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MFS SQUASH PRO-AM CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



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John Russell (left) chases down a shot while Robin Clarke looks on in a quarterfinal squash match on Friday, Jan. 11, during the MFS Pro-Am Doubles Championships at the University Club.

Meanwhile, Len Bernheimer, Tournament chairman, and Amrit Kanwal, CFO at MFS Investment Management, sponsor of the tournament, paused for a photo.

Compassionate Organics gets rolled in packed, passionate meeting

By Seth Daniel

It was the beatdown everyone knew was coming.

But as process dictates, it was a civic pummeling prescribed by law.

Compassionate Organics held its long-awaited statutory community meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the AC Hotel Ink Block and faced a crowd of more than 200 people who unanimously opposed the siting of a medical marijuana facility at 633 Tremont St. – in the heart of the Pilot Block neighborhood/business district.

There were hisses, jeers, a com-

munity “Awwwww” in unison, and even a Robert Frost poem recited in opposition of the project by abutter, and former teacher, Jean Gibrán.

But more than anything, it was a crowd overwhelmingly against the proposal – with only about three people rising in support.

Contrastingly, more than 30 people spoke individually to oppose the plan.

The question of the night, however, came from Cinda Stoner – who like everyone else – wondered

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Major projects slated for Copley Library, BPL president says

By Lauren Bennett

In his State of the City speech Tuesday night, Mayor Martin Walsh spoke about the state of libraries in the City of Boston, and how less than a decade ago, several libraries were slated for closure across the city. In the time since, over \$100 million has been invested in various branches, and throughout his time in office, the mayor has supported renovation projects for libraries across the city.

The Copley branch of the Boston Public Library (BPL), known as the Central Library, has undergone significant changes over the

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Moving Forward

Mayor's State of the City focuses on using Boston as an example of how to keep government running

By Seth Daniel

Mayor Martin Walsh took a decidedly national tone in his State of the City address at Symphony Hall in the Back Bay on Tuesday night, unveiling few new local initiatives, but highlighting past successes in the City as an example for national leaders to move forward with ending the government shutdown.

It was a speech delivered to Boston, but seemed to be playing to a crowd far beyond the city lines – perhaps testing the waters for higher office, some have said in the moments and hours following the speech.

In a moment where Walsh's passion showed through, as he brought the 25-minute speech in for a landing, he called on national leaders to look to Boston –

the leader of cities. He delivered that ending to a rousing round of applause as the crowd of elected officials and municipal employees rose to their feet while he shouted out the final stanzas of the oratory.

“As we begin our sixth year together, I want you to know my door remains open to every voice, every idea, every dream, always. I invite you in, to help make Boston stronger,” he said. “And to our national leaders, I say: If you want to learn how to bring people together, not push them apart, look to Boston. If you want to grow good jobs and rebuild the middle class, look to Boston. If you want to see how social justice strengthens all of us, look to Boston. If you want to cut crime, protect the environment,

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Neighbors get update on plans for Parcel 12 development

By Dan Murphy

Members of the design team behind the planned Parcel 12 development unveiled their latest concept before an overflow crowd during a public meeting sponsored by the Boston Planning and

Development Agency on Monday night at the Hynes Convention Center.

David Manfredi, CEO and founding principal of Boston-based Elkus Manfredi Architects,

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FENWAY COMMUNITY CENTER HOSTS MFA EMPLOYEES EXHIBIT



Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Zoe Billman listens to MFA security guard Stephen Holness talk about his piece “Hydrant On Park Drive” during the art show by employees of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts hosted at the Fenway Community Center.

EDITORIAL

WHAT WOULD

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING THINK?

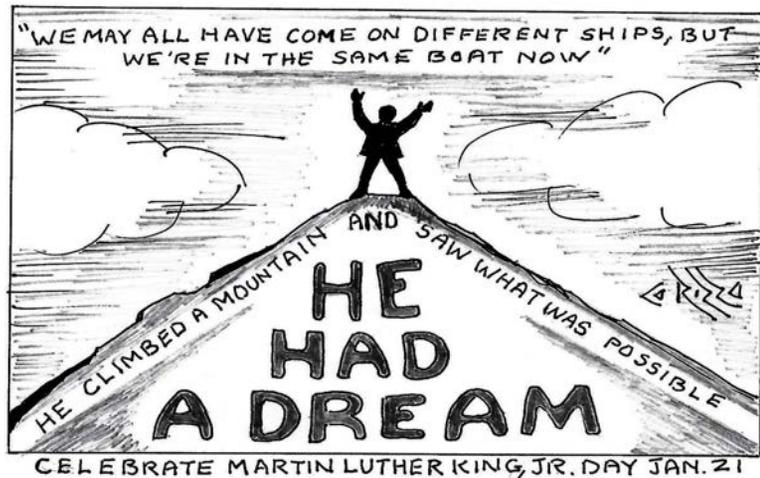
When one considers that it has been almost 51 years since Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated, it is easy to understand why so many of our fellow Americans today have so little understanding of who he was and what he accomplished.

Every school child for the past generation knows well the story of Martin Luther King. But an elementary school textbook cannot truly convey the extent to which he brought about real change in our country. To anyone under the age of 50, Martin Luther King is just another historical figure. But for those of us who can recall the 1960s, a time when racial segregation prevailed throughout half of our country and overt racism throughout the other half, Martin Luther King stands out as one of the great leaders in American history, a man whose stirring words and perseverance in his cause changed forever the historical trajectory of race relations in America, a subject that some historians refer to as the Original Sin of the American experience.

However, as much as things have changed for the better in the past 50 years in terms of racial equality in our society, it also is clear that we still have a long way to go before we can say that all Americans are judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character, as Dr. King famously put it in his speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963.

It is clear that there is a movement in our country that seeks to take away many of the hard-fought gains of the past 50 years. The shootings and deaths of African-Americans while in police custody that have shocked all of us in the past few years are just the tip of the iceberg. Much more significant have been the judicial decisions that have stripped away key provisions of the voting rights act, the disproportionate treatment and incarceration of minorities for drug-related offenses, and the voter ID laws and gerrymandering in many states that, in the words of a federal court in North Carolina, attain with surgical precision the goal of preventing people of color from being fairly represented in government at all levels.

"What would Dr. Martin Luther King do?" we often ask ourselves. We can't say for sure, but we do know that he that as much as King accomplished in his lifetime, he would be the first to understand that his work for which he gave his life still is far from done -- and we can only hope that his spirit and courage can continue to inspire this and future generations to bring about a world in which all persons are treated with dignity and respect.



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Fun in the Parks... in the Winter

By Liz Vizza, Executive Director, Friends of the Public Garden

As we head into the heart of winter, many Bostonians tend to stay inside, choosing to stay warm and dry rather than bundle up and face the cold. Yet even while our public green spaces are blanketed in white, winter still brings us opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

While the other three seasons call for longer walks filled with colorful blooms, rides in the Swan Boats, and pick-up softball games, the winter weather provides us distinctive pleasures. From a beautifully lit Commonwealth Avenue Mall perfect for showing off snowmen to those passing by on foot or by car, to ice skating with family and friends on the Frog Pond followed by a soul-warming cup of hot chocolate, to the many fun events on the Boston Common from the tree and menorah lightings to fireworks on First Night, winters in our parks are something special.

