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South End Year in Review

January

BMC's Marcil Selected as a TED Fellow



Pediatrician Lucy Marcil

SUBMITTED BY BMC

Pediatrician Lucy Marcil has been selected as a TED Fellow, joining a class of 20 change-makers from around the world who delivered a talk on the TED stage this April in Vancouver. Marcil is the co-founder of Boston Medical Center's (BMC) StreetCred program, which provides free tax services to families who are eligible to receive the Earned Income Tax and Child Tax Creditsall completed while they are visiting the pediatrician's office.

Local groups revive senior programming

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

A handful of seniors gathered in the community room at 23 Wellington Street, an apartment building belonging to the non-profit Tenants Development Corporation, on a drizzly Tuesday for lunch and camaraderie, served with good humor by volunteer Heidy Viarruel. Free, weekday hotlunches were part of a suite of senior programs offered by United South End Settlements (USES), including affordable home repair referrals, various exercise and fitness classes, art, singing and dance, and computer classes that were discontinued on June 30 under USES's Vision 125 strategic plan.

OBITUARY: Stephen Grohe

Stephen Grohe was a long time resident of the South End and lived on Haven Street and West Newton Street for over 40 years with his family.

Stephen Foster Grohe, born

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South End Library celebrates the holidays

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

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About 60 neighbors young and old enjoyed holiday hospitality at the South End Branch Library, 685 Tremont Street, on Tuesday evening, December 18 at its annual Christmas Party. The Friends of the South End Library sponsored the event, which offered a warm buffet

plus snacks from the South End Emporium; a snowflake cake and gluwein, a non-alcoholic version of mulled wine courtesy of Marleen Nienhuis, head of the Friends group, and Reinhold Mahler. Swinging versions of Christmas classics by the Pat Loomis Group set a festive tone for the event.



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

By Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,

My little Gizmo was an abandoned terrier mix. She came into the shelter with ticks, tapeworm, whipworm and a burn. She also had a sore on her leg and was underweight. As I looked around the

shelter and saw the little shaky dog, I fell in love with her. She is the joy in my life and is the best little dog in the world. She has never done any messes in the house nor tore up anything. She does have one strange habit. She enjoyscarrying one or two or even three socks or slippers in her mouth and whimpers as she tries to "bury" them in her bed or the couch. She even pushes imaginary dirt over them. She is five years old. Do you know why she does this?

-Michele

Dear Michele,

Over years writing this column and delving into the magical thinking of dogs, Dog Lady has concluded that when they do quirky things such as

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A Caroling We Go

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

About 25 people gathered on the cold, clear afternoon of Sunday, December 9 in James Hayes Park at the corner of West Canton Street and Warren Avenue for the Friends of Hayes Park's caroling party. The Friends group provided songbooks, homemade cookies and other sweets and hot cider, and neighbors of all ages sang Christmas carols and holiday tunes.

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Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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May 10 1935, to Marion Foster Grobe and Herman Grohe died peacefully on December 17. 2017 in Newburyport Massachusetts. Stephen was predeceased by Judith Gail Clarke Grohe, his beloved wife of 52 years. He is survived by his daughters Deborah Lynn and Laura Gail, Laura's husband Chris J. Cattel Sr., granddaughter Rachael Cattel, and his nieces Denise Grohe Dorn and Linda Grohe Sakowski. He is predeceased by his brother Bruce.

All together?

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

South End's myriad of neighborhood associations talk mergers Residents of both the South End and other downtown areas have long been perplexed that the South End has 16 individual neighborhood associations, some covering as few as three or four square blocks, while other neighborhoods have one or two associations to represent them.

The idea of consolidating as a means of pooling resources and increasing clout with the city has arisen periodically, and over 20 years ago, the South End Forum came together to discuss and tackle concerns that are common across the South End, such as public works and traffic.

Consolidation talk became more concrete recently when the New York Streets Neighborhood Association, which formed to serve residents of the Ink Block complex, began the process of joining the Old Dover

Neighborhood Association (ODNA), which had previously included that area. ODNA president Ken Smith said, "It isn't a complete merger vet, but the intention as we re-affiliate is to one day be one association again. We never stopped supporting and representing our Old Dover members who lived in the north side of East Berkeley and will continue to during this period of transition.

February

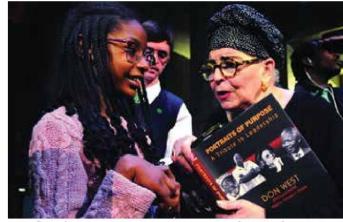
Portraits of Purpose

South End legends feature SUBMITTED BY SUSAN KOOPERSTEIN

On February 8, 2018, Portraits of Purpose:

The Next Generation, was hosted by Boston City Hall, provided a symbolic passing of the "torch of justice" from leaders of the African American community to the youth of Boston with 120 high school students from the Boston Public Schools participating.

