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Pine Street Inn serves nearly 2,000 traditional holiday dinners

More than 200 volunteers spent part of their Thanksgiving holiday with Pine Streen Inn helping serve and prepare 1,600 guests and tenants enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving meal and some of the comforts of home.

Special guests included: Mayor Michelle Wu, Senator Edward Markey, City Council President Ed Flynn, Representative John Moran, and Boston Bruins Defenseman Charlie McAvoy.

In addition to those at Pine Street's headquarters in the South End and other shelter locations, Pine Street's 38 permanent housing locations celebrated the holi-

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Pine Street Inn President and Executive Director Lyndia Downie and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. Photo by John Rich Photography.

South End Holiday Happenings

SUBMITTED BY
SOUTH END BUSINESS ALLIANCE

SEBA (South End Business Alliance) Boston's Annual South End Holiday Stroll is Sat. Dec 2, 11am - 7pm. This annual event will be held throughout the entire South End of Boston.

Come visit, shop, dine and stroll through this historic neighborhood in Boston. This holiday stroll will be organized with over 100 businesses & organizations: retailers, ground floor uses, real estate offices, restaurants & fast casual establishments, non-profits, places of worship & SE neighborhood associations. More info: https://www.sebaboston.com/

This will be the 27th year that the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will celebrate this festive tradition on Sat., Dec. 2 with the lighting of the Holiday Tree at Blackstone Sq at 5:30 pm on Washington St / West Newton St. in the South End. Bring your family, neighbors & friends to meet Boston's Mayor Michelle Wu as she turns on the festive Holiday Tree . The Mayor's

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South End man gets 3 years for the 7,000 fentanyl pills he handed to a buyer working with the feds

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A federal judge this week sentenced Melvin Cordero of the South End to 37 months in prison after he admitted he gave 7,000 pills made of fentanyl and a fentanyl analog to an informant in the South End, the US Attorney's office reports.

Cordero, 41, and the father of two, pleaded guilty in May to a count of distribution of and possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and p-fluorofentanyl.

The informant was working with the DEA as part of "a broader investigation" into the Dominican-based ring for whom Cordero had agreed to make a delivery on March 15, 2022, the US Attorney's office says.

In a sentencing memorandum, prosecutors had urged US District

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Striking up The *Band*

Cast members of Huntington Theatre-SpeakEasy Stage Company production of "The Band's Visit". Photo by T. Charles Erickson.

The Band's Visit, Huntington Theatre and SpeakEasy Stage Company, Huntington Theatre main stage, Boston, through December 17. 617-266-0800 or huntingtontheatre.org

JULES BECKER
Contributing Writer

"The Band's Visit" may seem like a 'small musical' to some seasoned theatergoers, but this disarmingly sweet show actually has a lot to say about shared human needs for love, friendship and understanding. Based on the award-winning 2007 film of the same name, the 2016 musical (Off-Broadway; 2017 Broadway) also focuses on a 1996 visit by an Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra to Israel.

Modern day understanding between Israel and Egypt began with their 1979 peace treaty. This Tony Award winner—as with the acclaimed film—explores an understated but very real peace between the countries' citizens themselves.

Both affecting and amusing, "The Band's Visit" is now being stirringly orchestrated by a gifted collaboration of Huntington Theatre and SpeakEasy Stage Company talents

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NEWS FROM...

Pilot Block Neighborhood Association

This holiday season we're thankful for our PBNA community! Over the past year, you've joined us for an awesome block party, community-building social events, our hallmark Stoop Sits, Love your Block cleanups, and more.

