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World AIDS Day, December 1

World AIDS Day, designated on December 1 every year since 1988, is dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection, and mourning those who have died of the disease.

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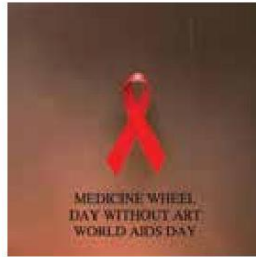
The 26th Medicine Wheel Vigil, Day Without Art

Friday December 1, 2017
Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont Street, Boston.

Vigil begins at 11:30 pm on

Thursday November 30 and runs for the full 24 hours of Friday December 1, ending at Midnight.

In 1987 a small group gathered in a San Francisco storefront to document the lives they feared history would forget. This action served as the beginning of the Names Project, also known as the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Today, 30 years later, over 1000 artists, visual and performing, have re-invested in the power of that action to create a space to hold the human heart, a space to reflect, a space to remember, a space to see who we



can be for ourselves and one another. To honor this anniversary we

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ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

Do dogs really improve your life? I hear that empty bromide all the time but I can only think of life with a dog

as dirty and claustrophobic. When you have a dog, you have to walk it all the time. You can't run away on a moment's notice but must always arrange for the care and feeding of the animal. Also, the money you have to spend on a pet is significant. So, I just don't understand why you are so pro-dog.

—Clarissa

Dear Clarissa,

Hmm. Sometimes, Dog Lady doesn't understand either, mainly because she was so dog-indifferent for much of her life. Thank goodness there was a spiritual sea change. A dog helped Dog Lady stop drinking,

smoking and to start living.

Recently, while reading a newspaper in Maine, Dog Lady came across this headline: "Getting a dog might just save your life, Swedish research says." The story describes how a group of Swedish academics analyzed data from detailed health records of 3.4 million people between the ages of 40 and 80 in that Scandinavian country. After dissecting the data, they reached the inevitable conclusion: Dogs bestow reasons to live. "People in possession of a pooch were less likely to die of cardiovascular

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Cathedral finishes with a winning season

BY PATRICK O'CONNOR

The Panthers ended the season with a Thanksgiving day win over Tech Boston Academy by a score of 28-8 and a record of 10-2. The team won the Division 3/North title championship on November 11, defeating Lynn Tech 20-6. A tough loss to Millis on November 17 in the play-off round ended their hopes of advancing to the super bowl.

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The Cathedral High School Football team on Thanksgiving Day. Photos by Patrick O'Connor



Frank Wood as Orgon and Brett Gelman as Tartuffe in Huntington Theatre Company revival of "Tartuffe" (Photo: T. Charles Erickson)

Tartuffe still fresh

Tartuffe, Huntington Theatre Company, Main Stage, Avenue of the Arts & South End, through December 10. 617-266-0800 or huntingtontheatre.org

BY JULES BECKER

There are religious leaders who manipulate wealthy benefactors or take advantage of innocent young

protégés. To borrow from Moliere, such so-called spiritual mentors virtually throw the Ten Commandments out the proverbial window as they prey on vulnerable disciples.

The great 17th century French playwright's bible-influenced insights in his masterwork "Tartuffe"—first produced in 1664—prove just as telling in an era of sexual abuse at

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Hundreds of volunteers serve at Pine Street

SUBMITTED BY PINE STREET INN

Pine Street Inn, New England's leading organization dedicated to ending homelessness, served nearly 2,000 traditional holiday dinners on

Thanksgiving Day.

With over 200 volunteers supporting the effort throughout the week, Pine Street roasted 74 twenty-

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Photo courtesy Pine Street Inn



Holiday Stroll 2017 Celebrate the South End Streets

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Public Meeting

ROXBURY STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

980 HARRISON AVE
Boston Water and Sewer Commission,
Training Room
Boston, MA 02119

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since last year’s launch of PLAN: Dudley Square the RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on the initiative. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. RSMPOC meetings are held in the evening the first Monday of the month. PLAN: Dudley Square workshops are typically every third Monday of the month, location varies.

Please come join your neighbors and the City of Boston to help shape the future of the neighborhood!

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Dog Lady

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disease or die from any cause during the 12 years covered by the study,” which was published in Scientific Reports.

