Elegant and Agonizing

About a century before Paul Robeson’s Othello, there was Friz Aldridge’s Aldridge, taking over the role from his adopted Edward Kem at Covent Garden’s Theatre Royal in 1833, becoming the first black actor to star in a Shakespearean role.

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ASK DOG LADY

Advice on Pets, Life, Love

By Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,

I was walking my eight-year-old terrier mix and let him off the leash so he could roll in the grass. When he was rolling belly up, I noticed (blush) he was sexually excited. I was shocked because he’s supposed to be neutered. What gives?

—Daria

Dear Daria,

Neutering removes the testicles and the ability to sire a litter of pups. However, the “big-rip-it” does not take away your dog’s most private part and the physical sensation of pleasure. Rolling belly up in the new summer grass is as good as it gets for a dog. No wonder he exhibited some gratification.

Dear Dog Lady,

I like your thoughts on dogs having a fixation for a person’s face who has a “cold.” Are dogs immune to human cold germs, or do the germs affect them in another way? If so, in any way, they are impacted by human cold germs, what are the signs of distress? Love your column.

—John

Dear John,

Has your dog emitted a sound that’s like human sneezing? Dog Lady heard her darling having what she thought was a sneezing fit and became quite concerned. She asked her veterinarian. He said it was probably pollen allergies. Nothing to be worried about. With so much pollen falling all around, it makes sense we

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South End Honor Roll

Recognizing local students and graduates

Framingham State University Announces 2018 Graduates

Thousands of friends, family, faculty, and staff packed into the DCU Center in Worcester on Sunday, May 20th, to celebrate the Framingham State University Class of 2018. As a result of the hard work, all of our graduates have deepened their knowledge, strengthened their analytical and communication skills, and demonstrated their commitment to lifelong learning, and takes an important step in preparing themselves for the field in an increasingly competitive job market.

Amidst a graduating class of over

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Local news for and about Boston’s best neighborhood

South End streets fill with Pride

Sports teams, dance clubs, marching bands, political candidates, high school clubs, church groups, corporate entities and jubilant individuals, couples and friends of all ages proudly marched down Clarendon Street, across Tremont and up Berkeley Street in Boston’s Pride Parade on Saturday June 9.

The sun’s glow amplified the kaleidoscope of colors in the rainbow flags and feather boa as well as costumes of all descriptions that dazzled thousands of onlookers lining the route.

Among over 700 organizations participating in the parade were groups from across the neighborhood and the city including the South End Historical Society and the Animal Rescue League of Boston, Fenway Community Health Center, the MSPCA, Ded Out, the Old South Church and the Home for Little Wanderers; and dozens of organizations from around greater Boston. Among the student groups were gay-straight student alliances from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, King Philip Regional High School and Stoughton High School and a drum-ful of rainbow-festooned students from Wheaton College in Norton.

Boston Pride Hockey and the Boston Red Sox. The Boston Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence called out religious intolerance with marchers, and effigies in tuxedos and signs reading “Resist Guilt” and “Resist Hate.”

South End-based online retailer Wayfair and Citizens Bank were among the many corporate participants, and as a counterpoint, a man carried a rainbow sign reading “Our flag is not your ad. Pride ≠ Profit.” Lawyers including Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey; US representative Joseph Kennedy III (8th MA), Massachusetts attorney

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Rep. Rushing endorsed by groups

SUBMITTED BY JEFF ROSE

This week State Representative Byron Rushing announced that he has been endorsed in his reelection bid by the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, the Blackstone Valley Democrats and Boston Ward 9 Democrats.

"Our membership voted unanimously to endorse Representative Rushing in his reelection bid because he stood up to the NRA and helped pass an assault weapons ban and this year fought to pass ERPO," said Jeff Rosen, the chair of the committee.

Extreme risk protection orders "ERPO" a bill that allows family members and law enforcement to go to court and remove guns out of the hands of persons that are at risk to themselves or others.

Rushing was integral to victory on behalf of the LGBTQ community during the marriage equality battle and has been a champion for issues of justice and equality across the board.

The endorsement of Rep. Rushing by the Stonehill Democrats, a gay rights group, reflects his work on marriage equality and other issues of justice.

Rushing said that today's announcement is huge for him, but he knows there's work to be done before the primary on September 4.

"The endorsement from these neighborhood groups and community organizations, like Planned Parenthood, speaking out for people running for office and sending a public message that the values I hold, reflect neighborhood priorities. I'm moved that they put their faith and trust in me to continue to bring our shared values to the State House," Rushing said.

Rushing is running for re-election to the office of State Representative for the 9th Suffolk District which includes parts of the Back Bay, South End, Fenway and Roxbury in the city of Boston and faces 2 challengers in the democratic primary September 4.

Dog Lady

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How many rescue dogs.

my favorite story is about your dog's physical illness in any way. Ask Dog Lady

strangely advises you to consult your veterinarian.

Yes, it costs money. The money, however, is well spent for the good care of your pet.

