Cheers to the smuggler, while Admissions roasts

the smuggler, Boston Playwrights Theatre, through November 24. Bostonplaywrights.org or 617-965-4111

By Jules Recher

One-person shows may not be everybody’s brew, but bar-set “the smuggler” has more than the right hops. As with a premium craft beer, the current offering at Boston Playwrights’ Theatre possesses a

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Enchanted Trolley Tour

Submitted by the Office of the Mayor

Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced the schedule for the 2019 Enchanted Trolley Tour, a Boston holiday tradition of lighting holiday trees throughout the City. This year, the Mayor’s Enchanted Trolley Tour will start on Friday, December 1st, and end on Sunday, December 10th, in neighborhoods throughout Boston.

“I love the holiday season around Boston. It’s a great way to gather together as Bostonians and celebrate our neighbors, the City

and our many neighborhoods,” said Mayor Walsh. “I’m excited to start the season by making stops throughout the City for the annual trolley tour and tree lightings. This weekend-long celebration is a great family tradition for all Bostonians to come out and enjoy.”

For the 24th year, the Mayor’s Enchanted Trolley Tour will continue the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees while bringing holiday spirit to children across Boston. The event is sponsored by Bank of

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Support Rosie’s Place This Holiday Season

Photo courtesy of Rosie’s Place

Submitted by Rosie’s Place

Every holiday season brings more women in need, both at Rosie’s Place and in our community. We work to brighten the season by providing single women with holiday gifts and cold weather essentials such as sets of hat, scarf, and gloves. With your help, we can provide a warm holiday experience that will be—like everything else at Rosie’s Place—wrapped in unconditional love and respect.

How Can You Help?

Collect needed holiday items
- Coordinate an effort with your workplace, school or family to collect holiday gifts for our guests. You can also organize a drive for food or toiletries.

Become a volunteer
- It’s easy! To get started, submit a volunteer application for each interested person. Then you’ll be given access to our online system and can sign up for open shifts in the dining room and food pantry.

Cater a meal
- Rosie’s Place has a network of volunteer catering groups to provide more than 100,000 meals a year. Caterers can donate a meal of $500 to

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ASK DOG LADY

Advice on Pets, Life, Love

By Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,
I appreciate your mention of preventing Lyme disease through the use of a product like the active ingredient permethrin in Frontline Plus. However, there is no heartworm disease prevention component in that product. To prevent the mosquito vector transferred heartworm larva, a pet owner would have to use a separate product for that, or one of the combination products now available through the veterinary marketplace.

These products can be topical, injectable, or oral tablet form. With all the good educating you do, I wouldn’t want a pet owner to inadvertently allow for a preventable disease like heartworm disease an opportunity to enter the picture.

Dr. Chris Duke
DVM

Dear Dog Lady,
Thank you for the professional reminder to give our dog regular medications to prevent tick and heartworm diseases. Also, this is a good opportunity for “Ask Dog Lady” to wag her finger and remind every pet owner to have a trusted vet-

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We are the future of the LGBT community.

The world still has its challenges but things are getting better. From the way we first met on line to marriage equality to our daughter’s upcoming Quinceañera our life together is more fulfilling every day. We keep up with events and entertainment on EDGE, because that’s where we see our future at its brightest.

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Holiday Calendar

Saturday, November 30
More Than Words Holiday Fest
10 am - 8 pm
242 East Berkeley Street
Shop in our beautiful South End bookstore turned local gift market. We’re featuring the best of Boston makers, holiday treats, live music and our selection of books. There’s no better way to kick off the holiday season than with a market that gives back. Stay tuned for more holiday fun.

Sunday, December 1
Holiday Light Shows at the Greenway
Carousel
Rose Kennedy Greenway

Thursday, December 5
Boston Common Tree Lighting Ceremony
6 - 8:30 pm
Boston Common

Friday, December 6 - Sunday, December 8
SoWa Winter Festival 2019
450 Harrison Avenue

Saturday, December 7
Boston SantaCon Crawl 2019
12 - 6 pm
Hard Rock Cafe, 22 Clinton Street

Sunday, December 8
Carololing at Hayes Park
3 - 4 pm
James Hayes Park, Warren Avenue and West Canton Street

Join the Friends of Hayes Park in our annual holiday singalong! Bring your voices, good cheer and an edible donation to the South End Community Service Center food pantry. We will provide hot cider, cookies and songbooks!

