

Claremont group hosts mixer at Wine Riot

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Approximately 40 people gathered at Wine Riot at 519 Tremont Street to sample wines, nibble tasty cheeses and get to know one another and the Claremont Neighborhood Association (CNA) at Monday night's Gobble and Sip reception. CNA's Bob Barry and Kiera Slye greeted guests and sold raffle tickets for prizes valued at \$20-\$50 from Bloom Couture, Niche, Five Horses Tavern, Shun's Kitchen,



Cory Lusk behind the bar. Photo by Michele Maniscalco

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Crime

Stabbing

One person was stabbed Friday afternoon, November 4 at Washington and East Newton Streets.

The victim had non-life-threatening injuries. No arrests have been made.

Motor Vehicle Stop Yields Gun, Drugs

About 6:20 pm, Wednesday, November 2, 2016, officers from District D-4 (South End) observed a gray motor vehicle in the area of Mass

Ave and Washington Street travelling without the mandatory registration decal affixed to the vehicle's rear license plate. In light of the infraction, officers activated lights and sirens

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The South End Forum

At Tuesday's South End Forum meeting, we discussed the fact that state and city officials pledged to help develop a helicopter landing site as part of a bundle of incentives used to lure GE from Connecticut. The helipad would replace one that GE had at its previous corporate office; it would also address the lack

of a helipad since the city's last two public-access helipads closed in 1999. While no specific site proposals have been formally announced, the area between Ink Block and Chinatown and the current Boston Medical Center medical helipad have been subject to speculation as under consideration.

At the Forum meeting, there was some concern about the lack of reliable supporting information currently available to us that would help to inform a knowledgeable assessment of the impact of a helipad should it be located in or near the

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Day of Decision

Brisk turnout for pivotal election

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Aided by the flexibility of early voting and motivated by a particularly fierce presidential race and a slate of ballot questions addressing concerns of import to many voters, Bostonians and South Enders voted in force in the election period

culminating on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8. According to the Boston Elections Department, there are currently 415,536 registered voters in Boston, the highest number in the City in over 30 years. Prior to the 2012 presidential election, there were 387,142 voters registered in Boston. The election department also reported that during the early voting period from October 24

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Photo by Michele Maniscalco

Watch this space!

Officer Litto of the Boston Police Department and men from the Victory House for

planted 500 daffodil and tulip bulbs Mass. Ave. between Shawmut and Tremont Streets.



ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

My roommate and I are in our mid-20s. He has two Chihuahua-mixes he adopted with his ex. The relationship is now over. My roommate identifies very much as a "Doggy Daddy," which would be great - except I don't think he gives the dogs the care they deserve and need.

The dogs are not crated, but confined to two rooms when he leaves at 8:30 every day,

and often doesn't return until 6 to 7:30 at night, sometimes later. I asked him to put down pee pads for them because they couldn't stop having accidents. He lives a sedentary lifestyle, so they get a short 10-15 minute walk in the morning and at night when he returns. Beyond that, they are confined to our city apartment at all hours, including on weekends, even though there are dog parks nearby.

The dogs are also very isolated from other dogs, and get aggressive with any bigger dog on walks. He refuses to address this. What can I do? I have brought up a dog walker or doggy daycare many times, but he says he doesn't have the money (I live with him and have difficulty believing this). I have never been a dog owner, so I don't know how to assert myself to him. Please provide me with any advice you might have - these dogs are only 3 years old, and I can't stand to think that this is how they will live the rest of their lives.

—Kendra

Dear Kendra,

You can begin by leaving a print-out of your query with Dog Lady's answer under his door.

Your roommate has to understand you're not being a snoopy busybody by posing this question; you're humanely sticking up for the animals, which need better care. Leaving little dogs from 8:30 in the morning until early in the evening with only a pee pad for company is not any way to care for the creatures.

The dogs may be small but that doesn't mean they're any different in their instincts, needs and wants from the biggest, boldest Great Danes. In-

deed, Great Danes don't require as much exercise as Chihuahua-mixes. The little guys have a lot of energy to burn through.

