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South End residents, businesses support each other through the storms

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Just as it seemed that a relatively uneventful winter, marked by a brief deep freeze but modest snowfall, was on its way out, March came in with a proverbial nor’easter in the form of three storms in less than two weeks.

The punishing winds, high tides and floodwaters of the Friday, March 2 nor’easter left hundreds of thousands of water, wind and tree damage and massive power outages, and the ensuing storms on Thursday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 13 slowed recovery efforts and brought widespread school, work and road closures.

The South End News informally surveyed neighborhood residents and businesses to learn how they dealt with the wild weather and found that the stereotype of the hardy New Englander, whether native-born or newcomer, is alive and well in these parts.

Quite a few local businesses opened during the storms to provide a haven for weather-wary neighbors. Petit Robert Bistro, Anna Beth’s, Tremont 647 and Sister Sorel were among the eateries that welcomed diners during Tuesday’s storm, while Foodie’s, Casa Cocon, Don Quijote Market and Micoscella’s stood ready to supply provisions during the nor’easter.

Foodie’s opened until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 13, while Micoscella’s at 570 Tremont Street kept its regular, 7:00 AM-9:30 PM schedule with the full menu of prepared foods available. Employee Angela, whose duties include food preparation and management, said, “Things are great. The weather’s horrible, but at the same time it’s beautiful. It’s a weird mix.”

He said business during Tuesday’s blizzard was “average, about the same as usual.” Angela was ruminating about opening in the inclement weather. “We have the reputation in this area of being renegades of weather; nimble storms or whatever, we’re here.”

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Steve Celebrates Love Old Money Resonates

Steve, Zeitgeist Stage Company, Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, through March 24.617-833-0800 or bostontheatrescene.com

Old Money, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Carling-Sorenson Theater, Babson College, Wellesley, through March 16.888-311-4111 or commshakes.org

By Jules Becker

Are gay relationships and gay parenting really very different from straight ones? Mark Gerrard’s incisive Off-Broadway hit “Steve”—now in a wonderfully affecting Hub premiere by Zeitgeist Stage Company—makes the answer a resounding “no.” The title character is a past-shades boy and now stay-at-home Manhattan partner and parent, who early on alludes to Jewish trader Skylock’s famous speech about his humanity in “The Merchant of Venice” with the rhetorical variation “Thoth not a half-Jew eyes?” Steve may not indicate from which parent he derives Jews’ ancestry, and the remark may seem to apply only to his sighting of Argentinian-American waiter Esteban. Even so, this ostensibly minor point sets a subtextual tone for respect.

As Gerrard’s play proceeds, Alex Jacobs, Jenny Reagen, and Mike Nilsson in Zeitgeist Stage Company’s production of “Steve.” Photo credit: David J. Miller

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Remembering Harriet Tubman

Friends of the Harriet Tubman Square: Statue marked the anniversary of Tubman’s death on March 10 with bouquets. Tubman died in Auburn, NY, in 1913.

Photo courtesy Freida Garcia

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Taste of the South End

On Tuesday, March 20, foodies will gather to support Masschusetts AIDS Action Committee at the 32nd annual Taste of the South End (TOSE). TOSE will be held from 7pm-9:30pm at the Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts, 530 Tremont Street, Boston. Admission is $11.

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Pet of the Week

Beyoncé, a beautiful black and white, approximately 1-year-old pit mix, is looking for a forever home. Through a recent round of handling, she and her brother, Rocky (also black and white), were able to gain trust and grow with each other. Together, they make the perfect pair. It would be great to see all three of them go home together as they are best suited together as a whole team. Beyoncé is an ideal pet for those looking to try hard training. She is friendly, and quite entertaining with her wagging tail and chirps. Please come by to meet her at the Animal Rescue League of Boston office on South End Library Park and see if she and her brother become a perfect match for your home. An adoption fee in the amount of $150 will cover all medical needs and supplies. Beyoncé is waiting for her forever home. If you think Beyoncé, Solaris & Bianca might be a good match for you, please fill out an application or call us at 617-220-9352. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 11am to 7pm through Sunday from 11am to 5pm. Also, be sure to check out our website: www.arlboston.org.

Beyoncé
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Shawnail Avenue, store manager Daniel commented on Sunday, “We got a lot of great feedback that we were open today. The response from people in the South End was amazing. It’s been busy.” Daniel said the store hadn’t had several employers who live locally and didn’t mind coming to work in the storms.

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ClimACTS! The Theater Offensive’s annual gala, celebrates the rich diversity of LGBTQ lives through an evening that challenges norms, explores sexuality, and uplifts the various identities and icons within queer culture. All proceeds benefit TTO’s arts programs that bring LGBTQ art and artists to the stage, front and center.

Find yourself among Boston’s brightest and hottest LGBTQ scene, as Kennedy Davenport of RuPaul’s Drag Race (and this year’s TTO OUThood Award recipient) drops, builds, and works as the event’s emcee. Guests will mingle with Rebecca Taichman, the 2017 Tony Award Winner for Best Director of Broadway’s Indecent. Taichman will be the recipient of the TTO’s 2018 Out on the Edge Award, recognizing her accomplishments and contributions to bold, status quo-defying LGBTQ art.

“This event offers LGBTQ people a place to gather, play, and truly be themselves - to celebrate their sexuality in a space that is hard to find (yet so needed) in Boston. ClimACTS! truly is a fundraiser like no other. At ClimACTS!, we honor the Queer and Trans contributions to our society as many have pushed the status quo to get here where we are today. This event also will highlight the critical work that the Theater Offensive does to support queer artists and LGBTQ youth of Boston’s” offered TTO Acting Executive Director Harold Steward. In these times, it’s so important that we support LGBTQ art and artists - and at ClimACTS! we’re going to show people what that looks like.”

Past recipients of the TTO OUT on the Edge Award have included playwrights and performers Tony Award-Winning Fun Home playwright Lisa Kron, Transparent’s Alexandra Billings, Tony Award-winner Billy Porter, Big Fredia, and actor Alan Cumming. Kennedy Davenport is the inaugural recipient of the OUT Hood Award.

The Theater Offensive (TTO) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to portray the diversity of LGBTQ lives in art so bold that it breaks through perceived isolation, challenges the status quo, and builds thriving communities.

Proceeds from ClimACTS! "SLOW" will support the programs of TTO, including TRUE COLORS: OUT YOUTH THEATER, a creative arts program for LGBTQ youth and their straight allies ages 14-25. The True Colors initiatives are supported by the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Community Foundation of Massachusetts.

THE PRIDE YOUTH THEATER ALLIANCE (PYYTA) was formed in 2012. PYYTA began as a cohort of directors, educators, and activists representing Queer Youth Theater (QYT) programs from across the U.S. and Canada. PYYTA supports awareness and fosters institutional unity for the work of the idealized programs and for the QYT community and beyond. PYYTA operates in 20 states (48% of states) and engages over 15,000 queer youth annually.

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