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World AIDS Day 2022 message acknowledges inequalities

By Rev. Irene Monroe
Contributing Writer

Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day! With the COVID pandemic foremost on the minds of many, HIV/AIDS seems like a distant problem. A POZ Poll asked its readers, "Are you participating in any World AIDS Day 2022 events?" On 11/28, when I responded to the poll questions, 20% said "yes," 20% said "I don't know," and 60% said "no."

In 1988, the World Health Organization designated the day to pause and reflect on the magnitude of the devastating effect this disease continues to have on domestic and global communities. Much of the focusstill is on developing countries. However, African Americans are still disproportionately affected by the HIV epidemic. And the epidemic is heavily concentrated in urban enclaves like Boston, Detroit, New York, Newark, Washington, D.C., and the Deep South.

In February, on National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2022, "Poz" reported that according to AIDSVu.org, African Americans in 2019 made up 43 percent of new HIV cases and comprised roughly 12- 13 percent of the U.S. population. This

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SEBA Announces South End Holiday Stroll

Submitted by SEBA

The South End Business Alliance (SEBA) is sponsoring the annual South End Holiday Stroll with events scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, December 3-4, and shopping nights on Wednesday and Thursday, December 7 and 8.

Many non-profits, neighborhood organizations and the business community will also be celebrating the South End that weekend.

Events scheduled so far (check www.sebaboston.com for updates):

South End Holiday Stroll Week

Visit over 150 businesses in the South End of Boston. SEBA is working with Wally's Cafe Jazz Club to have music throughout the district.

Saturday, December 3

Blackstone Franklin Square Neighborhood Assoc. Annual Wreath & Tree Sale Blackstone Square on Washington Street

Santa will be there. Pre-order your Tree and Wreath here! https://blackstonefranklintreesale.square.site/

10am - 2pm

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South End Soccer will be selling hot chocolate & hot cider in a

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OBITUARY

Lorin Douglas

Submitted by Alison Barnet

Lorin Douglas—also known as Calvin—recently passed away. He was 83.

Growing up on Camden Street, he often played at Carter Playground and was well-known at Charlie's Sandwich Shoppe in the South End as the "Turkey Hash Kid."

Although he dropped out of school early on, he learned to read from a friend who liked books and showed him the importance of reading. He became an avid reader. For example, he went out of his way to find me after he liked an article I wrote. We began sharing stories of "When the South End was the South End," as he liked to say. I was impressed with his amazing memory and accuracy. Sometimes I'd check something he told me and always found he was right.

He was an early practitioner of martial arts. Although not a member of the Nation of Islam, he was be-

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The Salvation Army provides 2,000 Thanksgiving meals across Boston



The Salvation Army's Echelon young professionals group sorting and packaging over 350 Thanksgiving meals.

By South End News Staff

The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division distributed Thanksgiving meals at multiple Boston locations, including the non-profit's Boston Kroc and South End Corps. More than

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Thanksgiving at Pine Street Inn



U.S. Senator Ed Markey, Pine Street Inn President & Executive Director Lyndia Downie, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, and Boston Bruins Defenseman Charlie McAvoy. Photo by John Rich.

By South End News Staff

On Thanksgiving day, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, U.S. Senator Ed Markey, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, and the Boston Bruins Defenseman Charlie McAvoy visited the Pine Street Inn to

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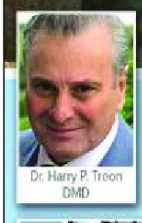
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Salvation Army

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2,000 Thanksgiving food baskets were distributed to help those in need enjoy a traditional holiday meal at home with their families. The care boxes included a 13 to 15-pound turkey with all the fixings. Thousands more are being distributed statewide.



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SEBA

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few locations on sidewalks.

Cathedral High School Holiday Gift Pop-Up Store
Washington St & Union Park Street
11am-7pm.

Toy Drive
Sponsored by Berkshire Bank, 1320 Washington Street
Toys can also be drop off at Berkshire Bank until 12/15/2022

Holy Cross Cathedral Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Flowers Sale
400 Washington Street
Petting zoo and an organ concert inside the church.

Mayor's Office Trolley Tour with Santa
Blackstone Square on Washington Street
5:30pm

Sunday, December 4

South End Businesses and Artists Holiday Gift Pop-Up Store
1365 Washington Street.
Saturday 11am-7pm, Sunday 12n-6pm

Wednesday, December 7

The Annual South End Shopping Night
4-7pm

SOWA Holiday Winter Festival : Power Station on Harrison Ave
Wednesday-Sunday November 30-Dec.
https://www.sowaboston.com/sowa-winter-festival/
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Sundays: 10am – 9pm
Wednesdays and Thursdays: 4pm–9pm.
Cost: $10 at the door, card only. There are no pre-sale tickets.