If you decide not to leave this under his door and expose "Ask Dog Lady" as the scolding conscience, you should simply be brave enough to say something. If he counters that you don't know what you're talking about because you have never had a dog, say you know this much: Dogs need exercise and socialization to thrive. Also, any monetary investment he makes in his pets will pay off handsomely in happier, healthier dogs.

Dear Dog Lady,

I just read your column about adopting senior dogs. I adopted my Lexi when she was 6, 7 or 8 (they were not sure of her age; she was a breeder dog). At the time, I said, "Eight? That's old!"

Well now she is 11, 12 or 13 and acts younger than when we first adopted her. Having her rotten teeth removed gave her a new lease on life. She steals the bigger dogs rawhide bones and gums them with vigor. She runs and leaps in joy when I get home from work. She is only showing her age in two ways: a greyer muzzle and face. We also think her hearing is starting to go. But at the rate she is aging, she could make it to 18 or 20-years-old.

Everyone should consider a senior shelter dog: They are very well behaved, not chewers, and are laid back. Some shelters even have "seniors for seniors" with a reduced adoption fee.

—Alison

Dear Alison,

Great reminder and thank you sticking up for the seniors. Dog Lady's beloved Shorty lived until he was nearly 16. "Seniors for seniors" is a wonderful marketing slogan for shelters. Many older dogs are the easiest to care for because they are house-trained, slower and wiser. Caring for older dogs, of course, can also require patience and money for veterinary care. Unfortunately, some negligent fair-weather dog keepers turn in an aging dog to a shelter as if the pet were a Chevrolet with 100K mileage. Makes "Ask Dog Lady" so sad to think about it.

You've got the right idea to enjoy your guy right up until the minute fate intervenes. Many dog keepers start watching the clock when the dog turns 10, which is the usual demarcation line between middle-aged and senior for small and medium-sized dogs in the canine world.

However, there is no reason to mourn prematurely for an aging dog as you've so ably expressed.

Dear Dog Lady,

Why does my Maltese constantly nibble on everything?

—Suzanne

Dear Suzanne,

Because everything is left out all over the place for the Maltese to nibble. Everything smells of you and everything is so tempting. You could buy some small bully sticks or other dainty dog-friendly chewy to substitute whenever the Maltese begins to nibble. Your dog needs to nibble. Make sure she chooses wisely.

Visit askdoglady.com and read the new blogs, "Shorty Knows" and "The Dexter Diaries."

Pet of the Week

Bellatrix

Meet **Bellatrix**, a year old Chihuahua mix abandoned by her previous owner. She is very sweet and affectionate and loves people, and enjoys nothing more than finding a good lap to cuddle up in. She can be fearful when she first meets people and can snap or growl when she is scared. Therefore we would require all members of the adoptive family to come meet her first. She may not be the best match for a family with young children. She seems to tolerate dogs, but would probably prefer to be the only dog in the home.

If you are interested in meeting **Bellatrix**, or any of the other animals currently residing at the Animal Rescue League of Boston, please contact us at 617.226.5602. The shelter is open Tuesday through Thursday 1-7pm & Friday through Sunday 1-4pm, excluding some holidays.

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Mixer

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Luke Adams Gifting Co. and Wine Riot. Slye reported, "I think we had about 35-40 people in attendance last night, with many familiar faces, but also several new faces. We really enjoyed collaborating with Wine Riot for this event and feel that a lot of our neighbors were able to be introduced to another wonderful South End Establishment that they hadn't yet been aware of. I think that the Gobble & Sip was very helpful in raising our neighborhood association's profile amongst the South End and the greater Boston area as well. It was a night based around networking, fun, and support for local businesses."

A selection of bottles from an array of provenances, labels and varieties ranging in price from \$12.00 to \$30.00 were displayed on the bar where wine manager Cody Lusk affably poured, served and introduced Rieslings, rosés, Chablis and more to guests. Lusk has only been drinking wine for a little over a year and took some time to acquire a taste for the fruit of the vine. However, studying abroad gave him his entrée to the world of wine and he has made up for lost time in developing an appreciation and deep familiarity for wines. "I've been working in liquor stores since I was 18 and I am 23 now. I hated wine. I liked craft beer and spirits. I was studying in Prague in

