MLK Day of Action

There are times when you must take a stand

BY LEE STEINHAUSER
St. Stephen's Youth Program

In a country increasingly divided by race, war, and wealth, people are desperately seeking leadership that speaks of love. This intersection of issues is not only what we are facing 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 challenge of overcoming the "malice of poverty" and the "evil of war," and warned that a "third evil" could arise from "the cancerous growth of segregation." Today, we must continue to fight against these evils and work toward a more just society.

Volunteers improve the library at the Blackstone School during the 2019 MLK Day of Action

The Cake needs more time in the oven

BY JULIETTE BECKER

The Cake Lyric Stage Company of Boston, through February 9. 617-586-5978 or lyricstage.com

The Cake—is now in its Boston debut at the Lyric Stage Company of Boston—would agree. The owner of the Beaux Brummlette play "The Cake"—now in its Boston debut at the Lyric Stage Company of Boston—would agree. The owner of the Beaux Brummlette play "The Cake"—now in its Boston debut at the Lyric Stage Company of Boston—would agree.

BMC Turns TEDx

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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.

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Dog Lady
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Dear Clar,

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 widows advice Dog Lady dispensed when dealing with a walking friend who does not pick up after her dog. Actually, Dog Lady realizes her initial response should have been stronger and files your "take me prisoner" approach. Dog Lady would only add this: Pick up always and always pick up with a 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 Sheepo (cross between a poodle and a Shih Tzu) that has these bumps on her. The vet says these are very itchy. She does not seem right. These bumps are small and circular as they break open and bleed. She is grooming regularly and they have tried washing her food thinking that it is the same 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 called a Shihpoo? Actually, if you have to write "Ask Dog Lady" about blisters bumps on a cute little dog, you are hanging 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 your veterinarian. Also, tell them to stop giving her human food immediately. Find dog food that is anti-allergenic. Dog Lady recommends two brands: Solid Gold and Newman’s Own Organics. There are others, of course, but these are two that are dependable good. This little dog needs an intervention. You’re in a great position to help.

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? So far, what are they telling us?

— Betty

Dear Betty,

Naturally, we all have inner dogs. (C’mon what else would Dog Lady say?) These inner dogs tell us to finish everything in our bowl, nulla 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 dogger” sounds a more exclaimant note. And this reminds Dog Lady of wish “Happy New Year” to all dear readers.

Write: askingdolady@gmail.com.

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L.C. §198B, §3-304
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Probate and Family Court

In the matter of Mary Solomon
61 Boston, MA

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Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by CMU/OO Office of General Counsel of Andover, Inc. in the above named matter alleging that Mary Solomon is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Ms/Mrs/OO Office of General Counsel of Andover, Inc. (or some other suitably person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Security as the same.

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Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association

The Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood Association General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the 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 (BFSNA board).

7:10 p.m. Record keeping (Matt Macs), Treasurer's Report.

7:15 p.m. Public Safety update (BFD and Jonathan Álvarez).

7:20 p.m. Introducing the Alexandria-Ball Neighborhood Association. The "Alexandria-Ball Neighborhood Association" is a brand new organization formed to advocate for residents living on the other side of Mass Ave, from us, in the area bounded by Harrison and St Neuman avenues and over to Ball Street (next to Jim Rice Field) and the area of the Boston Water & Sewer Commission building. ABNA representatives will talk about concerns and issues in that part of the neighborhood and we will discuss shared priorities.

7:35 p.m. Update from the City on "Marz/ Cass 2.0" (Chief Marty Martinez). City of Boston Health & Human Services Chief Marty Martinez will be back to discuss progress to bring in the cities' clear threat of strangers as a factor in striking the usual homophobia explanation.

Breadletter does provide balance with considerable dialogue about both Jen's complicated family dynamics and Macy's back story. As the wedding day approaches, though, the promising and Della's decision-making seems less convincing. Is Della really open to change? Does Tim's surprise for Della constitute genuine and accurate thoughts on predictable devices? Notwithstanding, cake, can there be a real understanding between Della and Meg if the latter fears that the former hates her? These questions are likely to prove nagging for some theatergoers.