Sunday, December 8
South End Boston Women’s Holiday Market
11 am - 4 pm
ACE Hotels by Marriott
225 Albany Street Boston

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Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz

Education Funding Reform bill released for final votes with full equity provisions

"I’m thrilled to see the Student Opportunity Act take another big step toward the finish line today. The conference committee report includes all of the core provisions that students, parents, educators, and organizations have been championing for years. It represents a national leadership model for education funding equity, by including all of the full Funding Model Review Commission recommendations — especially the full low-income rate. These pieces were never in question during the conference negotiation, but families across the state have been counting on us to start implementing these changes in next year’s budget."

"Congratulations to Senator Lewis, Representative Peisch, and the rest of the conference for this speedy work, ensuring the Legislature has time to sign the final bill before the break."
Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz
Second Suffolk District

On Tuesday, the Student Opportunity Act was released by a conference committee between the Massachusetts Senate and House. The bill will correct the Commonwealth’s 25 year old education funding formula by implementing the recommendations of the 2015 bipartisan Foundation Budget Review Commission, co-chaired by Sen. Chang-Díaz. The commission found that the state was underfunding K-12 education by over $1 billion per year, disproportionately on the backs of low-income students.

The Student Opportunity Act, first released by the Education Committee in September, includes all five of the commission’s recommendations, including the full low-income rate. It also incorporates additional fixes from the Education PROMISE Act, filed by Sen. Chang-Díaz and Reps. Aaron Vega & Mary Keefe. The PROMISE Act was backed by a broad coalition of students, teachers, parents, superintendents, school committees, civil rights groups, business leaders, legislators, and experts from across the state.

At a press conference in January, the coalition called for 2019 passage of all five FBRCC recommendations, including and especially the low-income rate. If signed into law in 2019, the Student Opportunity Act will meet all of the coalition’s criteria.

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Dear Dog Lady,

We have a wonderful, multi-breed mutt named Scooby who is almost two years old. We have completed puppy school, and, except for wanting to chase every squirrel he can see, he is a very good and very smart puppy.

However, he has one very bad habit and I’d love some advice. I am a working mom and wake up at approximately 5:30 a.m. every day to head into the city. My husband used to have to work until 10:00 a.m. so he tends to stop up later. The issue is, when hubby comes to bed and lays down, the dog wants to play. He stands on top of him, tries to push him up with his nose,nibbles, whines, and does everything possible to get hubby’s attention. There are usually two or three minutes of pushing, "no" and "get down" before Scooby finally gets the message and goes to bed.

This wouldn’t be a big deal if it didn’t wake me up every night, and then I’m struggling to fall back asleep. Hubby tries to take him out for one more walk before bed to tire him out but we need new ideas.

-- Lori

Dear Lori,

You need a designated bed for Scooby, a

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undertake food costs and then prepare and serve a nutritious meal to approximately 150 women, with our assistance. All volunteers must be 12 or older. Catering was a group is the easiest way to volunteer with several people. Review available dates or request a date. Please note that catering groups are limited to 5 people on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Support Rosie’s Place with an event

Consider making Rosie’s Place the beneficiary of your community event or holiday gathering.

Send holiday cards

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Give to Rosie’s Place

Support our vital programs and services for 12,000 women each year with a one-time gift or monthly donation that funds our work year-round.

WBUR’s “A Christmas Carol”

On Monday, December 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Omni Parker House, Boston.

On December 2, 1867, Charles Dickens began his first American reading tour of A Christmas Carol in Boston. Join us at the Omni Parker House, the historic site of Dickens’ first performance, on Monday, December 16 for a special reading of this timeless holiday tale by your favorite WBUR radio personalities: Meghna Chakrabarti, Tiziana Dorrizzi, Jack Lepiarz, Bob Oakes and Rhbin Young.

Celebrate the 175th anniversary of this annual WBUR event and support the women of Rosie’s Place with your ticket purchase. Holiday cookies and hot cocoa will be provided during intermission. Rosie’s Place holiday cards and jewelry from the Women’s Craft Cooperative will also be available for purchase — just in time for final holiday shopping! We can’t wait to see you at the event!

For more information on how you can help, visit http://www.rosiesplace.org/
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America, and includes visits with Santa, holiday performances, tree lightings, and more.

The Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment is committed to producing fun and free public events for Bostonians and visitors to the City. For more information, please call 617-635-3911, or visit the Tourism website, or follow @VisitBostonCity on Twitter.

Below are the stops for Saturday, December 7 ONLY. Visit the city’s website for the full schedule:
1:45 p.m. - Hyde Square, Jamaica Plain
2:15 p.m. - JFK Monument, Jamaica Plain
3:30 p.m. - Blandford Street, Mission Hill
4:15 p.m. - Bolingbroke Building, Roxbury
5:30 p.m. - Blackstone Square, South End

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Sunday, December 8
Holiday Lights of Boston
3:30 – 8:00 pm
Boston Public Garden

Saturday, December 14
Toys 4 Tots 11th Annual Gala
7 - 11 pm
the 11th annual Toys 4 Tots Gala.
This event helps raise tens of thousands of dollars worth of toys for local children in need this holiday season.

Last year the organization was able to extend their generosity to migrant children in detention camps right here in Massachusetts. Please consider attending or sponsoring this noble event.

Sunday, December 15
Holiday Lights of Boston
3:30 – 8:00 pm
Boston Public Garden

Tuesday, December 17
Ward 4 Denn Holiday Party 2019
Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee
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perfect mix.

Right from the start of the latest effort by talented playwright Romi Noone ("Frenzied" and "The Atheist"), gifted veteran actor Billy Meleady presents a fast-paced 70-minute show as the unscrupulous title bartender on fictional New England island Aundy and novice writer turned bar Joe Finnegan.

Under Noone's own sharp direction, Meleady—moving fluidly throughout Adam Hawkins' strong brick and stone scenic design with a long staircase descending to the bar itself—details Finnegan's exploits to the audience, who instantly become tavern patrons.

Tim may be a smooth-talking rogue—especially thanks to Noone's humorous and impressively rhymed dialogue. Yet he does rate sympathy as an Irish immigrant/husband-father trying to provide substantive income for his family and fulfill aspirations as a promising short story writer (with a submission accepted by the Paris Review) and would-be novelist.

Agile and versatile Meleady easily makes Timothy's bumbling, lovable, and humorous side a neat consequence vivid with highly expressive body language. His fingers seem to beck a path around him, enough to playing the violin of a Yeshiva Memphian or Dzhok Peshman.

The music of Meleady's fingers and Noone's poetic writing—for example, a description of Finnegan sneaking over like a soldier in-Afghanistan—orchestrate the personal and ambiguous odyssey of the play's wily bartender as well as for being unhurried about the precarious state of the failed American dream.

A proponent of that dream, Finnegan candidly submits, "You do what you need to do to be what you want to be." Noone may not be glorifying his character's darker methods and motives, but "the smuggler" does bring welcome attention to the proverbial rock and hard place that threatens to crush both documented and undocumented American workers.

No parent pays money to a prestigious university in the 2018 play "Administrators," but Joshua Harmon's Drama Desk-worthy rates very high marks for its insight about white privilege, in particular and inconsistent liberalism in general. Parents Sherri and Bill Manso (the former Jewish and the latter white Anglo-Saxon Protestant) have much admitting to do about their readiness to use their own position and clout—the former as head of admissions and the latter as headmaster of a New Hampshire prep school named Hillcrest—to help their son Charlie to gain entrance to Yale after he has failed to obtain early admission.

SpeakEasy Stage Company artistic director Paul Daignault skillfully captures both the serious implications and the edgy humor of Harmon's savvy dramedy. The SpeakEasy cast is sharp as a first-rate college application essay. Maureen Keller handles all of Sherri's high-mindedness in judging the catalogue of efforts of college: Roberta, placed with convincing defiance by Cheryl McMillan. She does equally well capturing Sherri's inner conflict as a parent.

Michael Kaye effectively matches her waning academic and personal concerns as Bill. Marianna Bassham as Sherri's best friend Connie—who is the mother of a bisexuality-admission honoree—nails her hurt and friction about college and privilege threatens their friendship.

Best of all is Boston University student Nathan Malin as Charlie in a terrific SpeakEasy debut. Malin catches Charlie's understandable tension about his principles and his parents' questionable ethics. His extended tirade is a showstopper in its natural feeling.

Consider "Administrators" an early admissions candidate for 2019's best list.

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