As the advocacy organization and steward of the Boston Common, Public Garden, and

Commonwealth Avenue Mall, the Friends of the Public Garden (the Friends) works to preserve and enhance these public, open spaces no matter the season. We strive to keep these natural havens in our city in great shape for all to enjoy. From planting trees and maintaining lawns, to restoring sculptures and fountains, to enlivening Brewer Fountain Plaza by Park Street, to inviting Boston Public School students for an annual Boston Common history immersion experience and lobbying for more funding so all can benefit from beautiful green space, the Friends works to bring these beloved public spaces to life for the millions of people who visit them every year.

For cities filled with tall buildings, thousands of cars, and acres of concrete, green spaces are invaluable. Here in Boston, 98 percent of residents live within a 10 minute walk to a park—something worth celebrating! In partnership with the City of Boston's Parks and Recreation Department for over 48 years, the Friends raises and invests over \$1 million in private contributions annually on parks care and capital improvements

for the Common, Garden, and Mall. Our goal is to ensure these remain healthy spaces that all of Boston can take pride in and enjoy. Our public spaces age, renew, and change with the times, but always provide countless benefits, serving as an important refuge in urban areas. Every neighborhood and community is strengthened by the protection and enhancement of their green spaces.

As we venture into 2019, we invite Bostonians to look at all of our parks holistically—yes, as green spaces filled with trees and flowers, but also places of community-building and gathering, recreation, historic importance, art and reflection, as well as critical contributors to larger objectives like public health, economic development, tourism, and climate resilience.

So when you're looking out the window longing for spring, remember that New England winters are meant to be enjoyed. The fun and beauty in Boston's parks is something that exists year-round—and something definitely worth bundling up for.

We hope to see you in the parks this winter!

Councilor Edwards files petition to discourage “flipping” homes in neighborhoods

On Monday, Councilors Lydia Edwards and Kim Janey proposed a Home Rule Petition to combat housing speculation and establish an investor and commercial property transfer fee.

The proposed bill would enhance the City's housing toolkit by generating millions of dollars for affordable housing and by discouraging the inflation of housing prices through rapid resale of properties. The proposal was assigned to committee in Wednesday's council session.

The bill authorizes the City of Boston to establish a fee of up to 6 percent, split evenly between buyer and seller, on real estate transfers over \$2 million, with an estimated revenue of \$175 million - \$350 million based on 2015-2017 sales. Exemptions are in place for owner-occupants,

transfers between family members and homes purchased through approved home-buying classes. The bill also would authorize a fee of up to 25 percent on secondary sales, or flips, within a two year period.

“Boston residents are struggling as our economy booms, and our homes have become the new stock market,” said Edwards. “Housing costs are straining families' resources and pushing talented workers out of our city. This legislation will curb real estate speculation and generate millions to build and preserve affordable housing.”

Said Janey, “We are in a housing affordability crisis. These fees will not only discourage speculation in our housing market and the over-creation of luxury condos, it will also raise much-needed revenue to invest in affordable hous-

ing, and help stem the tide of gentrification. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the City Council, the Mayor, and the legislature in passing this law.”

Other cities, including New York City, have enacted luxury transfer fees and there is a growing movement in Massachusetts. The Somerville City Council passed a home rule petition in 2018 which is still pending before the legislature. Cambridge began exploring a transfer fee in January 2019. State legislation authorizing a transfer fee has also been introduced by Rep. Mike Connolly and Sen. Joseph Boncore (HD.414 / SD334 - *An Act supporting affordable housing with a local option for a fee to be applied to certain real estate transactions*).

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why the proponents chose that location in Pilot Block and what they would do now.

"I've lived here long enough to know that a [dispensary] at the location in that neighborhood would get the reaction that you got here tonight," she said. "Did you know the neighborhood well enough before you made a decision to move into this neighborhood? What are your plans to overcome this opposition?"

Certainly, after the first hour of opposition came to the project, that was the question everyone in the room wondered. With a huge turnout from the Pilot Block neighborhood and the Worcester Square neighborhood, most wondered if there was a path to victory.

Attorney Michael Ross said they would move forward, and he said that while the room didn't support it, maybe the community did.

"I would love this room to be filled with overwhelming joy and happiness," he said. "There are 50,000 people in the South End...I think this is a great proposal and it would probably be a situation where five years from now, you would run into me and say it turned out to be a non-issue. There is a lot of opposition in this room. We didn't come here to get picked on. We wanted to make our case. I think it's a good proposal."

Earlier, after another such question where it was alleged that Compassionate didn't care about abutters, he said that maybe everyone was tired and it was pick on the presenter time.

That's where the community "Awwwww!" came from the crowd, with hundreds of people mocking his statement.

"We're going to go forward," he said. "We might win or we might lose. It's not that we don't care about you or the neighbors. People in this room are against this. The neighborhood, though, voted 80 percent in favor of medical marijuana."

The project was proposed for the storefront on Tremont as the owners believe that it would be a boutique, small store that would start as medical marijuana. Owner Geoff Reilinger has promised that he wouldn't try to convert to recreational marijuana until at least six months into operation – which for all intents and purposes would be nearly two years from now. That was so the neighbors could observe how he operated, and then make their decision based on a track record.

The location was secured about a year ago, and was chosen under some difficulty – which is the case for most all such marijuana sites.

Since marijuana is still illegal federally, any building with a mortgage cannot rent to such a store. Instead, proponents have to find a building without a mortgage and one that fits within the zoning regulations.

In the South End, there are two proposals – this one and Liberty on Albany Street. One of the key points from those who oppose the store on Tremont is that it is a 'Forbidden Use' within the zoning, while the other proposal on Albany is not.

State Reps. Aaron Michlewitz and Jon Santiago were both against the proposal, as was Councilor Ed Flynn. All led off the meeting with decidedly opposed stances – which set the stage for the large numbers of neighbors who were against of it.

"I'm against the proposal," said Flynn. "My job as an elected official is to take these stands. Quality-of-life issues are our top concerns. We represent the people. I'm against this proposal because of pedestrian safety, traffic and the day care center across the street."

Most of the neighbors were abutters, such as South End photographer Rick Friedman, who was adamantly against it. He said the logistics would never work out at that location.

"People double park at the Starbucks all the time," he said. "The fire trucks can't get by. The school buses can't get by. The people don't come out to move...That is one of the really huge issues. The alley is another issue. Interestingly, every restaurant and business, like you, said they wouldn't use the back door and alley. Once they're in, they all use the back door...We spent a long time trying to clean up that alley. There was a log of drug use and crime in that alley... This isn't the right place. We live on top of each other. This is just the wrong location."

John Woodman of West Brookline Street shared the sentiments of many neighbors regarding the traffic and double-parking that would happen on the side streets – particularly if the store's security asked such people to move along.

"This is a medical marijuana shop, but it's destined to be a recreational shop," he said. "You're going to have so many Uber drivers there. If you shoo them away from that store, those drivers are going to be coming through all the side streets and double-parking or circling there. I live on West Brookline and I'm sorry, but I have double-parked on West Canton to go to Starbucks. It's going to happen."

Richard Atkinson, a doctor who

lives in the South End, was one of the few in favor of the proposal.

