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The Year in Crime

From Boston Police Department and www.universalhub.com

2/27/16, 12:58 pm: Gun-toting road rager foiled in getaway when his moped stalls, police say, Assault with a dangerous weapon, Massachusetts Ave. and Tremont St.

3/9/16, 7:20 pm: Roxbury man charged with shooting gun in the South End, Gunfire, 72 W. Newton St.

4/2/16, 10:30 pm: Drive-by shooters miss woman but hit her car in Newmarket Square, Gunfire, 870 Massachusetts Ave.

4/26/16, 10:25 pm: Knifepoint robbery in the South End, Armed robbery, 145 W. Concord St.

5/6/16, 10:53 pm: Man threatening to shoot someone in the South End arrested before he could, police say, Illegal gun possession, 100 W. Dedham St.

5/17/16, 10:15 pm: Two shot on Shawmut at West Newton in the South End, Shooting, Shawmut Ave. and W. Newton St.

5/19/16, 5:55 pm: Police: Hyde Park teen nabbed with a gun near scene of recent double shooting in the South End, Illegal gun possession, W. Newton St. and San Juan St.

5/21/16, 11:38 am: Police: When guy's friends picked him up in their car in the South End, they didn't realize he'd just robbed a bank,

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Obituary

Stephen Grohe

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

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 May 10 1935, to Marion Foster Grohe 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

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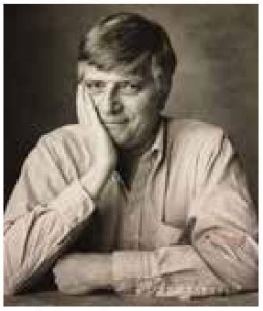

Stephen Grohe

Winter, and snow, is coming

City Winter 101

Courtesy Adam Gaffin
www.universalhub.com
Information from City of Boston

Walsh: 48-hour space-saver rule will remain in effect this winter - except in the South End

Mayor Walsh said last week it's steady as it goes for the city's informal rule that lets residents save parking spaces they've shoveled out after the end of a snowstorm serious enough to require declaration of an emergency declaration.

The one exception is the South End, where the city will continue to ban all space saving all the time, Walsh said at his annual pre-winter preparation news conference at the DPW facility off I-93 in the South End.

Jerome Smith, the city's chief of civic engagement, asked residents to shovel out hydrants after a storm

Winter in Boston

Emergencies: dial 911

Non-emergency city services and information: dial 311

www.boston.gov/winter-boston for more information

Warming Centers

When the Mayor declares a winter weather emergency, we make BCYF Community Centers available

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How cold is it?

Cold enough for a hawk to leave the sky to pick at a squashed, frozen squirrel caracas on Fort Hill, Roxbury. Oh, and that there's a squashed, frozen squirrel caracas.

Credit: Sue O'Connell

Guest Opinion

Finding Our Way Home in 2018

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

To all Bostonians: happy new year, and may 2018 bring you happiness and health in Boston. As we enter into the new year, I'm grateful for the people of Boston – I continue to be inspired by our residents' big hearts and deep love of community.

2018 brings a new year in Boston, and it also marks inauguration for myself, and for the Boston City Council. I'm humbled by the opportunity to serve a second term as Mayor of Boston. Inaugurations are often a time for celebrations and special events across the city. This year, to mark my second inauguration as Mayor of Boston, I wanted to do something really special – and different. Something that really brings us together as a city.

As Bostonians, we know that the thing we love celebrating most is our spirit, our resilience, and each other. It's what makes Boston, our city, our home.

The City of Boston, Pine Street Inn, and Bank of America are partnering on a new campaign – The Boston's Way Home Fund. This new initiative will raise $10 million in private funds to create 200 units of permanent, supportive housing over the next four years. These units will be for formerly homeless individuals, who will now have a lasting home in Boston.

Boston is a compassionate and caring city that looks out for one

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Crime

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Bank robbery, 1320 Washington St.

7/4/16, 1:24 am: Woman shot in the South End, Shooting, 647 Harrison Ave.