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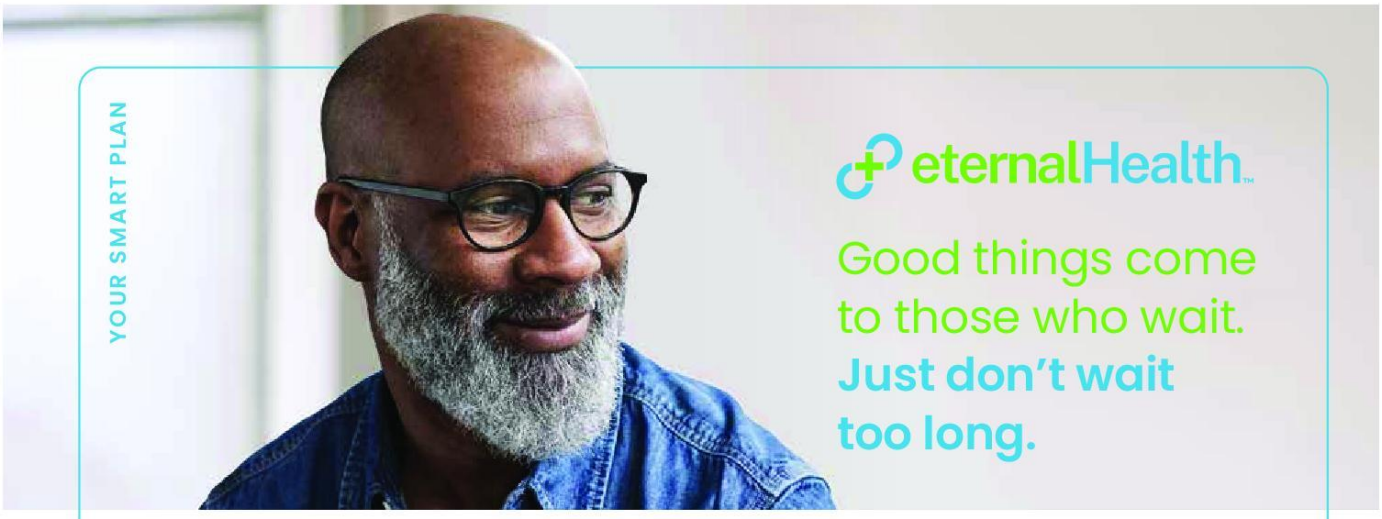

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Pine Street Inn

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day with tenants. For some, this is the first Thanksgiving in many years that they have spent in a home. Pine Street's outreach teams also delivered holiday meals to individuals on the streets.

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For more information or to donate, go to www.pinestreetinn.org.

Boston City Council President Ed Flynn, Boston City Councilor for District 3 John FitzGerald, Pine Street President and Executive Director Lyndia Downie, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston Bruins Kevin Shattenkirk and Charlie McAvoy at Pine Street Inn on Thanksgiving Day 2023. Photo by John Rich Photography.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston Bruins Charlie McAvoy and Kevin Shattenkirk carving turkeys at Pine Street Inn. Photo by John Rich Photography.

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A pleasing *Game*

The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays, Lyric Stage Company of Boston, through December 17, 617-585-5678 or lyricstage.com

By Jules Becker
Contributing Writer

From left: Pamela Lambert, Remo Airaldi, and Kelby T. Akin in Lyric Stage's "The Game's Afoot. Photo by Mark S. Howard.

William Gillette portrayed Sherlock Holmes on stage over 1300 times. In fact, the celebrated actor established the famed sleuth's iconic sartorial style by donning a deer hunter cap and brandishing a curved briar pipe for his portrayal. Not surprisingly, playwright Ken Ludwig (of "Lend Me a Tenor" fame) has focused on a get together turned actual mystery at Gillette's home in his 2011 farce "The Game's Afoot: Holmes for the Holidays."

Now gifted actor-director Fred Sullivan, Jr.—who wowed Lyric Stage Company of Boston audiences with an inspired laugh fest staging of "The Play That Goes Wrong" last season—has proven once again that he has a magic touch with madcap comedy—once again with a first-rate Lyric cast.

While the set for "The Play That Goes Wrong" was purposely meant to go wrong itself in side-splittingly funny ways, the brilliant Janie E. Howland construct for "The Game's Afoot"—namely Gillette's handsome Connecticut castle—becomes a kind of character all by itself.

