Saturday's Pride celebration will attract tens of thousands
by Sue O'Connell

Although celebrations off-LGBT Pride happen throughout the month, the big event is the Pride Parade on Saturday, June 10 at noon. Organizers estimate 35,000 will participate in various celebrations.
If you're new to the South End,

get ready. Our neighborhood's history as a "gay mecca" makes it the premier spot to view the parade.
The Boston Pride Parade Saturday kicks off at noon, 12 noon, rain or shine. The parade starts at Boylston Street at Clarendon Street, turns right onto Clarendon Street, then onto Tremont Street in the South End, then turns left onto Berkeley Street back to Boylston.
The Annual Chandler Street Block Party happens on Saturday from 1:30 - 7 pm at the The Trophy Room/Chandler Inn on Chandler Street, between Berkeley Street and

Green & White Ball a Success

On Friday, May 5, 2017, the Friends of the Public Garden celebrated a major milestone with the 20th anniversary of its annual event, the Green & White Ball. The black-tie evening at the elegant Taj Boston raised nearly $700,000, a record-breaking fundraising amount for the annual party. This year featured a touch of glitz to the usual Friends Board Chair, Anne Breede, whose volunteer leadership and commitment to

South End Honor Roll

Bucknell University

Henry Kwan, Class of 2017, from Boston, MA, was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University during the spring semester of the 2016-17 academic year. A grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 is required to receive dean's list recognition.

Located in Lewisburg, Pa., Bucknell University is a highly selective private liberal arts university that offers majors in the arts, engineering, humanities, management, social and natural sciences, along with broad opportunities outside of class, to its 5,600 undergraduates.

Northeastern University

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following local residents were recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester, which ended in April 2017.

Nicholas Jones, a Northeastern University student majoring in Computer Science. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Nicholas Jones is a member of the University Honor's Program.

Erik Jalktech, a Northeastern University student majoring in Bioengineering. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Erik Jalktech is a member of the University Honor's Program.

Rachel Sot, a Northeastern

"From Beirut to Boston"
A story of life, love and food
by Michele D. Maniscalco

In addition to being wildly popular among the locals, chef/owner Jay Hajj has been described as the best in the country by USA Today's 10Best.com, and the dish's signature Pilgrim

ASK DOG LADY

Advice on Pets, Life, Love
by Monica Collins

Dear Readers,

If you haven't figured it out by now, Dog Lady has a West Highland white terrier. Dexter, a two-year-old rescue, is Dog Lady's second Westie.

Deadly departed Shotty (he lived 13 and 4/12 years) was the first. In fact, beloved Shotty was the inspiration for this column. Dog Lady is not the only wretched bewitched by the breed. Two of Dog Lady's journalist pals, Boston Herald columnist Peter Gelzinis and Boston Globe columnist Alex Bass, are also Westie keepers. Recently, Beanz hosted a "Bring Your Own Westie" party and invited every Westie ever owned by either. A good time was had by all. The dog fan circles around the humans, and for a sublime moment, we forgot all about bloodsport politics and a world spinning crazily. Dog Lady heartily suggests a dog party to take your mind off your troubles.

Here's a recent question about the amazing Westie personality:

Boston's new default speed limit is 25 mph.

Unless otherwise posted, the speed limit on all City of Boston roadways will be 25 mph.
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Tremont Street. It's a benefit for AIDS Action Committee of MA, 314, positive ID required for entry. Donation $15 – cash only. Event entrances located on both Berkeley Street and Tremont Street. The rain or shine outdoor block party features great local DJs, Dario Friedman and Ian Diver. Beer, soft drinks and food available for purchase. The event proceeds benefit AIDS Action Committee, New England's oldest AIDS services organization, as well as supporting a number of the city's LGBT arts groups through EDGE Boston. There will be parking bans and street closings, so look carefully before you park and plan your day accordingly. You can find a full calendar of Pride Events and a map of the parade route at myboston.com. Download the Boston Pride app at itunes.apple.com. To accommodate the parade, temporary "Low Zone, No Shopping, Parade Saturday" parking regulations will be in effect at the following South End locations: Visit www.cityofboston.gov for a full listing.

Tremont Street, both sides, from Cambridge Street to Beacon Street
Tremont Street, both sides, from Union Park Street to Berkeley Street

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Sandwich was honored on a Thanksgiving-themed episode of the Food Network's Top 5 Restaurants.

