

Whittier Street Health Center Unveils Its First Public Art Exhibit

Part of Its Community Garden Expansion

Whittier has unveiled its first public art exhibit as part of its community garden expansion and Decision Arts Therapy, a program focused on helping teens who have been subjected to violence.

Whittier opened its Community Garden in June 2015, and this year's addition includes a garden for its pediatric and adolescent patients. In addition to the expansion, Whittier will install four large cow-shaped canvases that will be painted by children from its Decision Arts Therapy program and their families.

"The impact of public art on a community is priceless. Public art

has the power to energize our public spaces, arouse our thinking, and transform the places where we live, work, and play into a more welcoming and beautiful environment that invites interactions. We are delighted to launch our very first public art installation," said Whittier Street Health Center President & CEO

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BPD Officers Apprehend Gun-toting Suspect

SUBMITTED BY BPD

BPD Officers Apprehend Gun-toting Suspect in the South End: At about 10:53pm, on Friday, May 6, 2016, members of the Youth Violence Strike Force responded to a call for a loaded magazine clip found in the area of W. Brookline & Aquadilla Streets.

On arrival, officers recovered the magazine clip and spoke to Longwood Security officers who stated they observed three individuals acting suspiciously in the area where the clip was found. According to the security officers, they heard the individuals making loud noises and threats to shoot somebody prior to entering a building in the area of 100 W. Dedham Street. In light of the aforementioned information, officers set up surveillance in hopes of locating the individuals responsible for the threats.

In short time, officers observed two individuals who matched the description of the males heard making the earlier threats. When officers



Firearm and magazine clip recovered by the Boston Police Department. Photo courtesy of BPD

approached, one of the individuals refused to stop. Officers further noted that the individual had his hands in his jacket pockets. Given this observation, officers asked the individual to slowly remove his hands from his pockets. When officers asked the suspect if he was in possession of any weapons, officers observed the suspect stiffen up. When officers attempted to conduct a pat frisk of the suspect, the suspect pulled away and attempted to flee the area.

After a brief altercation, officers recovered a silver-colored firearm (see photo) in the suspect's waist area. Officers arrested Juan Medina, 38, of Boston and charged him with the Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition and Resisting Arrest. Additionally, officers arrested the 2nd individual, Wilfredo Morales, 38, of Boston, and charged him with Possession with Intent to Distribute a Class B Drug (Cocaine).

Mother's Day Walk For Peace

For the first time, Sunday's annual Mother's Day Walk For Peace traveled through the South End. The Mother's Day Walk raises funds for

the the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, a center of healing, teaching, and learning for families impacted by murder, grief, trauma, and loss.



Mother's Day walk for peace

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the Bank celebrated with them on their Opening day on May 7th, and presented them with a sponsorship check towards the team.



(Left to Right) Ryan Sawyer, Assistant Branch Manager; Norine Shults- South End Youth Baseball; Edward Merritt, Executive Vice President; Pete Shults- South End Youth Baseball; Jonathan Towslee, Vice President, Branch Manager

Mayor's Youth Council

Applications for the 2016-2017 session for the Mayor's Youth Council are now available. The Mayor's Youth Council is a year-round commitment where young people will devote 8 to 13 hours a month to meetings, events, projects, and outreach. To be eligible, you only have to meet two requirements: be entering 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in September 2016 (or comparable age if you're not currently in school) and a resident of the City of Boston. Deadline: May 6. Pledge to vote for your pick of the best ideas that you think will help the city of Boston! Every year, Youth Lead the Change asks Boston residents, ages 12-25, to vote on how to spend \$1 MILLION! Pledge anytime between May 13-20 for a chance to decide on

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Michlewitz on AirBnB, Uber

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

At his April 30 coffee hour with constituents at the Berkeley Perk Café, 69 Berkeley Street, and at the May 10 South End Forum meeting at the South End Branch Library on Tremont Street, state representative Aaron Michlewitz addressed the thorny issues of regulating two evolving enterprises, ride-sharing services or transportation networking companies (TNCs) such as Uber and Lyft and short-term rentals such as Air BnB.

As chairman of the Joint Committee on Financial Services, Michlewitz has heard many voices, has held many hearings and has conducted research including travel to New York and other cities to examine their approaches to managing and regulating TNCs. Of four TNC bills filed, Governor Baker's bill, filed in the spring of 2015, gained the most traction according to Michlewitz.

