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BY JULES BECKER

About a century before Paul Robeson's Othello, there was Ira Aldridge's. Aldridge, taking over the role from dying legend Edmund Kean at Covent Garden's Theatre Royal in 1833, became the first black actor to star in a Shakespearean



Ben Church, Thomas Grenon, Spencer ParliTew, Desiré Graham and Seth Hill in the play "Red Velvet." Photo Credit, O.W.I. (Bureau of Theatre)

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ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

I was walking my eight-year-old terrier mix and let him off the leash so he could roll in the grass. When

he was rolling belly up, I noticed (blush) he was sexually excited. I was shocked because he's supposed to be neutered. What gives?

—Daria

Dear Daria,

Neutering removes the testicles and the ability to sire a litter of pups. However, the "big snip-snip" does not take away your dog's most private part and the physical sensation of pleasure. Rolling belly-up in the new summer grass is as good as it gets for a dog. No wonder he exhibited some gratification.

Dear Dog Lady,

I would like your thoughts on dogs kissing or licking a person's face

who has a "cold". Are dogs immune to human cold germs or do the germs affect them in another way? If, in any way, they are impacted by human cold germs, what are the signs of distress? Love your column

—John

Dear John,

Has your dog emitted sounds that sound like human sneezing? Dog Lady heard her darling having what she thought was a sneezing fit and became quite concerned. She asked her veterinarian. He said it was probably pollen allergy. Nothing to be worried about. With so much pollen falling all around, it makes sense we

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South End Honor Roll

Recognizing local students and graduates

Framingham State University
Announces 2018 Graduates

Thousands of friends, fam-

ily, faculty, and staff packed into the DCU Center in Worcester on Sunday, May 20th, to celebrate the Framingham State University Class of 2018. As a result of their hard work, all of our graduates have deepened their knowledge, strengthened their analytical and communication skills,

demonstrated their commitment to lifelong learning, and taken an important step in separating themselves from the field in an increasingly competitive job market.

Amidst a graduating class of over

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Photo by Michele Maniscalco

South End streets fill with Pride

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Sports teams, dance clubs, marching bands, political candidates, high school clubs, church groups, corporate retinues and jubilant individuals, couples and friends of all ages proudly marched down Clarendon Street, across Tremont and up Berkeley Street in Boston's Pride Parade on Saturday June 9.

The sun's glow amplified the kaleidoscope of colors in the rainbow flags and feather boas as well as costumes of all descriptions that dazzled thousands of onlookers lining the route.

Among over 300 organizations participating in the parade were groups from across the neighborhood and the city including the South End Historical Society and the Animal Rescue League of Boston; Fenway Community Health Center, the MSPCA, Dot Out, the Old South Church and the Home for Little Wanderers; and dozens of

organizations from around greater Boston. Among the student groups were gay-straight student alliances from Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, King Philip Regional High School and Stoneham High School and a truck-full of rainbow-festooned students from Wheaton College in Norton.

Boston Pride Hockey and the Boston Red Sox. The Boston Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence called out religious intolerance with marchers and effigies in nun habits and signs reading "Resist Guilt" and "Resist Hate."

South End based on-line retailer Wayfair and Citizens Bank were among the many corporate participants, and as a counterpoint, a man carried a rainbow sign reading "Our flag is not your ad. Pride ≠ Profit." Lawmakers including Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey; US representative Joseph Kennedy III (4th-MA); Massachusetts attorney

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Rep. Rushing endorsed by groups

SUBMITTED BY JEFF ROSS

This week State Representative Byron Rushing announced that he has been endorsed in his re-election bid by the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, Baystate Stonewall Democrats and Boston Ward 9 Democrats.

"Our membership voted unanimously to endorse Representative Rushing in his reelection bid because he stood up to the NRA and helped pass an assault weapons ban and this year fought to pass ERPO" said Jeff Ross, the chair of the committee.

Extreme risk protection orders "ERPO" is a bill that allows family members and law enforcement to go to court and remove guns out of the hands of persons that are at risk to themselves or others.

Byron was integral to victory on behalf of the LGBTQ community during the marriage equality battle and has been a champion for issues of justice and equality across the board.

