Sharing Southern hospitality

Worcester Square, Blackstone/Franklin mingle

By Michele D. Maniscalco

The South End’s 16 neighborhood associations have been discussing joining forces on specific projects and events, some even considering mergers, and in that spirit of cooperation, the Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association (WSA-NA) hosted neighboring Blackstone/Franklin Square Neighborhood.

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ASK DOG LADY

Advice on Pets, Life, Love

By Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,

I seek information on how to introduce a new puppy to our household with a very spoiled eight-year-old female Brittany spaniel that has been the only dog in the house. The new puppy will also be a Brittany and we are thinking of getting a male. Any help with making the older dog comfortable during the transition is appreciated.

—Mo

Dear Mo,

Make sure none of the older dog’s routines are disrupted during the time your household adjusts to the puppy. Walk the older at the same time, feed her as you have been doing, and leave her crate or bed in the same place. Don’t force her to play around with the puppy but let the two of them work out their relationship. Allow them hang out together casually but supervise them. Divorce your attentions equally between the older dog and the puppy.

As much as dogs love us, they love other dogs better. Ask Dog Lady predicts the two dogs will eventually get along just fine.

Dear Dog Lady,

I have such a problem relaxing and enjoying my three dogs instead of always wondering if they are comfortable, getting enough exercise, getting enough rest, etc.

—Lisa

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Boston Sued By Mother Of Man Police Killed

By Associated Press

BOSTON, MA — The mother of a black man fatally shot by Boston police filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday accusing the city of failing to properly train officers how to deal with people with mental illnesses.

Trenise Coleman, who was diagnosed with schizophrenia, was killed in 2016 after his mother called for an ambulance to take him to the hospital. Police and prosecutors say he attacked emergency medical technicians with a large knife, but his mother denies her son was armed or presenting a threat.

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Anna Christie invites you in

Anna Christie, Lyric Stage Company of Boston through May 6, 617-559-3711 or lyricstage.com

By Jules Recker

Nearly a century before HBO’s “The Politician” played on Netflix, Eugene O’Neill’s 1922 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama featured a title heroine who announces to her father and boyfriend as they engage in a verbal tug of war over her that she is no piece of furniture.

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Oh, no you didn’t!

Airbnb tries to slime Boston city councilor instead of discussing its role in destroying entire neighborhoods

By Adam Gaffen

Airbnb is making it clear this week that not only does it oppose efforts by city councillors to regulate the apartments and_condominiums in the city and so need your help to stop it. She has aligned with big hotel interests against the interests of regular Bostonians.

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Dog Lady

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enough attention, and whether all their sensitive emotional needs are satisfied. This becomes a real problem when I come home from work and am too tired to walk them or when I go on vacation and leave them with the ‘in house’ sitter. Heaven forbid I take them to the park for a few days when I’m out of town. I think it would be worse on me than them.

I’ll be lucky if I get a date or boyfriend. How should I split my time then? Sometimes I wish they were less reliant on me and would play together more. They probably would do that if I encouraged it. I love them so much, but how do I relax a little and give myself a break. They smell like big dogs, very well-behaved for the most part. I live alone and have a 9 to 5 job.

— Kellie

Police

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posed any danger.

Boston police and EMS didn’t immediately respond to requests for comment on Wednesday.

Hope Coleman said Wednesday that she never would have imagined that calling for medical help would have ended in her son’s death.

“I wasn’t just trying to help my son,” she said through sobs at her lawyer’s office. “I brought him to the world. The police shouldn’t have took him out.”

The lawsuit by Hope Coleman became concerned about her 31-year-old son because he refused to come inside from the apartment building’s front stoop.

She said she told the 911 operator she didn’t want police because she worried that would agitate him too, but the operator said it was the policy for officers to accompany EMTs.

The lawsuit by Teresa Coleman, who had gone inside the apartment by the time EMTs arrived, became upset when her son’s blue flashing lights and told him he didn’t want to go to the hospital, but the EMTs insisted he come with them and tried to grab him. It was the officer’s burst through the door when they heard a noise, she added, and shot him.

Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley said in August that Officer Garrett Boyle’s use of deadly force was justified because the liên police and emergency medical technicians were in danger. Conley said Teresa Coleman had pulled a 9-inch knife from a bag and attacked the EMTs who were trying to help him and then began slashing at the officers who came to his assistance.

The lawsuit alleged that the city had flawed 911 protocols for responding to emotionally ill people who needed assistance. It also said the city does not adequately train officers on how to deal with people with mental illness and that the training programs that do exist “erroneously suggest that all persons who suffer from mental health disabilities are violent and dangerous.”

“This is a failure of the system both at the local and state level and the way Massachusetts deals with mental health, and the way the city structured its policies,” said Conley.

“Let’s not use the police as the front line of defense,” he said. “We need to have the system change.”

“I can’t be a normal person,” the defendant said.

Dear Kellie,

You’re the one who gets into this dog park. You chose to have three dogs — not a tiny toy. Therefore, you must be the one who figures out how to enjoy them and keep them happy.

Dog Lady is heartened because you have a conscientious about your pets’ health and welfare.

Right now, you might as well have a happy dog — especially a big dog. Provide the dogs plenty of exercise and outdoor time. They will never complain about strolls through your yard with big and small dogs if they are busy.

As for the boyfriend, presumably, anyone who wants to share life with you is a man who likes dogs. You may find your responsibility shared by someone who is glad to help you train your breathing. Would they be there?

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Christie
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Christie's new perspective, now a partner at a securities firm, where she advises on stock options and executive compensation, has enabled her to see the world from a different angle. "The financial world is full of risk and uncertainty," she says, "but it's also incredibly rewarding."

Christie is currently working on a book about the impact of technology on our lives, and enjoys spending time with her family and her dog, a mixed-breed rescue named "Chiquita." She is planning to move to a smaller, more rural area in the next year to pursue her passion for gardening and nature. "I love being outdoors and surrounded by trees and flowers," she says. "It's a great way to relax and rejuvenate."
**South Ender Peter Awad Participates in Haymakers For Hope**

Submitted by Haymakers for Hope

Everyday individuals will transform into fighters with a shared goal of knocking out cancer in Haymakers for Hope’s eighth annual “Rock ’N Rumble” charity boxing event at the House of Blues® Boston on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Tickets are now on sale for the event, which opens at 6 p.m. and fights begin at 7:30 p.m.

This May, thirty-two men and women living and working in the Greater Boston area, including South End resident, Peter Awad, will compete in boxing matches throughout the night. Against equally skilled opponents, they will test their courage and skills to help raise money for cancer research, awareness, survivorship and care. The organization has transformed more than 500 ordinary participants into extraordinary amateur fighters. This year’s annual “Rock ’N Rumble” event hopes to raise upwards of $600,000 to knock out cancer. The Boston 2018 fighters have collectively raised over $140,000 so far today.

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Haymakers for Hope’s “Rock ’N Rumble” fights are scheduled for three two-minute rounds, and the entire boxing card is sanctioned by USA Boxing. General admission tickets are $35 (standing room only), VIP & box seating packages begin at $225, and sponsorship packages are available for $2,500 and up. Tickets are now on sale! For more information on tickets and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.haymakersforhope.org or contact info@haymakersforhope.org.
South End Calendar

Chester Park Neighbors’ Spring Soirée

Sunday, April 23, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
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The event will also feature a silent auction - check back for more details as we add items.

Tickets are $30 or $2 for $50.

Tickets can be purchased at https://www.eventbrite.com/chester-park-neighbors-spring-soiree-tickets remain-available-44299876777

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