economics in my senior year of college and there was a liquor store in my dorm. I was in the Czech Republic and they drink a lot. I started developing a taste for wine and I thought, 'This isn't so bad.' I went back to the liquor store, read a bunch of books, started annoying my wine manager quite a bit, drank more wine than I care to talk about and here I am. I'm self-taught, I don't have a certification, but I learn something new every day and I get to work at Wine Riot," he said. Lusk was weaned in wine on dry, Czech reds of the "two-buck Chuck" category and sampled many Rieslings, both in the Czech Republic and on his hiking trips to southern Germany and Bavaria. "Riesling is the most revered white on the entire planet because you can go from bone dry to sweet and everything in between," he explained. "I'm glad I got to go on that trip because now I am a wine manager and I am not sitting in a cubicle every day," Lusk added.

CNA's next special event is its annual Holiday Party and donation drive to benefit Cradles to Crayons, which will take place on Tuesday December 6 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Shun's Kitchen, 520 Columbus Avenue with free appetizers and a cash bar. After the party, the group will collect new and gently used children's items for Cradles to Crayons.

For more information on the Claremont Neighborhood Association and its upcoming Cradles to Crayons donation drive, please visit cnaboston.org.



Bob Barry and Kiera Slye of Claremont Neighborhood Association.
Photo by Michele Maniscalco

Crime

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and stopped the car. When asked to produce a license to operate, the operator was unable to provide one. Given the fact that the driver was unlicensed, his motor vehicle had to be towed from the scene. An inventory search of the motor vehicle lead to the discovery

and confiscation of a firearm (see photo) and 37 small plastic bags of what appeared to be heroin. Officers arrested a 38-year-old male from Boston and charged him with the Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition, Possession with Intent to Distribute a Class A Drug (Heroin) and Operating without a License.

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through November 4, 47,909 ballots were cast, representing 11.5 per cent of the registered voters in the City of Boston. Ward 3, precinct 7 cast 777 early voting ballots; ward 8, precinct 2 cast 99 early ballots; ward 8, precinct 2 cast 272 early ballots. On Election Day, voters cast 3,940 two-sheet ballots at the Cathedral High School gymnasium, polling place for ward 3, precinct 7 and ward 8, precincts 1 and 2 as of 7:15 PM on Tuesday, November 8.

While the South End's legislators, state senator Sonia Chang-Diaz and state representatives Byron Rushing and Aaron Michlewitz were unopposed, there was a four-way race for Register of Deeds, in which former city council president, Stephen Murphy won handily with 73 per cent of the vote. In Boston, 63 per cent of voters rejected Ballot Question 1 to add a slots casino; 62 per cent voted No on Question 2 to lift the cap on charter schools; 81 per cent, higher than the statewide margin, voted Yes

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Civil legal aid can help veterans struggling with homelessness

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The reasons for their homelessness are complex. There are the general stressors that contribute to homelessness such as a shortage of affordable housing and limited opportunities to earn a living wage, coupled with the fact that military training and occupations don't always translate well to the civilian workforce. Those issues are compounded by mental health problems that result from, or were exacerbated by, their service and the absence of social support networks. Child support arrears have also been identified as a leading cause

of homelessness among veterans.

Recognizing the scale of the problem, in 2010 President Barack Obama launched an initiative aimed at ending veteran homelessness by 2015. As part of that, cities across the country, including a handful in Massachusetts, joined the Mayors Challenge to Veteran End Homelessness. And while the initiative's ultimate goal has yet to be achieved, homelessness among veterans has fallen nationally by 47 percent in the last six years, while unsheltered homelessness has been reduced by 56 percent. Locally, Lynn became the first Massachusetts city to end veterans' homelessness earlier this year. Boston has succeeded in housing all but just a small number of veterans who are homeless as of the beginning of this year.

Civil legal aid-free legal assistance or representation for low-income individuals facing non-criminal legal issues has been an integral part of ensuring our veterans have safe, stable housing. The Department of Justice has noted that four of the most pressing unmet needs of homeless veterans involve legal assistance: preventing eviction/foreclosure, child support issues, outstanding warrants/fines, and restoration of a driver's license. Recognizing the need, the Department of Veterans Affairs has made grant funding available to legal aid organizations to assist veterans as part of President Obama's initiative.