"I don't think the people here voted in favor of medical marijuana did so with a not-in-my-backyard provision," he said, as hisses rained down from the audience. "We will never have the access we need if everyone doesn't want it in their backyard. I have a CVS on my block and there are much more dangerous substances coming out of that store that can kill people."

Liz Blatt, an abutter on Tremont, said she envisions people sitting on her steps after leaving the store.

"I already get people from the Starbucks and the liquor store there, and I know your plastic packaging is going to be in my front yard all the time," she said.

Ed Maguire of the City said all proposals have a right to go through the zoning process, and while there is opposition to this one, they do have a right to pro-



Hundreds of neighbors packed into the AC Hotel Ink Block on Jan. 9 for a public meeting to comment on the Compassionate Organics medical marijuana store at 633 Tremont St. Here, David Stone of Blackstone Franklin asks a question of Attorney Mike Ross.

ceed. In fact, he said he hasn't been to a meeting yet where there wasn't opposition.

"There hasn't been a meeting yet where it hasn't been about

like this," he said. "Even with the vote...I haven't seen any overwhelming support for any proposal."

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Controversial cast glass on facade of 256-260 Newbury St. approved

By Lauren Bennett

Several buildings on Newbury Street will be a little more see-through, thanks to the approval of a once-controversial proposal for 256-260 Newbury St. After an advisory review, a regular hearing, and a subcommittee hearing, Adam Gilmore of Meyer and Meyer returned before the Back Bay Architectural Commission on Jan. 7, the Commission requested that Gilmore come back with more detailed elevations of the rooftop equipment, a study of other digout restaurants on the street, and looking into adding a second staircase in the patio digout, as well as exploring the possibility of the handicapped access to go behind the building.

At the Jan. 9 full Commission hearing, Gilmore presented a plan that raised the restaurant patio terrace up a foot, making the actual offset difference 5.5 feet. There

cerned both the Commission and the community and what sparked the subcommittee hearing was the utilization of large pieces of cast glass to replace historic features on the front facade of the building. While it's still a major part of the design, as the proposals morphed over time, there has been less and less glass presented for the facade.

There will also be stone bands under the fixed glass doors, and the door panel configuration is "a little more elegant now for the lower doors," Gilmore said. They are also looking to add a glass canopy over the main entrance door, though the details of what that will look like have not yet been finalized. Along the wall that leads to the street in the digout, there will be planters with two rows of LED strip lights; one strip to illuminate the stone, and one to illuminate the planters.

A major talking point at the subcommittee hearing was the creation of some sort of mockup for

the glass doors so the Commission would be able to see the transparency aspect of them and decide if they will truly work. The design team agreed that they would provide a mockup, but it would take a lot of time to create since the glass casts are custom-made.

Sue Prindle of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay said she was concerned about seeing the penthouse from certain angles on Newbury Street. She added that she was upset about the loss of the stoops on the second-floor fixed doors, which had previously been discussed.

The design team expressed their gratitude to the Commission for their help throughout this process. "We came to you with a very bold proposal and I really wanted to thank you for your helpful consideration of the project," a member of the design team said. "I thought it really was a wonderful example

of private and public collaboration where the Commission had a trust in our group."

"I appreciate the energy that's gone into this and the thought and really it's a difficult challenge; how do you do commercial revitalization for the 21st century and respect 19th century context," Commissioner David Eisen responded. He said that he's still a little concerned about how the cast glass will turn out and how it will be perceived, but he told the design team that they've "backtracked enough on the cast glass" that even if it isn't as successful as it's hoped to be, it will be an important lesson for the future.

Sparking a round of applause from the room, the Commission ultimately voted unanimously to approve this project as presented on Jan. 9 with details to staff regarding the cast glass as that process progresses.

lift Americans up, leave no one behind, and build a more perfect union? Then look to the city of hope and heart. Look to the city of courage and champions. At a time when cities must lead, look to Boston, the leader of cities."

Walsh also announced in his speech that he and Gov. Charlie Baker – a Republican – will go to Washington, D.C., to urge the government to get things on track and tackle some problems facing Boston.

Long Island, and said those who are upset about needles on the ground should have compassion for those in the throes of addiction. He said bringing the resources to bear for Long Island is what it's going to take to get needles off the streets and schoolyards.

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he said to reporters.

Walsh did announce a few things that had not been discussed – one of them being a new jazz café slated for the Bolling Municipal Building in Dudley Square and the re-branding of the Elderly Commission into the "Age Strong" Commission. The other new initiative was the announcement that Boston was a finalist for the 2020 NAACP Conference.

The mayor began the speech and continued on for about the first 15 minutes highlighting the things that he has done in the last five years – punctuating the issues of equity for women and minorities, as well as the programs trying to re-build the City's middle class.

"Our City's success is our motivation: to aim higher, work harder, and make sure every single person in our City gets a full, fair shot at these opportunities we are creating," he said. "That's how we truly succeed. That's how we are determined to lead."

That, naturally, led to the ideas of how Boston is leading where the federal government is not.

"The state of our City is strong, but I'm concerned about the state of our union," he said. "What happens in Washington, we feel on the streets of Boston. But here's what matters more: what we do in Boston can change this country. We've done it before, and we'll do it again, because in this time of uncertainty and division, Boston offers a way forward. We are welcoming more voices and expanding our democracy. We are committed to leaving no one behind. And we are not just surviving, we are thriving. There's no

federal housing policy, none. But Boston's moving forward. We've created more affordable homes than any time on record."

He said the same thing about the lack of a federal infrastructure plan, and highlighted the building of roads, bridges, bike lanes, safe streets initiatives, parks and libraries.

"We've shown that differences don't have to divide us," he said. "When we come together, anything is possible. That's democracy in action."

In police news, he said the crime rate citywide has decreased by 25 percent, and 4,100 guns have been taken off the streets in the last five years. He also added that arrests are down 25 percent.

Related to that, he spoke about recovery and his plans for a regional recovery campus on Long Island, noting that the idea is more than just the re-building of a contested bridge.

"Our plan for a recovery campus on Long Island is not about rebuilding a bridge," he said. "It's about rebuilding a life, by getting that person, and thousands of others across our region, the care they need to get well. That's what we're doing."

Afterwards, to reporters, he again called on the federal government to move forward, saying that politics is about negotiation.

"The president needs to be willing to negotiate," he said. "You don't always get what you want. You listen to all voices and you get some things and not others. That's what makes democracy better. If he gives something to protect the Dreamers and those who are undocumented, maybe he gets some

funding. But building a wall is not going to solve the problem for 13 million people we have here who have no pathway to citizenship."



Photo by Isabel Leon/Mayor's Office

Mayor Martin Walsh delivers his 2019 State of the City on Tuesday night, Jan. 15, at Symphony Hall in the Back Bay. Walsh took more of a national tone in his speech, calling for the federal government to re-open and unveiling few local initiatives.

One year ago, Mayor Martin Walsh shocked the South End – and Quincy – when he surprisingly announced in his Inaugural Address that he planned to re-build the Long Island Bridge and establish a regional recovery campus on the island.

MAYOR SAYS LONG ISLAND IS MORE THAN BUILDING A BRIDGE

This year, in his State of the City, he again talked about his plans for

rebuilding a bridge," he said. "It's about rebuilding a life, by getting that person, and thousands of others across our region, the care they need to get well. That's what we're doing."