The endorsement of Rep. Rushing by the Stonewall Democrats, a gay rights group, reflects his work on marriage equality and other issues of justice.

Rushing said that today's announcement is big for him, but he knows there's work to be done before the primary on September 4.

"The democratic process includes neighborhood groups and community organizations, like Planned Parenthood, speaking out for people running for office and sending a public message that the values I hold, reflect neighborhood priorities. I'm moved that they put their faith and trust in me to continue to bring our shared values to the State House," Rushing said.

Byron Rushing is running for re-election to the office of State Representative for the 9th Suffolk District which includes parts of the Back Bay, South End, Fenway and Roxbury in the city of Boston and faces 2 challengers in the democratic primary September 4.

Dog Lady

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have many sneezy dogs.

However, if you worry about your dog's physical distress in any way, Ask Dog Lady strongly advises you to consult your veterinarian. Yes, it costs money. The money, however, is so well spent for the good care of your pet.

Now, the lecture. If a disease is going to transmit between species, scientists suggest the easiest way is through the lips and mouth. You really don't want your dog licking your face because it is not be healthy. Sorry to put the kibosh on inter-species kissing but you really don't want your dog's tongue in your mouth.

Dear Dog Lady,

I write this for my friend Cyndi whose service dog has just died. Her dog Zavah let her know when her blood pressure was dropping. Zavah saved Cyndi's life many times. My friend is a senior and disabled. She has a very low income and she needs to find another

service dog. Where can I call to help her?

—Annette

Dear Annette,

Such a good friend you are. Start with the MSPCA. The organization is right here in Massachusetts and you would think that a problem like your friend Cyndi's is one of the reasons why the MSPCA exists.

In fact, when Dog Lady poked around, she found they do have a fund to help animal lovers who need financial assistance. You might as well start by calling 617-541-5028.

Make sure you stay on the line until you get an answer to your question about where a financially strapped individual in need of a service dog could go for help. These animal welfare organizations ask for money all the time and people are generous. Seems the money should go as much to worthy humans as to the animals.

Write askdoglady@gmail.com.

Crime

Shots fired in the South End

Saturday, June 9, around 11 pm. On West Newton Street between Tremont Street and Shawmut Avenue. Nobody hit.

Courtesy www.universalthub.com

BPD Officers Recover Loaded Firearm

At about 3:13 PM on Tuesday May 29, 2018, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) responded to a call for a found firearm in the area of 10 Lattimore Court in Lower Roxbury. On arrival, officers located and recovered a loaded 9mm Lorcin handgun which has since been handed over to the BPD Firearms Analysis Unit for processing. Courtesy Boston Police Department

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Pride

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general Maura Healey; state representatives Byron Rushing (9th Suffolk) and Liz Malia (11th Suffolk); Mayor Martin J. Walsh and city councilors Michael Flaherty, Ed Flynn, Ayanna Pressley, Michelle Wu and Josh Zakim walked in the parade, as did gubernatorial

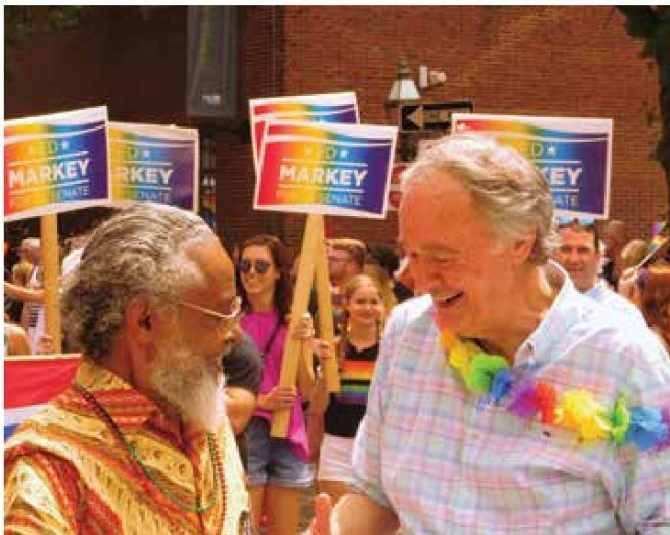
hopeful Jay Gonzalez and Gretchen Van Ness, candidate for the 14th Suffolk seat in the State House currently held by incumbent Angelo M. Scaccia.

