Ward 4 Democrats serve up a cool political event

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A warm, sunny Sunday afternoon provided the ideal setting for the Ward 4 Democratic Committee’s Ice Cream Social in Tusia Sparrow Park on August 20. Ward 4 members, elected officials and candidates offered remarks and mingled with neighbors over ice cream with tastyCommittee members, candidates and Wu.

The Boston 'Free Speech' Rally: Even Trump Liked It

The numbers said it all: 40,000 counter-protesters, 100 alt-right demonstrators, thousands of police and security forces, 33 arrests. On a warm Saturday afternoon, the Boston ‘Free Speech’ rally became a happy celebration of just that, though it was clearly designed by the police and city authorities to prevent any direct confrontations with the alt-right advocates who sponsored the event. They were pretty much barricaded on the Parkman Bandstand on the Boston Common—some 100 feet away from the huge crowd that thronged the park to protest their presence, and not heard at all. Support for a free speech protest in the park and no one could hear it? That is what happened on the Common on Saturday.

There was a scattering of confrontations between alt-right proponents and the protesters. One that I witnessed was a heated exchange between a seemingly dumbstruck alt-right advocate and some angry protesters that administered him. That the alt-right advocate was followed by a news reporter and camera made the moment seem less spontaneous than one staged for multiple impact. That didn’t happen—people shouted, but no fists flew. Just a lot of angry words on one side and a surprisingly placid advocate on the other that made the moment seem.

Mural Unveiling at O’Day Park

IBA’s Youth Development Programs hosted their Peer Leader Summer Graduation on August 18. The multimedia mural was unveiled.

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like, well, fake news. Who knows where the footage ended up? Basket, perhaps?

Otherwise it was an overwhelmingly expression of liberal politics with a definite anti-Trump stance. It brought to mind the much larger event that happened in the park on the Saturday after Trump’s inauguration, when more than 100,000 came to the park to protest the President’s election. It was more a love-in than the contentious event many expected to happen. Much of the credit is due the diligence of the police and the shrewd planning of city officials that mitigated any friction. But you can’t help but wonder why so

many of the alt-right didn’t show up? Why the event never morphed into our greatest fear, due to the sheer one-sidedness of the crowd.

Even the President got it right in a con-

fused set of tweets he sent out about Boston.

At first he focused on the (few) confrontations between the police and protesters in his usual format manner. But soon he (and one wonders if perhaps someone stole his smartphone) he realized passion for the marchers. In an emotional

turn, Trump went on to “applaud the many protesters in Boston who are speaking out against bigotry and hate. Our country will soon come together as one.” He also wrote, “Our great country has been divided for decades. Sometimes you need protest in order to heal, but we will heal, & be stronger than ever before!”

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Dog Lady
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Dear Frank,

Somebody in your family must be Merlin’s Alpha dog. You up to the task? After all, you are concerned enough to write Ask Dog Lady. Too many cooks have spoilt the dog. It’s terrific that everybody in your family wants to take part in Merlin’s care. However, a single Alpha chief should coordinate Merlin’s education. This leader will not necessarily be the one Merlin chooses (dogs always find their leader in a pack). For most, someone must step up.

Call a family meeting and discuss. On the agenda? The care and feeding of Merlin: Who walks? Who feeds? Who houses? Who teaches him to sit and stay? Who bathes? Everybody can take part but one person oversees and watches out for Merlin and coordinates the care and feeding of the dog until Merlin can be trusted not to leave puddles all over the house.

Dear Dog Lady,

I grew up with dogs, but took in a rescue cat 13 years ago, my Maggie. She has been with me through thick and thin, and when my boyfriend left me, she climbed up on my lap as I cried. “Guess I’m just you and me, girl?” Animals sense when something’s wrong.

—Stephanie

Dear Stephanie,

Companion animals of all species provide unhesitatingly simple comfort in times of fear and love. Thanks for sharing this cat story.