Seniors learn about milkweed seed sowing with Fenway Garden Society

By Lauren Bennett

Though it's still hat-and-glove season, Elizabeth Bertolozzi of the Fenway Garden Society said it's time to start thinking about the butterflies that will flutter around the Victory Gardens this summer.

Last year, the Fenway Victory Gardens received a grant from the Boston Planning and Development Agency to build the first public butterfly garden in the City of Boston. Bertolozzi said that there are currently a number of plans that are being looked over, and the Garden Society is "thinking about how to roll it out and complete it before the end of August," she said. Bertolozzi said that the number one thing to do to prepare for the butterflies is to plant milkweed, as monarch butterflies will only lay their eggs on milkweed plants.

In an effort to bring the larger Fenway community into the process, Bertolozzi showed seniors at the Peterborough Senior Center on

Tuesday how to plant milkweed winter sow jugs, which are a kind of terrarium made inside a milk jug that will help the milkweed seeds germinate. She said it is important to plant the milkweed now, as it has to go through a period of cold moist stratification. This means that the seeds must go through a period of alternating freezing and warming so that the outside layer of seed breaks down, making it easier to germinate in the spring. Bertolozzi said that there is almost 100-percent germination rate with this method.

Bertolozzi said that she would be planing swamp milkweed, which is native to this area. She harvested milkweed pods in her garden last year and saved the seeds to plant this year.

At the senior center, Bertolozzi demonstrated for the seniors how she plants the seeds inside milk jugs. She said that the jugs need to be left out all winter long, and she will begin to see germination right around Marathon Monday. The

seniors were actively engaged in the presentation, asking Bertolozzi questions about the process, the butterflies, and sharing their own experiences

To make a milkweed winter sow jug, Bertolozzi took the top off of a milk jug, and cut it on three sides. She took a screwdriver and poked fairly large holes in the bottom of the jug. She then took 10 toilet-paper tubes and made four cuts in the bottom of each, and folded the flaps down so the tubes were closed on the bottom. She placed the tubes in the base of the open milk jug, and filled each tube almost to the top with soil. Then she planted three seeds in each roll and put a little more soil on top. The jug was then sealed with duct tape—Bertolozzi's aptly had butterflies on it—so it will create a terrarium environment. She will then spray the tubes with water through the hole in the top of the jug.

Then—"forget about it," Bertolozzi said. "Don't brush off the snow," and don't water it again after the initial spray. The jug will be able to take care of itself until the sprouts are big enough to be transplanted in the spring.

She said the benefit of sowing these seeds in milk jugs is that a garden space is not needed. She said they can be set in a window box, on a rooftop, or on a patio, and can be grown without worrying that someone is going to take them.

When it's warmer out and the seeds have sprouted, Bertolozzi said that the plants have to have two sets of two leaves before they can be replanted. She said that one month after the seeds have sprouted, the duct tape can be taken off and the jugs opened.

She said that while new milk-



Photo by Lauren Bennett

Fenway Garden Society President Elizabeth Bertolozzi showed seniors at the Peterborough Senior Center how to grow milkweed in milk jugs.



Photo by Tracey Hunt

Peterborough Senior Center regulars gathered to watch Bertolozzi create a milkweed "winter sow jug" for the butterfly garden. Monarch butterflies, which Bertolozzi raises at the garden, lay their eggs on milkweed plants.

weed plants can produce some flowers their first year, there will be a lot more the second year.

She also provided the seniors with some information about monarch butterflies, which are wintering in the mountains of Mexico right now. She said that in order to make their way back north in September and October, they typically migrate in different generations. "From egg to butterfly, monarchs take 30 days," she said.

"When temperatures start to warm up, they will start to head north, reach a certain point, lay their eggs, and then die," Bertolozzi said. Monarch eggs will turn into caterpillars that eat the milkweed. Then the butterfly

forms and emerges. It will continue further north towards Canada, and the last generation of butterflies will make the entire trip back to Mexico. These butterflies will live for six months, while the other monarchs typically only live about two months. She added that this process differs slightly every year.

Bertolozzi said that the milk jugs will produce about 30 seedlings each, which she likes to pass along to other gardeners for their gardens. She added that the jugs are "a great way to start a patch of milkweed," and though it might seem a long way away, there will be a number of beautiful butterflies fluttering around Fenway before you know it.

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said the proposed project slated for the critical intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Boylston and Newbury streets in the Back Bay would include a 237-foot office building with 70,000 square feet of restaurant and retail space on its first two stories and a below-grade garage that could accommodate up to 150 spaces, as well as a 154-foot hotel or residential building. More than half the project would be located over the Massachusetts Turnpike, with the two buildings sitting atop an elevated podium-like structure.

Abe Menzin, senior vice president of development for Boston-based real estate development

firm Samuels & Company, said the Parcel 12 development would also dovetail with a Massachusetts Transportation Department (MassDot) project that would move the highway ramp at Massachusetts Avenue and Newbury Street to the west and reduce the width of the intersection from 70 to 32 feet. "It will make it feel like an urban, four sided intersection," he said.

The project would also include widening the sidewalks to 30 feet on Massachusetts Avenue and to 25 feet on Boylston Street, as well as creating a dedicated, protected bus lane on Massachusetts Avenue, Menzin said.

Also, Menzin said the project would create about 600 feet of new streetscape, which would loop down Newbury Street and Massachusetts Avenue and back up Boylston Street.

As part of the project, a new headhouse would be constructed that would link the west side of Massachusetts Avenue to the Hynes Convention Center MBTA stop via an existing tunnel located beneath Massachusetts Avenue, Menzin said.

Besides voicing his apprehension over potential wind, glare, shadow and transportation impacts, Martyn Roetter, chair of the Neighborhood Association

of the Back Bay (NABB) board of directors, expressed significant concern with the Parcel 12 architectural design.

"It looks like a generic, glass-and-steel building that isn't consistent with the Back Bay's historic architecture," he said.

"We want to get the architecture right," Menzin responded, adding that the design is still in the early stages

Ted Schwartzberg, BPDA neighborhood planner, said the public comment period had been extended until Feb. 15, and that the Citizens Advisory Committee for the project is tentatively scheduled to meet again on Feb. 5 in the

basement of St. Cecelia's Church.

Since attendance at Monday's public meeting was over capacity, however, Schwartzberg said that it would be held again for the benefit of those unable to attend, which could affect the duration of the comment period and the timing of the CAC meeting.

Meanwhile, public comments can be directed to Aisling Kerr, BHPA assistant project manager, at Aisling.Kerr@Boston.gov or via U.S. mail to Kerr, c/o of the Boston Planning and Development Agency, One City Hall Square, Boston, MA 02201.

MFS BOSTON PRO-AM SQUASH TOURNAMENT

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The MFS Investment Management Boston Pro-Am Squash tournament that was held this past weekend has grown in prestige over the years and attracted the top players in the game to come to Boston.

Players came from around the world to compete for the \$40,000 prize purse. The matches were held at The University Club on Stuart St. for the men's doubles and The Harvard Club on Commonwealth Ave. for the women's competition.

This year marked the first time that the women's prize purse was at parity with the men's prize purse.



Women's Tournament player Jamie Laird and Dan Latimore.



Cristopher Callis and Zac Alexander.



