MLK Day of Action
There are times when you must take a stand

By Lee Streinhaeuser
St. Stephen's Youth Program

In a country increasingly divid-
ed by race, war, and wealth, people are desperately seeking leadership that speaks of love. This intersection of issues is not only what we are fac-
ing in Boston in 2020, it is also what the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was facing when he stepped to the podium in Atlanta to give his 1967 speech often called, “The Three Evils of Society.”
King addressed the chal-

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BMC Turns TEDx

Submitted by BMC

TEDxBeaconStreet hosted its first healthcare-focused event on January 7 on the Boston Medical Center and Boston University School of Medicine campus—a hub of Boston’s medical innovation. With a group of 15 world-class speakers from around the country, the forum highlighted new perspectives and innovative ways to tackle the healthcare crisis. From policy reform and economic impact to a focus on what it means to be a patient and the social determinants of health at the

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The Cake needs more time in the oven

The Cake
Lyric Stage Company of Boston, through February 9. 617-986-4826 or lyricstage.com

By Jules Becker

Is baking an art? Certainly legends like Jacques Pepin and the late great Julia Child would wholeheartedly say that it is. Perhaps Della, the fictional practitioner in the Bekah Brunstetter play “The Cake”—now in its Boston debut at the Lyric Stage Company of Boston—would agree. The owner of

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ASK DOG LADY

Advice on Pets, Life, Love

By Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,

Good morning! Have you read your column and have a different slant on the woman who walks with

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Dog Lady
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Dear Clay,

Thank you for your letter, which is a great topic to start the New Year— even if you disagree with "Ask Dog Lady" for the mildred advisers. Dog Lady dispensed wise dealing with a walking friend who does not pick up after her dog. Actually, Dog Lady realises her initial response should have been stronger and files your “tale of two paws” approach. Dog Lady would only add this: Pick up always and always pick up with biodegradable bag so we don’t pollute the planet with dog poop wrapped in plastic. Dog Lady uses BioBags, a very good degradeable bag brand available through chewy.com.

Dear Dog Lady,

My parents have a Sheepoo (cross between a poodle and a Shih Tzu) that has these humps on her. The vet says these are veins that burst. This doesn’t seem right. These humps are small and circular they break open and bleed. She is groomed regularly and they have tried switching her food thinking that it is the food also and one of those dogs that are dander-less. My parents do give her human food once in a while. Any thoughts on what this may be?

— Eliza

Dear Eliza,

Shouldn’t the dog be called a Shihpoo? Actually, if you have to write "Ask Dog Lady" about bleeding bumps on a cute little dog, you are barking up the wrong tree. Dog Lady is not a vet nor does she play one in any medium. You need to steer your parents to a new veterinarian pronto. Also, tell them to stop giving human food immediately. Find dog food that is anti-allergic. Dog Lady recommends two brands: Solid Gold and Nulo’s Organic. There are others, of course, but these two are dependably good. This little dog needs an intervention. You're in a great position to help.

Dog Lady

Dear Dog Lady,

The other day, I was sitting at Starbucks and overheard a woman urging her friend to "walk your inner dog." That got me thinking. Do all of us have inner dogs? If so, what are they telling us?

— Betty

Dear Betty,

Naturally, we all have inner dogs. (Can we what would Dog Lady say?) These inner dogs tell us to finish everything in our bowl, sniff out possibilities, keep at the moment, and leave our mark all over the world. To “walk your inner dog” means to step out into the world confidently and happily, although “unleash your inner dog” sounds a more exultant note. And this reminds Dog Lady to wish “Happy New Year” to all dear readers.

Write: askdoglady@gmail.com.

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In the matter of Mary Louise O'Brien & Barbara O'Brien, Petitioners, Petitioners.

On March 15, 2020, the Petitioners filed a petition in Probate and Family Court, Suffolk County, for the appointment of a guardian for the incapacitated person, Mary Louise O'Brien & Barbara O'Brien. The Petitioners are the mother and daughter of the incapacitated person. The Petitioners are seeking the appointment of a guardian to manage the affairs of the incapacitated person.

On January 4, 2021, the Petitioners filed a petition in Probate and Family Court, Suffolk County, for the appointment of a guardian for the incapacitated person, Mary Louise O'Brien & Barbara O'Brien. The Petitioners are the mother and daughter of the incapacitated person. The Petitioners are seeking the appointment of a guardian to manage the affairs of the incapacitated person.