The 2018 theme of Rainbow Resistance, which signified countering discriminatory government policies and rising intolerance toward LGBTQ people and people of color, struck a chord with visiting leaders from around the country in Boston for the National Conference

of Mayors. Among approximately 100 mayors joining the parade was Buddy Dyer of Orlando, who saw his city through dark days after the murder of 49 patrons of the Pulse nightclub, a tragedy that shook the LGBTQ community and the nation at large in 2016. Another issue looming in the minds of many marchers was last week's Supreme Court ruling upholding a Colorado bakery's refusal to provide a wedding cake to a same-sex couple.

While a collision between two police motorcycles along the parade route in Beacon Hill injured two police officers and an elderly woman, the parade progressed through the South End with no apparent incident.

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Honor Roll

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1,000 strong, we congratulate the following local Framingham State University students:

- Xiaofu Lin, Bachelor of Science degree.
- Kerlyn Contreras, Bachelor of Science degree.
- Luisa Abreu, Bachelor of Science degree.

Bowdoin College

During Bowdoin College's 213th Commencement ceremony, held May 26, 2018, bachelor of arts degrees were awarded to the Class of 2018, comprising approximately 488 students from 41 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and 19 other countries and territories.

The following are local Bowdoin College students:

Tevin Joel Montgomery, a member of the Bowdoin College Class of 2018, graduated with a major in government and legal studies.

Katherine Rose Kerrigan, a member of the Bowdoin College Class of 2018, graduated with a major in economics and psychology.

Sewanee Dean's List

Daniel Callahan Oakley of Boston, Massachusetts, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of the South for the Easter 2018 term. To earn a place on Sewanee's Dean's List, a student must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.625 on a 4.0 scale. Daniel Callahan Oakley is the son of Eileen & Daniel C. Oakley of Boston (02118).

College of the Holy Cross Announces 2018 Graduates

The following local students received a degree from the College of the Holy Cross at its 172nd commencement on May 25.

- Huan Er Liu, received a Bachelor of Arts degree.
- Connie Truong, received a Bachelor of Arts degree.
- Ligia Cristina Flores, received a Bachelor of Arts degree.

A total of 739 students received degrees this year at Holy Cross, in exercises at which Emmy and Peabody Award-winning NPR journalist Michele Norris, founder of The Race Card Project and executive director of The Bridge, was the principal speaker.

Northeastern University announces spring semester 2018 dean's list

Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following students were recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester, which ended in April 2018.

- Fernanda Hurtado Ortiz, majoring in Journalism
- Rachel Bakish, majoring in Design
- Edward Xiong, majoring in Design
- Sophie Volpe, majoring in Bus Admin/Interactive Media
- Joshua Kallick, majoring in Economics/Business Admin
- Shelley Andrews, majoring in Business Administration
- Lily Zhao, majoring in Business Administration
- Arsenty Shcherban, majoring in Business Administration
- Raymond Kong, majoring in Physical Therapy
- Claire Page, majoring in Bioengineering
- Na Yoon Kim, majoring in Chem Engineering/ Biochemistry
- Ziad Hassan, majoring in Industrial Engineering
- Dani Sharara, majoring in Industrial Engineering
- Samuel Lee, majoring in Mechanical Engineering
- Rachel Dewar, majoring in Biology
- Siera Lavin, majoring in Biology
- Claire Chang, majoring in Criminal Justice/Psychology
- Annie Madden, majoring in Criminal Justice
- Emilio Guido, majoring in Communication St/Media Screen
- Bianna Close, majoring in Cell and Molecular Biology