(L-R) James Stout (white), Michael Ferreira (blue), Eric Bedell (white), and Whitten Morris (blue) move fast in a tough quarterfinal match on Friday.



Len Bernheimer, Tournament chairman of the MFS Pro-Am Doubles Championship, and Stephen Columbia Chapman, of women's division at the Harvard Club.



Jon Hyett and Stephanie Hendricks.



Spectators take in the preliminary matches, including Erick Kirby, John Harris, Charlie Humber, and Chris McNeil.



Yvain Badan and Kyle Martino (right).



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FENWAY COMMUNITY CENTER HOSTS MFA EMPLOYEE ART SHOW

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Fenway Community Center was the setting for an art show by employees at the Boston Museum Of Fine Arts. Work included photography, oil, and acrylic paintings. Artists, friends, neighbors, and lovers of art came to take it all in and have a little fun.



John Storrow, security at the MFA, with two of his untitled sailboat architectural fantasy oil paintings.



May Sun, a volunteer at the MFA as a docent and at the information desk, stands by her piece "Rhythm Of The Second Waltz."



Dan and Rebecca Proskauer came to check out the art.



Art appreciators Celina Colby and Jill Dudgeon.



Rachel Jansen and James Kitch take in the art.



Stephen Holness, a security guard at the MFA, in front of his pieces (clockwise from upper left) "Maine State Pier", "Turtle In The Muddy River #1", "Yellow & Black Hydrant On Jersey Street", and "Lightolier."



Laura Kelley and Renee Harmon.



Laura Ziman, a children's' instructor at the MFA, with a photograph of her culinary arrangement "Old World Luxury/New World Staples" - a remake of a 17th Century Dutch still life.

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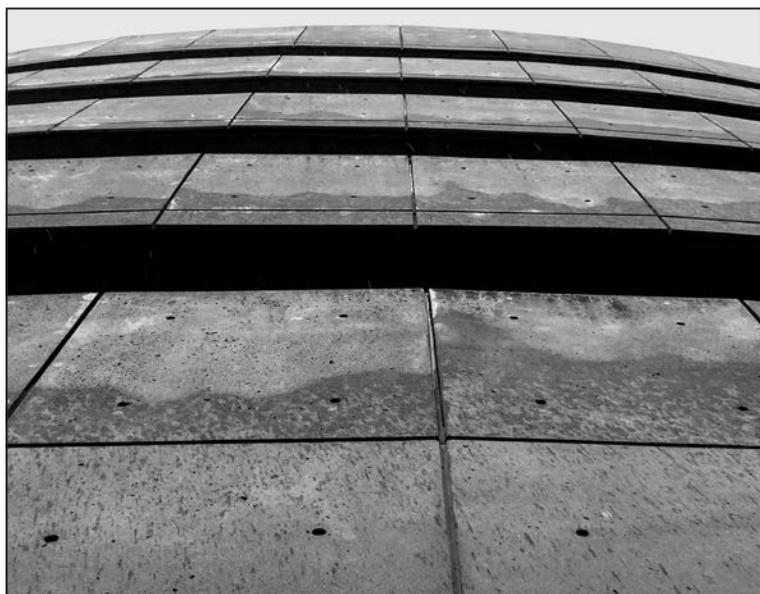
THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The window with the stained glass detail in the last clue is on 362 Commonwealth Ave. The website BackBayHouses.org has added quite a bit of interesting information on this property. It was built in 1890 and designed by Richards and Richards. Originally called the White House Apartments, it was later known as the Commonwealth Apartments. Today it is a mixed retail and residential condominium community.

The next clue will be found in the Fenway. Do you have a favorite building or detail you would like featured? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

THIS WEEK'S CLUE



GOV. BAKER SIGNS LOGAN CAC BILL

After a couple of years fighting for a seat at the table, the South End will finally get a place-setting with MassPort.

Gov. Charlie Baker signed a bill into law late last week put forth by State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz that guarantees a seat for the South End on the Logan CAC advisory group to MassPort. The issue became a major issue about two years ago when residents noticed that more and more flights were coming over the neighborhood—especially early in the morning (like 5:30 a.m. early). Other neighborhoods with dedicated seats include East Boston and South Boston, putting the South End now in elite airport complaint company.

CHARLESGATE ALLIANCE SECOND ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION

The Charlesgate Alliance will be hosting its second annual silent auction on Sunday, Jan. 27 from 3 - 6 p.m. at 400 Commonwealth Ave. There is complimentary admission with your R.S.V.P., which can be done at casilentauction.eventbrite.com. The auction will feature sports tickets, restaurant gift certificates, gift baskets, and more.

ESPLANADE ASSOCIATION RECEIVES GRANT

The Esplanade Association received a \$6,668 grant through the Baker-Polito Administration's Partnerships Matching Funds Program to combat graffiti. In partnership with local artists, the Esplanade Association will use this money to display new artwork on three concrete pump-houses along the Esplanade.

D-4 POLICE HELP TWO IN CRISIS

At about 6:10 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 12, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) responded to a call for what was thought to be a breaking and entering in progress at a residential address in the Back Bay. As the officers arrived on scene, a brick was thrown towards their cruisers from a fourth-floor balcony, drawing their attention to a male party who had climbed over the railing and was threatening to let go. Officers quickly made their way up to the fourth

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floor and were able to successfully bring the victim back inside to safety. The male victim was then transported to an area hospital for treatment and evaluation.

This was the second time in as many days that officers assigned to District D-4 responded to this kind of volatile and emotional call with the potential for a woeful outcome.

At about 7:45 p.m. the evening before, on Friday, Jan. 11, officers accompanied by a Boston Emergency Services Team (B.E.S.T.) clinician responded to a residence in the South End where a female victim was threatening to throw herself out of her third-story bedroom window. As officers approached the bedroom door, they heard the sound of breaking glass and wood coming from inside. They gained entry to the room and observed the victim climbing through the broken window. The officers rushed to the victim and attempted to pull her back to safety as she clutched onto the gutter on the side of the house for leverage. Officers were finally able to restrain the victim at which time she was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

INVESTIGATION UPDATE

At about 6:18 p.m. on Sunday Nov. 18, 2018 officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) recovered a loaded firearm during an investigation in the area of 10 Trotter Court inside the Lenox Street Housing Development in Lower Roxbury. Officers located and safely recovered a loaded .380 caliber Cobra handgun which was then turned over to the BPD Firearms Analysis Unit for processing. Members of the BPD Latent Print Unit were able to locate finger prints on the weapon identifying Chawki Ibrahim, 18, of Lower Roxbury. Further investigation revealed that the suspect, who is currently on a GPS monitoring device, was in the area at the time the firearm was recovered. District D-4 detectives applied for and were granted an arrest warrant for the suspect out of Roxbury District Court on charges of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm Unlawful Possession of Ammunition and Carrying a Loaded Firearm.

At about 2:30 p.m., on Friday Jan. 11, officers located and arrested the suspect without incident in the area of 617 Shawmut Ave.

BACK BAY HAPPENINGS

•French Cultural Center – Join physician and certified Health and Wellness Coach Martine Vounatsos for a series of three cooking workshops. She will discuss ways to incorporate wellness into every aspect of a woman's mental and physical health, from exercise and supplements to sleep habits and cooking methods. Participants will craft and enjoy a traditional and healthy French meal with Martine in a convivial environment. Each workshop will begin promptly at 11:10 a.m. Aprons, ingredients, and will be kitchenware provided. Please note, this event is intended for women only and in English.