Dear Dog Lady,

I adopted Griselda, a nine-pound female spayed rat terrier mix, from the MSPCA about one month ago. She’s two or three years old. I have her house (or, my five-year-old male rat terrier, for about nine hours a day from Monday to Friday. The little female is left in a crate and, on most days, she messes in the crate while I am gone. She has also had two to three accidents outside of the crate. There were many faults for not keeping closer tabs on her. There have also been two or three times when the crate was clean at the end of the day. She does not mess anything during the night. Am I expecting too much too soon from her?

—Patty

Dear Patty,

Yes, you are expecting too much and you are not giving Griselda a chance to be successful. By keeping her in the crate for nine hours at a stretch without a break, you assume your rat terrier has a bionic bladder and bowels. You give her little choice but to soil her new digs.

You should hire someone responsible and trustworthy who can come in and take your dogs out during the day. The break will do them all good.

—Eleanor

Dear Dog Lady,

When my daughter and son-in-law and their Cairn terrier, Benjamin (Ben), moved into my house, the terrier had the habit of pooping wherever someone new entered the house. Two of my friends, with dogs themselves, started bringing treats for Ben. They would give the treats to him as they entered my home. Ben stopped pooping because he was looking forward to the treat. To this day, when a visitor comes to my house, I give him/her a treat to give Ben. This diversion may also be tried to stop the barking. (Of course, treats can be cut in half so that the dog does not gain weight.)

—Eleanor

Dear Eleanor,

With dogs, distraction is the mother of invention. Your friends did what they did Ben from any anxious peeing with Countess. Enough treats and positive reinforcement from visitors causes Ben to forget he ever felt anxious. Dogs are smart and their attention can be easily turned from fear and anxiety to something more positive.

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Harriet Tubman: on the right side of history

Recent legal events in Charleston, South Carolina, involving white supremacists, purportedly in anticipation of the removal of a statue of Confederate general Robert E. Lee, as well as debate in other cities and towns about the removal of statues that commemorate those individuals who fought in this nation’s Civil War in the 1860s, has received much media attention and focus.

The truth is that we are a deeply divided nation... in my opinion, it is only when we acknowledge and confront these realities that we as a nation can truly begin the journey towards real reconciliation and progress.

Boston, prior to, and during the Civil War was a center of abolitionist activity and there are numerous reminders of the sacrifices made by Boston citizens during the Civil War.

Among those are Doris Hall, where you will leave the 7th Street B$ Hall, and the enter the 1895 Boggs addition to the Massachusetts State House. The small hall contains a Daniel Chester French bronze statue of the Massachusetts Civil War hero, William Francis, Bartlett.

The next, largest room, built entirely of Pennsylvania marble, is called Nurses’ Hall because of the statue of an Army nurse. Sculpted in 1914 by Belle France, it was the first statue erected in honor nurses of the North after the Civil War.

Across from the State House is the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial by Caudell sculpture, Augustus Saint-Gaudens. It commemorates the 54th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry which was featured in the film “Glory.” The transformation in the Union Army during the American Civil War is now commemorated the “Swamp Angel” one of the first official African-Americans units in the United States during the Civil War.

Lesser known to many Bostonians is a statue of another Civil War nurse located in a quiet park in Boston’s historic South End neighborhood. In fact, Boston is the home of Harriet Tubman, a freed abolitionist and freedom fighter.

New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu stated in a speech entitled “The Culture of the Lost Cause” about the removal of Confederate statues in New Orleans:

“Confederacy was on the wrong side of history and humanity. It sought to tear apart our nation and subjugate our fellow Americans to slavery. This is the history we should never forget and one that we should never again put on pedestal to be revered.”

Harriet Tubman statue different from those of Confederates who fought in the Civil War?

Tubman, who spent the first 25 years of her life enslaved on a Maryland plantation before escaping, and who risked her newfound freedom to liberate other enslaved people by following the North Star to many represents that which is at the core of American history. Tubman was, starting with the young nation’s War of Independence, from Britain, and that is in rebellion of any absolute and unremovable masters... and a quest for freedom.

The city of Boston is choosing to commemorate Harriet Tubman was on the right side of history as evidenced by its celebration of Harriet Tubman and all heroes in history. Thus, Tubman Park represents and is the concept of freedom, and equality for all.

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