- Amy Wong, majoring in Communication Stud./Sociology
- Amanda Ciano, majoring in Business Administration
- Alec Ceccon, majoring in Physical Therapy
- Edward Mota, majoring in Undeclared
- Liam Fitzgerald, majoring in Biochemistry
- Isabel Kain, majoring in Physics
- Claire Noe, majoring in Psychology
- Sara Jorg, majoring in International Affairs
- Grace Byrd, majoring in Criminal Justice
- Timothy Bilodeau, majoring in Mechanical Engineering
- Kaleb Kelley, majoring in Behavioral Neuroscience
- Delaney Lanker, majoring in Journalism
- Neil Murphy, majoring in Business Administration
- Anna Dukovic, majoring in Health Science
- Nathan DiOrto, majoring in Nursing
- Jack Bauer, majoring in Electrical Engineering
- Jonathan Boyarsky, majoring in Industrial Engineering
- HyungSeup Schin, majoring in International Affairs
- Liz Maniluz, majoring in Sociology
- Alexander Gomez, majoring in Data Science
- Anne Smithey, majoring in Health Science. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Smithey is a member of the University Honors Program.
- Marie Olney, majoring in Biology/Mathematics. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Olney is a member of the University Honors Program.
- Phoebe Rogers, majoring in Intl Affairs/Economics. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Rogers is a member of the University Honors Program.
- Natalie Gallego, majoring in Religious Studies. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Gallego is a member of the University Honors Program.
- Amelia Santiago, majoring in Physical Therapy. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Santiago is a member of the University Honors Program.
- Natalie Leung, majoring in Pharmacy. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Leung is a member of the University Honors Program.
- Rachel Son, majoring in Cell and Molecular Biology. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Son is a member of the University Honors Program.
- Valerie Holler, majoring in Political Science/Business Adm. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Holler is a member of the University Honors Program.
- Mario DeSimone, majoring in Chemical Engineering. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, DeSimone is a member of the University Honors Program.
- Bocar Zilla-Ba, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Zilla-Ba is a member of the University Honors Program.
- Brenna Harrington, majoring in Biology. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Harrington is a

member of the University Honors Program.

Mackenzie Nichols, majoring in Political Science/Business Adm. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Nichols is a member of the University Honors Program.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

Curry College Dean's List

Curry College is proud to announce that Stephanie Green-Cooper of Boston, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.30 GPA, have no incompletes, and have no grade lower than a "C" for the semester.

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Bucknell University Dean's List

Reese Gibson, Class of 2018, from Boston, MA was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University during the spring semester of the 2017-18 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Located in Lewisburg, Pa., Bucknell University is a highly selective private liberal arts university that offers majors in the arts, engineering, humanities, management, and social and natural sciences, along with broad opportunities outside of class, to its 3,600 undergraduates. Graduate programs are available in select disciplines. Students benefit from a small student-faculty ratio of 9:1, personal attention from faculty, leadership opportunities, and excellent graduation rates and career outcomes.

Lasell College

Lasell College Acknowledges Boston Resident Raymond Liang on Spring 2018 Dean's List

Lasell College recently announced students named to the spring 2018 Dean's List. Raymond Liang of Boston was named to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement.

Students with this accomplishment are full-time degree candidates who completed 12 or more credits in the spring semester, with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. This semester's Dean's List encompasses a total of 707 students from all class years, including 126 members of the school's first-year class.

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| | | Docket No. SUI8P09526D | |
| In the matter of: Margaret M. Jones 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 Margaret M. Jones is in need of a Guardian and requesting that John Odams of Weymouth, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. | | Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114 | |
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Theater

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tragedy at a London theater.

In 2012, British dramatist Lolita Chakrabarti focused not only on the racism-impacted controversy surrounding Aldridge's assumption of the role but also on the New York City-born actor's stage ascendance throughout Europe and especially Poland—where he died in 1867. Very fittingly, Cambridge-based O.W.I. (Bureau of Theatre)—which presented last year's visiting production—small stage IRNE Award-winning "American Moor"—is returning to the Boston Center for the Arts with the area premiere of Chakrabarti's resonant and timely play.

Anthem Theatre Company artistic director Bryn Boice is bringing the same poignant immediacy to Aldridge's singular odyssey that distinguished her all-female edition of "Julius Caesar" for Actors' Shakespeare Company last year.

In the intimacy of the BCA's Plaza theatre, "Red Velvet" seems to take audience members

backstage along with assertive journalist Halina, who attempts to question Aldridge as he prepares to play King Lear in an 1867 Lodz, Poland production.