On March 9, the House passed legislation that would require TNC drivers to undergo a two-tier background check process; \$1 million in insurance on each vehicle in use, and signage clearly identifying every TNC vehicle while it is in service.

At his coffee hour, Michlewitz told a group of about a dozen constituents, "It's a tough issue with a lot of pieces to it. There's the background check issue, the insurance piece, the signage piece; how do you handle

cabs in the long term? In the House bill, we are creating an agency that will make decisions long-term on how things will move forward. It is a complicated piece of legislation and it took nine or ten months to work on it. It was our main focus in the committee."

While there was an outcry at the House bill's five-year ban on Uber and Lyft picking up at Logan Airport and the Convention Center, both of the South End's state representatives, Michlewitz and Byron Rushing, voted in favor of it. According to Michlewitz, he has heard a wide range of viewpoints on the issue.

"We've gotten every perspective you can think of from all sides. We've taken over 100 meetings; some have come from cab drivers, some have come from Uber drivers, some have come from constituents, from the banks because of all the lending they've done on the medallions. We went to New York to find out how they are operating and the challenges and issues that they face. We've seen the issue from a lot of different sides and it's been exhausting but also fascinating." He added, "You want the tough ones. You don't want the easy issues. It's been fun to find out what people are doing in different places."

In his presentation to the South End Forum, Michlewitz described approaches other cities have taken toward the rapidly expanding

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(Top) Aaron Michlewitz at the South End Forum meeting (Bottom) South End Forum attendees. Photos courtesy of Michele Maniscalco

Michlewitz

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TNC industry. Michlewitz remarked, "New York city was a lot smarter than us because they took this on in 2011 and made all the [TNC] drivers livery drivers."

Michlewitz said that New York has 87 ride-sharing services, while Boston has Uber, Lyft and the Boston-based startup Fasten. He also pointed to legal complications in the emerging governance of ride-sharing. As an example, Michlewitz said that after Austin, Texas passed a ballot initiative requiring TNC drivers to be fingerprinted, Uber left Austin. Massachusetts lawmakers also considered fingerprinting as part of the required background check for TNC drivers but withdrew it from the House bill after hearing concerns from the NAACP that since fingerprints are taken on suspects who are charged but not convicted, there could be a disproportionately negative impact on certain population cohorts.

Michlewitz said that there has been talk of a women-only ride sharing service, but that could raise constitutional concerns. Other components of the House bill include a comprehensive background check process that Michlewitz called "the most comprehensive in the country" in which each driver is vetted by both the company and by the state; creation of an agency to regulate TNCs and a new type of insurance that addresses the use of personal cars as ride-sharing vehicles. The insurance provision would require an additional \$1 million level of insurance above the driver's personal insurance policy that would take effect while the vehicle is in use for TNC rides.

Michlewitz also gave a brief overview of the taxicab medallion system. He said that there are 1,800 medallions currently in use, most of which were first issued in the 1930s. Of the 1,800 total, 250 were issued in 1997 in a special release that raised \$40 million in revenue for the construction of the Convention Center.

Michlewitz said that those who have purchased medallions in the past six or seven years often have put their mortgages or life savings into the investment and small businesses are going into foreclosure now that medallion values have dropped precipitously. Recalling a recent Boston Globe editorial that suggested taking back taxicab medallions, Michlewitz

said, "We are not here to bail out the cabs, but who is going to pay for all that? Eighteen hundred medallions equals hundreds of millions of dollars."

Turning to another fast-growing, maverick business, short-term rentals, Michlewitz talked about the legislation he created and co-sponsored. He and representative Rose Lee Vincent of the 16th Suffolk district filed the bill in early 2015 to establish regulations on the currently unregulated short-term rental industry. "It's also not being taxed properly from many people's perspectives. Air BnB is not paying any taxes within the commonwealth of Massachusetts or the city of Boston," Michlewitz observed. He explained that although he researched the bill in 2014 and filed it in 2015, the industry has "matured" since then and there are new considerations to take into account.

"There are certainly things that I am happy that they are still in the bill and certain things I would like to change if I can have another crack at it for next session," Michlewitz said that since it is a first-time piece of legislation and it is competing with thousands of other bills, he doesn't foresee it passing in this session. In composing the legislation, he said, "We took a lot of what was originally filed in San Francisco and used it as a template but there are certain things we would like to change. For instance, one thing that has grown in the past year and a half is short-term rentals being used but no one actually lives in those places. There are small businesses all over the city where someone is renting an apartment, never staying there and continuously listing it on Air BnB or some other portal."

