communities to become successful.

Zamor-Calixte said the majority of those incarcerated have a fifth- to seventh-grade education level, suggesting that not having the resources they needed is what landed many of them behind bars in the first place.

During her lengthy tenure with the Suffolk County Sherriff's Department, Zamor-Calixte said she came to realize their offices

need to be more "transparent," and that "more voices need to be heard."

In an effort to overcome what she described as "implicit and explicit biases," Zamor-Calixte said she believes training in the department is imperative.

Zamor-Calixte said she didn't support Sheriff Tompkins' plan to build a courtroom and addiction treatment facility at the South Bay House of Correction to help address the ongoing opioid crisis at nearby Mass and Cass. Instead, she has recommended renting or leasing the ICE building to the state's Department of Public Health, where they could deliver day-to-day wraparound services to patients.

But her suggestion was firmly rejected, said Zamor-Calixte, and this is why she is now coming out from "behind the scenes" to seek the sheriff's seat.

"I didn't have the power to implement a lot of things I thought we needed for the community," she said.

If elected, Zamor-Calixte said she would look at human resources, as well as the staffing shortages now facing the department. She added that the department is also now lacking a recruitment department.

Moreover, Zamor-Calixte said she intends to establish an Advisory Board for the department comprising representatives from both the Department of Public Health

and the state's Education Board; someone from the business world, as well as from religious world, respectively; someone who has been previously incarcerated; and a family member of a previously incarcerated individual.

As for the most-important leadership lessons she has learned thus far on the job, Zamor-Calixte responded, "You have to be empathetic. You have to be able to see things through different lenses. You have to listen...and understand everyone's journey is different and respect that."

Zamor-Calixte also underscores the importance of sharing "knowledge."

"Knowledge is key," she said. "You need to present them with knowledge rather than implement change to make them understand why the change is being made."

On the lessons she has learned from the pandemic, Zamor-Calixte said more than ever before, leaders need to be "present, proactive, and active."

This discussion was preceded by a virtual candidates forum for the Suffolk County district attorney's race and debate between interim Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden and Boston District 7 City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, his challenger in the Sept. 7 State Primary, which was also sponsored by the Boston Ward 4 and Ward 5 Democratic committees.

Mary Skipper selected to lead BPS as new superintendent

By John Lynds

In a 4-3 vote at last week's Boston School Committee meeting, Mary Skipper edged out Boston Public School (BPS) Region 1 Superintendent Tommy Welch to become the next BPS Superintendent.

With BPS recently avoiding receivership, School Committee members voting in support of Skipper pointed to her current post as Superintendent of Somerville Public Schools as a huge positive.

At last week's meeting, School Committee Vice Chair Michael O'Neill praised both candidates' qualifications and work to improve education but said BPS needs someone who is currently leading a school district and knows the monumental work that entails.

"I am honored and humbled to have been selected to lead the district that raised me as an educator and solidified my passion for making a difference in the lives of students," said Skipper. "This is a pivotal time in Boston and BPS' history, and nothing less than our student's and our City's future is at stake. I look forward to working with our families, educators, community leaders and our students to ensure every BPS student has the opportunity for a great education that sets them up for success in school and in life."

However, the close vote left some with a sour taste as many BPS staff and principals in Region



Mary Skipper the next Boston Public School Superintendent.

1, which includes East Boston, the North End and Charlestown, were pulling for Welch.

Region 1, which Welch has led since 2015, has experienced an enormous transformation during his tenure. Nine of the 15 schools in his Region have been recognized for the EdVestors citywide "School on the Move" Prize.

Others pointed out that even though Welch isn't a sitting superintendent his Region within BPS alone is twice the size of the entire Somerville Public School district that Skipper oversees, which has less than 3,000 students.

While Welch supporters were disappointed in the vote, Welch himself congratulated Skipper after the vote.

"My utmost congratulations to Mary Skipper, who will soon serve as the next Superintendent

of Boston Public Schools," said Welch in a statement. "Her dedication to BPS kids and families and her storied career in public education make her the leader BPS needs at this time. Despite the process not ending how I would have preferred, I have a renewed sense of commitment to my work in Region 1, and am encouraged more than ever before about the future of BPS."

Welch said as BPS heads toward the upcoming school year, he will continue his work with the school communities in Eastie, Charlestown, and the North End.