*Friday, JAN. 11, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Come learn about nutrients, water intake, and dietary habits, then enjoy preparing soupe de poireaux et pommes de terre avec une salade en vinaigrette (potato leek soup and salad with homemade vinaigrette). *Friday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In this discussion, we will learn about sleeping better and exercising—how and when? For the cooking workshop, attendees will prepare velouté d'asperges et salade de carottes râpées (asparagus soup and homemade carrot salad). *Friday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

For our last discussion, we will learn about vitamins, supplements, and meditation. For the cooking workshop, attendees will prepare soupe et crème de champignons et salade frisée au vinaigre balsamique (mushroom soup and frisée salad with homemade balsamic vinaigrette).

•NABB will host a members reception on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Boston Park Plaza Lobby. Come and meet your fellow NABB members and learn about Committees and Groups. New members are welcome and can join at the door. Please R.S.V.P. by Jan. 20.

SOUTH END DATES

•Ward 4 Democratic Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 22, South End Library, 6 p.m.: Want to learn how to help bring our elections into the 21st Century? The Ward 4 Dems' January meeting will include presentations from local experts and advocates on Election Day Registration, ranked choice voting, and civic design. Email ward-

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'Common Ground' matriarch brings new story to South End

By Dan Murphy

Joan Diver, the matriarch of one South End family profiled in J. Anthony Lukas' 1986 Pulitzer Prize-winning account of court-ordered busing in Boston - "Common Ground: A Turbulent Decade in the Lives of Three American Families," discussed and read from her new memoir that documents her spiritual journey on Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the South End Branch Library.

"The South End is in my heart, and I'll always be connected to the South End because of Tony Lukas," said Diver, who once lived in the shadow of the library at 118 West Newton St. and was on hand to promote her "When Spirit Calls: A Healing Odyssey."

Acting on a tip from then-U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, Lukas found Diver and her family two months after they moved from the South End to Newton. Diver admits at the time she was still grieving for leaving her friends behind and not facing her problems, and she said she was initially reticent to open up to Lukas for the controversial book.

"Telling him our story was a healing process for [my husband Colin and myself]...and my book

is so much more personal and intimate because Tony taught me the power of truth," Diver said.

Soon after she and her husband Colin agreed to allow Lukas to tell their story, Diver dislocated a disc in her spine while playing squash. The injury brought her to acupuncture, acupressure and other alternative medicine practices, and eventually to Chris "the Healer," who was based in Santa Fe, N.M.

"I didn't know what I was seeking when I thought I was just looking for a solution to my back pain," she said.

After Chris helped her learn to balance her physical, emotional, mental and spiritual energies, Diver came to the realization that she too possessed the power to help heal others, including one instance in which she came to the aid of a newspaper vendor on Commonwealth Avenue who collapsed in her presence.

"What I've learned from my healers and helping others is that some physical and emotional challenges come from beyond places we know," Diver said.

After serving for 17 years as the first executive director of the Hyams Foundation a Boston-

based non-profit whose mission is to "increase economic, racial and social justice and power within low-income communities."

Diver left the organization when WBZ-TV asked her to help identify three urban problems and possible remedies.

"I saw that society's problems have always been there," Diver said. "All the problems created by fear can't be solved by ideology or money. Hearts have to open...and I knew at this time I would leave the Hyams to help open hearts."

Meanwhile, Diver's spiritual quest brought her to Egypt, where she traveled to the great pyramid of Giza and lay in a granite sarcophagus. Here, she said she had an epiphany regarding "the universal consciousness that connects us all to one another."

Diver said, "The striking thing about these adventures is that none of them were planned. I hope that people will be inspired by my story to seek healing and wellness for themselves, so together we can make a better world."

Joan Diver's "When Spirit Calls: A Healing Odyssey" is now available in paperback from Monkfish Book Publishing at local bookstores and at amazon.com.

LOOKING BACK AT BOSTON

COURTESY OF THE SOUTH END
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



77 Dartmouth St., Haley House. This week's featured image is of 77 Dartmouth St. in 1972, the location of Haley House. In 1966, Kathe and John McKenna rented a basement apartment in the neighborhood and began taking in homeless men. They offered a cot and a meal - and this act of personal hospitality has set the tone for Haley House ever since. Over the past 52 years, Haley House has expanded to offer numerous services to the community: from the soup kitchen and food pantry, to affordable housing, urban farming and the Haley House Bakery Café in Dudley Square. The South End Historical Society was formed in the 1966 and continues to advocate for the preservation and history in the neighborhood. The organization is located on Chester Square and holds many treasures of the South End's distant and near past.

BPL PROJECTS (from pg. 1)

years to improve the building and the services it offers Bostonians of all ages. BPL President David Leonard said that the Copley branch has two main projects on its plate right now.

The first is the renovation of the rare books department, thanks to a \$15 million investment from Mayor Walsh. The project started last year, Leonard said, and has been a long time in the making. They have been working on design and are about to go in the construction phase in the coming months, he said.

"We're very, very excited by getting to that stage in the project," Leonard said. He said they are excited to "deliver a state-of-the-art space for the public to work with and experience our collection" of rare books, as well as "truly meet our preservation obligations" for the rarity of this collection. Over the past few months, the BPL has appeared in front of the Boston Landmarks Commission regarding equipment for this project.

The second project is a master plan update for the McKim Building. This master plan update would pick up where the major restoration work in the 1990s and 2000s left off, Leonard said. Mayor Walsh announced and allocated \$400,000 in the budget for this fiscal year, though the project was previewed last year, Leonard added.

"We continue to see a commitment from the Mayor to continue the work in the other branches in the city as well," Leonard said. Nearby, he added, they are looking for a permanent home for the Chinatown branch, as well as moving from small improvements at the South End branch to hopefully a programming study there as well.

"The Mayor was talking about how important libraries are as part of civic government and being the heart of civic communities," Leonard said of the Mayor's speech. "We have seen renovations [at several libraries across the city] that when we refresh buildings, fully renovate, or build new ones, the public comes in droves."

"There is a need for open, welcoming, dynamic spaces that people can feel are theirs because they are theirs," he added. He also said that he is "thrilled to have the investment to bring all of our locations up to what you'd expect from a 21st century library."

Leonard said that it was "great" to have Mayor Walsh highlight and prioritize libraries among the other matters he covered during his address. "It's great to have the mayor's support," he said.

Lisa Pollack, Chief of Communications for the BPL, said that the reason the Mayor has such strong support for the libraries is that they offer a "first

step" to so many different people, from homework help to workforce development. There's "something for all ages and stages to get people where they want to be," she said, which is "very much alive with the priorities of this administration."



Public Meeting

41 LaGrange Street

Thursday, January 24
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

39 Boylston Street
St. Francis House Inc.
Boston, MA 02116

Project Proponent:

Planning Office of Urban Affairs and St. Francis House Inc.

Project Description:

The proposed project is located at 41 LaGrange Street. The Proponent plans to develop a new 19-story residential tower that will be comprised of 126 mixed-income rental units. The current program includes a mix of studios, one- and two bedroom units, along with management offices, amenity spaces, laundry facilities, and indoor bike storage racks. There will be no on-site parking.

mail to: **Lance Campbell**
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Close of Comment Period:
2/4/2019

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4dems@gmail.com with any questions.

