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A dog license is your dog's fastest ticket home if they become lost in the City of Boston, and it's the law. All dog owners must license their dogs by April 1, 2025. Please keep in mind: you need a new license each year.

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- $30 payment, or $15 if your dog is spayed or neutered

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Eight Arrested in Drug Raid at South End 'Problem Property'

BY SOUTH END STAFF

Suffolk County law enforcement conducted a raid at a notorious South End property on Monday, November 4, 2024, resulting in eight arrests and the seizure of multiple illegal substances, District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

The search, carried out by Boston police's drug control and human trafficking units at 231 West Newton Street, targeted a location that has generated 59 reported incidents in the past year alone. Officers discovered various illegal substances including Fentanyl, crack cocaine, methamphetamine, Suboxone, and Diazepam, along with cash.

"We know that it takes just one problem property or a few problem individuals to degrade the quality of life in entire neighborhoods," Hayden stated. "Actions like this help communities strengthen themselves."

Among those arrested was Jonathan Winters, 44, who faces charges for possession of a Class B substance and had outstanding warrants. Christopher Hicks, 35, charged with multiple drug possession counts including intent to distribute, failed to appear at his arraignment, prompting an arrest warrant.

Aaron Howell, 41, initially arrested on an outstanding warrant for Class A substance possession,

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Fisher College Student Killed in Roxbury Hit-And-Run

BY SOUTH END NEWS STAFF

A hit-and-run crash in Roxbury claimed the life of a 20-year-old Fisher College sophomore Saturday evening, leaving the close-knit academic community in mourning and police searching for the driver.

Taylor Wilkinson was walking with her sister Carlee along Washington Street when both were struck by a dark-colored Mercedes SUV shortly before 8:30 p.m. Wilkinson later succumbed to her injuries at a local hospital.

"It is with profound sadness that I share the heartbreaking news of the passing of Taylor Wilkinson, one of our cherished students," Fisher College President Steven Rich wrote in a letter to the school's 650-member community.

Wilkinson, a 2023 graduate of Boston's Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers, was pursuing a bachelor's degree in management with a focus on fashion merchandising. She was also active in the college's cheerleading program.

Reports published on Tuesday indicate that Boston Police may have located what appears to be the vehicle involved in the fatal hit-and-run.

Officers converged on the South End Whole Foods parking lot on Harrison Avenue around 9:50

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'Crumbs' Serves Up Rich Family Portrait at Lyric Stage

Crumbs from the Table of Joy, Lyric Stage Company of Boston, through February 2. 617-585-5678 or lyricstage.com

Thomika Marie Bridwell as Lily and Dominic Carter as Godfrey in Lyric Stage Company of Boston's staging of "Crumbs from the Table of Joy." Photo courtesy of Mark S. Howard.

BY JULES BECKER
Contributing Writer

Imagine a narrator-driven memory play that explores the changes affecting a post-World War II black family. Does this sound like a cross between Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" and Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun"? Actually the work in question is a Lynn Nottage effort-namely "Crumbs from the Table of Joy".

If this important American dramatist displayed a stronger stagecraft in her Pulitzer Prize-winners "Ruined" (2009) and "Sweat" (2011), the very heartfelt and strongly acted current Lyric Stage Company of Boston production of this 1995 play demonstrates a major talent in its early stages.

Inspired by vivid imagery from a short Langston Hughes poem entitled "Luck," "Crumbs from the Table of Joy" focuses on the changing fortunes of widowed African-American father Godfrey Crumb and his teenagers—17 year old Ernestine and 15 year old Ermina.

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NEWS FROM... SOWA

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PUBLIC MEETING

New Parking Regulations for Tremont Street from Arlington St.- Mass Ave.

The City of Boston's Transportation Department is going to host a Zoom meeting and an in person meeting to share the new parking regulations for Tremont Street from Arlington St. to Massachusetts Ave.

You will be able to hear about the New Regulations for:

- loading/unloading areas for deliveries with time slots
- many meter locations from 15 minutes to 2 hours

Zoom Meeting:

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In Person:

Time: January 24, 2025 11:00 AM
Where: Revolution Hotel at 40 Berkley Street

The in-person meeting will take place at the Mayor's Office coffee hour, and the BTD will also attend in-person with Sarah Sharpe from the Mayor's Office.

COMMUNITY

Ellis Early Learning Awarded Mass General Brigham's Community Health Impact Funds

SUBMITTED BY ELLIS EARLY LEARNING

Ellis Early Learning announced it has received Mass General Brigham Community Health Impact Funds to support the expansion of Ellis's family support and engagement team.

This funding is part of $3 million in Community Health Impact Funds that has been awarded to 20 local organizations to support mental and behavioral health initiatives in Boston and other parts of Suffolk County. The funding will support skilled mental health professionals serving more than 300 children and their families across Ellis's three center locations in the South End and Jamaica Plain.