"It is my goal to further support the students, families, staff members, leaders, and school communities of BPS," said Welch. "Superintendent Skipper and I both care deeply about the future of Boston's children. I look forward to working with our new leader and her team to improve educational outcomes for our young people in every neighborhood of our great city."

According to BPS, Skipper must formally accept the offer for the position in order to begin the process of negotiating the conditions of her contract with the School Committee, including salary, benefits and starting date with BPS.

"I'm thrilled to welcome Superintendent Mary Skipper as the experienced leader and dedicated partner that Boston needs for our young people and families," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "In this moment of challenge and opportunity, Mary is uniquely prepared to drive forward the systemic reforms and immediate results our students deserve. Her knowledge and relationships from serving at every level in BPS—as a classroom

teacher, school leader, and long-time district administrator—and as a successful superintendent in the area, will supercharge our work."

Skipper has served as the Superintendent of the Somerville Public Schools (SPS) for seven years. She joined SPS in July 2015 following years of service at BPS.

She quickly made her mark in Somerville as an innovative and visionary thinker, a passionate advocate for all youth, and a strategic systems builder whose approach includes leveraging community resources to support students. Under her tenure, Somerville has emerged as a leader in using data to inform continuous progress and ensure a student-centered approach to teaching and learning driven by an unfailing commitment to equity of opportunity and access for all students.

"Tonight's decision by the School Committee is a huge step forward for the District," said Boston School Committee Chair Jeri Robinson. "On behalf of the School Committee, congratulations to Mary Skipper on becoming Boston's next Superintendent. Under her leadership we will continue prioritizing the needs of our students so that they can receive the support and quality education necessary to excel inside the classroom. I would also like to thank Dr. Tommy Welch for his continued commitment to BPS, our students and our City."

Before coming to Somerville, Skipper was Network Superintendent of High Schools for BPS, where she oversaw 34 high schools serving approximately 19,500 students. During her time as Network Superintendent, Boston's public high schools achieved the lowest

drop-out and the highest graduation rates in BPS history.

Among her most notable accomplishments while at BPS, Superintendent Skipper helped launch TechBoston Academy (TBA) as the founding Headmaster in 2002. Under her leadership, TBA grew from a 9-12 high school serving 75 students to a 6-12 school with a staff of more than 100 serving a diverse student population of more than 1,000, 30% of which were English Language Learners and 25% of which were Special Education students. The school's success was marked in 2011 with a visit from then-President Barack Obama where he delivered a major education policy speech.

During this leadership transition, Skipper will work closely with Dr. Drew Echelson, who will serve as Acting Superintendent following the June 30 departure of Dr. Brenda Cassellius.

"I'm deeply committed to working closely with Ms. Skipper to ensure a smooth transition," Dr. Echelson said. "Mary has always been a very empathetic listener who leads with purpose, humility and an unwavering belief in our children. I look forward to strengthening our work and leveraging much-needed reinforcements to accelerate reforms in BPS, especially as it relates to racial equity, Special Education, native language access, and improved transportation systems."

Skipper holds a Bachelor's in English and Latin from Tufts University. In addition, she earned a Master's in Education Policy from Harvard and a Master's in Education Leadership from Columbia Teachers College.

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al or another state's law enforcement agencies, quasi-law enforcement agencies, or private citizens.

Other highlights of the bill includes:

Prohibiting medical malpractice insurers from discriminating against a provider that offers reproductive or gender-affirming health care services.

Protecting Massachusetts residents from efforts to enforce court rulings from other states based on health care activity that is legally protected in Massachusetts.

Prohibiting any Massachusetts

court from ordering a person in Massachusetts to give testimony or produce documents for use in connection with any proceeding in an out-of-state tribunal concerning legally protected health care activity.

Protecting Massachusetts residents and providers from lawsuits seeking to penalize health care activities legally protected in Massachusetts.

Prohibiting a justice from issuing a summons for a person in Massachusetts to testify or appear in a court in another state in pros-

ecutions or grand jury investigations related to legally protected health care activity.

Limiting the Governor's authority to surrender persons to acts that would be punishable under Massachusetts law and prohibiting them from surrendering a person charged in another state as a result of engaging in legally protected health care activity.