8/7/16, 12:15 am: Shots fired on Harrison Avenue in the South End, Gunfire, 700 Harrison Ave.

8/21/16, 7:00 pm: Man stabbed in the South End, Stabbing, 73 Warren Ave.

10/8/16, 1:22 pm: Armed robbers make getaway in Zipcar, Armed robbery, Columbus Ave. and Massachusetts Ave.

10/8/16, 5:20 pm: Barrage of gunfire on Mass. Ave. between Shawmut and Washington, Gunfire, 623 Massachusetts Ave.

10/11/16, 4:00 am: Man breaks into South End apartment, sexually attacks both occupants, Rape, Clarendon St. and Columbus Avenue

10/24/16, 1:40 pm: Man shot in face a block from Boston Medical Center, Shooting, Melnea Cass Blvd. and Massachusetts Ave.

12/22/16, 9:30 am: DA: Man throws brick at police cruiser in the South End, Assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, Monsignor Reynolds Way and Harrison Ave.

12/29/16, 6:00 pm: Person stabbed outside Boston Medical Center, Stabbing, Melnea Cass Blvd. and Massachusetts Ave.

2/16/17, 8:00 pm: Logan worker from Mattapan faces federal coke-distribution charges, Illegal drug possession, Tremont St. and West Brookline St.

3/2/17, 1:45 pm: Police: Guy smashes South End man in the head with vase, pan before victim flees out fire escape, Assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, 26 Chandler St.

6/7/17, 10:00 pm: Woman shot in Roxbury, Shooting, 589 Shawmut Ave.

6/28/17, 7:10 pm: Gun battle leaves car with fresh bullet hole in parking lot near BMC, Gunfire, Gage St.

7/3/17, 11:35 pm: Three shot on Mass. Ave. near Tremont, Shooting, 521 Massachusetts Ave.

9/24/17, 6:40 am: Man shot to death in Newmarket Square, Murder, Southampton St. and Topeka St.

9/28/17, 9:40 pm: Security guard stabbed in the hand at South End pharmacy, Stabbing, 1603 Washington St.

10/19/17, 4:30 pm: Another violent incident near set of violent movie: South End purse snatcher charged with menacing cops with a knife, Armed carjacking, Shawmut Ave. and Union Park St.

11/2/17, 9:00 pm: Shots fired on West Newton Street in the South End, Gunfire, W. Newton St. and Al St.

11/9/17, 9:40 pm: Man held up at gunpoint across from Mass. Ave. T stop, Armed robbery, 410 Massachusetts Ave.

Grohe

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predeceased by his brother Bruce.

Stephen grew up in Old Greenwich, Connecticut. After graduating from high school, he moved to the South End of Boston to live and to pursue a career in commercial photography. When he was starting out as a photographer, he supported himself in part as a professional violinist. His studio was in the Fort Point area of Boston for over 30 years.

In his photographic career, Stephen worked primarily with clients from the high tech industry. His clients included Bose, Polaroid, Digital Equipment Company, and Raytheon. Stephen brought together an artistic vision informed by surrealism with a remarkable and fearless intellect. He said his goal was not to simply photograph a computer, but to create an image which conveyed the idea of the computer he was photographing.

Calling hours will be held on January 13, 2018 from 4-6 pm at Twomey, LeBlanc & Conte Funeral Home, 193 High Street in Newburyport.

Here is a great YouTube video about Steve. All his photographs were done before computers .. he built models and used all sorts of cameras. He was a brillant photographer : https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=H8iUvb5_SIg

Guest Opinion

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another as neighbors. We are committed to making sure that every person in our city has a place to call their home and build a better life.

We've made great strides these past few years in ending homelessness: we ended chronic veterans homelessness and we're now on our way to ending all chronic homelessness. This fund brings us even closer to that reality.

I want to thank the donors who have helped kick us off the fund – and I hope residents and organizations throughout Boston will join us in this effort. No gift is too small.