Now, the lecture. If a disease is going to transmit between species, scientists suggest the easiest way is through the lips and mouth. You really don't want your dog licking your face because it is not be healthy. So put the kibosh on interspecies kissing but you really don't want your dog's tongue in your mouth.

Dear Dog Lady,

I write this for my friend Cyndi whose service dog has just died. Her dog, Zawah, let her know when her blood pressure was dropping. Zawah saved Cyndi's life many times. My friend is a veteran and disabled. She has a very low income and she needs to find another service dog. Where can I call to help her?

— Annette

Dear Annette,

Such a good friend you are. Start with the MSPCA. The organization is right here in Massachusetts and you would think that a problem like your friend Cyndi's is one of the reasons why the MSPCA exists.

In fact, when Dog Lady joined around, the friends doing a fund to help animal lovers who need financial assistance. You might as well start by calling 617-541-5228.

However, if you worry about your dog's physical illness in any way. Ask Dog Lady.

Contact: Lani Chappel or John Mote at 617-738-2244 or go to www.goddardhouse.org 105 Cheever St, Brookline MA

Crime

Shots fired in the South End

Saturday, June 9, around 11 pm. On West Newton Street between Tremont Street and Storrow Avenue. Nobody hit.

BPD Officers Recover Loaded Firearm

At about 3:35 PM on Tuesday May 29, 2018, officers assigned to District D4 (South End) responded to a call for a found firearm in the area of 10 Laramore Court in Lower Roxbury. On arrival, officers located and recovered a loaded 9mm Lorcin handgun which has since been handed over to the BPD Firearms Analysis Unit for processing.

Call Jeff at (617) 464-7280 ext. 202 or email: sales@southendnews.com
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general Maury Healey, state representatives Byron Rushing (9th Suffolk) and Liz Malia (11th Suffolk), Mayor Martin J. Walsh, and city councilors Michael Flaherty, Ed Flynn, Ayanna Pressley, Michelle Wu and Josh Zakim walked in the parade, as did gubernatorial hopeful Jay Gonzalez and Gretchen Van Nieuwenhoven, candidate for the 14th Suffolk seat in the State House currently held by incumbent Angelo M. Scaccia.

The 2018 theme of Rainbow Resistance, which signifies countering discriminatory government policies and rising intolerance toward LGBTQ+ people and people of color, struck a chord with visiting leaders from around the country in Boston for the National Conference of Mayors. Among approximately 100 mayors joining the parade was Buddy Dyer of Orlando, who saw his city through dark days after the massacre of 49 patrons of the Pulse nightclub, a tragedy that shocked the LGBTQ+ community and the nation at large in 2016. Another issue looming in the minds of many marchers was last week’s Supreme Court ruling upholding a Colorado bakery’s refusal to provide a wedding cake to a same-sex couple.

While a collision between two police motorcycles along the parade route in Beacon Hill injured two police officers and an elderly woman, the parade progressed through the South End with no apparent incident.

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Photos by Michele Manscalco
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1,000 strong, we congratulate the following local Framingham State University students:

Xiaoze Lin, Bachelor of Science degree.
Keyvon Chermoe, Bachelor of Science degree.
Laura Almeida, Bachelor of Science degree.

Bowdoin College
During Bowdoin College's 214th Commencement ceremony, held May 26, 2018, bachelor of arts degrees were awarded to the Class of 2018, comprising approximately 450 students from 17 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and 19 other countries and territories.

The following are local Bowdoin College students:
Travis Joel Montgomery, a member of the Bowdoin College Class of 2018, graduated with a major in government and legal studies.
Katherine Rose Barrigan, a member of the Bowdoin College Class of 2018, graduated with a major in economics and psychology.

Sewanee Dean's List
Daniel Callahan Oakley of Boston, Massachusetts, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of the South for the Easter 2018 term. To earn a place on Sewanee's Dean's List, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.665 on a 4.0 scale. Daniel Callahan Oakley is the son of Eileen & Daniel C. Oakley of Boston (02118).

College of the Holy Cross Announces 2018 Graduates
The following local students received a degree from the College of the Holy Cross at its 172nd commencement on May 27:
Haun El Lee, received a Bachelor of Arts degree.
Connie Toong, received a Bachelor of Arts degree.
Ligia Cristina Flores, received a Bachelor of Arts degree.
A total of 739 students received degrees this year at Holy Cross, in ceremonies at which Emory and Peabody Award-winning NRF journalist Michelle Norris, founder of The Race Card Project and executive director of The Bridge, was the principal speaker.