Updating language from the 2020 ROE Act to ensure that impacted patients are able to receive in-state care.

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FROG POND SPRAY POOL ON THE COMMON OPENS FOR SUMMER

Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods, and The Skating Club of Boston welcomed children and guests

back to the Frog Pond spray pool on the Boston Common on Tuesday, June 28, to kick off its 2022 summer season.

The daylong celebration was sponsored by H.P. Hood LLC, Xfinity, REI Co-Op, LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston, and Polar Beverages. Additional support was provided by Boston Music Project, N.E. Dairy Council, the JCC Greater Boston, and the PJ Library.

The Frog Pond is a year-round facility that operates via a public-private partnership between the City of Boston and The Skating Club of Boston.



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HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND, BHCA HOST EVENT AT THE OTIS HOUSE MUSEUM

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Rebecca W. King and Katharine C. Black.

Historic New England partnered with the Beacon Hill Civic Association (BHCA) to bring a lively event to the terrace at the Otis House Museum on Cambridge Street. Historical reenactors added charm to the party held at the 18th Century Federal Style mansion, as guests were given tours of its first floor. Gordon's Wine provided a wine tasting and the Tip Tap Room offered an excellent selection of food.



The terrace at the Otis House was a delightful setting for a gathering.



Rachel Von Nieda and Georgette Baxter.



Cassandra gives a regal pose in the dining room of Otis House.



Board member Kathy Judge, member Mary Farrell, former chair of civic association John Achatz, and former president Suzanne Besser.



Suzanne Besser tries Sercial from sommelier Chelsea Bell of Crubox, a wine club offered from Gordon's Winery.



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Otis House reenactor Jeremy Bell pours a bottle of rainwater, a type of wine that would've been drunk in the 18th Century.

HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND, BHCA HOST EVENT AT THE OTIS HOUSE MUSEUM

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



The terrace at the Otis House was a delightful setting for a gathering.



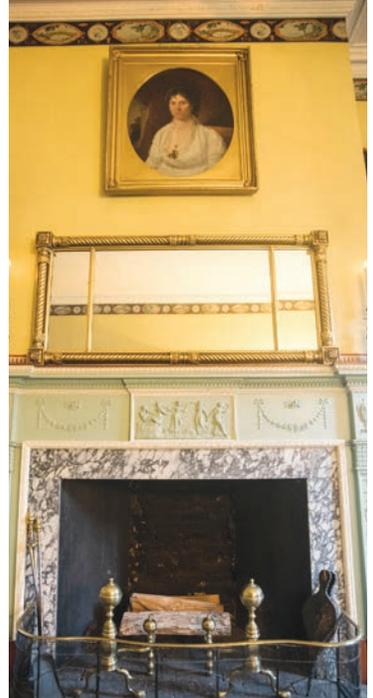
Elliot Isen and Ivanna Heraskina.



Guests enjoying the event on the Terrace.



Chelsea Bell serves wine to Otis House reenactors Cassandra and Jeremy Bell (no relation in 18th Century or the 21st)



The Parlor of Otis House.



Otis House reenactor Jeremy Bell pours a bottle of rainwater, a type of wine that would've been drunk in the 18th Century, to fellow reenactor Cassandra.



Elizabeth Murray and Robert Rutkauskas are serenaded by Jeremy Bell and his constitina.

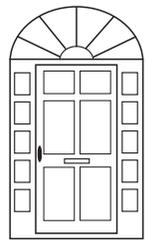


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BACK FROM ROYAL ASCOT



Ramsay Fretz and Elisabeth Fretz of Pinckney Street recently attended horse racing day at the Royal Ascot in England. A fancy and unique hat for the ladies and a top hat and tails for the gentlemen are the usual required attire.

Free, English-language ‘Romeo and Juliet’ performances set for Aug. 11 and 13

A free, public opera adaptation of “Romeo and Juliet” on the historic Boston Common opens Boston Lyric Opera’s 2022/23 season with two performances on Aug. 11 and 13 at 8 p.m.