"We deeply appreciate the support of Mass General Brigham," said Ellis Early Learning CEO Lauren Cook. "With this funding, we will be able to provide additional support to Ellis's children and families, as well as our dedicated team of educators, leading to better health and education outcomes."

The Phillip and Susan Ragon Building, a multi-year construction project that will result in a state-of-the-art clinical care building on the Massachusetts General Hospital campus, triggered this landmark investment through the Massachusetts Determination of Need process.

"Access to mental health services is essential to advancing health equity, particularly in historically marginalized communities," said Elsie Taveras, MD, MPH, Chief Community Health and Health Equity Officer at Mass General Brigham. "Mental health conditions like depression and anxiety have increased in prevalence in recent years, especially in communities in which systemic inequities persist. With community-based, culturally relevant mental health support, people can better manage their depression or anxiety and ultimately improve their health outcomes."

CRIME

South End Stabbing Victim Found In Allston

A man who sustained stab wounds to his stomach and leg at the Castle Square apartment complex on Tremont Street in the South End early Sunday was later located by police in Allston's Union Square. Officers found the victim near Cambridge and Emery streets around 4:20 a.m. His injuries were not life-threatening. Boston Police are investigating the incident.

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Theater

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Godfrey—determined that his family "not end up like the Scotsboro Boys"—has moved his daughters from Florida to Brooklyn in search of a better life and greater possibilities. A very caring father but struggling breadwinner, he latches on to the hope-rich radio preaching of an actual spiritual leader known as Father Divine (fully identified by the Lyric Stage in its lobby) and takes notes on his positivity-centered theology as he looks for answers to his personal questions. Repeatedly Nottage has Godfrey meticulously polishing his shoes—an action that becomes a kind of metaphor for his security blanket-like effort to get things right in his life.

Thoughtful if reserved narrator Ernestine deeply loves Godfrey—as does her extrovert sibling Ermina. They are also quickly drawn to their newly arrived adventurous and equally warm-hearted aunt Lilly Ann Green (their late mother's sister) and her inner fire. As winning Ernestine chronicles Lily's interest in Communism, her father's evolving fortunes—including an unexpected and serendipitous subway meeting-turned romance with German immigrant Gerte Schulte—and her own upcoming high school graduation-a family first, she becomes a spokesperson for Nottage herself—who spoke of trying to understand the era. At the same time, Ernestine's skill preparing her graduation outfit (kudos to designer Mikayla Reid) prefigures the playwright's very satisfying depiction of the strikingly loving relationship between the focal black seamstress Esther and the supportive Hasidic Jewish fabric-selling shopkeeper in the playwright's more tightly written drama "Intimate Apparel" (2003). Not unlike Williams' purposeful poet Tom in "The Glass Menagerie," Ernestine ultimately heads to self-determination "walking and riffing" with a memorable "Year from today" promise.

Madison Margaret Clark, Catia, Bridgette Hayes and Dominic Carter in Lyric Stage's "Crumbs from the Table of Joy." Photo courtesy of Mark S. Howard.

While "Crumbs" seems more promising than fully satisfying, attentive director Tasia A. Jones has beautifully tailored a stellar ensemble of rich performances at the Lyric Stage. Dominic Carter poignantly captures Godfrey's complex inner struggle seeking joy and fulfilment as a father, Lily's brother-in-law and Gerte's love. Madison Margaret Clark very naturally catches Ernestine's development as an insightful young woman and her close sibling ties with Ermina, played with appealingly exuberance by Catia . Bridgette Hayes has all of Gerte's bluntness as well as her embrace of Godfrey's family. Production highpoints include the sisters' vivid talk about movies and the start of Godfrey and Gerte's involvement. Thomika Marie Bridwell is a revelation and a total delight as outspoken yet vulnerable Lily. Lily's verbal clash with Godfrey is properly riveting.

Hughes' reflective poem speaks of love and heaven. Lyric Stage's savory "Crumbs from the Table of Joy" finds ample servings of both.

Dog

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- April 12 from 10 a.m. - 2 pm. in Charlestown
- May 3 from 10 a.m. - 2 pm. in Jamaica Plain
- May 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 pm. in South Boston
- May 31 from 10 a.m. - 2 pm. in Roxbury