Lorin Douglas

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friended by Ella Collins and spent time with Malcolm X's nephew Rodnell. In 1964 he and Rodnell painted 72 Dale Street in Roxbury. And he taught Arabic at the Sarah A. Little School in Chester Square.

In 1955, he worked in maintenance at the Huntington YMCA and then for 16 years at Harvard libraries. "There was almost no place you couldn't get a job back then," he said.

He lived at quite a few South End addresses: Worcester, Tremont, and West Springfield Streets, and then for 15 years at 507 Mass. Ave. before arthritis in his left hip forced him into a "power chair" and a move to the Frederick Douglass House on Tremont Street where he recently died.

Woman on display

The Chinese Lady, Central Square Theater in partnership with CHUANG Stage at Central Square Theater, Cambridge, through December 11. 617-576-8278 or centralsquaretheater.org



Sophorl Ngin in "The Chinese Lady". Photo: Nile Scott Studios.

BY JULES BECKER
Contributing Writer

Racism has taken many faces and forms in America. The repeated exploitation of Native Americans tribes and the 1619-starting enslavement of African-Americans are well-documented and studied in many schools. The beginnings of racist treatment of Chinese-Americans may be much less well-known. A recent Lloyd Suh play entitled "The Chinese Lady" (2018)—focused on the first known Chinese native to arrive in America—should rightly bring greater attention to anti-Chinese racism. Central Square Theater and CHUANG Stage—the first Mandarin-English bilingual bicultural theater company nationwide—have partnered to produce this striking and beautifully staged fact-inspired look at a 19th century Chinese teenager placed at the center of a profitable stereotype-rich touring exhibition.

The teenager in question is 14 year old Guangzhou (formerly Canton City) native Afong Moy, bought from her father and brought to New York City in 1834 by brother merchants Nathaniel and Frederic Caine in order to call business attention to their Chinese goods. Creating a kind of very large museum display room with Afong Moy dressed in an ornate silk outfit—kudos to costume designer Sandra Zhihan Jia—on a kind of throne chair and assistant Atung also serving as translator, the Caines had her proceed to make Chinese tea, eat with chopsticks, explain her country's social practices and walk around with bound feet. For this unusual exhibition they initially charged adults 25 cents and children 10 cents (with admission repeatedly rising over the course of two decades).

"The Chinese Lady" artfully begins with Atung stage left opening a ceiling-high stage-wide curtain to reveal that exhibition—elegant yet smartly spare with furniture (that the Caines hope will lead to customers for their own merchandise) and a flower-filled vase in Qingan Zhang's design—in which Afong sits as a kind of faux cultural centerpiece waiting to fulfill the Caines' demands. In a room unlike any in China at that time, Moy declares "My entire life is a performance." As she speaks, the Central Square Theater audience—and any audience for that matter—effectively become the attendees at the exhibition. Mention is made of a 40 week tour to 15 cities including Boston and such cities as Baltimore, Philadelphia and San Francisco.

In a tellingly ironic moment, Moy envisions the possibility of a 14 year-old white counterpart on display in China and being like Atung. Even so, she speaks of the young translator as "irrelevant" and considers the relatively stoic assistant passive aggressive. Throughout the 90-minute, no-intermission play, the openings and closings of the curtain—accompanied by Asian music–separate Moy's 'performances.' One particularly haunting scene finds President Andrew Jackson—now rightly vilified for his actions against Cherokee Native Americans—creepily inspecting and touching Moy's right bound foot. Gradually the set becomes barer as though symbolizing the eventual decline in popularity of the exhibition (1850 the last recorded display). Later P.T. Barnum demeans Moy still further in his own show.

As the years go by, Moy becomes understandably subdued and the play includes a disturbing timeline with rising anti-Chinese action. The escalating hatred results in the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act–the only legislation passed against one race or ethnic group—which lasts until 1943. Under Sarah Shin's strong direction, Sophorl Ngin as Afong artfully moves from naivete and hope to a growing understanding of the ways in which she has been exploited. Along the way she beautifully captures Moy's regal bearing, her disarming simplicity and her evolving attitude towards Atung. By contrast, Jae Woo sharply understates Atung's reservations about his work and the exhibition itself. Woo's terrific breakout moment occurs as Atung casts caution to the wind and describes a wild dream of loving women and overpowering men.

Do Americans—and by extension all people—often create boxes of stereotypes about people who are different from them? In this light, "The Chinese Lady" is a clever cautionary tale as well as a timely eye-opener.