Based on Charles Gounod’s 1867 musical setting of the classic drama with a libretto by Jules Barbier and Michel Carré, and an English translation by Edmund Tracey, the production is co-presented in partnership with Commonwealth Shakespeare Company (CSC) and the City of Boston. Ricardo Garcia makes his BLO company debut as Romeo; Boston Conservatory at Berklee alumna Vanessa Becerra is Juliet. CSC Artistic Director Steven Maler will direct the production and BLO Music Director David Angus will lead the BLO Orchestra and Chorus. The performance, sung in English with surtitles, coincides with the 20-year anniversary of BLO’s last free Boston Common show, “Carmen.”

Considered alongside Giuseppe Verdi’s Otello and Falstaff, and more recently Brett Dean’s Hamlet as among the most successful opera adaptations of Shakespeare, Gounod’s “Romeo and Juliet” highlights the story’s most operatic plot points: young lovers forbidden to be together and finding love against the odds, only to perish at their own hands. The story inspired more than two dozen opera treatments but Gounod’s lush music – in love duets like the one sung the morning after the young lovers’ first night together, arias like Juliet’s well-known waltz and Romeo’s passionate Act II declaration of love, and the scene-setting orchestral interludes and dramatic choral moments – ensures his version a place of continued prominence.

The production The libretto compresses Shakespeare’s storyline and cuts the number of roles nearly in half. The result is a brisk tale that moves from the rivalry between the Capulets and Montagues to the masked ball where the title characters meet and fall in love, through the lovers’ surreptitious courting and marriage, the street fight that sheds both families’ blood, and the tragic finale in Juliet’s tomb.

BLO Acting Stanford Calder-



COCO JOURDANA PHOTO

Boston Conservatory at Berklee alumna Vanessa Becerra, who will portray Juliet in the upcoming performances of “Romeo and Juliet” on the Common.



ELLE LOGAN PHOTO

Ricardo Garcia, who makes his BLO company debut as Romeo in the Aug. 11 and 13 performances of “Romeo and Juliet” on the Boston Common.

wood General and Artistic Director Bradley Vernatter says the production draws distinctively on the strengths of both artistic institutions, and results in a unique version that blends the talents and storytelling of each. This opera production, for example, adds two actors to the staging who perform spoken text from the original play and add some of Shakespeare’s sonnets for context and texture.

“This bold interpretation of the classic tale of star-crossed lovers, told under a starry New England sky, celebrates the rich legacy of this opera in a modern context,” Vernatter says. “In collaboration with our friends at CSC, we are creating something completely unique for our city, something neither company could make on its own. These performances demonstrate the creative power of the performing arts in Boston and the importance of coming together as a community.”

Stage Director Steven Maler says the production is inspired by busker culture – and comprises a gathering of street musicians, singers and actors whose desire to entertain in public makes for surprising and spontaneous moments of joy. Performers play on three stage levels, with the full 47-piece orchestra in view and a 20-plus-member chorus enhancing scenes like the masked ball, the town plaza and others.

“CSC’s vision has always been to bring performances to the peo-

ple’s park, the Boston Common, this shared public space and the nation’s oldest park,” Maler says. “Democratizing art is central to our mission. Early opera, like Shakespeare’s work, was populist in its time...vital and vibrant parts of the culture. I am happy we can do artistic collaborations with partners like BLO, which continues to democratize their artform and make it more accessible.”

Seating and access

“Romeo and Juliet” will be performed on the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company stage, located north of the Parkman Bandstand in the Boston Common. MBTA access is at the Green Line Boylston Street stop, and the Red Line Park Street stop.

Audience members may bring blankets and chairs or rent chairs on site for \$10. Picnics are permitted at the show. The performance’s runtime is approximately two hours.

The Boston Common is accessible. For help with special seating or mobility and access needs, BLO Audience Services can be reached at 617-542-6772 or boxoffice@blo.org.

Digital programs will be available in advance at blo.org. Weather alerts and other updates about Romeo & Juliet are available by signing up here.

A limited number of reserved seats are available in the Friends Section with a donation of \$100 per seat to Boston Lyric Opera. Visit blo.org for details.

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The dolphin door knocker in the past clue is on 70 Beacon Street built in 1828. The website Willow and Stone writes of this type of door knocker, "... a fish with a Poseidon fork design depicts power and a mastery of the seas."

Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



Options counseling opens doors to older adults with disabilities

Special to the Times

Older adults and people with disabilities, and those who help to care for them, are often not aware of all the services and supports that are available to them mostly because they are not sure where to begin the search for information about such programs.

