5 Star Travel Moreno charts a new course
SE office will close, service will continue

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

The travel industry has undergone a sea change since Paul Moreno and Stephen Barkow bought 5 Star Travel in 1991, thanks to two revolutionary developments: the ascendance of the Internet and the rise in acceptance and equality for the LGBTQ community.

Having navigated the waters of change, 5 Star Travel will discontinue its office-based operation effective Dec. 29. Instead, visitors will be directed to the company's website at 5startravel.com.

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Crime

Submitted by BPD

Boston Police
Seeking Public’s Help in Identifying Person of Interest
Death Investigation:
Southampton & Topeka Streets

At about 6:49 AM on Sunday, September 24, 2017, officers from District C-6 (South Boston) responded to a radio call for a person shot in the area of Southampton and Topeka Streets, South End. Upon arrival, officers observed a male victim, later identified as Carlos Montalvo, 35, of Boston, suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to Boston Medical Center, where he was later pronounced deceased.

The Boston Police Department is now seeking the public’s assistance in identifying the individual pictured in relation to the aforementioned homicide investigation. This individual is NOT wanted at this time, and all images are being released for identification purposes only. Anyone with information is asked to contact detectives assigned to the Homicide Unit at (617) 343-4470.

Community members wishing to avoid this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word TIP to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will strictly guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help this investigation in an anonymous manner.

Mass. Ave. Shooting Victim Dies

On Monday night at about 8:05 pm, Boston Police responded to a call for shots fired in the area of 333 Massachusetts Ave. They discovered a crushed vehicle near the Huntington Avenue intersection with a man sitting in the driver’s seat with multiple gunshot wounds.

The man was transported to the hospital where he later died, according to police.

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Flynn wins District 2 City Council seat
Mayor Walsh reelected

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Tuesday, November 7 was an exceptionally energized Election Day in the South End, with improved participation and a groundswell of excitement, particularly surrounding the District 2 City Council race. In the candidacy of longtime South End Bay Village resident and former Menino aide Mike Kelley, South Enders saw the real possibility of in

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South End Businesses Support GOTV

On Election Day, Tuesday, November 7th, several South End businesses partnered with Washington Gateway Main Street to encourage people to Get Out To Vote (GOTV). Washington Gateway’s website urged folks to vote, and they’re offering “I Voted” stickers to local businesses to get some “freebies” and discounts.

The following South End businesses participated in the program:

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- Bar Mezzana
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both, 5 Star president Moreno and vice president Barlow are taking a new direction in life, geographically and otherwise. The 5 Star Travel office at 495 Columbus Avenue will close in mid-December, with Moreno working on a more limited basis from the couple’s new home in Fort Lauderdale while sales representative Jack Campbell continues to operate from West Roxbury. Over lunch at Shun’s Kitchen, Moreno talked about his accomplishments and his and Barlow’s plans for the future.

A native of Canarvon who speaks 5 languages, Moreno became a travel agent over 30 years ago, where he considered travelers were not accepted socially in many destinations here in the US and abroad and were not allowed to reserve lodgings as same sex couples.

Gay-owned guest houses, usually offering limited services and amenities, were often the only option for gay travelers. In the ensuing decades, as domestic partnerships and same sex marriage became legal in the US and a number of other countries and LGBT tolerance spread internationally, gay travelers have come to enjoy a broader range of destinations and lodging options. Consequently, the guest house has become an endangered species.

“Look at Key West; there used to be 50 or 60 guest houses and now there are about six. You have to look at who is checking them in. Thirty five years ago, it was a different generation. Now you have baby boomers and people born even later who are checking them in,” Moreno observed. Gay-tolerant destinations were similarly limited, Moreno recalled, to a few places such as New York City, San Francisco, Key West, Fire Island, and Provincetown.

Moreno added that in his earlier days, the Greek Islands such as Mikonos, Santorini, Crete and Lesbos were receptive to gay travelers, but the access to the islands was through Athens, which posed a problem. Moreno recalled having a hotel key thrown at him in Athens when the desk clerk realized that he and his partner were planning to stay in one room. “Nowadays, you may have trouble if you try to go to certain religious parts of the world like Iran, but for the most part, the world is our oyster,” Moreno said.

The arrival of the Internet in everyone’s lives and the subsequent proliferation of travel sites such as Tripadvisor, Expedia and Hotwire have changed the nature of travel, ending consumer dependence on travel agents to secure airline tickets and reshaping the role of the agent.

Moreno said. “At one point, we had over 5,100 clients. That is more than 10 per day. In 2016 we had about 400.” Moreno plans to continue working with current clients, whose ranks are growing, mostly doing tours, cruises, vacation packages and honeymoon from his house office in Florida using Skype, e-mail and other telecommunications. Campbell, who specializes in corporate and group travel, will also telecommute, continuing to work.