•United South End Artists will have hold the perfect cure for the winter blues with an open studios event on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists will be available in their studios for residents to see their works and to make purchases directly from the artists.

•The Blackstone/Franklin Neighborhood Association canceled its January meeting this week due to conflicts with other City events and meetings. However, they will resume meeting in March on the third Tuesday of the month.

•The Smith (Harrison-Albany Block) community meeting will take place on Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the D-4 Station Community room. The meeting will be to address impacts and discuss what is coming up.

•The Worcester Square Area Neighborhood Association will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 22, with the location to be determined. WSANA has been meeting in a construction trailer on Albany Street, but that could change.

•Eight Streets Neighborhood Association did cancel its January meeting, but will be back in action on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

•The Ellis South End Neighborhood Association will have its Board Meeting on Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at 66 Berkeley St.

•The South End Forum Opiate Working Group has released its meeting schedule for Winter/Spring 2019. The group will meet at 4 p.m. in the Crosstown Hilton on Jan. 29, Feb. 19, March 19, April 23, and May 21.

•The Friends of the South End Library will hold their annual members meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the library. The audience will elected the proposed slate of directors and there will be an update about fundraising efforts for library renovations.

•The South End Community Health Center will have its annual meeting and reception on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 5:30 p.m. in the health center, 1601 Washington St. The guest speaker will be new State Rep. Jon Santiago, who is also a doctor and a member of the health center board.

FENWAY TIMES

•BILLY JOEL RETURNS TO FENWAY PARK

The Boston Red Sox announced that Billy Joel will return to Fenway Park on Sept. 14. He will also be the first artist to be inducted into a Music Hall of Fame display being created this offseason depicting the artists who have had multiple successful shows at Fenway Park. Tickets will go on sale to the public on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m.

--Phish will also be playing at Fenway Park on July 5 and 6. Tickets will go on sale to the public beginning Friday, Feb. 1 at 10 a.m.

•Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9, - Red Bull Crashed Ice | 20,000 expected per day | TBA-TBA.

•LEGACY WORKSHOP SERIES AT THE FCC

The Fenway Community Center will be hosting a series of thought-provoking, creative conversations to celebrate our uniquely lived lives. Three unique ses-



Mayor Martin Walsh was on hand at the Jan. 9 City Council meeting to swear in new at-large Councilor Althea Garrison. Garrison, of Dorchester, takes the seat of new Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley. Garrison was the runner-up in the last municipal election, which made her the automatic choice to succeed Pressley. Garrison has run for office many times, and was a state representative at one time in the past.

sions will encompass aspects of personalized storytelling, bucket list building, expressions of gratitude, and open contemplation of our own "last words." The sessions are from 7-9 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: Jan. 16, 30, and Feb. 13, and the cost of admission is \$105 per person and includes a personal copy of Youlo Pages, the award-winning legacy planner/workbook/jour-

nal. To register, go to fcelebrity-workshopseries.eventbrite.com.
•Fenway Community Center is hiring! The community center is looking to hire a Program Coordinator. Visit fenwaycommunitycenter.org/jobs for more information.

•The Fenway Community Center will be hosting a Wellness Weekend on Jan. 26 and 27. Check the FCC website for more details.

•The Peterborough Senior

Center holds bingo at 12:30 p.m. and a Tech Café at 11 a.m. every Wednesday. Come play bingo and meet new people, or can get help with your phone or tablet/computer!

•On Jan. 29 at 1 p.m., the Peterborough Senior Center will be hosting Fall Prevention/Safety with Katherine Palms from Brigham and Women's Hospital.

For the Record

From the Jan. 17 Public Improvement Commission meeting, City Hall:

- 40 Trinity Place, Stuart Street; Boston Proper – Vertical Discontinuances, Specific Repairs – On a set of petitions by Trinity Stuart LLC and the Boston Planning & Development Agency
- 1 Dalton Street, Belvidere Street, St. Germain Street, Clearway Street; Roxbury – Specific Repairs, Projection License – On a set of petitions by One Dalton Owner LLC
- 33 Kilmarnock Street, Boylston Street; Boston Proper – Grant of Location – On a petition by Verizon New England Inc.

From the Jan. 17 Common Victualler Transaction hearing, City Hall:

- Wichit, Inc. d/b/a Wichit Sandwich, 244 Newbury St., Back Bay. Described as; first floor and basement level with kitchen and prep area; 17 seats. Seasonal patio on private property with 3 seats. To be managed by Andre Silva, between the hours of 7 a.m.–9 p.m. Mon. – Sat., 8 a.m.– 8 p.m. on Sundays.
- Back Bay Spas, Inc. d/b/a Healthworks Fitness, 441 Stuart Street, Back Bay. Described as open air walk up smoothie bar counter on the second floor of the health club; no seats. To be managed by Mark Harrington Jr., between the hours of 5:30 a.m.–10 p.m. Mon. – Fri., 7:30 a.m.– 8:30 p.m. Sat. & Sun.
- (Changes to an existing license) MVC 40B, LLC d/b/a The Revolution Hotel, 40 Berkeley Street, Back Bay. Amend the description From – Cafeteria within lodging house on basement level, To – Cafeteria within lodging house on basement level. Café located within existing hotel lobby, front door will remain the main exit and entrance with addition exit located in rear of lobby. No kitchen, but coffee machines, under counter refrigerators, toaster and prep space.
- Ipswich Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a Loretta's Last Call, 1 Lansdowne St, Fenway, have applied for a One Day Amendment for January 26, 2019 between the hours of noon to 3 p.m. to extend liquor license premise to serve beer and wine at the first annual Phantom

Gourmet Winter Phest.

From the Jan. 22 Boston Landmarks Commission hearing, City Hall, 3 p.m.: DESIGN REVIEW

- Emerald Necklace (Continued) Applicant: Margaret Dyson, BPRD Proposed work: Phase 2 of Muddy River Flood Damage Reduction Project
- 193 St. Botolph Street Applicant: Antonio Misdea, Misdea Enterprises LLC Proposed work: Repointing of front and rear facades.
- 108 St. Botolph Street Applicant: Eddie O'Connell, O'Connell Design Build Ltd. Proposed work: Installation of new vestibule entry doors and intercom system.
- Trinity Church Applicant: Jeffrey Ganem, Owner's Representative Proposed work: Replacement of nine lighting rigs in the sanctuary.

From the Jan. 22 Licensed Premise Violations hearing, City Hall, 10 a.m.:

- Wheeling's Bar, LLC, D/B/A Beehive, 541 Tremont St., South End. Date: 12/24/2018. Notice/Violation: Intoxicated patron requiring medical assistance.
- Iconic Food and Beverage Company LLC, D/B/A: Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138 - 150 Saint James Ave., Back Bay. Date: 12/24/2018. Notice/Violation: serving intoxicated person.
- Creative Restaurant Concepts, Inc., D/B/A: Whisky Saigon, 116 Boylston St., Back Bay. Date: 09/08/2018. Notice/Violation: Patrons smoking E cigarettes on premise.