In partnership with the State, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) responds to this need by providing a free resource to older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers who have no idea how to gain access to services and programs when they need it. The service—options counseling—can be considered a one-stop resource to help guide these folks to obtain the supports they are seeking. The MVES Options Counseling team works with individuals and their families to help them decide what supports they need to live where they want with dignity and choice.

“Options counseling is an

interactive short-term process to empower individuals in need of long-term services and supports to make an informed choice about the settings and services that best meet their needs,” explains Diane Glaude, options counselor at MVES. “Individuals and families receive unbiased information from us about relevant programs, services, housing options, and financial resources to help pay for services. We assist individuals to determine next steps and connect with relevant referral sources.”

A person-centered resource, options counseling is provided at no cost and to all income levels of people who want to remain at home but need supports to do so, after someone has been admitted to a long-term care facility following a hospital stay, or when a family caregiver needs help to continue providing care in the community. The program is built to objectively help guide referral sources, caregivers, other agencies, MVES

consumers and their families, and individuals living in the community. It is a great “first call resource” for anyone with aging related service option questions.

According to MVES Options Counselor/Clinical Coordinator Jessica Phelan, options counseling is also offered to adults 18+ who identify with having a disability who want to know what different service and support options are out there.

“There are so many different options in Massachusetts and it is hard sometimes for a person to navigate the system. That’s where we come in. We provide counseling about the different options so community members and our consumers can make the best informed decision regarding their care,” says Jessica.

The MVES Options Counseling staff will explore options for housing, in-home supports, transportation, public benefits, nutrition, and caregiving. Together, they help make the best choice for the person’s unique situation.

Options counseling supports consumer-directed care where consumers are able to make their own decisions about what options they would like to explore and pursue, according to Meghan Brookes, options counselor at MVES.

“We can provide options counseling over the phone, at someone’s home, or in a community setting. I discuss the consumer’s needs, concerns, and goals to determine the appropriate options and provide them with information on these options,” says Meghan. “Then I can assist consumers in the decision making process once all options are presented as well as make the necessary referrals, if needed.”

The team make referrals to a variety of programs and inform consumers about many different types of options. “We often refer consumers to programs at MVES including home care services, clinical casework, home delivered meals, SHINE, and Money Management,” says Meghan. “We also meet with many consumers

who are seeking housing resources, including completing housing applications, learning about subsidized housing options, emergency rental assistance options, and homeless services.”

As for government-funded programs outside of MVES, options counselors help individuals with information on fuel assistance, SNAP benefits, Social Security and MassHealth options. They also provide information on general community resources including transportation, medical equipment providers, and legal resources.

“We work with consumers with a variety of concerns, questions, and needs and explore many different options – each referral and each consumer is unique,” she says.

If more long-term support is needed, the Options Counseling staff may refer the individual to the State Home Care program if home care services are needed.

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Boston Landmarks Orchestra receives \$100,000 grant

Boston Landmarks Orchestra is one of 140 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 to \$500,000 each through Cummings Foundation’s \$25 Million Grant Program. The Boston-based organization was chosen from a total of 580 applicants during a competitive review process. It will receive \$100,000 over three years.

The Cummings Foundation grant will support Landmark Orchestra’s Music and Memory program with performances in assisted living centers which specialize in care for patients with memory loss and dementia.

Rooted in the mission “we build community through great music,” Landmarks Orchestra brings free live orchestral music to Greater Boston audiences. Landmarks Orchestra strongly believes in a reciprocal approach to programming and collaborations, especially with historically marginalized populations.

“This grant is truly transformational for our Music and Memory program and we can’t wait to start working with additional communities,” says Mary Deissler, Co-Executive Director.

The Cummings \$25 Million Grant Program supports Massachusetts nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties.

Through this place-based initia-

tive, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the areas where it owns commercial property. Its buildings are all managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate, Cummings Properties. This Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 11 million square feet of debt-free space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

“We are so fortunate in greater Boston to have such effective nonprofits, plus a wealth of talented, dedicated professionals and volunteers to run them,” said Cummings Foundation executive director Joyce Vyriotes. “We are indebted to them for the work they do each day to provide for basic needs, break down barriers to education and health resources, and work toward a more equitable society.”