African American leaders and their allies for social change featured in photographer Don West's exhibit images from Portraits of Purpose: A Tribute to Leadership and subsequent book co-authored with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Kenneth J. Cooper were honored at the event. Through original theater and soul-stirring music, young people in attendance were encouraged to overcome obstacles and work with their schools and communities to help create a city and world with a fair and level playing field for all.



Frieda Garcia, former director, Alianza Hispana and United South End Settlements, signs her page in Portraits of Purpose: A Tribute to Leadership, co-authored by Don West and Ken Cooper at the NEXT GENERATION event at Boston City Hall on February 8. One hundred-twenty Boston Public School students joined with community leaders at the event. Photo Credit: Randy H. Goodman

March

From Springfield to **Boston to Washington:** Youth Lead Movement to End Gun Violence

BY SARAH O'CONNOR ST. STEPHEN'S YOUTH PROGRAMS

On Thursday March 14th, young leaders from around Massachusetts stood in front

of the Smith and Wesson headquarters in Springfield, where the assault weapons used in the Parkland, Aurora and San Bernardino shootings were produced.

Teens traveled by bus from Boston, carpools from Holyoke, and by foot from Springfield, walking the quarter of a mile from Springfield Central High School. They led over 200 youth educators, faith leaders, and allies in asking Smith and Wesson's CEO, P. James Debney, to meet with students and become an industry leader in addressing

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Public Meeting

Alexandra Hotel

Wednesday, January 9

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

980 Harrison Ave

Boston Water & Sewer Commission 2nd Floor Training Room Boston, MA 02119

Project Proponent:

Alexandra Partners, LLC

Project Description:

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Community Meeting

The Roxbury Strategic Master **Plan Oversight Committee**

Monday, January 7 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

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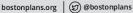
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Event Description

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since the 2016 launch of PLAN: Dudley Square, RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on that 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 at the Boston Water & Sewer Commission (BWSC) in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Free parking is available in the BWSC

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

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary



B-PEACE for Jorge Campaign Leaders at Action at Smith and Wesson in Springfield Photo by Jonathon Leiner, JOIN for Justice

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gun violence in this country.

Boston student leader Ekran Sharif said, "This gun [Smith and Wesson M&P-15] was never intended to be used by civilians. We are here at Smith and Wesson to demand that executives from Smith and Wesson engage directly with us, specifically with youth leaders, about how their company will be part of the solutions to end gun violence."

Obituary: Carl Lizio

For the past 45 years, Carl Lizio was a familiar face in the South End. Following the motto "Doing Well while Doing Good", Carl was known as a friendly local, greeting friends and neighbors with respect, cordiality, and usually a good joke.

A native of Dorchester, Carl came to the South End in the 1970s when the wrecking ball of urban renewal was still swinging mightily. Along with his brother, Stephen, Carl bought his first building in 1972 and eventually went

on to renovate nearly 60 South End buildings, most of which were long vacant and in danger of being destroyed.

April

Gary Bailey Recognized

Named to "100 Most Influential People Of Color"

Gary Bailey, DHL, MSW, ACSW, a longtime South End resident was named one of Boston's 100 Most Influential People of Color for his work and influence in the area of academia and education, Tuesday, March 27th 2018, at an event hosted by the Boston Foundation.

GK100 honorees are individuals who have distinguished themselves in the fields of Academia; Arts & Entertainment; Business; Communications & Media; Health, Human Services & Life Sciences; Law and Social Justice; Philanthropy and Non-Profit; Politics & Public Sector; Social Entrepreneurship; Technology and Innovation. Phillips and Get Konnected! described those individuals who

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made the list as being at the pinnacle of their careers and as individuals who have made, and are making, positive contributions to the Greater Boston community while serving as role models for the next generation of leaders.

USES Honored with GK10 Award

SUBMITTED BY USES

United South End Settlements' (USES) Change Maker Dinners have been selected for the GK10: The 10 Most Game-Changing Equity Ideas contributing to creating a more equitable and inclusive Boston.

Colette Phillips Communications, Inc. (CPC) and Get Konnectedl, the creators of the GK100, partnered with the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and The Boston Foundation to produce the GK100 list of Greater Boston's 100 Most Influential People of Color. In celebration of its 10th Anniversary, Get Konnectedl also recognized 10 Game-Changing Equity Ideas that if scaled, have the potential to transform Boston into America's most equitable and inclusive city.

"United South End Settlements has a long history of engaging children and families from diverse backgrounds in our programs," says Maicharia WeirLytle, President and CEO of USES. "We believe that building bridges between people with different identities, experiences, and socioe conomic backgrounds is vital to disrupting the cycle of poverty."