As Mayor, people often ask me what they can do to help. Today my answer is -- learn more about Boston's plan to end chronic homelessness, keep supporting your neighbors and community, and consider becoming involved in the Boston's Way Home Fund. Since January of 2016, 425 chronically homeless individuals have been housed, representing more than 3,000 years of homelessness ended. This year, we're hoping you can be a partner and advocate, and help increase that number even further.

I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to lead our city for four more years. Working together, we will make sure every member of our community knows they belong right here in Boston – right at home.

Thank you, and happy New Year.

To learn more about the Boston's Way Home Fund, visit: http://www.bostonswayhomefund.org/

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City Winter

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as warming centers. How many centers we open up depends on the need.

Because the BCYF Warming Center list changes, please call 311 for updates on which centers are open during emergencies.

Parking Bans

Discounted Garages

During declared snow emergencies, discounted parking is available at some parking lots and garages for Boston residents.

A list of discounted parking garages and lots you can use at www.boston.gov/winter-boston.

Restricted Streets Map

Through our map at www.boston.gov/winter-boston, you can search with your address to find the restricted streets in your neighborhood.

Parking In Snowy Weather

It's important for us to keep main roads clear for plows and emergency vehicles during extreme weather. You will be ticketed and towed if you park on a posted snow emergency artery during a declared snow emergency.

Plows And Emergency Vehicles

Help us keep streets open to plows and emergency vehicles by parking at least 20 feet away from intersections and no further than 1 foot from the curb. Don't block sidewalks, fire hydrants, ramps, driveways, or the street with your vehicle.

Clear Your Muffler

For your safety, make sure to clear all snow at least one foot around your muffler before starting your engine. Blocked mufflers can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

Towed Cars

If you believe your vehicle was towed in Boston, search the towing database or call the Boston Police Tow Line at 617-343-4629.

Space Savers

Did you use a trash can, cone, or some other object to save your parking space on the street?

Here's what you need to know:

• You can only use a space saver when the City declares a snow emergency.

• You have 48 hours to use a space saver after we end an emergency. After that, you must remove it from the street.

Plow My Street, Please!

We prioritize clearing main routes — like Commonwealth, Hyde Park, and Blue Hill Avenues — so emergency vehicles can get to schools, hospitals, and homes quickly. If you think your street was missed by a plow, let us know by submitting a request to 311.

Shoveling

Property Owners Must:

clear sidewalks within three hours of snowfall ending or three hours after sunrise if it snows overnight, and clear at least a 42-inch-wide path for wheelchairs and strollers.

Simply put, we're looking for an accessible path of travel. While the rule is three hours, we try to be reasonable for deciding when we start the clock. Our goal isn't to fine you. We just want people — especially youth and seniors — to be able to get around safely.

Shoveling Fines:

We have information on what you can expect to pay in fines each day your sidewalk is unshoveled, or if you shovel snow onto the street. We fine ourselves for City-owned properties too.

Things We Could Use Your Help With:

• Don't shovel or push snow into the street. If you do, the City may fine you.

• Remove ice to bare pavement or make as level as possible and treat with sand, sawdust, or similar material. Every year dozens of people are seriously injured slipping and falling on sidewalks.

• Please clear any snow that may be blocking a handicap ramp, fire hydrant, or storm drain. If a hydrant is buried in snow, it takes the fire department time to find it and shovel it out.

• Don't leave snow or ice on stairways or fire escapes. All common means of exit must be clear in case of a fire or another emergency.

Prepare For The Cold

Stay Safe During Extreme Cold

When you know severely cold weather is coming, remember to take steps to prepare. Please also check on your elderly or disabled neighbors, and take caution when using portable heating devices like space heaters.

Frostbite And Hypothermia

• Make sure to cover exposed skin and watch out for frostbite. In extreme cold, frostbite can happen in under a minute. Wind also increases the risk of frostbite.

• Hypothermia occurs when your body loses heat faster than it can retain heat. This can create a dangerously low body temperature.

Carbon Monoxide

• Every year, thousands of people are killed or seriously injured from breathing in carbon monoxide.

• Winter is a dangerous time for carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure the exhaust pipe on your car is clear of snow, as well as your house's heater vent.