Researchers explain that increased physical activity on the part of dog keepers contributes to better overall health. Also, the social interaction stemming from having a pet is very beneficial to mental and physical well-being.

Of course, you’re entitled to remain dogless – at your peril.

my fiance who has two dogs (a five-year-old boxer and a two-year-old boxer/bulldog). Sometimes I feel like I am drowning in dogs. We both work eight hours a day and crate the dogs while we are gone. When we come home, they go a little nuts because they are so excited to see us. All three jump around and get a little out of control. Is there any way to control how hyper they get? I know that after being cooped up all day, they can’t really help themselves, but the boxer gets very hyper and almost knocks me over. I think this is dangerous and the behavior is inappropriate. Suggestion?

—Loretta

Dear Dog Lady,

I have a one-year-old Yorkie-poo (Yorkshire terrier/poodle mix). I just moved in with

Dear Loretta,

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Dog Lady

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Use a fraction of your joint income to hire a dog walker who can come in during the day and give all the dogs a walk and a potty break - such a good investment for every living creature. Dog Lady loves crates - and dogs love them too - but, still, asking a dog to stay cooped up for eight hours a day without a break is inhumane. They are dogs, not jail birds. Look for reputable walkers through referrals from neighborhood dog owners, your local pet store or veterinarian's office.

Also, when you and your fiancé come in after a long day at work do not greet the dogs with loud drama. Go about your routines without a word. Let the pets out of their crates silently and matter-of-factly. Later, you can greet them and mush on them. Remember, cranked up human behavior fires up canine engines. Keep it all low key and you won't be knocked over.

Dear Dog Lady,

When is caring for your dog too much? I have a new friend, she has a small nine pound dog. She feeds it chicken, spends thousands

on the veterinarian (the dog passes gas and she panics). She doesn't just sleep with it but kisses it on the mouth constantly. She actually talks to it on terms of thinking there might be an actual conversation to be had. Where's the balance here?

—Dennis

Dear Dennis,

Caring for a dog is too much when humans are excluded. Sounds as if your new lady friend is on the verge of breaking your heart while drowning her dog in attention. Can you be jealous of a nine pound gas passer? It must feel awfully foolish to ask yourself this question.

People lose themselves in passions because they don't want to face up to the real world. Your new lady friend may be babying this dog because she lacks other emotional sustenance. Depends on how patient you are but there may be room for you eventually. When she starts kissing the dog or trying to start an English conversation with her pet, you can make very clear you think such activity is foolish (so does Dog Lady, if it's any comfort). Stick up for yourself with a sense of humor.

Send email to askdoglady@gmail.com.

World AIDS Day

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will be displaying a large section of the AIDS Memorial Quilt during the vigil.

Please bring an offering of remembrance to leave in one of the Medicine Wheel shrines.

Day With(out) Art 2017: Alternate Endings, Radical Beginnings

Boston LGBTQIA Artist Alliance, Friday, December 1 at 12 PM - 4 PM
Marran Theater
34 Mellen St, Cambridge

Boston LGBTQIA Artist Alliance is pleased to partner with Visual AIDS and Queer Lesley Education, Activism, and Resource at Lesley University to present a Boston area screening of Alternate Endings, Radical Beginnings for the 28th annual Day With(out) Art on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2017.

Curated by Erin Christovale and Vivian Crockett for Visual AIDS, the video

program prioritizes Black narratives within the ongoing AIDS epidemic, commissioning seven new and innovative short videos from artists Mykki Blanco, Cheryl Dunye & Ellen Spiro, Reina Cossett, Thomas Allen Harris, Kia LaBeija, Tiona Nekkia McClodden and Brontez Purnell.

The event will be followed with an informational panel from local health advocates and organizations curated by BLAA member, Xena Lander.

The event is free and open to the public. <IMACES> <https://www.facebook.com/events/165017574089721/>

World AIDS Day at the Massachusetts State House

Hosted by AIDS Action Committee, Senator Julian Cyr and Representative Jack Lewis. Friday, December 1 at 12 PM - 2 PM
Massachusetts State House, 24 Beacon St, Boston.