Gary Bailey

May

Ellis' Leo Delaney to retire

SUBMITTED BY ELLIS MEMORIAL

One of Boston's foremost nonprofit leaders is stepping down this coming fall after leading the organization for 32 years. Leo J. Delaney, CEO of Ellis Memorial (Ellis), has announced his retirement and plans for his transition are underway. Ellis Board of Directors will begin an executive search in

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the coming weeks. For over 132 years, Ellis has been an iconic early education leader in Boston's South End and has strengthened Boston's inner city working families with high quality education and care for children, youth and vulnerable adults.

"Leo has been an incredible leader who has accomplished more than we could have imagined," Said Larry Hughes, Ellis Board Chair. "The retirement of such a strong leader is always challenging for a lean organization such as Ellis. Thankfully Leo has built a great team and has an engaged board to help us through the transition. While Leo will never be replaced, we are excited about a new generation of leadership to continue our mission of serving the working families of Boston's South End and Lower Roxbury."

In 1986, Leo Delaney joined Ellis as Chief Executive Officer just one year after Ellis celebrated its 100th anniversary. The organization was enduring financial difficulties and Delaney was given two years to assess the situation and develop a plan for Ellis' future. Delaney quickly turned Ellis into an anchor in the South End with continued services to the community and expanded its reach.

Puerto Rican Vets Honored

Community members and lawmakers gathered on Memorial Day to honor Puerto Rican veterans at the Puerto Rican Veterans Monument in the South End.

Those present at the event included Mayor Martin J. Walsh, US Representative Michael E. Capuano, State Representatives Jeffrey Sanchez and Bryon Rushing, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn and Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins.

Dog Lady

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carrying nightgowns, slippers, or dancing around food and letting out a happy yowl when you enter the room, they celebrate life. They're not worrying about predators, sickness, ill health, hunger or any of the immediate fears inherent in their species. They are merely going to their happy place. In dogs, reverting to primitive behavior brings them joy - such as pushing imaginary dirt over a couple of socks buried in the couch. Gizmo acts out the rituals of his ancestors because he's completely comfortable to be a dog. You have made him secure. He does not feel abandoned, unloved or unwanted

Dear Dog Lady,

We recently put a deposit down on puppy that is a Pekingese/Pomeranian. She will be eight weeks old two days before Christmas. We have two little girls - ages two and six. I am a stay-at-home mom so the pup will not ever be alone and will constantly be around the two-year-old. A lot of things I have read say that the Pekingese is going to bite my



Photo courtesy of Puerto Rican Veterans Monument Square Association Facebook page

The square originally recognized the 65th Infantry Regiment, The Borinqueneers, but now recognizes all Puerto Rican contributions in the U.S. Armed Forces.

June

Obituary: Theodore "Ted" J. Schwalb

Theodore J. Schwalb Killed in hit-and-run crash

For decades, in the South End and all over Boston, Ted Schwalb was renowned for his extravagant wit and warmth, his outsized personality and appetite for conversation, friendship, art and life. He was a compassionate bon vivant, and an enthusiast with a critical eye. A graduate of Marblehead High

daughter. I am obviously concerned.

My dad did make a point that, since we are getting the puppy so young, she will grow up around the girls and it shouldn't be a problem. Any ideas?

If you read articles suggesting the Pekingese would bite your daughter, why did you decide to bring this variety of dog into your home? You did the right thing by researching but maybe the wrong thing by ignoring the research suggesting this breed of dog might not do well with small children.

Your Dad, however, makes a wise point about the dog growing up with your kids. Because all the creatures will be raised together, this surely will cement the bond and ease the strains. However, please be vigilant and never leave the dog alone with your youngest daughter until you are 100-percent confident they will peacefully co-exist. You must train your child to get along with the dog as surely as you must train the pup to do likewise.

Write askdoglady@gmail.com.

School, and Mass. College of Art, and an accomplished painter, he taught art at Stoneham High School for decades.

He held hundreds of memorable dinners in his art-filled home, and when he traveled to Chicago to celebrate his 60th birthday, his friends lamented to the Boston Globe that the beloved South End personality would not be dining with them. After his retirement, he spent winters in Mexico, returning every Spring to Boston. He is warmly remembered by his sister, the Cambridge artist Brenda Star, his nephews and their families, and countless others. Donations in his memory can be made to the Mass. College of Art. Aprivate memorial service will be held.

Look for Part 2 of the Year in Review next week!

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Estate of: Stephen W. Wolfe Date of Death: 08/15/2018

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Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 1/17/2019.

This is NOT a hearing date but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representa-tive under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of as-sets and expenses of administration

WITNESS, Hon, Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 06, 2018 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Docket No. SU18D0715DR

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Persuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant(s) cannot be found within the Commonwealth and defendant(s) present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant(s) has, have not voluntarily appeared in this action.

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