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with clients including several professional gay sports teams.
Morris and Barlow plan to return to Boston "at least monthly," explaining that he and Barlow are looking into housing for those return trips. "I have always considered myself a Bostonian since I moved here in 1982. I have my friends here, my favorite restaurants, my doctors, and I cannot go from 60 to 0. I love Boston so much."
Morris stressed also that he plans to continue as a board member of Community Research Initiative of New England (CRIN), which works with MIT to research a cure for AIDS and Hepatitis C as well as providing treatment assistance and awareness of the diseases.
In Fort Lauderdale, Morris and Barlow will get involved in causes dear to their hearts for Morris, that means helping out stray feral cats and dogs sheltered, while Barlow is interested in volunteering for cancer causes in honor of loved ones who have been stricken. Morris also plans to continue indulging his passion for travel.
In terms of the new business model for 5 Star, working remotely and visiting Boston regularly, Morris commented, "It's the new way. This is what businesses have become. The South End is an expensive neighborhood, and the time has come where you can't have the rent and everything. But we will continue. It's what I have to do. I am not ready for that rocking chair on the porch. Travel has been from my heart from the beginning."

Crime
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Police are asking for the public's help in searching for a dark-colored SUV suspected in the shooting death of Dennis Parham in the area of Kendall Street & Shawmut Ave in Roxbury.

Less than four months after the shooting death of Dennis Parham, the man responsible for the crime is behind bars. On Sunday, November 5, 2017, members of the Boston Police homicide and anti-banging unit arrested Charles Williams, 38, of Boston and charged him for the murder of Dennis Parham during an incident which occurred near the Lenox Street Housing Development earlier this year on July 31, 2017. Williams is expected to be arraigned in the Boston Municipal Court tomorrow, Monday, November 6, 2017.

Sailor Commissioner Evans: "I want to commend the officers for the relentless pursuit of justice that led to the arrest of the suspect wanted in connection to the shooting death of Dennis Parham. In addition to making our city safer, hopefully, news of this arrest will bring with it some small level of comfort and closure to Mr. Parham's family and friends."

The facts of the original incident are as follows: At about 10:05 PM, on Saturday, July 15, 2017, officers assigned to District D-4

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interrupts South Boston’s historic dominance of the District 2 seat.

While South End-specific voting numbers could not be obtained by press time, visits to the Cathedral Generating Center and Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology voting stations and observations from volunteers outside polling places suggested a steady flow of voters with peaks in the morning and after-work hours. Ultimately, South Boston’s Ed Flynn, a probation officer and son of former Mayor Ray Flynn, surpassed Kelley in a down-to-the-wire race with a margin of 501 votes out of 13,858 cast, according to unofficial results posted on the City of Boston website Tuesday night.

The District 2 result was not declared until a final precinct in Chinatown was counted, with the announcement coming around 11:00 PM. The District 7 seat being vacated by mayoral hopeful Tito Jackson, want to children’s advocate Kim Lyons, who bested opponent Rafael J. Palacios, almost 1,100 voters, or 4,940 versus 3,852. Jackson was defeated handily in the citywide mayoral vote, with 36,439 votes or 44 per cent versus incumbent Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s 70,125, or 65 per cent of the vote. Jackson attracted a following in the South End particularly with his focus on affordable housing. The last incumbent mayor to lose an election was Mayor Michael Dukakis in 1994.

A similar turnout in the South End for the September 26 preliminary election, which witnessed the field of 7 candidates down to two, Flynn and Kelley, in District 2 and the field of 13 District 7 candidates down to Ed Flynn and incumbent Mayor Thomas M. Menino. Voters turned out in force to get to the polls and vote around District 2, Kelly, who lived in the South End for over 25 years, moving to nearby Dorchester last year. Kelley was a frequent presence in the South End, beginning weeks before his March 30 campaign launch at the Villa Victoria Center for the Arts. With Kelly’s win in the preliminary election, neighborhood activists sought to get out the vote in the hope of gaining a voice for the South End on the City Council, which divides the South End into three different districts, none of which has been held by a South End resident.

Elections to get out the vote proliferated on South End-themed social media sites for weeks leading up to November 7, and Washington Gateway Mall Street organized Shop the South End, a reward program offering free gifts and discounts to shoppers wearing “I Voted” stickers. Elected businesses, including Flour Bakery, Uniform, Niche, Table and Taps, Follane’s ice cream, European Wax Center, Bare 3, Back Porch and others offered such promotions as free eyebrow waxes, coffee, exercise classes, dog treats and more, while other retailers offered discounts of 10 to 20 per cent off purchases.

