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BY JULES BECKER

right hops. As with a premium craft beer, the current offering at Boston Playwrights' Theatre possesses a

One-person shows may not be everybody's brew, but bar-set "the smuggler" has more than the

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Michael Kaye, Nathan Malin and Maureen Keiller in SpeakEasy Stage Company's production of "Admissions." (Courtesy Maggie Hall Photography)

Enchanted Trolley Tour

SUBMITTED BY THE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced the schedule for the 2019 Enchanted Trolley Tour, a Boston holiday tradition of lighting holiday trees throughout the City. This year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will start on Friday, December 6 and end on Sunday, December 8, in neighborhoods throughout Boston.

"I love the holiday season around Boston. It's a great way to gather together as Bostonians and celebrate our neighbors, the City

and our many neighborhoods," said Mayor Walsh. "I'm excited to start the season by making stops throughout the City for the annual trolley tour and tree lightings. This weekend-long celebration is a great family tradition for all Bostonians to come out and enjoy."

For the 24th year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will continue the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees while bringing holiday spirit to children across Boston. The event is sponsored by Bank of

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Support Rosie's Place This Holiday Season



Photo courtesy of Rosie's Place

SUBMITTED BY ROSIE'S PLACE

Every holiday season brings more women in need, both at Rosie's Place and in our community. We work to brighten the season by providing guests with holiday gifts and cold weather essentials such as sets of hats, scarves and gloves. With your help, we can provide a warm holiday experience that will be—like everything else at Rosie's Place—wrapped in unconditional love and respect.

How Can You Help?

Collect needed holiday items

Coordinate an effort with your workplace, school or family to collect holiday gifts for our guests. You can also organize a drive for food or toiletries.

Become a volunteer

It's easy! To get started, submit a volunteer application for each interested person. Then you'll be given access to our online system and you can sign up for open shifts in the dining room and food pantry

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ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

I appreciate your mention of preventing Lyme disease through the use of a product like the active ingredient fipronil in Frontline Plus. However, there is no heartworm disease prevention component in that

product. To prevent the mosquito vector-transferred heartworm larva, a pet owner would have to use a separate product for that, or one of the combination products now available through the veterinary marketplace.

These products can be topical, injectable or in oral tablet form. With all the good educating you do, I wouldn't want a pet owner to inadvertently allow for a preventable disease like heartworm disease an opportunity to enter the picture.

—Dr. Chris Duke

Dear Dr. Chris Duke,

Thank you for the professional reminder to give our dogs regular medications to prevent tick and mosquito-borne illnesses. Also, this is a good opportunity for "Ask Dog Lady" to wag her finger and remind every pet owner to have a trusted vet-

erinarian who is diligent. We need to remember our dogs are not robots. The animals need regular medical care.

Many of us give HeartGard monthly to prevent heartworm disease. The medicine comes swathed in a chewable meat chunk and the dogs seem to lap it right up. And there's NexGard, a smaller meat chew with medication to ward off fleas and ticks. As you point out, Frontline is another product that can be applied topically to do the same as NexGard. In theory, the latter should be dispensed only during warmer months, although many vets recommend keeping up the flea and tick medication year-round.

In addition to these owner-dispensed drugs, your vet can also give medicines to prevent kennel cough, Lyme disease and the dread

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Sunday, December 1
Holiday Light Shows at the Greenway Carousel
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Thursday, December 5
Boston Common Tree Lighting Ceremony
6 - 8:30 pm
Boston Common

Friday, December 6 - Sunday, December 8
SoWa Winter Festival 2019
450 Harrison Avenue

Saturday, December 7
Boston SantaCon Crawl 2019
12 - 6 pm
Hard Rock Cafe, 22 Clinton Street

Sunday, December 8
Caroling in Hayes Park!
3 - 4 pm
James Hayes Park, Warren Avenue and West Canton Street

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Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz

Education Funding Reform bill released for final votes with full equity provisions

"I'm thrilled to see the Student Opportunity Act take another big step toward the finish line today. The conference committee report includes all of the core provisions that students, parents, educators, and organizers have been championing for years. It represents a nation-leading model for education funding equity, by including all five Foundation Budget Review Commission recommendations—especially with the full low-income rate. These pieces were never in question during the conference negotiation, but families across the state have been counting on us to start implementing

these changes in next year's budget.