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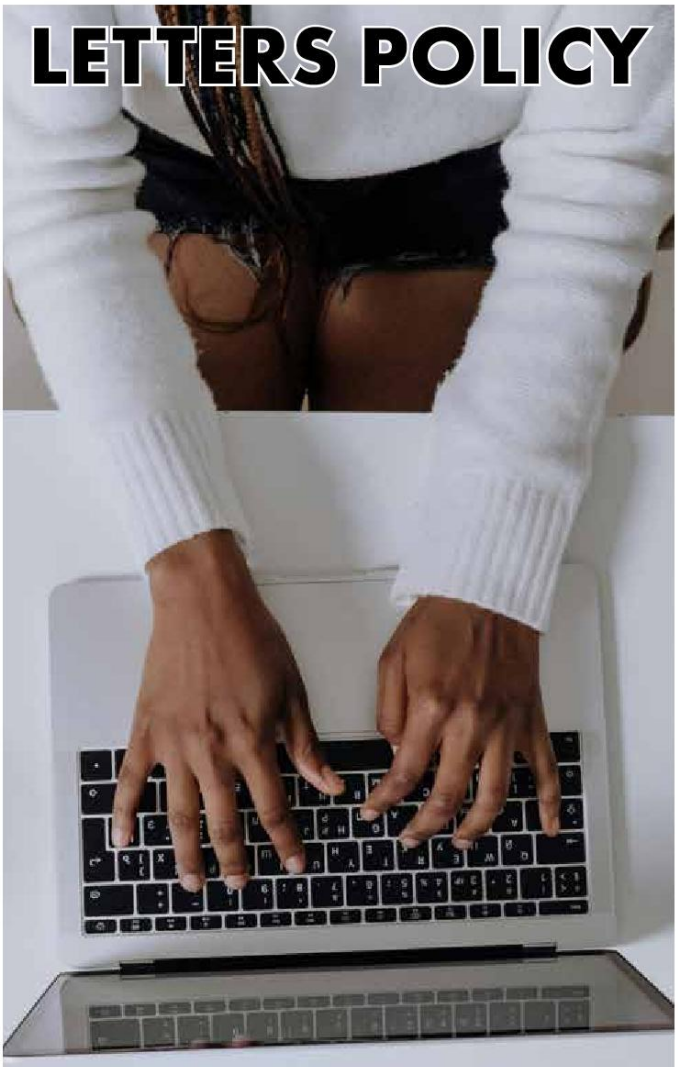

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Hit-And-Run

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a.m. Monday, where they found a dark blue Mercedes SUV matching the description of the vehicle that struck Taylor Wilkinson, 20, and her sister on Washington Street. The abandoned vehicle had front-end damage and was missing its right-side mirror – consistent with evidence from the crash scene. The SUV was reportedly covered in snow, suggesting it was left in the lot sometime between Saturday evening's incident and the onset of snowfall last night.

Boston Police are continuing to seek the public's assistance. The vehicle is a 2021-2023 dark-colored Mercedes compact SUV with damage to its front grille and lights. The vehicle's right-side mirror was torn off in the collision.

Investigators urge anyone with dashcam or cellphone footage from the area at the time of the incident to contact the homicide unit at 617-343-4470.

Raid

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had his warrant removed Wednesday and will appear in Cambridge court at a later date. David Aylward, 27, faces charges for possession of Class A and B substances.

Additional arrests included Schanwat Wilailak, 36, and Michael Collins, 66, both charged with Class C substance possession, and Joseph Brodie, 55, arrested on an outstanding larceny warrant. Richard Souza, 37, was arrested for outstanding warrants and Class C substance possession but was released on personal recognizance.

Brodie, Collins, and Wilailak each received $1,000 bail and are scheduled for pre-trial hearings in early December. Winters and Aylward, held on $500 bail each, are also due to appear in court in early December.

The property has been a longstanding concern for the South End community, according to officials.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

In the matter of: Christopher J. Carras Trust

To all interested persons:
A petition has been filed by **Christopher J. Carras of Boston, MA** requesting Order for Moran Stanley to Transfer all Trust Assets to the Beneficiary, Christopher J. Carras.

Docket No. SU24P1414PO

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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 **02/14/2025**. 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.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 06, 2025 ***Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate***

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU12P0348GD

In the Interests of: A/k/a Justine Skye Grey Jason Sampson Diaz of Boston, MA
RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Alan Levine of Methuen, MA** in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: **Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent.**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114

Remove the Guardian

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 10, 2025 ***Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate***

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU25P0053GD

In the matter of: **Justine Skye Grey**
Of: **Boston, MA**

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Justine Skye Grey** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **02/06/2025.** This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 9, 2025 ***Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate***

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

In the matter of: Varsha Pramil
Of: Boston, MA

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Varsha Pramil of Boston, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to **Varsha Pramil Vandre**

Docket No. SU24C0618CA

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **02/06/2025.** This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 08, 2025 ***Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate***

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU25P0055GD

In the matter of: **Michael Tucker**
Of: **Boston, MA**

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Michael Tucker** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 10, 2025 ***Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate***

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU25P0112GD

In the matter of: **Marion Kloss**
Of: **Boston, MA**

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by **Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA** in the above captioned matter alleging that **Marion Kloss** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 16, 2025 ***Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate***

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