In addition to working to get veterans into permanent housing, civil legal aid is often an effective intervention for veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless—an estimated 1.4 million veterans nationwide. For example, several years ago, Legal Assistance Corp. of

Central Massachusetts, now known as Community Legal Aid (CLA) helped Iraq War veteran Michael Damon and his family avoid foreclosure on their Uxbridge home. The family fell into financial hardship when war-related injuries left Damon disabled and he was ineligible to receive workers' compensation. His injuries made him unable to care for his two children, which prevented his wife Lisa from working full-time. It wasn't long before they received a foreclosure notice. Damon's legal aid attorney filed suit on the family's behalf against Countrywide Home Loans and Deutsche Bank. Their case was ultimately settled after their attorney was able to assist the Damons in repurchasing their home with a more affordable mortgage.

In another instance, MetroWest Legal Services (MWLS) succeeded in helping a 17-year Air Force veteran keep a roof over her head after a layoff and a stretch of unemployment brought her close to financial ruin. An MWLS attorney helped the veteran file for bankruptcy and represented her at the hearing, which resulted in the discharge of a large credit card debt and a more stable financial future.

The theme of Veterans Day this year is "Courage-Honoring All Who Served." As we honor and thank those who have served in our military, we must remember that for far too many veterans, the perils of service do not end with discharge from the military. If we truly want to honor all of our military veterans, we must ensure that the most vulnerable among them have the services and support they need and deserve to thrive as civilians.

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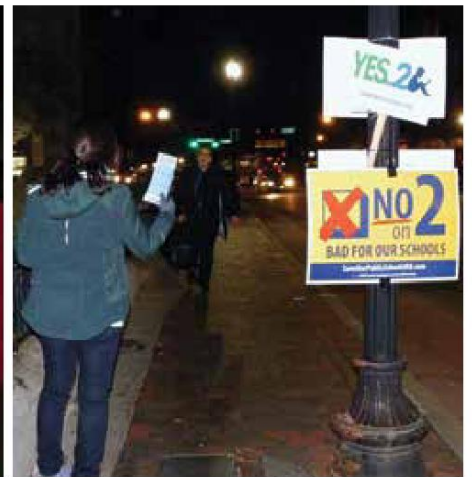
on Question 3 to improve living conditions for farm animals; and 62 per cent voted Yes on Question 4 to legalize recreational marijuana. Boston voters also approved Question 5, the Community Preservation Act, which will raise funds from property taxes to support parks, affordable housing, historic preservation and other quality-of-life concerns.

Despite the vitriol and divisiveness of the almost two-year campaign cycle leading up

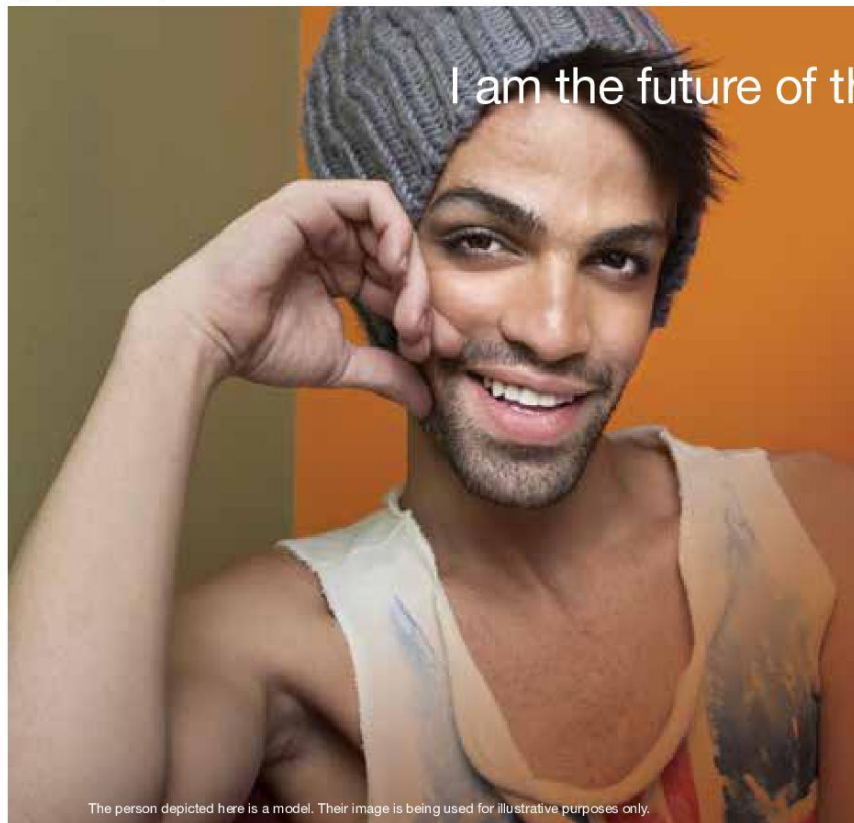
to Tuesday's elections, campaign volunteers representing different candidates and differing positions on the five questions on Boston ballots were calm and cordial in the neighborhood. Matt Leiwant, a 26 year old supporter of Question 2 whose sister is a charter school principal in New Bedford, chatted amiably with a woman who was campaigning for No votes on Question 2. "It's been a very divisive election, but it's been very nice out here," Leiwant observed. Explaining his interest in the charter-school question, Leiwant said, "I went to public school in New York City and