Howland has smartly detailed the rich wood interiors with colorful theater posters, a repertoire of striking weapons and a pivotal bookcase sporting a Yorick—recalling a skull that would be perfect for a production of Hamlet. Shakespeare becomes a constant frame of reference for Gillette, who finds affinity with Henry V as both the actor and the royal see life as a game.

In "The Game's Afoot," Gillette's 'game' involves a séance and eventually a murder—not that of the host—shot but not killed while playing Sherlock Holmes at the Palace Theatre—but rather of hated Vanity Fair writer Daria Chase. Suspects naturally abound as Chase revels in deprecating Gillette's guests.

Sublime Maureen Keiller, dominating the first act as Chase, riotously roasts those in attendance. Designer Chelsea Karl attires her in elegant red evening wear that matches her fiery verbal volleys. Taking over the often silly proceedings in the second act is Peter Mill as Inspector Goring. A very versatile actor with a knack for making the most of such gender-bending roles as Mary Sunshine in "Chicago," Mill becomes a veritable scene-stealing hoot as the energetic woman detective—who sees female sleuths as the wave of the future.

Throughout the play there are such amusing moments as a suggestive putdown of an actor whose swimsuit is too loose-fitting and a well-timed slapstick-rich sequence during which the revolving bookcase malfunctions as efforts are made to conceal Chase's body. Kelby T. Akin handily plays would-be Holmes successor Gillette as he seems to compete with Goring in the effort to solve the murder case. Akin brings rich authority to such vivid histrionics as a brief reference to Richard III.

Remo Airaldi as Gillette's best friend Felix Geisel exchanges lively banter with Keiller's sardonic Chase. Airaldi and Pamela Lambert as Felix's savvy wife Madge make a convincingly caring couple. Sarah Sinclair is properly enigmatic as Gillette's mother Martha. Dan Garcia has the right cluelessness as Simon Bright, and Gabrielle McCauley catches his fiancé Aggie Wheeler's wariness. John Malinowski's lighting smartly complements the séance and the thunderstorm.

"The Game's Afoot" may not quite run the gamut of comic inventiveness achieved by "The Play That Goes Wrong." Even so, Sullivan, Jr. scores another Lyric Stage winner that would easily please Gillette himself.

Band

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on the former's mainstage.

In both the film and the musical, two-country harmony in question begins by accident. Due to trumpeter Haled's thick Egyptian accent, a request for tickets to culturally thriving Petah Tikvah ends up putting the title band in a largely deserted fictional Negev Desert town named Bet Tikvah rather than their intended destination. Stranded in Bet Tikvah until the next available bus to Petah Tikvah the next day, the band collectively and individually share food, lodgings and time with the few Israeli men and women they meet.

That sharing—thanks to the insightful book of playwright Itamar Moses (the son of Israeli immigrants) and the evocative score of David Yazbek (the son of a Lebanese father and a half-Jewish mother) of "The Full Monty" fame—becomes a mutually rewarding experience for the residents and visitors alike and an alternately humorous and touching 90-minute odyssey for audience members.

Under Paul Daigneault's seamless direction, a big voiced cast shines in ensemble as well as solo and duo numbers. Jennifer Apple captures café owner Dina's resilience, tenacity and warmth. She delivers the standout number "Omar Sharif" with a winning combination of sentiment and sweetness.

Kareem Elsamadicy finds all of charismatic Haled's style and good nature—especially as he advises café worker Papi—played with proper diffidence by Jesse Garlick—in "Haled's Song About Love." Jared Troilo is very moving as fellow worker and father Itzik—particularly on "Itzik's Lullaby." Other strong efforts include Brian Thomas Abraham as band leading widower Colonel Tafiq, James Rana as composer-musician Simon, Robert Saoud as grandfather Avrum and Marianna Bassham as Itzik's conflicted wife Iris.

Jose Delgado conducts the band—featuring the pear-shaped oud and goblet shaped darbuka drum—with nuance and great feeling. Daniel Pelzig's evocative choreography ranges from Middle Eastern debka to a wonderfully exuberant and stunning roller skating rink sequence. Look for even a brief stretch in which Saoud sways and moves with the energy and spirit of Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof."