Under director O'Connor's careful guidance, there should be no question that the pacing is sharp and the cast finds its feet. Karen MacDonell-always one of the Holy's premiere actresses—is a true standout. In body language and accent as well as a blend of family eating and chucklehead, she proves commandingly watchable as a kind of flawed Everywoman. Fred Silverman, Jr. has all of Tim's judgmental posture and coarseness. As master performers, they improve upon the couple's otherwise somewhat conventional bedroom scenes. Chelsea Dielich captures Jen's heart as well as her frustrations. Kris Silber makes all of Macy's fun and feeding. Diehl and Silber make all of the naturalness of soon-to-be newlyweds.

Near the end of the play, Della quotes the First Corinthians observation that "Love is always there." In that light, "The Cake" needs stronger structure and more satisfying attention to the title conceit representation.
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cinges of racism, poverty and militarism, saying, “And there are times when you must take a stand that is neither safe nor popular, but you must do it because it is right.”

On Monday, January 21, members of the St. Stephen’s community along with dozens of partner organizations will be following King’s example by taking a stand during their tenth annual MLK Day of Action. Close to 200 volunteers from the South End neighborhood, suburban churches and synagogues, professional groups and non-profit organizations will come together with Blackstone School faculty for a morning of work projects to shower love (and some paint) on the school. There will also be projects to improve St. Stephen’s after-school program space.

Following a brunch of tasty food, stimulating conversations about King’s legacy, and inspirational words from City Councilor Ed Flynn, there will be a teach-in focused on the issues facing by immigrant students in the Boston Public Schools. Trainers from Unafraid Educators and the Student Immigrant Movement will be working with teams from St. Stephen’s, will be equipping participants to work together to ensure immigrant BPS students both feel safe and are safe.

The Blackstone Elementary School is just this sort of loving community, a place where all students feel safe and can focus on learning and academic achievement. This is largely thanks to the dedicated work of the school’s administration, teachers, and staff, many of whom will be coming to the MLK Day of Action on what would otherwise be a day off from work. Teachers and volunteers will be beautifying classrooms. Parents of students will be sorting through donations for the school’s compassion closet of clothes, food, and hygiene products. College students will be painting murals with inspirational messages on walls and canvases. By the end of the day, there will be many more images of the school’s mascot, Shamwani the Shark, around the hallways of the school.

The Blackstone’s Family and Community Engagement Coordinator, Lauren Blonde, sees the day builds a community of love. “MLK Day is an opportunity for volunteers and 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 Blonde. “We are honouring King’s legacy with what we will do on this day,” she added.

Recently, it became public that BPS has shared 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/NotCEInBPS.

St. Stephen’s Youth Programs Team Organizer Nikki 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, 380 Shawmut Avenue, sign up at tinyLeons/ ssypmlk2020. For more information, contact ha@womensboston.org.

To learn more about St. Stephen’s Youth Programs, visit www.sspyboston.org.

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feeling patient outcomes. The event featured speakers from BMC and BUSM as well as from Johns Hopkins, the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and the US Digital Service and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. All talks were recorded and will be shared on the TEDx platform.

**Marty Makary, chief of Johns Hopkins’ liver transplant center and a health policy advocate**

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**Community Meeting**

**PLAN: Nubian Square**

**Nubian Square Workshop**

Monday, January 27
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM
980 Harrison Ave
2nd Floor Training Room
Roxbury, MA 02119

**Event Description**

The January PLAN: Nubian Square workshop will build upon previous PLAN: Nubian workshops and will focus on the Campus High Urban Renewal Plan, which Crescent, Malcolm X & Putnam, and P3 are all a part of. We will discuss the history of the urban renewal plan, how it impacted the area, and how it is discussed in relation to PLAN: Nubian Square. We will also be discussing the urban design guidelines for Crescent Parcel, and Malcolm X and Putnam Parcels.

As with all previous workshops, feedback provided will be taken into consideration for incorporation into the RFP documents. Throughout the evening there will be opportunities for attendees to engage in dialogue with City and BPDA team members, regarding urban renewal and urban design guidelines.

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