Cathedral

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(Top Left) Senior running back Khalil Blair (Top Right) Cathedral High School football team celebrating their Division 8/North title championship on Saturday, November 11 (Bottom) Seniors await the start of the Thanksgiving Day game. Photos by Patrick O'Connor

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Thanks and giving

Anoush'ella holds sold-out benefit

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Anoush'ella was packed shoulder to shoulder on Monday, November 20 for Safe Steps in Karabakh, a fundraiser supporting the Halo Trust's work to remove landmines in the heavily Armenian region of Nagorno Karabakh.

Anoush'ella owners Raffi and Nina Festekjian, Armenians from Lebanon, are co-chairs of the Safe Steps campaign to sweep mines in a hard-hit village in Karabakh and collaborated with the Armenian Business Network to organize the fundraiser, which is held during Thanksgiving week.



Photo by Michele Maniscalco

The \$75.00 per ticket party featured a buffet including chicken za'atar, baba ghanoush, walnut harissa, tabbouleh and other savory dishes as well as dessert and an open bar with

Anoush'ella's unique signature cocktails such as the date-flavored jallab martini. Attendees

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Theater

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some Catholic churches and Hassidic study houses as they must have in his own time.

Now Huntington Theatre Company artistic director Peter DuBois is giving timely fresh expression to Moliere's cautionary play in an earnest and sometimes witty translation by Ranjit Bolt-complete with eight-syllable verse and some sharp rhyming.

While a partial updating of this sharp satire—with cellphone props, for example, and Anita Yavich's largely modern dress costume design—has its limitations, DuBois' tightrope-like attempt to move between the age of Louis XIV and the present often succeeds.

While talented Alexander Dodge ("Present Laughter") bridges very different centuries with an elegant set that calls to mind 17th century legend King Louis XIV, Moliere's play depends most on the precarious relationship of Tartuffe and easily duped wealthy gentleman Orgon.

The opportunistic title character means to ingratiate himself with Orgon and eventually marry his daughter Mariane, whose heart belongs to her fiancé Valere. Although the play's first act speaks of a society where guests babble on at parties resembling Towers of Babylon, several members of Orgon's family are savvy enough to see through double-dealing Tartuffe where Orgon does not. The most formidable opponent, Orgon's second wife Elmire, fittingly prepares to outwit Tartuffe with a deception of her own, one that will expose him as a concealed Orgon watches. That

deception reveals Tartuffe's brazen readiness to violate such commandments as the injunctions against adultery, stealing and coveting.

Comedian Brett Gelman, sporting a thick beard and often wearing a large black fez and matching black attire as Tartuffe, can seem like a cross between a Middle Eastern sage and a New Age guru. Gelman may brandish a crucifix but sometimes suggests a Hassidic leader in his demeanor and gesturing.

Audience members may differ as to whether his Tartuffe is elusive enough as he fools Orgon. Still, his timing and physical comedy gifts do a lot to make his performance convincing. By contrast, strong Broadway veteran Frank Wood ("Clybourne Park," "Side Man") as Orgon has the right obstinacy defending Tartuffe but could do with more fire during his sillier moments. Talented choreographer Daniel Pelzig's (Huntington's earlier "Iolanthe") hand seems evident in Gelman's dance-like capering around Orgon.

Pelzig also enhances the moves of Orgon's blood relatives and in-laws as they react to Tartuffe, his ideas and his actions. The closing dance ensemble smartly contrasts with the opening stylized expository moves of the characters.

Melissa Miller captures Elmire's tenacity in dealing with Tartuffe's duplicity. Matthew J. Harris has Elmire's brother Cleanthe's mix of acerbic observations and brotherly caring. Paula Plum is properly domineering and suspicious as Madame Pernelle, Orgon's mother. Jane Pfitsch finds all of maid Dorine's perceptivity.

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APPLICATION

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 Owner of Land: 345 Harrison LLC
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 Number of buildings or structures on land, the use of which requires land to be licensed: ONE
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City of Boston, In Public Safety Commission December 13, 2017
 In the foregoing petition, it is hereby ORDERED, that notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Committee will on Wednesday, the 13th day of December at 10:00 a.m., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the South End News and by mailing by prepaid registered mail, not less than 7 days prior to such hearing, a copy to every owner of record of each parcel of land abutting on the parcel of land on which the building proposed to be erected for, or maintained as, a garage is to be or is situated. Hearing to be held at 1010 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA 02118.