"Congratulations to Senator Lewis, Representative Peisch, and the rest of the conferees for this speedy work, ensuring the Legislature has time to pass the final bill before the break."

Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz
Second Suffolk District

On Tuesday, the Student Opportunity Act was released by a conference committee between the Massachusetts Senate and House. The bill will correct the Commonwealth's 25 year old education funding formula by implementing the recommendations of the 2015 bipartisan Foundation Budget Review Commission, co-chaired by Sen. Chang-Díaz. The commission found that the state was underfunding K-12 education by over \$1 billion per year, disproportionately on the backs of low-income students.

The Student Opportunity Act, first released by the Education Committee in September, includes all five of the commission's recommendations, including the full low-income rate. It also incorporates additional fixes from the Education PROMISE Act, filed by Sen. Chang-Díaz and Reps. Aaron Vega & Mary Keefe. The PROMISE Act was backed by a broad coalition of students, teachers, parents, superintendents, school committees, civil rights groups, business leaders, legislators, and experts from across the state.

At a press conference in January, the coalition called for 2019 passage of all 5 FBRC recommendations, including and especially the low-income rate. If signed into law in 2019, the Student Opportunity Act will meet all of the coalition's criteria.

Dog Lady

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parvovirus. Readers, please talk to her or him—if you haven't already—about a regular regimen for your dear dog.

Dear Dog Lady,

We have a wonderful mix-breed mutt named Scooby who is almost two-years-old. We have completed puppy school, and, except for wanting to chase every squirrel he can see, he's a well behaved and very sweet puppy.

However, he has one very bad habit and I'd love some advice. I am a working mom and wake up at approximately 5:30 a.m. every day to head into the city. My husband doesn't

have to be work until 10:00 a.m. so he tends to stay up later.

The issue is, when hubby comes to bed and lays down, the dog wants to play. He stands on top of him, tries to push him up with his nose, nibbles, whines, and does everything possible to get hubby's attention. There are usually two to three minutes of pushing, "no" and "lay down" before Scooby finally gets the message and goes to bed.

This wouldn't be a big deal if it did not wake me up every night, and then I'm struggling to fall back asleep. Hubby tries to take him out for one more walk before bed to tire him out but we need new ideas.

—Lori

Dear Lori,

You need a designated bed for Scooby, a

place the dog recognizes as a shelter for him to curl up, a special spot to be calm and quiet. A crate – the politically-correct dog-word for "cage" – would be good for all of you.

Make sure the crate is big enough for Scooby. Line it with a soft, comfy blanket. When you put him into the crate, throw in a few treats so he is initially happily distracted. You want him apart from you but keep the crate in your bedroom so Scooby knows you're close.

This new regime may require a brief period of adjustment. However, Scooby is young and still learning. It will be very good for him – and you – to use a crate.

Write askdoglady@gmail.com.

Rosie's Place

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underwrite food costs and then prepare and serve a nutritious meal to approximately 150 women, with our assistance. All volunteers must be 12 or older. Catering as a group is the easiest way to volunteer with several people. Review available dates or request a date. Please note that catering groups are limited to 5 people on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Support Rosie's Place with an event

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Send holiday cards

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On December 2, 1867, Charles Dickens began his first American reading tour of A Christmas Carol in Boston. Join us at the Omni Parker House, the historic site of Dickens' first performance, on Monday, December 16 for

a special reading of this timeless holiday tale by your favorite WBUR radio personalities: Meghna Chakrabarti, Tiziana Dearing, Jack Lepiarz, Bob Oakes and Robin Young.

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For more information on how you can help, visit <http://www.rosiesplace.org/>

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America, and includes visits with Santa, holiday performances, tree lightings, and more.

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website, or follow @VisitBostonCity on Twitter.

Below are the stops for Saturday, December 7 ONLY. Visit the city's website for the full schedule.