There are powerfully subtle moments of sharing between Israeli and Egyptian characters. Call "The Band's Visit", sharply staged by Huntington Theatre and SpeakEasy Stage Company, a sub-textual symphony to peace and understanding.

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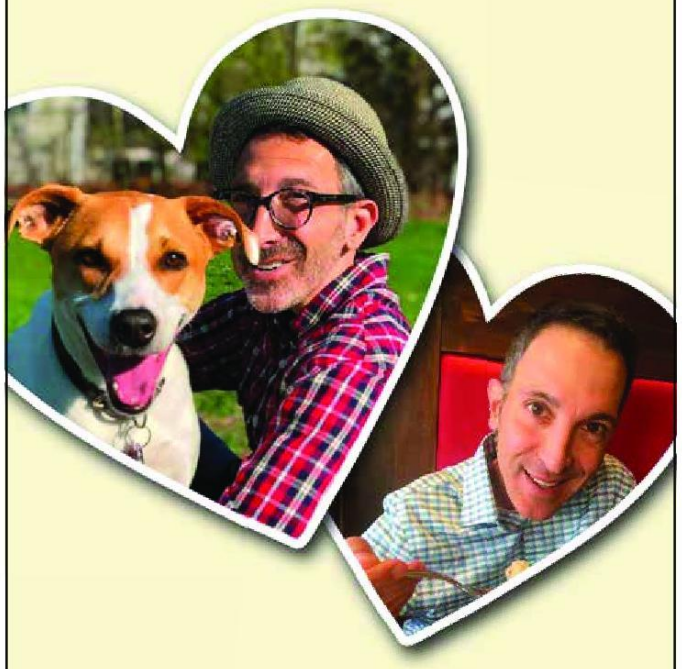

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Through your generosity $2,500 will be donated to Arlington Friends of the Drama and $2,500 to Sterling Animal Shelter. Stay tuned for our next charity fundraiser.

All of us at Cathedral Station are honored and proud to be a part of Boston's South End community for over nine years...and counting!

We appreciate you,
Rob Mannke

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Because of space limitations, letters should not be more than 200 words.

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Fentanyl

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Court Judge Richard Stearns sentence Corder to 46 months in prison:

"Following the transaction, Cordero continued to try to sell fentanyl pills—this time to an undercover DEA agent (the "UC") - and sent photos of available pills to the UC though no sale occurred. The UC also communicated with the individual in the Dominican Republic who tried to sell the UC a pill press that Cordero had. On the date of his arrest, the DEA seized the press from Cordero.

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More Information: https://www.boston.gov/departments/tourism-sports-and-entertainment/mayors-enchanted-trolley-tour

Friends of Hayes Park Winter Singalong, Sunday, Dec. 10, 3-4:00 pm

Everyone can sing! Come join us for hot cider, cookies and merriment to ring in the holiday season! Please bring canned or non-perishable goods for the South End Food Pantry run by Action for Boston Community Development.

Corner of Warren Avenue and West Canton Street in Boston's South End

South End Business Alliance (SEBA) is sponsoring two pop-up maker stores on Sat. Dec 2, 11-7 pm. The 1st pop- up maker store is at 1365 Washington St/ Union Park St. (next to Boston Chops restaurant)

The 2nd pop- up maker store is at 671 Tremont St./ Pembroke St. corner of

These two pop-up maker stores will have artists, craft artists & home business that have created items: handmade chocolates, wonderful winter hats & gloves, items for dogs, woman's & men's accessories, pottery, speciality food items, handcrafted children's clothing, ornaments ,& home furnishing accessories. These are great gifts for the holidays. Soccer Unity Project will be at the pop up store at 1365 Washington St. & will be selling hot cider & cocoa. Bring all your purchases and they will happily gift wrap them for a fee. The Soccer Unity Project is made up of youth players & teens from South End Soccer teams.