The afternoon shift manager at Flour, 1595 Washington Street, estimated that 20 voters per hour streamed in with their free, small cups of coffee. Former South End resident Grace Halley sat at a table at Flour eating a salad and drinking her coffee with a rose she received at Niche, a small succulent from Table and Tap, freshly woven bows from European Wax Center and the sweet memory of a cookie she received at Formaggio Kitchen South End.

After the polls closed, Kelley followers packed Boston Chowda, 1775 Washington Street, rubbing pastries such as giant sugar rings, sourdough loaves, tempura buns, black olives, spiced nuts and macarons and cheese while awaiting the arrival of the candidate and news of the outcome.

State representative Aaron Michlewitz introduced Kelley’s remarks, as he did at Kelley’s campaign launch party in March. Following the election outcome, Kelley spoke with gratitude and hope. “I am so impressed, so moved, and so filled with love and appreciation,” he said. “We’re sending a message that this is a city that should work for everyone, that is inclusive of everyone. I’m sad but I’m also excited,” Kelley said. He added, “This isn’t the end, it’s just the beginning.”
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(South End) responded to a call for a person shot in the area of Kendall Street and Shawmut Avenue in Roxbury. On arrival, officers located a male victim in his twenties suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. The victim, later identified as 21-year-old Denzel Q. Parish of Dorchester, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The Boston Police Department is actively investigating the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. Anyone with information is asked to call the Boston Police Homicide Unit at (617) 343-4470. Community members wishing to assist in this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1(800) 490-TIPS or by texting the word “TIP” to CRIMEnet (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of those who wish to help this investigation anonymously.

BPD Detail Officers Subdue Armed Suspect After Larceny and Carjacking

Submitted by Boston Police Department

At about 4:30 PM on Thursday October 19, 2017, officers working a paid detail on a nearby call in the South End made an arrest after a larceny and a carjacking in the area of Shawmut Avenue and Union Park Street. The officers were flagged down by a witness who was pointing towards a male suspect, later identified as Victor Lee, 52, of Dorchester, while stating that he had just stolen a woman’s purse from inside a nearby building.

As the officers went to approach the suspect, they observed a large knife in his hand as he turned around and began to advance towards them. An officer drew his firearm as the distance quickly began to close while ordering him to drop his weapon. The suspect then charged the officer, knife still in hand, and opened the passenger side door of a stopped motor vehicle and quickly climbed inside. The other officer was able to exit the vehicle as the officers began to surround it. As officers approached, the suspect threw his knife out of the window, directly at the officer, narrowly missing him. At this time, the officer grabbed the suspect with pepper spray and was then able to remove him from the car and place him in custody after a violent struggle. Several officers and the suspect were treated on scene for exposure to the pepper spray.

A Boston Municipal Court judge today set bail at $25,000 on charges of armed carjacking, assault with a dangerous weapon, carrying a dangerous weapon, larceny over $250 and resisting arrest, the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office reports.

Earlier this month, two security guards at an Equalizer 2 set on Whitter Street in Roxbury were shot.

Crime

Another violent incident near set of violent movie

South End purse snatcher charged with menacing cops with a knife

By Adam Gaffen

Boston Police report officers working a detail on the set of Denzel Washington’s Equalizer 2 movie in the South End used pepper spray, rather than their guns, to subdue a purse snatcher who advanced on them with a knife.

Police say Victor Lee, 52, of Dorchester, grabbed a woman’s purse in a store in the area of Shawmut Avenue and Union Park Street around 4:30 p.m. yesterday.

As the officers went to approach the suspect, they observed a large knife in his hand as he turned around and began to advance towards them. An officer drew his firearm as the distance quickly began to close while ordering him to drop his weapon. The suspect then charged the officer, knife still in hand, and opened the passenger side door of a stopped motor vehicle and quickly climbed inside. The other officer was able to exit the vehicle as the officers began to surround it. As officers approached, the suspect threw his knife out of the window, directly at the officer, narrowly missing him. At this time, the officer grabbed the suspect with pepper spray and was then able to remove him from the car and place him in custody after a violent struggle. Several officers and the suspect were treated on scene for exposure to the pepper spray.

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Details for the South End:
When: 9am-12pm on Saturday, November 18th
Tool Pick-Up/Drop Off Bay Center for the Arts or Franklin Square
CPW/’Love Your Block’ has a limited quantity of tools (lawnmowers, trash bags) and a check-cashing-out system helps to keep track of what groups borrow. Tools must be returned to their location by 12pm.

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SEIRA Coffee Meeting
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South End Butterfly14 Shawmut Avenue

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Saturday, November 25, 11 AM - 6 PM
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