Since Hajj came to the USA as a child from Lebanon, without a word of English and with dyslexia, he has tirelessly tried to taught himself to prove himself. As a boy of 8, he started to learn his new language and make friends; as a teen, he moved to establish himself as a tough guy not to be messed with; and as a young adulthood, he has strived towards success with indomitable hard work and a commitment to serving fresh, delicious, house-made food. In January of 2000, a little more than 20 years after arriving in the US, Hajj was owner of a successful business, hosting President Bill Clinton, Mayor Thomas Menino and Senator Edward Kennedy at Mike's. Now Hajj shares his journey in music and personal collection of stories, recipes, pictures and cooking tips in "From Beirut to Boston," a cookbook memoir that reflects his love for his Lebanese roots and for his adopted home.

Hajj recalls the friends of different ethnicities that he met growing up in Lebanon and what he learned from them, the foods he lived on in Lebanon as well as the cosmopolitan discovery in Boston. Cong Nye, who met Hajj when he was down, David and Danohr in Boston, has become Hajj's good friend and collaborator, writing a foodforward "To Beirut to Boston," and Boston-based humorist Jamie Banonos of Toro, next-door neighbor to Mike's, encouraged Hajj to write the book and referred him to Page Street Publishing. Hajj, traveling to Thailand with Banonos's Toro partner, Nory Ong, to Thailand to help open a new location there. "From Beirut to Boston" is written very much in Hajj's own voice with co-author and long-time Boston Herald food writer Waji J Syne.

Growing up in Lebanon, Hajj dove into America's melting pot through his multicultural network of friends, learning their food traditions along the way. "From Beirut to Boston" honors those influencers with recipes such as Mike's Brinkhouse Cafe Style Style, learned from Hajj's childhood friend, restaurateur Billy Marinis, and Billy's Pastry chef with Tasteful Times, a recipe he learned from Billy Papadopoulos, whose parents owned Center House Pizza in Brighton and who now owns Ultimate Pizza in Boston. Mass. Hajj wrote family, "Billy is still the best pizza maker I know."

One might think Hajj would want a break from the kitchen after a long day at Mike's, but he cooks for his family every day in his 100-year-old home in Medfield, which once belonged to one of the town's founders and was a stop on the Underground Railroad. The custom-designed kitchen, which features a pizza oven built into the wall and an oversized island, is a focal point for family gatherings. While Hajj has immersed himself in American culture and married the Irish-American love of his life, Janet, he represents his Lebanese culture in the meals he serves at home.

"If I'm going to cook dinner, it's got to take me no more than 45 minutes, but on Sunday, I'm going to cook a meal, it's going to take me three hours. I'm going to cook a few things." Given his travel schedule and his children's activities, it can be hard to make time, but Hajj likes to enjoy Sunday as a day of rest with his family. "Sunday is the day for relaxing, I either cook them a big breakfast or a big lunch."

Although his kids, Abner, 16, Mason, 15, Victoria, 12, and Miles, 6, do not speak Arabic, Hajj shares his heritage through family recipes and he lets the children help in the kitchen whenever they wish. Asked whether his children spoke about their childhood memories, Hajj said on a recent Friday afternoon at Mike's, "I never did until I started writing the book. I realized I have a story of what my roots are and my kids don't know it. It's always been in my mind, but I didn't talk about it. Now I talk about it a lot. In the last year or two I've been writing the book, I talk a lot more about me growing up, how my mother and my aunt cooked." In the book and conversation at Mike's, Hajj emphasized his dedication to preparing

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University student majoring in Cell and Molecular Biology. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean’s list, Rachel Son is a member of the University Honors Program.”

Mike Brown, a Northeastern University student majoring in Chemical Engineering. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean’s list, Mike is a member of the University Honors Program.”

Amanda Kozakiewicz, a Northeastern University student majoring in Business Administration. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean’s list, Amanda is a member of the University Honors Program.”

Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Bowell College
Bowell College: 21st annual Honor Day acknowledging the exceptional academic accomplishments of students and faculty was held on the academic year’s last day of classes, Wednesday, May 10, 2017. Kimberly Colmenar, of Boston and a member of the Bowell College Class of 2016, received the Honorable Hamilton Bray Latin Prize. Colmenar is now completing a degree in Education and Classics.

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everything from scratch. He mixes some animal as well as vegetarian at his 18-acre home and is proud of his homemade pickles and smoked mozzarella, as well as the turkey he roasts up at the dinner as the base of his popular turkey hash, turkey sandwich, turkey sausage and other dishes.

The book includes Haj’s turkey breast recipe: There are foundational recipes such as traditional hummus as well as flavor winter-salt, Moroccan-style harissa sauce, and a, a seasoning blend featuring sumac, sesame and thyme, and sajan and amazihu bread. Back in Lebanon, Haj has some little mustard in Lebanon rather than pâté, which was cheap and convenient because of its portability and shelf-life, but once in America, he discovered the wide variety of meats, soups, and sausages celebrated in “From Beirut to Boston.”