- 1:45 p.m. - Hyde Square, Jamaica Plain
- 2:30 p.m. - J.P. Monument, Jamaica Plain
- 3:30 p.m. - Brigham Circle, Mission Hill
- 4:15 p.m. - Bolling Building, Roxbury
- 5:30 p.m. - Blackstone Square, South End

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Sunday, December 8
Holiday Lights of Boston
 3:30 - 8:00 pm
 Boston Public Garden

Saturday, December 14
Toys 4 Joys 11th Annual Gala
 7 - 11 pm
 the 11th annual Toys 4 Joys Gala.

This event helps raise tens of thousands of dollars worth of toys for local children in need this holiday season.

Sunday, December 15
Holiday Lights of Boston
 3:30 - 8:00 pm
 Boston Public Garden

Tuesday, December 17
Ward 4 Dems Holiday Party 2019
 Boston Ward 4 Democratic Committee
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perfect mix.

Right from the start of the latest effort by talented playwright Ronan Noone ("Brendan" and "The Atheist"), gifted veteran actor Billy Meleady presents a fast-paced 70-minute show as the unscrupulous title bartender on fictional New England island Amity and novice writer turned thief Tim Finnegan.

Under Noone's own sharp direction, Meleady—moving handily throughout Adam Hawkins' strong brick and stone scenic design with a long stairway descending to the bar itself, details Finnegan's exploits to the audience, who instantly become tavern patrons.

Tim may be a smooth-talking rogue—especially thanks to Noone's humorous and impressively rhymed dialogue. Yet he does rate sympathy as an Irish immigrant husband-father trying to provide substantive income for his family and fulfill aspirations as a promising short story writer (with a submission accepted by the Paris Review) and would-be novelist.

Agile and versatile Meleady easily makes Timothy's burglar-like serious robberies and his later rough comeuppance vivid with highly expressive body language. His fingers seem to bow the air around him as though he were playing the violin of a Yehudi Menuhin or Itzhak Pearlman.

The music of Meleady's fingers and Noone's poetic writing—for example, a description of Finnegan sneaking over like a soldier in Afghanistan—orchestrate the personal ambiguous odyssey of the play's wily bartender as well as far-reaching subtext about the precarious state of the fabled American dream.

Apropos of that dream, Finnegan candidly submits, "You do what you need to do to be what you want to be." Noone may not be glorifying his character's darker methods and motives, but "the smuggler" does bring welcome attention to the proverbial rock and hard place that threaten to crush both

documented and undocumented American workers.

No parent pays money to a prestige university in the 2018 play "Admissions," but Joshua Harmon's Drama Desk winner rates very high marks for its insights about white privilege in particular and inconsistent liberalism in general. Parents Sherri and Bill Mason (the former Jewish and the latter white Anglo-Saxon Protestant) have much admitting to do about their readiness to use their own position and clout—the former as head of admissions and the latter as headmaster of a New Hampshire prep school named Hillcrest—to help their son Charlie to gain entrance to Yale after he has failed to obtain early admission.

SpeakEasy Stage Company artistic director Paul Daigneault smoothly captures both the serious implications and the edgy humor of Harmon's savvy dramedy.

The SpeakEasy cast is as sharp as a first-rate college application essay. Maureen Keiller has all of Sherri's high-mindedness judging the catalogue diversity efforts of colleague Roberta, played with convincing deference by Cheryl McMahon. She does equally well capturing Sherri's inner conflict as a parent.

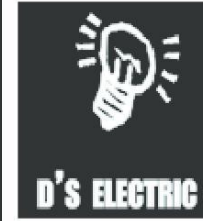
Michael Kaye effectively matches her warring academic and personal concerns as Bill. Marianna Bassham as Sherri's best friend Ginnie—the mother of a bi-racial early admission honoree—nails her hurt as friction about college and privilege threatens their friendship.

Best of all is Boston University student Nathan Malin as Charlie in a terrific SpeakEasy debut. Malin catches Charlie's understandable tenacity about his principles and his parents' questionable ethics. His extended tirade is a showstopper in its natural feeling.

Consider "Admissions" an early admissions candidate for 2019's best list.

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