With the help of about 90 volunteers, the Foundation first identified 140 organizations to receive grants of at least \$100,000 each. Among the winners were first-time recipients as well as nonprofits that had previously received Cummings Foundation grants. Forty of this latter group of repeat recipients were then selected to have their grants elevated to 10-year awards ranging from \$200,000 to \$500,000 each.

“Our volunteers bring diverse backgrounds and perspectives, which is so critical to our grant

selection process,” said Vyriotes. “Through this democratized approach to philanthropy, they decide more than half the grants every year.”

This year’s grant recipients represent a wide variety of causes, including food insecurity, immigrant and refugee services, social justice, education, and mental health services. The nonprofits are spread across 45 different cities and towns.

The complete list of 140 grant winners, plus more than 900 previous recipients, is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$375 million to greater Boston nonprofits.

About Boston Landmarks Orchestra

Boston Landmarks Orchestra was founded in 2001 by conductor and community advocate Charles Ansbacher. The orchestra is comprised of many of the area’s finest professional musicians. In its earliest years, the orchestra performed in such historically important settings as Fenway Park, the USS CONSTITUTION pier, Jamaica Pond, Franklin Park, Copley Square, Boston Common, and other landmark locations. Since 2007, its principal home has been at the DCR’s Hatch Memorial Shell. For more history visit landmarksorchestra.org.

NEWS BRIEFS

SHERIFF TOMPKINS ENDORSED BY CORRECTION OFFICERS LOCAL 419

Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins announced support from the largest union representing workers at the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department (SCSD). Tompkins garnered this support by championing changes to end racially-biased drug testing procedures and steadfast commitment to the Field Officers Training program.

"Throughout your previous terms, you have run on a platform that pledged solidarity with the Labor Movement and a devotion to a constructive internal labor relationship. As President of your largest employed Union, I can attest that you have upheld your word and have forged an unprecedented rapport between the Municipal Employer and its Union employees," Said Johnathan Corey.

"You have altered the narrative, and have created a managerial 'open door policy' that promotes cohesiveness and productivity. Instead of implementing uniformed or partisan policies and procedures, your administrators actually approach Union officials to seek out the greatest applicable solution to overcome conditions in arguably one of the most dynamic work environments," concluded Corey.

Sheriff Tompkins has shown time and time again that he cares passionately about the workers at the SCSD. He has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the men and women who do this difficult, often thankless work of corrections in the fight for pay parity and equity in benefits for doing the same work as their state counterparts.

"I'm incredibly humbled and proud of the endorsement from Local 419 in my re-election campaign for Sheriff. They represent the heart and blood of our organization, and to have their respect and support means that the work we do every day to improve our employees' working conditions is making a difference," Said Sheriff Tompkins

For more information, visit: www.votestevetompkins.com.

FEMA AWARDS NEARLY \$10.3 MILLION TO MBTA FOR COVID-19 CLEANING AND SAFETY COSTS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending nearly \$10.3 million to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) to reimburse it for the cost of keeping its public transit systems safe and operating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$10,288,865 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the MBTA for the costs associated with disinfecting equipment and facilities between July and September 2020, as well as other steps taken to protect the public and its employees.

The authority used contract labor and paid overtime for its employees to disinfect the subway (the Red, Orange, Blue, and Green subway lines), bus (171 bus routes and 4 rapid transit routes), commuter rail, ferry, and The RIDE (MBTA's door-to-door paratransit service) systems.

The MBTA also provided personal protective equipment such as gloves, masks, hand sanitizer, and wipes to its personnel, installed barriers between operators and the public, and installed signage and crowd control measures at various locations throughout the system.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the MBTA with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Keeping public transit operating safely during the pandemic was critical to allowing essential workers to continue to commute to their jobs, as well as providing service to the general public."

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$1 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

Beacon Hill COVID positive test-rate decreases

By John Lynds

With summer in full swing and many residents enjoying numerous fun in the sun activities, health officials are bracing for another summer surge as the omicron sub variants of the COVID-19 virus are again spreading rapidly.

After weeks of progress knocking down COVID infections through increased vaccination efforts and public awareness campaigns the numbers are once again on the rise.

However, according to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) Beacon Hill and the surrounding area's weekly COVID infection rate decreased

slightly last week.