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To center emotional intelligence in early childhood ed

SUBMITTED BY ELLIS EARLY LEARNING

BOSTON (Nov. 16, 2022) – Recognizing that emotional competence is foundational to learning, Ellis Early Learning today announced that it has partnered with Housman Institute to implement the begin to ECSEL (Emotional, Cognitive and Social Early Learning) Educator Training Program in the Ellis community. Ellis will be the Lab School for Housman Institute, where the efficacy of the program and impact on emotional regulation and learning outcomes will be continuously reviewed and supported.

The program will embed professional development intended to support and strengthen the emotional intelligence skills of caregivers – not just for their own mental health, well-being and job satisfaction, but so that they can model, teach and foster these same skills in children.

"Effective social emotional learning is critical to positive outcomes in early childhood and beyond," said Lauren Cook, CEO of Ellis Early Learning. "We are excited to partner with Housman Institute to place emotional understanding and regulation at the center of our community. In doing so, we are laying the foundation of emotional intelligence so that optimal learning can occur."

This partnership will serve as a model for the nation on what is optimal for providing a strong foundation for children's mental health, well-being and learning during the critical years of children's brain development. Numerous reports show increased learning loss, developmental delays and behavioral concerns since the start of the pandemic.

"It's now more important than ever that we support our youngest children, when their brains are most malleable, and educators as they face unprecedented stresses," said Dr. Donna Housman, Founder of Housman Institute. "Our youth are in the midst of a mental health crisis. By making social-emotional learning central to overall learning, we can improve educators' and children's mental health, as well as academic outcomes."

Peer-reviewed research demonstrates the efficacy of the begin to ECSEL program in promoting children's mental health and learning by using everyday emotional situations to teach young children and caregivers appropriate strategies for managing feelings, behavior, and thinking.

BPL needs your opinion

On the temporary South End Library services

SUBMITTED BY FOSEL

The Friends of the South End Library (FOSEL) is partnering with the Boston Public Library (BPL) to determine which temporary library services are needed most while the South End Library remains closed for the next couple of years. Please take the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/9QQLDDV .

The South End branch has been shuttered since May after a catastrophic basement flood destroyed the building's infrastructure. Instead of repairing the library, Mayor Michelle Wu, BPL, and our elected leaders have agreed to move directly into an accelerated process for a capital project to rebuild the branch with more space for our growing community. The goal for this process is a new library at the end of 2024.

To support the South End's during this loss of library services, the BPL has committed to providing temporary services needed most. We need to know which services are most urgent to South End residents and which locations make the most sense. Please complete this survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/9QQLDDV or use the QR code so that the BPL can take your opinions into account. It usually takes less than 5 minutes to complete. In the upper right-hand corner of the first page, you can click on the English drop-down menu which offers Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese versions.

For further information, please contact BPL's Director of Neighborhood Services, Priscilla Foley, at pfoley@bpl.org

Holiday Package Delivery Tips

SUBMITTED BY BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Between last-minute online shoppers and long-distance gift givers, it's no secret that the Holiday Season is a peak time for package deliveries, but the increase in activity also makes it a busy time for package thieves.

The Boston Police Department would like to offer some safety tips to ensure that packages end up in the right hands this holiday season.

- Make arrangements with relatives if you know they won't be home when shipping them a package. Arrange for packages to be shipped to a location where someone will be available to receive them—such as a relative's home or a work address—or leave special instructions for the carrier to leave the package with a neighbor or in another secure location.
- Don't assume that common hallways and back doors are "secure" locations. If the door is unlocked and accessible by those who do not reside there, it's still a vulnerable location.
- The United States Post Office (USPS) offers special delivery instructions which can be submitted online via the USPS website. Be sure to read them before shipping packages.
- Ask that mail carriers post a notice that a package is available for pickup at the local post office instead of leaving it unattended.
- UPS drivers are trained to leave packages in places that are away from public sight and inclement weather, and customers can submit detailed delivery instructions online for where they'd like delivery items to be left in the event they aren't home to receive them.
- Customers can choose to have their UPS packages shipped to a specific UPS Store location. A notification will be sent via text message or e-mail when they've arrived and are ready for pickup.
- FedEx offers a "signature for delivery" option. Choosing this option would mean a person would need to sign for the package and it would never be left unattended.
- FedEx Packages can also be shipped to FedEx Office stores, and customers even have the option to go online and redirect a package to a store while it is en route.
- Taking advantage of the security options offered by the carriers will help ensure packages are not easy targets for thieves. If you or someone you know has been victimized by this type of crime, please report the incident to the Boston Police Department. If you see criminal activity taking place, or are in need of police assistance, always call 9-1-1.

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Pine Street Inn

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carve and serve turkeys, and deliver pies and socks to guests of the Inn.