For more information, visit the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court website at probateguide.mass.gov.

WITNESS, Hon. Helen J. Dene, First Justice of the Court.

Dear: January 4, 2021

Felix R. Araujo, Registrar of Probate

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The Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at DH Police Station, 2nd Floor Community Room, 650 Harrison Avenue.

AGENDA

Join us for our next general business meeting. Bring your friends and neighbors, and participate in the discussion. Our agenda will include the following:

7:00 p.m. Welcome and announcements (BSFNA board)
7:10 p.m. Record keeping (Matt Mues) - Treasurer's Report

Cake

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Della’s Sweeties—well-detailed and viscidly designed by Matt Whiton—would certainly insist that no novice baker make sure to stir all of the ingredients as she does and follow the directions.

Much as there are several fine elements in director Courtney O’Connor’s well-conceived Lyric Stage effort, the lesbian couple’s wedding cake centerpiece needs a stronger consistency and more to say about the intersection of love and understanding with that baking.

Inspired by a case involving a baker’s unwillingness to create such a wedding cake, Brummett (“This Is Us’s”) 2015 play properly presents its four characters—the couple Jen and Mary, and Della and her former husband Tim—as characters rather than types. Della in particular possesses a degree of unaffected charm that sometimes offsets her Christian fundamentalism-based bigotry. Speaking about her showcased Noah’s Ark cake, she points to what she claims are dinosaurs. She also naively believes that her connection could conquer ISIS where armies and governments struggle to do so. Meanwhile she hopes to join the Great American Bake Off and assure its (beard but unseen) resume guide (think of his counterpart on the Great British Baking Show).

Ultimately, though, Della’s greatest challenge is to let go of the cake that Jen—the daughter of her best friend—would likely for her upcoming wedding to African-American Macy. While the dressmaker baker claims “I don’t see color,” the unapologetically does have a serious problem with sexual orientation as does Tim—who admits he “can’t pick and choose Bible” when it comes to laws about gays. At this point, an alliance in the play to Solom and Corpora would have done well to bring in the city’s “Mars/Cars 2.0” initiative to address the challenges of homelessness and addiction in the South End, including heightened services for people affected by better mitigation of public safety and quality of life impacts on residents. As always, questions and comments will be welcome.

Note: The City of Boston’s Mars/Cars Task Force (an advisory group to the City, representing services providers, institutional stakeholders and residents) in the South End (Newmarket and environs) had its first session in December and will meet monthly going forward. BSFNA has a seat on this panel and we’ll pass along some highlights of any questions or concerns they’d like raised there.

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students will be sorting through donations for the school’s companion closet of clothes, food, and hygiene products. College students will be painting murals with inspirational messages on walls and canopies. By the end of the day, there will be many more images of the school’s mascot, Shwaminth the Shark, around the hallways of the school.

The Blackstone’s Family and Community Engagement Coordinator, Lauren Blomde, sees how this day builds a sense of community: love and encourage participants to bring to life our school’s guiding principle of Ubuntu, which means ‘I am because you are.’ We are all connected because we value equality and we want our students to succeed,” said Blomde. “We are honoring King’s legacy with what we will do on this day,” she added.

Recently, it became public that BPS has hired the information of more than 130 students with Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE), jeopardizing these young people’s safety and futures. To help our schools be safe havens for students, trainers will be asking participants to sign and spread a petition that will ask BPS to have clear communication with families before their information is shared with the Boston Police Department, which often leads to reports to ICE. The petition also requests more training for administrators and Boston School Police, among other demands. The petition can be found at bit.ly/NoICEinBPS

St. Stephen’s Youth Programs Teen Organizer Nikita Jean-Charles is among those excited to be part of the MLK Day of Action. She believes caring for students by making their classrooms sparkle is one of the right things to do. So is taking a stand to protect immigrant students.

“I want to surround myself with a community that is ready to learn and spread peace the way King taught," said Jean-Charles. "I want to be part of the new generation of leaders, educating others to build a better future and continuing the fight for civil rights.”

To join this community of leaders at the MLK Day of Action, which starts at 9:30am at the Blackstone Elementary School, 580 Shawmut Avenue, sign up at tinyurl.com/sypmlk2020. For more information, contact hwilson@boston.org.

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