Last week, 921 Beacon Hill, Back Bay, North End, West End and Downtown residents were tested for the virus last week and 9.9 percent were positive--this was a 10 percent increase from the 11 percent that tested positive between June 20 and June 27.

Ninety one additional residents contracted the virus between June 27 and July 4 and there have now been 11,423 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate increased last week according to the BPHC.

According to the BPHC, 12,787 Boston residents tested citywide

and 7.5 percent were positive—a 3 percent increase from the 7.3 percent that tested positive between June 20 and June 27.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.4 percent last week and went from 193,870 to 194,604 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were nine additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,478.

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT Docket No. SU252466 In the matter of: Costello C. Converse Date of Death:01/01/1900 To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by BMY Mellon N.A.of Boston, MA Requesting allowance of the 72nd through 79th account(s) as Trustee and any other relief as requested in the Petition

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have the 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 08/05/2022. 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 third (30) days, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court May 23, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No.

SU22C0182CA In the matter of: Noura Hani Zougla A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Noura Hani Zougla of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Noura Abdalla IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at:Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 7/21/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 27, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Food podcasts

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A significant advantage of following a topic via podcasts is that you can do something else while you listen. Penny likes to listen to her favorites while cooking and on long drives. Listening to podcasts with headphones or earbuds is a great option in a waiting area or on public transportation. A podcast may be perfect for winding down before sleep without exposure to blue light from screens.

Our Favorites!

“The Splendid Table” is one of the first podcasts we discovered. It began in 1997 as a call-in radio show on Minnesota Public Radio and now airs weekly across the country on public radio stations and as a podcast. Today it is hosted by food writer and editor Francis Lam who, despite his deep knowledge of food, asks the questions the home cook would ask in his interviews.

“The Good Food Podcast” from KCRW in Los Angeles may seem a

strange choice for east coast listeners. However, we are longtime fans of the chef and host Evan Kleiman. We always learn from the people and topics she covers. While we may turn green as she talks about local produce availability and the range of restaurant choices, we can use what we learn to apply to local options.

Special Interest Podcasts

One of the first places we turn to find excellent podcasts about specialized food topics is the Heritage Radio Network. Here are a few we discovered from that source.

Since we are fascinated by food history, we enjoy culinary historian Linda Pelaccio’s “Taste of the Past” podcast. In one episode, she takes you on a journey through the tradition of growing rice in Italy. In another, she’ll explore the culture and cuisine of the Roma people of Spain.

“Cutting the Curd” is all about cheese. We credit much of what we know on that topic to this show.

The subjects covered here have made us more comfortable conversing with local cheesemongers. That means we can make a broader range of cheese choices and discover new favorites we might never have tried. It also makes us appreciate the hard work and skill of the people who make cheese, age it, and deliver it in excellent condition.

Once you enter the home page www.heritageradionetwork.org, you can review shows by topic. In preparing this column, we found a few new offerings we’ll audition, including ones on cider, pizza, wine, cookbooks, and Asian food cultures.

In addition to food, you’ll find shows on gardening and farming, the environment and policy, health and wellness, food business, drinks, and the science and technology of food.

Audition a Few!

As with any food topic, your taste may be different from ours.



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You may want to add podcasts from major food blogs or networks you follow elsewhere, like Bon Appetit, Eater, The Kitchn, the Food Network, or the BBC.

Sound and style are important factors when choosing podcasts. We’ve rejected a few shows that offered great information but included annoying music. We understand that ads and cross-promotions for products make these “free” programs possible and have

no problem with that in moderation. We soon tire of podcasts that are more ad or promotion than content.

In most cases, you can slide along to sample different spots in a program to see if it appeals to your tastes and level of interest.

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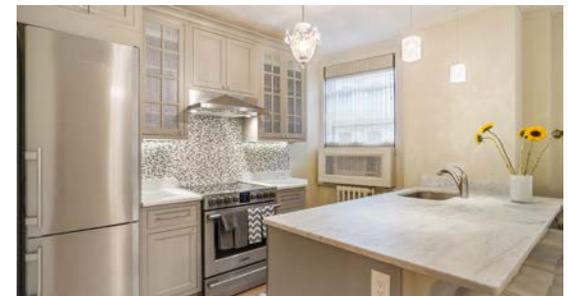
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