Northeastern University announces spring semester 2018 dean's list
Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following students were recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester, which ended in April 2018:

Fernanda Horta do Canto, majoring in Journalism.
Rachel Balshin, majoring in Design.
Edward Xiong, majoring in Design.
Sophie Yeh, majoring in Business Administration.
Kathryn Khan, majoring in Economics/Finance Admin.
Shelley Andrews, majoring in Business Administration.
Lily Zhao, majoring in Business Administration.
Alexia Buchen, majoring in Business Administration.
Raymond Kang, majoring in Physical Therapy.
Claire Page, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.
No-Young Kim, majoring in Chemical Engineering/Physics.
Ziad Hassan, majoring in Industrial Engineering.
Dini Shatara, majoring in Industrial Engineering.
Samuel Lee, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.
Rachel Dewar, majoring in Biology.
Sara Liu, majoring in Biology.
Claire Chang, majoring in Criminal Justice/Political Science.
Amie Madden, majoring in Criminal Justice.
Emilio Franco, majoring in Communication/Telecommunications.
Brianna Close, majoring in Cell and Molecular Biology.
Amy Wong, majoring in Communication Studies/Sociology.
Amanda Qano, majoring in Business Administration.
Alex Gecon, majoring in Physical Therapy.
Edward Mota, majoring in Undeclared.
Lauren Fitzgerald, majoring in Biochemistry.
Isabel Kaelin, majoring in Physics.
Clare Nee, majoring in Psychology.
Sara Jorg, majoring in International Affairs.
Grace Iyed, majoring in Criminal Justice.
Timothy Block, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.
Kaleb Kelley, majoring in Behavioral Neuroscience.
Delaney Lander, majoring in Journalism.
Nancy Murphy, majoring in Business Administration.
Annabel Doile, majoring in Health Science.
Naomi DeOrio, majoring in Nursing.
Jack Bauer, majoring in Electrical Engineering.
Jonathan Balsam, majoring in Information Engineering.
HyunSoo Shin, majoring in International Affairs.
Lexi Maslin, majoring in Sociology.
Alexandre Gomez, majoring in Data Science.
Anna Stadler, majoring in Neuroscience.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no grade lower than a "C" during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

Curry College Dean's List
Curry College is proud to announce that Stephanie Green-Cooper of Boston, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.000 GPA, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no grade lower than a "C" during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

Bucknell University Dean's List
Reese Gibson, Class of 2018, from Boston, MA was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University during the spring semester of the 2017-2018 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive the dean's list recognition.

Located in Lewisburg, Pa., Bucknell University is highly selective private liberal arts university that offers majors in the arts, engineering, humanities, management, and social and natural sciences, along with broad opportunities outside of class, to its 3,600 undergraduates. Graduate programs are available in select disciplines. Students benefit from a small student/faculty ratio of 9:1, personal attention from faculty, leadership opportunities, and excellent graduation rates and career outcomes.

Lazell College
Lazell College, acknowledges Boston resident Raymond Liang on Spring 2018 Dean's List.

Lazell College recently announced students named to the Spring 2018 Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement.

Students with this accomplishment are full-time degree candidates who completed 12 or more credits in the spring semester, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. This semester’s Dean’s List comprises a total of 787 students from all class years, including 126 members of the school’s first-year class.

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tragedy at a London theater.

In 2012, British dramatist Lolita Chakrabarti focused not only on the controversy surrounding Aldridge’s assumption of the role but also on the New York City-born actor’s stage ascendency throughout Europe and especially Poland — where he died in 1857. Very fittingly, Cambridge-based O.W.I., (Bureau of Theatre) — which presented last year’s visiting production — is now staging a Shakespearean revue for their annual Festival of New Theatre.

Athenaeum Theatre Company artistic director Bette Bocin is bringing the same program of Shakespearean plays to the company this year. In its inaugural season, the company presented the world premiere of Chakrabarti’s resonant and timely play, "Red Velvet." While it seems to take audience members back to a more retrospective, Jane Austen-themed performance, "Red Velvet" seems to highlight the current political landscape along with the character of Halina, who attempts to question Aldridge as he prepares to play King Lear in a 1857 London production.

When gifted the award-winning black actor Keith Hamilton Cobb in "American Moor," Aldridge struggled to find his role in the play. But he was cast in the role of Othello, and the audience responded well to his portrayal. Aldridge’s performance was praised for his emotional depth and complexity, which earned him a Tony Award nomination. The production was critically acclaimed and received positive reviews from both critics and audiences.

The American actor's role in the play is pivotal, as it allows him to explore the themes of identity, race, and power. Aldridge's performance was praised for its depth and nuance, and his portrayal of Othello was seen as a powerful commentary on race and identity in America. The play received critical acclaim and was praised for its timely and relevant themes.

The production of "Red Velvet" was directed by Liesl Zink, who is known for her innovative and bold approach to theatre. Zink's directorial vision brings a fresh perspective to the classic piece, allowing the audience to gain a new understanding of the timeless themes.

"Red Velvet" is a thought-provoking play that challenges the audience to confront the complexities of race and identity in America. The production is a testament to the power of theatre in bringing attention to important social issues and inspiring audiences to think critically about the world around them. It is a must-see for anyone interested in exploring the themes of race, identity, and power in contemporary America.
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