I survived it, but there were no options for me and I didn't want other kids to have to deal with that. I want to let communities create options for themselves." Sarah Albright, who campaigned in favor of Question 3 at the corner of Washington Street and Monsignor Reynolds Way, has been involved in the Yes on 3 movement for over a year "Because I believe in basic freedom for mammals and chickens. In our society, if you don't treat the elderly, the disabled, the defenseless as well as they should be treated, the poor treatment works its way up." Shawmut Avenue resident Laura

Ray added, "Pigs in gestation crates can't even turn around and that's how they spend their lives until they are inhumanely slaughtered. Chickens are in a cage where they can't even spread their wings and veal calves are taken away from their mothers the minute they are born and they have chains around their necks. They can't move." Ray, who is retired, describes herself as a full-time activist, doing events all around Boston to raise awareness on animal protection issues.



(Left) Animal protection activist Laura Ray (Center and Right) Yes on 2 / No on 2 activists. Photos by Michele Maniscalco



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South End neighborhood. We decided to ask Ink Block and NY Streets and the Ellis neighborhoods (for the Ink Block to Chinatown area) and WSANA (for BMC heliport area) to discuss the broad general issue of a heliport in or near the South End within their neighborhood and among their neighbors and to secure an initial "sense of the community" to bring back to the full Forum at our January 3 meeting—before the Forum takes a formal position on behalf of the entire South End Forum. We also decided to adopt an interim position of opposition to the siting of a heliport in or near the South End until we have learned more about specific proposals and impact assessments and the neighborhood's broad general concerns about noise, frequency of flights, pathways, and other concerns were

addressed. In sum, we will depend on state, city, and other private and public officials/resources to educate us, provide sufficient data to support any proposed SE location, and, of course, specifically address all of our concerns.

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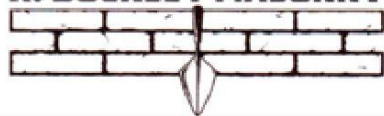
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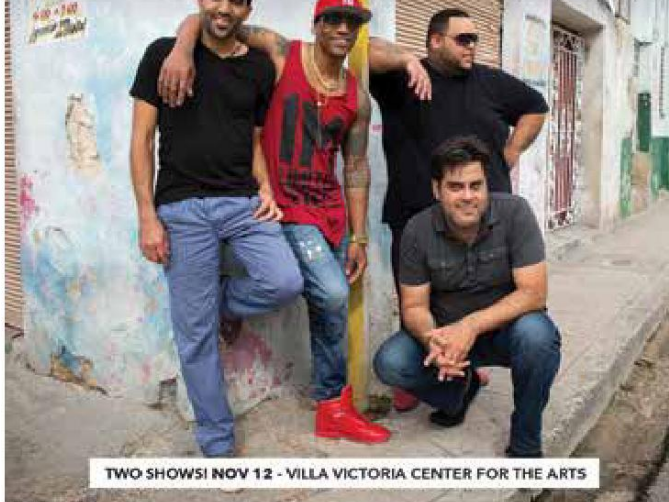
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