If You Lose Power

Reporting Power Outages

Please call your utility company to report any outages. You can also call 311 with any concerns or questions.

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BPD K-9 Unit Apprehends Present Stealing Suspect

SUBMITTED BY BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

At about 10:15 AM, on Monday, December 18, 2017, Boston Police officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) and members of the BPD K-9 Unit made an on-site arrest after responding to a call for a residential breaking and entering in progress in the area of 418 Columbus Avenue in the South End. While on approach, officers were provided with a suspect description and informed that the male suspect had been observed in the rear alley behind the building throwing large rocks at a rear glass door.

On arrival, officers were directed down the alley to the rear glass door which they observed to be completely shattered with the suspect nowhere in sight. Believing he suspect to still be in the building, additional responding officers set a perimeter around the building and awaited the arrival of a BPD K-9 to conduct a building search.

In short time, two BPD K-9 officers quickly arrived on scene at which time, K-9 Vader (see photo) was let off his leash and entered the building. The K-9 Officers and Vader soon located the male suspect, later identified as Deshawn Wesley, 26, of Boston, hiding in an upstairs bedroom at which time he was placed in custody without incident. Officers then searched the suspect's backpack, at which time they recovered two unopened Christmas presents along with assorted jewelry and other personal items. The resident of the home later returned to the scene and identified the property which was then returned to her. The suspect will appear in Boston Municipal Court on a charge of Breaking and Entering.

Said Police Commissioner William Evans: "Whether they walk on two feet or four, I continue to marvel at the hard work being done by all of my officers in their never-ending efforts to keep our city safe. And, I'm especially proud of Officer Miller and his K-9 partner, Vader, for the quick response and apprehension of one individual who clearly missed the memo about the importance of being good for goodness sake especially so close to Christmas."

2017 in South End Theater

BY JULES BECLER

South End theater—Theater District South to this critic—continued to be a major Hub force in 2017. On small and large Boston stages alike, local triumphs included an all-women "Julius Caesar," a timely examination of both Islam and the legal profession and a moving new look at the relationship of a closeted gay Jewish aid worker and an African-American businessman.

These offerings are prominent in my small and large theater best of 2017, here in alphabetical order.

Small Stages

Billy Elliot the Musical, Wheelock Family Theatre: A strong multi-cultural cast brought soaring expression to this Tony Award celebration of solidarity and the inner electricity of a boy born to dance.

Days of Atonement, Israeli Stage at Calderwood: Four very different sisters sought redemption and respect during a tense holiday reunion in Hanna Azoulay-Hasfari's poignant drama, sensitively staged by company artistic director Guy Ben-Aharon.

Edward II, Actors' Shakespeare Project at Charlestown Working Theatre: Maurice Emmanuel Parent, one of Boston's best actors, was majestic as the title 14th century monarch in Christopher Marlowe's provocative classic.

Faceless, Zeitgeist Stage Company at Boston Center for the Arts: Lawyers—Muslim and Jewish—tested their own beliefs and the motivation of a radicalized young woman in Selina Fillinger's stereotype-free play.

Gabriel, Greater Boston Stage Company, formerly Stoneham Theatre: The late Thomas Derrah displayed his great gifts in the role of a Nazi officer in this gripping World War II-set drama. Arguably the most talented Hub actor of his generation, with even a beautifully sung Fraulein Schneider in "Cabaret" at American Repertory Theatre. Derrah's untimely passing at 64 was an incalculable loss to both the South End and area theater.

Ramona Lisa Alexander and other cast members in Israeli Stage production of "Days of Atonement" at Calderwood (Courtesy Israeli Stage)

Julius Caesar, Actors' Shakespeare Project at Studio 210: Bobbie Steinbach and Marya Lowry headed up the stellar all-female cast of Bryn Boice's sharp revival with Marianna Bassham definitive as Anthony.

She Loves Me, GBSC: Director/choreographer extraordinaire Ilyse Robbins clearly paid homage to Jewish collaborators Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick of Fiddler on the Roof fame with a hora and a kazatzke in this sweet revival.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, SpeakEasy Stage Company at Calderwood Pavilion: Gifted artistic director Paul Daigneault made this Hub edition clearer and actually more satisfying than the tour of the Tony-winning look at the challenges facing an autistic young man.