For some, this is the first Thanksgiving in many years that they have spent in a home.

Pine Street's outreach teams will also deliver holiday meals to individuals on the streets.

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Pine Street Inn President & Executive Director Lyndia Downie with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. Photo by John Rich.



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D/B/A BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO THE SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL PLAN,

PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56, REGARDING PARCEL 7 LOCATED AT 41 BERKELEY STREET; SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD, BOSTON

Public Notice is hereby given that the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency will consider at its scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2022, starting at 3:30 P.M., via Zoom, which meeting can be viewable at this link: bit.ly/3gvuysr a proposed modification to the Land Use and Building Requirements in the South End Urban Renewal Plan, Mass. R-56 regarding Parcel 7, (located at 41 Berkeley Street, in the South End Neighborhood).

Presently, the use requirements of the Plan allow for "Institutional" uses on Parcel 7 and it is now being proposed to be modified to include "Institutional, Residential Uses, Health Care Uses, Retail/Commercial Uses, Community Uses, Existing or Start-up Business or Not-For-Profit Affordable Cultural Uses, and Parking Uses".

This Public Notice is being provided in accordance with a certain "Conciliation Agreement" by and among the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the BRA and others, dated as of January 16, 2001.

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means that African Americans were 8.4 times more likely to contract the HIV infection compared to whites, according to The Office of Minority Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Massachusetts is a world-renowned medical hub known for its HIV/AIDS research and support systems, but the outcomes are equally grim. In 2019, according to a UMass Chan Medical School report titled "Burden of HIV & AIDS amongst the Black Community in Massachusetts…." African Americans comprise 7.3 percent of the population but represent 32 percent of people newly diagnosed with HIV. This means that the rate of African American males living with HIV is 5.2 times of Whites males, and the rate of African American females living with HIV is 22.7 times that of white females. African Americans who contract HIV are more likely to die from it than members of other racial groups.

But this data doesn't reflect the wave of recent African diasporic immigrants of the last decade coming from the Caribbean Islands and the Motherland. This demographic group is overwhelmingly underreported and underserved—for fear of not only deportation but also of homophobic insults and assaults from their communities.

In 2022, why is HIV/AIDS still an overwhelmingly Black disease in the United States?

There are many persistent social and economic determinants contributing to the high rates of the epidemic in the African American community—poverty, homelessness, health care disparity, industrial prison complex, and violence, to name a few. And while we know that the epidemic moves along the fault lines of race, class, gender and sexual orientation, homophobia, stigma, and the Black Church continue to be barriers to ending the AIDS epidemic. However, the most significant obstacle is systemic racism.

"I would not expect anything other than the data quoted. No matter what is being measured in America, you already know who will fare worse Systems in America are designed to have this outcome, "said Dr. Thea James of Boston Medical Center, my spouse.

In 2021, The CDC declared racism a serious public health threat and its impact on health outcomes. World Aids Day 2021, the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (2022–2025) was released, bringing shockwaves to people of color with its goal to center people living with HIV and address racism.

"The Strategy recognizes racism as a public health threat that directly affects the well-being of millions of Americans," the strategy states. "Over generations, these structural inequities have resulted in racial and ethnic health disparities that are severe, far-reaching, and unacceptable."

The UNAIDS 2022 theme is "Putting Ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV."

I hope the Poz Poll is incorrect and that many will participate in a World Aids Day event. But I feel assured that no matter who does or doesn't participate on that day, Black Lives living with HIV/AIDS are beginning to matter.

"We can end AIDS – if we end the inequalities which perpetuate it. This World AIDS Day, we need everyone to get involved in sharing the message that we will all benefit when we tackle inequalities," says UNAIDS Executive Director Winnie Byanyima. "To keep everyone safe, to protect everyone's health, we need to Equalize."

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. SU19P2624EA

Estate of: Blanche Estella Spann
Date of Death: 10/05/2019

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
PO Box 9667
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300

To all interested persons: A petition has been filed by: **Ira H Grolman of Boston, MA** requesting allowance of the First and Final account(s) as Personal Representative and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 12/13/2022.

This is NOT a hearing date but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 09, 2022 ***Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate***

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Docket No. SU22P2588GD

In the matter of: **Pedro Brito Castro**
Of: **Boston, MA**

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Pedro Brito Castro** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that **Maria Geraldino Rosario of Boston, MA** (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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Boston, MA 02114

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/16/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: November 18, 2012 ***Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate***

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

In the Estate of: Maureen A Shea
Date of Death: September 20, 2022

Docket No. SU22P2370EA

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Michael J Shea of Portsmouth NH a will has been admitted to informal probate. Michael J Shea of Portsmouth NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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