Most lowering will be tempted by Jamie Bissette’s Shawarma Lamb Paella, Boston Maypole With Herbed Ties, Choucroute Gauerka, beef stew from the Dubbin Brewery and much more. New England-based and an especially joyful revelation for Haj, and he considers it the best anywhere.

Recipes include classic New England clam chowder; Locke Oden’s Lobster Savannah; Southern-style shrimp and grits and Turkish-style stuffed melons. Vegetarians will also find tasty dishes such as Arroz a la Cubana, Hummus, batata harra, ground beef, grilled eggplant and tomatoes, harissa roasted egg flower and mushroom, a Lebanese lentil and rice dish. Desert recipes range from boa (pistachio cardamom ice cream) and knish baraz (date cookies) to classic Boston Cream Pie.

While he has no interest in sports, Haj loves to go to the Super Bowl every chance he gets for the food and the atmosphere. It was there that he met Byrne, his writing partner, and where he gets the opportunity to eat, drink, cook, and party with fellow foodies. At the 2018 Super Bowl, he and friend will head the tailgate party.

As it does in so many parts of the world, coffee plays a pivotal role in Lebanese social culture. Haj enjoys strong with strong Lebanese coffee and telling fortunes by “reading” the coffee sediment at the bottom of the cup is a time-honored tradition, and Haj describes the practice in his book. “Haj recalls, “A lot of my good memories are about drinking coffee. That was the only time my parents sat down together, when they were drinking coffee.”

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24th Annual South End Garden Tour Saturday, June 17

Reception and Art Sale Following the Tour Held at City Year Headquarters

The 24th Annual South End Garden Tour will take place this year on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 10AM to 4PM, rain or shine.

Each year the South End Garden Tour features gardens in different sections of the city’s largest districts of surviving row houses and this year’s tour is centered on gardens and green spaces in and around the Eight Streets, Union Park, Old Dover, and SOWs neighborhoods. The tour will begin at The Berkeley Community Garden and features a robust mix of private backyard gardens, small pocket parks, and some interesting green spaces and courtyards in the Union Park, Eight Streets, Old Dover, and SOWs corners of the neighborhood.

The United South End Artists have returned and will be painting in several of the gardens throughout the day. These ‘wet works’ will be for sale at the reception at City Year Headquarters at the end of the tour, from 5PM-6PM. Admission to the reception and sale is included in the tour admission.

Proceeds from the tour and art sale support community gardening in Boston. These gardens provide critical green space, a place for neighbors to come together in community, and an opportunity to grow and share fresh healthy food.

Advance tickets are $24 for Trustee members, $30 for nonmembers and are available online at thetrustees.org/SOGOT and $25 for Trustee members, $35 for nonmembers on the day of the Tour. Information about volunteering and receiving a free ticket is available at https://www.gofundme.com/WeYearDgY6PwJ0.

Get ready for the the Lapin Fête de la Musique on June 17

Ringing Bell will host live music from 3pm to 5pm that Saturday byILITY of this free annual festival hosted by the Community Music Center of Boston.

Other stops on the route include Union Park, Claudia Harmon Park, Park at Dorchester Park, and Warren Avenue between Berkeley and Tremont, where CMCE will throw a block party with face painting, balloon twisting, games, and more from 3pm to 6pm. Food vendors include Blackbird Doughnuts, Ben & Jerry’s, and David’s Tea.

The 2017 South End Garden Tour is also scheduled for June 17, and Ringing Bell is honored to feature a featured destination. Get your tickets now for this fun, educational event.

FORP representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you have about the park and welcome new members. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving this beautiful neighborhood resource.

Dog Lady

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Dear Dog Lady,

I have a question about my Westie (West Highland white terrier) pup (she’s actually four). She peanuts come in her food bowl then lifts it out and rotates around the bowl and does it again and again. We thought it might be because the metal loop on her collar was tapping against the food bowl and making a loud noise. We took her collar off and she still does it. I am really confused about why Pailey is doing this. I have never heard or seen it before. What could it be this cause?

Also, Pailey sleeps on my lap (with her belly up and her feet in the air). I know this is something simple but I don’t know if her position is good for her.

— Reagan

Dear Reagan,

Westies are the most seriously comic characters on earth. Why do they do the things that never occur to other dogs no matter how they are trained? Someone once said that Dog Lady has made the world a better place by bringing happiness to other people. Why do some people play around the way I do with the raw meat? Your guess is as good as Dog Lady’s. Great idea to have the collar. It just might cause this. Another suggestion The bowl is too big. You might try a smaller ceramic food holder. Also, do not feed Pailey so she has no time to play with her food. You want Pailey eager and watch her every move.