The Little Dog Laughed, Take Your Pick Productions at Calderwood: Cassandra Lovering's taut revival of Douglas Carter Bean's savvy look at fame, art and personal integrity proved a remarkable company debut.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, Lyric Stage Company of Boston: Steve Barkhimer and especially Paula Plum captured the fiery vision of Edward Albee's masterwork.

Honorable Mentions

Coyote on a Fence, Hub Theatre Company of Boston; Elemeno Pea, Boston Playwrights Theatre; Incident at Vichy, Praxis Stage; Fat Pig, Flat Earth Theatre at Arsenal

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Victory Programs Celebrates Life

The Victory Programs' Boston Living Center's annual Celebration of Life Holiday Party for the HIV/AIDS community returned to the Hynes Convention Center for the 30th year of the event founded by Peter Daniel Clark as a gathering for friends to celebrate another year of survival during the height of the AIDS epidemic. Although Peter passed away of AIDS-related complications in 1992, his sister, Debbie Fellman, still attends the event to present an award in his honor to an individual or group selected for outstanding service to the HIV/AIDS community.

This year's winner, Daniel Faucher, known to many as Verna Turbulence, has been hosting benefits for the Boston Living Center for more than 20 years. The event also featured the presentation of the 2nd Annual Brenda Bellizeare "Better It Gets" award to Rob Quinn, a member of the Boston Living Center, for his inspirational leadership across the State. The event attracted more than 700 guests who enjoyed live entertainment by the Back Bay Ringers, Verna Turbulence and Friends, Woza Moya and dance hits spun by DJ Ollie, a resource fair featuring more than 30 local organizations, a traditional sit down holiday meal at tables decorated with unique centerpieces designed and donated specifically for the event, family pictures with Boston Santa and winter readiness kits provided by Bank of America and Temple Beth Avodah.

The event serves as the largest fundraiser of the year for vital services at the Boston Living Center and is projected to raise more than $130,000.

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(Top) Celebration of Life Ballroom with Guests (Photo by Steve Dunwell). (Bottom) Family taking photo with Santa (photo by Steve Lord)

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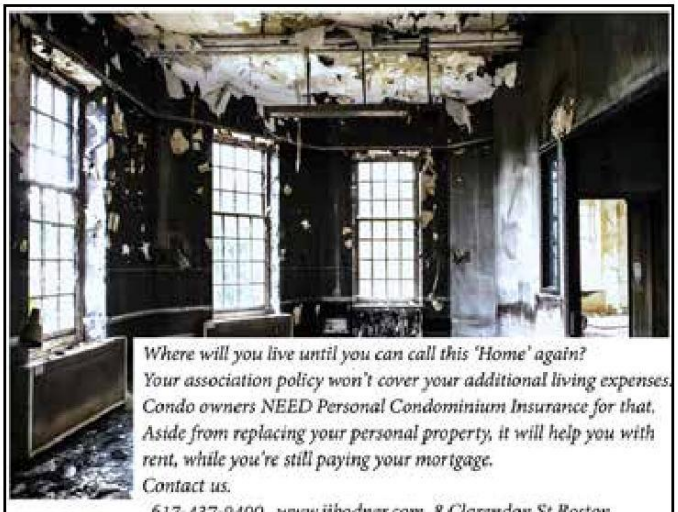

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Center for the Arts; Nurse Play, Exiled Theatre at BPT; One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, New England Theatre Works; Boston Children's Theatre at BCA; Plank, Alley Cat Theatre at BCA; The 39 Steps, Moonbox Productions at BCA.

Solo Best

American Moor, O.W.I., Bureau of Theatre and Phoenix Theatre Ensemble. Keith Hamilton Cobb was electrifying in excerpts from Othello and in his own work about the fortunes of black actors. He should return to Boston as Shakespeare's moor.

Golda's Balcony, New Repertory Theatre. Bobbie Steinbach brought Golda Meir, Israel's first woman prime minister, to vital life.