Sean C. Lydon, Chairman
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A true copy.
 Attest: Brigid Kenny-White, Secretary

COMMITTEE ON LICENSES

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 The Trial Court
 Probate and Family Court

In the matter of: Cristen Jones Lee
Of: Boston, MA

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by Cristen J Lee requesting that: Cristen Jones Lee be allowed to change her name as follows:
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included San Francisco-based Amy Currin, head of development for the Rainbow Trust, Jack Antounian, founder of the Armenian Business Network, Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, state legislator David Muradian, local playwright Joyce Van Dyke, whose "Deported/A Dream Play" deals with the Armenian genocide, and public relations specialist Christopher Haynes of OBH Communications. With a matching donor, the benefit raised over \$15,000 according to Currin.

In his remarks, Antounian thanked the Festeckjians for their ongoing support and for their hospitality in hosting the event and lauding the authenticity of the Festeckjian's cuisine. "We're very proud of them," he said. Safe Steps for Karabakh was ABN's second annual Thanksgiving-week fundraiser.

"It was getting toward Thanksgiving, and we are all doing well, thank God, so how about giving thanks and thinking of others less fortunate than we are. This is going to continue every year," he explained. He also noted the value of the \$15,000 take in the target region.

"While \$15,000 might get us a moped or a motorcycle here, it goes a long way in Karabakh. Both Antounian and Currin talked about the devastating losses in Karabakh due to the landmines: human loss of life and limbs and loss of livestock, which is crucial to the residents both for food and for income.

"If you are in that region, the livelihood is cows, and they have been losing their cattle in that region." Currin explained that the Halo Trust, which was championed by the late Princess Diana and now by her son, Prince Harry, works in 23 countries around the world to clear landmines, which she described as "the deadly debris of war."

The Halo Trust is currently working on the "Landmine-Free 2025" initiative, which seeks to clear landmines from the most heavily impacted countries by the year 2025. Currin said that many landmine related accidents in Karabakh make it one of the deadliest places to live, "but the good news is we are 90 per cent there" in clearing the mines.

Currin quoted the warden of the forest in the village in Karabakh that is being helped as saying, "There is always fear of death with every step I take, but my mind has become accustomed to it." Currin added, "Your gifts are going to change that"

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In an Orwellian age of overturned truths and doublespeak, will Elmiré's first hand evidence about a predator be accepted?

After all, clear video of an American sexual harasser at the highest level remains a source of contention for his trusting base. Even so, Moliere's play looks to a time when truth will overcome deception. If Huntington's "Tartuffe" is not a theatrical Paradise on earth, DuBois and company do make it both diverting and worthwhile.

Pine Street Inn

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five pound turkeys (close to 2,000 servings), along with mashed potatoes (500 pounds) and gravy (51 gallons), stuffing (402 pounds), cranberry sauce (212 pounds), corn and peas (521 pounds), and an assortment of traditional pies (205).

In addition to those having dinner at Pine Street's headquarters in the South End and other shelter locations, the

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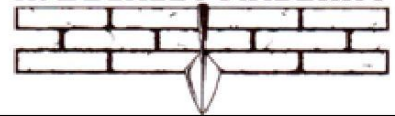
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Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the SOUTH STATION EXPANSION (SSX) PROJECT

The Final EA and Section 4(f) Determination and the FONSI are available on the project website:

www.mass.gov/MassDOT/SouthStationExpansion. FRA and MassDOT collected comments on the Draft EA and Draft Section 4(f) Determination for 30 days ending on May 27, 2017. Written responses to comments are provided in the FONSI.

The purpose of the SSX project is to expand South Station terminal capacity to meet current and anticipated future commuter rail and intercity rail service needs. To use federal funding, the SSX project underwent the federal environmental review process required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA discloses the potential environmental impacts of expanding South Station, and FRA determined that the project would not have a significant adverse impact on the quality of the human and natural environment.

In addition to the project website, the Final EA, Section 4(f) Determination and FONSI are available for viewing at multiple libraries listed on the project website. To request a copy of the documents, please contact Steve Woelfel, Deputy Director, MassDOT Office of Transportation Planning, at Steve.Woelfel@state.ma.us or at (857) 368-8889.



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