Where gifted visiting IRNE-winning black actor Keith Hamilton Cobb in "American Moor" struggles to dispel what he sees as a theater world assumption that he is only right for the Shakespearean role of Othello, real life talent Aldridge—as the informative play documents—battles critics and colleagues biased against both his skin color and his naturalistic acting style throughout his career.

The African-American actor early on speaks to Halina and by extension to audience members of emigrating from America to Europe in the 1820's, frustrated at the bigotry and lack of acting opportunities confronting him in the States.

Notwithstanding a growing resume in the play's back story, bigotry emerges in the responses of some of Aldridge's peers as he takes over for Kean in the 1833 production. The great actor's son Charles—who is playing Iago in the run—contends that a black actor

does not 'act' in playing Othello and makes the same dubious claim about a Jewish actor playing Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice."

Racist reactions to the strong physicality of Aldridge's performance and the actor's comfortable interaction with famed actress Ellen Tree—who plays Desdemona—put undue pressure on yielding company director Pierre LaPorte. Ultimately, "Red Velvet" stands as a clarion call to courage. There may be unnecessary modern references like "avant-garde," but Chakrabarti's play clearly resonates.

Director Boice has captured the elegant look of the proceedings that smartly complements Aldridge's personal majesty and yet contrasts with the ugly prejudice often challenging the determined actor. Credit goes to James Fenton's vivid backstage design, Becca Jewett's fine period costumes and Alexander Fetchko's nuanced lighting. Seth Hill captures Aldridge's strength of will and purpose in his body language as well as in his speech.

He also catches his alternating vulnerability and self-confidence as his professional fortunes evolve. Charlotte Kinder as Ellen

Tree and Hill share good chemistry as they discuss their approaches to "Othello." Kinder finds the unassuming essence of Tree and her professional soundness. Spencer Parli Tew is properly pompous as Edmund Kean's son Charles and equally insensitive and arguably prejudiced.

Siobhan Carroll has the right persistence as journalist Halina and the unaffected personality of Aldridge's wife Margaret. Matt Arnold is convincingly ambivalent as conflicted director LaPorte.

O.W.I., by virtue of three strong successive efforts—"Yellow Face" (dealing with anti-Asian bigotry), "American Moor" and now "Red Velvet"—has established itself as a company with singular attention to provocative diversity-endorsing fare. Director Boice, in her playbill notes, speaks of the racial divide widening daily during O.W.I. rehearsals. Embrace the rich fabric of "Red Velvet" and help to narrow that divide.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ALLEY 521 SEWER BETTERMENT PLAN, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS (SOUTH END)

Notice is hereby given, of a public hearing to be held by the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, concerning the Proposed Alley 521 Sewer Betterment Plan, South End District, Boston, Massachusetts. Pursuant to Chapter 436 of the Acts of 1977 of the Massachusetts General Court, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission will hold a public hearing commencing at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, Large Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts for the purpose of giving interested persons an opportunity to present data, views or arguments relative to the Proposed Alley 521 Sewer Betterment Plan, South End District, Boston, Massachusetts. Copies of the Proposed Alley 521 Sewer Betterment Plan are available for inspection, and may be obtained during normal business hours at the Engineering Customer Service Department, Second Floor, 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. Any individual, partnership, trust, corporation, organized group or governmental entity which may be affected by the Proposed Alley 521 Sewer Betterment Plan may appear before the Commission, or its appointed representative(s), at such hearing for the purpose of presenting data, views or arguments relative to the Proposed Alley 521 Sewer Betterment Plan. Data, views or arguments may be presented orally at the hearing or in the form of a memorandum, which shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, at the office of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts on or before June 15, 2018. The hearing and any continuance thereof shall be conducted in accordance with the Boston Water and Sewer Commission's Rules of Procedure, which may be examined at the Commission's office. Questions regarding the hearing should be directed to Robert Orthman, Assistant General Counsel at (617) 989-7343.

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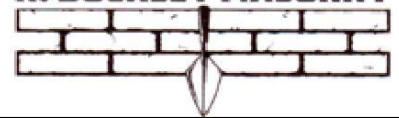
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