Thurgood, New Rep. Johnny Lee Davenport was tremendous as pre-Supreme Court 'Mr. Civil Rights.'

Large Stage

A Guide for the Homesick, Huntington Theatre Company. Writer Ken Urban's moving advice about love and caring proved the best new play of 2017.

Merrily We Roll Along, Huntington. Maria Friedman gave lesser Sondheim a revival worthy of his best work.

Silent Sky, Merrimack Repertory Theatre. The accomplishments of Henrietta Leavitt and her fellow women colleagues soared in this radiant staging.

The Royale, Merrimack. Thomas Silcott scored a knockout as the conflicted boxer in a championship drama about pain, prejudice and the price of personal victory.

Top Dog Underdog, Huntington-Bill Porter brought new life to Suzan-Lori Parks' intense sibling face-off.

Transcripts, Part I: The Women, American Repertory Theatre: Paul Lucas' insightful new look at transgender women was a revelation.

Young Frankenstein, North Shore Music Theatre: Brian Padgett's song and dance as the Monster in "Puttin' on the Ritz" would make Mel Brooks proud.

Honorable Mention: Our American Hamlet, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company at Babson Arts, Showboat, Reagle Music Theatre)

Visiting Theater

Arrabal, A.R.T., Fun Home, Broadway in Boston, Bedlam's Sense & Sensibility, A.R.T. through January 14, 2018 Phantom of the Opera, B in B, Reversible, Arts Emerson, The Color Purple, Boch Center), The Beauty Queen of Leenane, AE, The King and I, B in B

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(Top) TIPS Severs getting ready to serve Holiday Meal (photo by Steve Dunwell) (Bottom) Rob Quinn and Brenda Bellizeare Better It Gets Award with Jo Ann Coull and Larry Day (photo by Steve Dunwell)

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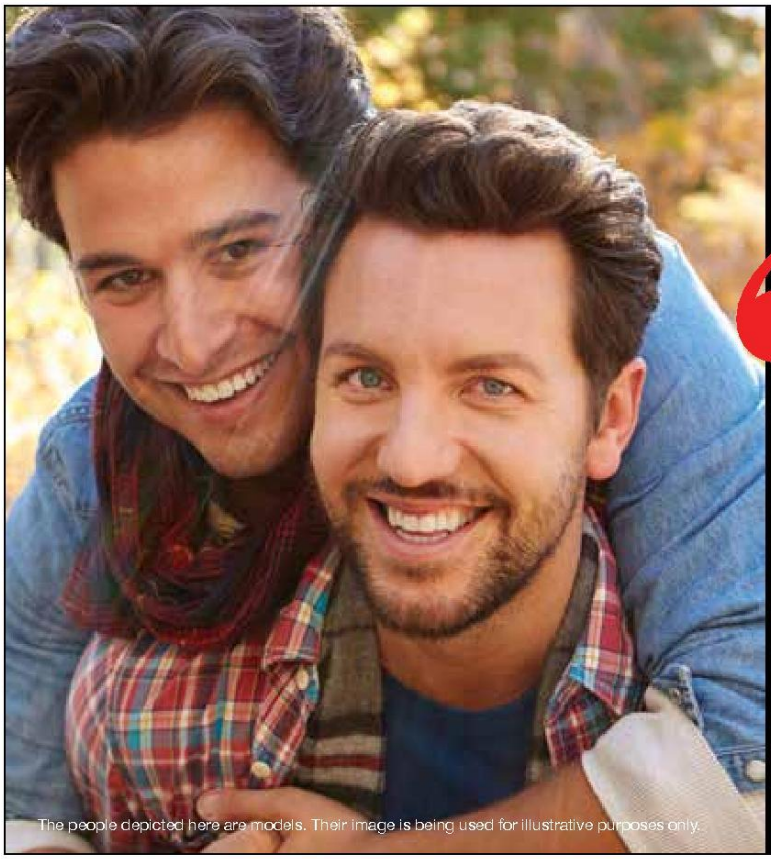

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