At the Cathedral of the Cathedral Holy Cross at 1400 Washington St. 10am-3pm will have a Church Bazaar of handmade items created by parishioners, Montilio's Bakery will be selling bake goods, FREE petty zoo, food & drinks,

Christmas trees, plants, holly & a wreath sale. Come visit Santa & Mrs. Claus and "Frozen" Characters. There will be free tours of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross with organ music played throughout the day .

The Cathedral Holy Cross is the cathedral of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston and is the largest Roman Catholic church in New England. This magnificent church & all the stain glass windows recently went through a multi-year major renovation which was paid for by private individuals. It a must visit in Boston. This event is organized by Monsignor Kevin O'Leary, the church priest. More info: https://bostoncathedral.com/news/holiday-fair

Blackstone Franklin Square Neighborhood Association is having their annual fundraiser selling Christmas Trees, Wreaths, Holly & Laurel on Sat. Dec. 2nd, 9am-noon. Come visit Santa Claus. Enjoy holiday music & a FREE pedicab that will peddle your purchases to your home. To preorder go to: https://blackstonefranklin-treesale.square.site/

This fundraiser funds the upkeep of the two historic squares: Franklin & Blackstone Squares & other activities throughout the year. More info: http://www.blackstonefranklin.org/

On Wed Dec. 6 th there will be a Special Shopping Night from 4pm-9pm. This annual shopping night will be at participating businesses throughout the SE. (Hours will vary..stay tuned for a list of the businesses & details). More info: https://www.sebaboston.com/

The SoWa Winter Festival returns to the Power Station on Harrison Ave. Fri. Nov. 24th - Sun. Dec. 17th. Thurs. - Sun. closed Monday & Wednesday . For your holiday shopping pleasure, we've assembled 100+ of the region's best makers, artists, designers,& specialty vendors together under one festive roof for our 8th annual Winter Festival. Browse the main floor & enjoy delicious food & drinks & be sure to venture to 2nd floor for live music & entertainment! More info: https://www.sowaboston.com/sowa-winter-festival/

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More info on Holidays in the South End: https://www.sebaboston.com

LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

AIHUA HARRIS versus MING FAY, INC., QUIANG CHEN, WEI YUN LI, XIU WERI LI	**Suffolk County Courthouse 3 Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108**
	Civil Docket #23-2383B

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1. YOU MUST RESPOND TO THIS LAWSUIT IN WRITING WITHIN 20 DAYS. The defendants Ming Fay, Inc., Quiang Chen, Wei Yun Li and Xiu Weri Li are hereby notified that you have been sued by the above named plaintiff, who has filed its Complaint against you in the above named Court and in the above named action, and you must answer said Complaint on or before Jan 11, 2024 in writing, or the Court may decide the case against you and award Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. You will also lose the opportunity to tell your side of the story. You must respond to this lawsuit in writing even if you expect to resolve this matter with the Plaintiff. If you need more time to respond, you may request an extension of time in writing from the Court.

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It is Ordered that the accompanying summons be published once in the South End News a newspaper published in: P.O. Box E14 Boston, MA 02124 the publication to be 20 days at least before said return day.

Date: 11/30/2023 ***Hon. Catherine Ham Justice of Superior Court***

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU23P1889EA

Estate of: Martha C. Gaide
Date of Death: 9/13/2022

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

To all interested persons: A petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Deborah A. Healey of Somersworth, NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that **Deborah A. Healey of Somersworth, NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an **unsupervised administration.**

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 the return day of 12/27/2023.

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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 15, 2023 ***Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate***

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

In the Estate of: William J Callahan
Date of Death: 10/02/2023

Docket No. SU23P2449EA

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of **Stephen S Fox of Boston, MA** a Will has been admitted to informal probate. **Stephen S Fox of Boston, MA** has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties 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 assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court

Docket No. SU23D2071DR

Marie D. Lynch vs. Simon P. Teneus

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for **IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN**

This complaint is on file at the Court.

Suffolk Probate & Family Court
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Boston, MA 02114

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

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Roslindale, MA 02131

your answer, if any, on or before 01/02/2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 7, 2023 ***Stephanie L. Everett, Esq, Register of Probate***

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