From the Jan. 23 License Board hearing, City Hall, 10 a.m.:

- MVC 40B, LLC D/B/A: The Revolution Hotel, 40 Berkeley St., South End. Has applied for an Innholder All Alcohol License to be exercised on the above - Seven-floor hotel with 32 rooms per floor, 2500 SF Year-round patio on private property midnight closing hour, total floor area of 73,000 SF. Manager: Andrew Welch. Closing Time: 2 a.m.

School Committee: Boston superintendent position will be a desirable job nationally

By Seth Daniel

The superintendent of schools in Boston will be a desirable job across the country, School Committee Chair Michael Loconto said this week as the process begins to choose a new school leader.

"Boston is a place people want to be and always has been," he said. "It's big enough in some ways that you can achieve noteworthy results, but a specific size where you can also innovate. You get a lot of support from higher education, business leaders and philanthropy here...There's been a lot of chatter at about the opening in Boston. People have been suggesting candidates throughout the fall. We believe we'll see a good crop of viable candidates."

The Committee has approved its job description for the position already late last year, and brought on the search firm of Isaacson Miller.

The firm has an agreement in principal now, he said, and they are getting to work with the Search Committee.

"We're on track to have public

interviews this spring and have someone chosen on or before the start of the next school year," he said. "It's important for us to get someone on board for the start of the next school year. It will be important to bring them on as far in advance as we can...There's a lot that goes into that."

Right now, Boston does face some competition among major cities, with Dallas and Houston having vacancies. Those are much bigger cities though, and Loconto said some of the real competitors are the likes of Columbus, Ohio, and Denver – who also have vacancies and are searching.

Some of those larger districts are ahead of Boston, as their last superintendents gave notice long before former Supt. Tommy Chang did at the end of the last school year. Nonetheless, Loconto said the desirability of the city will likely play in Boston's favor.

"They'll probably make their hires prior to us," he said. "Nonetheless, I know it's competitive in terms of like districts and in terms of size, but Boston is a place that has no peer in support for innovation. That tells us we'll

be a good location regardless of the others."

One very important aspect for this incoming superintendent, he said, would be knowing how to see through a building project. With BuildBPS just getting started, and \$800 million in school funding pledged to that process, any new superintendent is going to have to know how to collaborate and coordinate, Loconto said.

"It's going to have to be an important characteristic," he said, noting that they would look for someone who has experience re-organizing a district and even raising money for school building projects.

That will only come, though, if the candidate shows that they can building coalitions in a political environment and collaborate with other effectively.

Within the month, the search firm and the Search Committee will begin receiving applications, and they hope to have the private, soft interviews by late February. That would usher in the public interviews sometime in the spring, just like was done with Supt. Chang several years ago.

D-4 POLICE NEWS

IN THROUGH THE OUTDOOR

On Monday, June 7, at approximately 9:13 a.m., officers responded to a radio call for a reported breaking and entering at Lululemon Athletica at 337 Newbury St.

On arrival, police spoke to the store's assistant manager, who said when he arrived to open the store at 8:41 a.m., he observed items scattered about the floor, as well as open drawers behind the checkout counter. He also said he observed that a window and window frame at the rear fire-escape had been knocked onto the floor of the business.

At this time, police cleared the store, but didn't locate any suspects. The assistant manager told police that he had secured the premises and turned the alarm on when he left work the previous day at approximately 8:10 p.m. Employees then inventoried the store's merchandise and determined that 10 bomber's jackets valued at \$298 each, 12 Sojourn jackets at \$168 each and around 20 pairs of women's pants valued at \$100 a pair were missing.

A store security guard said he couldn't view surveillance footage on site, but that he watch the video later and notify police if he observed the suspect.

their requests to leave the property. At this time, police asked the suspect to identify himself and told him he would be placed under arrest if he refused to comply. When officers told the suspect they would give him one last chance to cooperate or they would arrest him, he refused to identify himself, and was subsequently placed in double-handcuffs and taken into custody.

The suspect was then escorted to a prisoner's holding area in the Downing Building, where he was physically searched, and Mirandized. At this time, police seized a plastic bag containing a green, leafy substance believed to be marijuana, one unused hypodermic needle, three metal cooking caps, a lighter and a tourniquet from the suspect.

Shortly thereafter, Boston University police transported the suspect to the District 4 headquarters for booking and told him that providing them with any false information would result in additional charges. Boston Police officers then issued the suspect a written no-trespass order and told him that he may only return to the hospital for medical reasons.

NOT SO SHARP

On Friday, Jan. 11, at around 12:48 p.m., Boston police responded to Boylston and Kilmarnock streets to assist State Police with a suspect was reportedly threatening passersby in Kenmore Square with a knife and behaving strangely.

Officers located the suspect and requested that paramedics be dispatched at the scene to evaluate the individual. Police also overheard the suspect say he was going to kill himself and as many other people as possible.

EMTs arrived at the scene and transported the suspect to Tufts Medical Center emergency room for further evaluation.

OVERSTAYING HIS WELCOME

On Monday, Jan. 7, at about 3:10 p.m., police arrested a male suspect at Boston Medical Center at 850 Harrison Ave. for a report of a suspect who trespassing on the property. The suspect has previously received previous verbal and written notice barring him from the property and has been physically removed from the property after he refused to leave.

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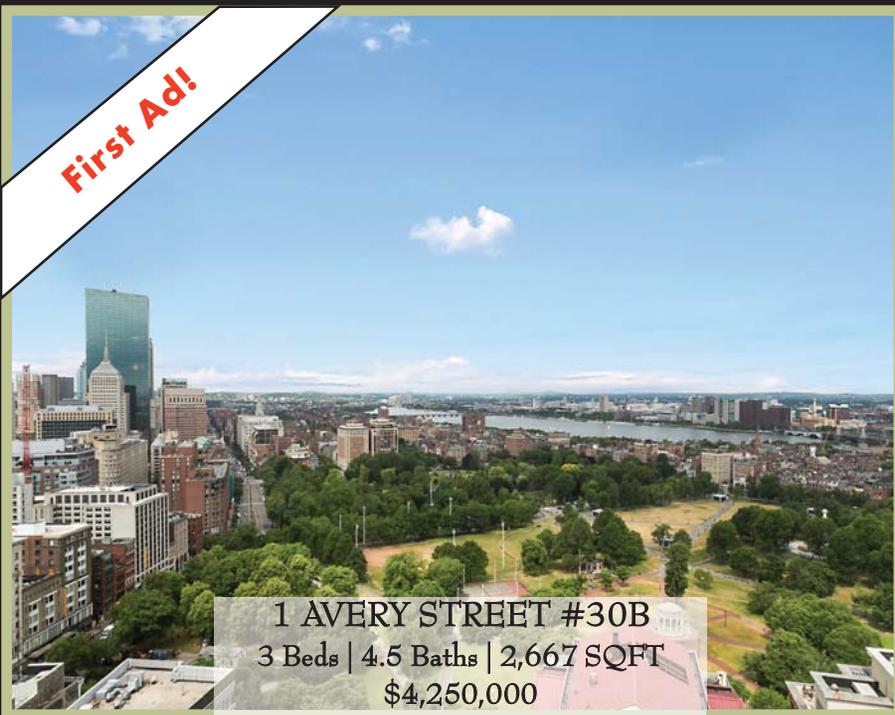


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