For a sleeping belly up, this is a normal position for postured and happy dogs, engaging and active for all to see.

Dear Dog Lady,

How many dogs are one person allowed to own in an urban area? My new neighbor has five or six dogs. They range from a German shepherd to my small. She has only lived there for a week or so, but I haven’t seen her walk the dogs at all. Not once. My other concern is that she is very obese and a smoker. I can only imagine how heavy the dogs must be.

She has a very small yard. The dogs freely wonder into our yard as they constantly yell at each other. They really aren’t bad dogs, and do listen to her for the most part. My major concern is that the dogs don’t get enough exercise. She picks up the poop (to far).

My senior citizen neighbor is terrified of dogs. I mentioned this to the new neighbor and she said, “I don’t care.” She is in a neighbor, and I want to go off on the right foot, but I just had to bite my tongue from saying something nasty.

What should I do? The dogs seem happy enough, and they are obviously the only thing she really cares about. I don’t think she realizes not walking them is bad for her, the neighbors, and the dogs themselves. Should animal control be called to check on that welfare? — Peter

Dear Peter,

This graphic story of your new neighbor reminds us all that dogs can be a divisive issue in our crowded urban areas. We can either put limits on dog ownership. The limits are too few to have an impact. If you call your Boston Animal Control office to check on this, you also check in with Animal Control to see how to handle this situation. You don’t want to chase our new neighbor but you can register your concerns. Nonviolent animals all get along with each other. Still, the animals can’t hide the ease of attention of other humans and property.

Dog Lady’s Notes: Urban dog owners must be compulsively responsible and not infringe on anyone else. Dog Lady is no goody goody but she is a warden about legal violations because of a few other dog owners who are not picking up the poop and do not properly transport their animals. You’re running free and to the limit.

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Over the last two decades, the Green & White Ball has raised over $6 million to provide care for the Boston Common, Public Garden and Commonwealth Avenue Mall, which has been the mission of the Friends since its inception 47 years ago. Proceeds from the events have provided critical funds for annual care and maintenance in the parks, including the care of 1,700 trees and 42 pieces of public art. For more information about the Friends of the Public Garden and its work, visit www.friendsofthepublicgarden.org.

(Bottom Left) Peter Creighton and Juan Prieto (Bottom Center) Emily and Ray Burns (Top Right) Alyssa Scott & Woody and Cali Rich (Bottom Right) Jo and Rahul Swain. Photo credit: Pierce Herman.
Boston Health Care For The Homeless Program Honors

Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP), recognized two individuals and two institutions that have made invaluable contributions to the organization's mission. Bank of America Vice Chairman Anne Furse and her husband, journalist and MSNBC commentator Mike Barnicle were honored with the Tim Russert Award. Boston Medical Center President & CEO Kate Walsh and Massachusetts General Hospital President Peter B. Slavin, MD, received the Dr. Jim O'Connell Award on behalf of their hospitals.

The four were honored at BHCHP's Medallion Gala, Monday, May 18 at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel.

"Anne and Mike have both reached the pinnacle of their professions, yet always maintained a deep commitment to those in need," said BHCHP President Jim O'Connell, M.D. "At Bank of America, Anne has focused on strengthening communities through investment and at the same time supporting nonprofits like BHCHP. And for decades, Mike has given voice to people who struggle with all of life's challenges, particularly poverty and the disease of addiction. Tim Russert was a close friend of theirs and I imagine he is very proud to see them honored with this award."

BMC and MGH have been close collaborators of BHCHP's since its founding in 1985. "No other academic hospitals have incorporated the health care of homeless persons into the fabric of their clinical missions as these two hospitals have — under the able leadership of Kate and Peter," said BHCHP CEO Barry Beck. "Our partnership with BMC and MCH has ensured that home- less medicine has always been thoroughly integrated into mainstream medicine, and that has benefited our patients tremendously."

WCVB-TV Chronicle anchor Anthony Everett will emcee the gala. The co-chairs of the event are Boston Globe Managing Director Linda Fairstein, Henry and former President of Natick Global Asset Management John Hauser and his wife Maureen, Governor Charlie Baker and FirstLady Lauren Baker, Senator Edward Markey, Mayor Marty Walsh, Jack and Eileen Connon and Joe Tempel are the honorary co-chairs.

Founded in 1985, BHCHP has evolved into the largest and most comprehensive health-care for homeless program in the country, delivering services to more than 11,000 homeless men, women and children a year at more than 60 shelters and sites.

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