He cited the Ink Block complex on Harrison Avenue as a hub of short-term rental activity. "For instance, Ink Block: We all love Ink Block and how it's transformed that area; Ink Block has about 20 Air BnBs now. The idea of building a lot of this housing is that prices will come down and it will make it a lot more affordable to live in these downtown neighborhoods. When 20 units of Ink Block are taken up by short-term rentals, that is going to hurt those costs. When I was crafting the bill in 2014, we never foresaw that taking place."

According to Michlewitz, other issues that will be considered in the legislature before the current session ends on July 31 include a

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Guest Opinion

Charter schools' impact on South End Schools

BY JENNIFER HAYES

As the statewide debate over the expansion of charter schools continues and November's ballot question to lift the existing cap on charter school looms, it's important to consider the impact of charter schools on the South End.

This year alone, charter schools will siphon off \$119,405,100 in funds that would otherwise stay in the Boston Public School, and be used to improve learning for all students. For students, this funding loss means larger class sizes, fewer enrichment courses such as music, art, and athletics, and other damaging cutbacks.

None of us should be surprised that after years of shrinking budgets, our local schools are failing to meet the needs of many of our students. A recent report by a school budget review commission found that Massachusetts is underfunding public education by at least \$1 billion a year. The ability of our schools to provide students with more opportunities for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, and enrichment programs such as music, art, and athletics, is

already threatened. And now, charter schools are taking more than \$400 million in funds each year from our local school districts.

Numerous studies have shown that early education is the most effective way to ensure a child's success later in life, but only 60% of 3- and 4-year-old children in Boston are enrolled in an early education program. Statewide, Massachusetts has over 16,000 children on waiting lists for pre-school programs. At the very least, we should provide access to pre-school and early learning programs for every child instead of giving money to more unaccountable charter schools.

Part of the problem is that the state approves charter schools even when the communities where they will be located are opposed to them. This has happened in Brockton, Gloucester, and many other communities. Charter schools are not accountable to the local taxpayers who have to pay for them or the communities they serve. That's wrong. Parents and taxpayers in Boston should have the final say on what kind of schools we want.

A report from the Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University, released

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We look forward to having you join us at the workshop.

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Letter to the Editor

Kudos to South End News

ROBIN BARTLETT

I am in town for a day on business and picked up your latest issue to read while I ate breakfast. At first I was disappointed there was no USA Today or Boston Globe to read, but

then I read two of the cover articles: "Get on Board: The Legacy of Harriet Tubman," and "From Rescue to Rising Stars."

I was so impressed with the quality of writing and with the impact and motivation of the stories themselves. The Tubman article should be required reading for every middle

school student in the world and the rescue dog issue—well, it is just wonderful what Jenna Donleavy has done.

Kudos to Gary Bailey and Michelle Maniscalco for their articles—written so well and so meaningfully.

Walsh: tuition-free community college for BPS grads

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the City of Boston will roll out a tuition-free community college plan for Boston Public Schools (BPS), providing a cost-effective entry point into higher education for Boston's young people.

The program will be available at all BPS high schools beginning June 1, and will be run through the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (OWD), with support from the City's Neighborhood Jobs Trust (NJT).

"The single most effective way to break down the social and financial barriers facing many Boston families is to make post-secondary education free and accessible," said Mayor Walsh. "I am so proud to launch this program and give our talented BPS graduates another resource for success."

The Neighborhood Jobs Trust, which collects linkage fees from large-scale commercial developments in the city, will fund the program.

The program has already launched at Madison Park Vocational-Technical High School.

"This enormously helpful initiative is breaking barriers by increasing access to quality higher education for our students," said BPS Superintendent Tommy Chang. "This is an

example of a wonderful partnership that truly provides a path to help students succeed in college, career, and life."

The Boston Foundation report "Getting Closer to the Finish Line: The College Enrollment and Experiences of Graduates of the Boston Public Schools" suggests that Boston students are in need of support to succeed in community college. While only 15% of those 2007 BPS graduates attending two-year colleges managed to graduate, with 40% of enrollees dropping out after the first year, the report found that students with grant assistance were far more likely to stay enrolled through the first two years of college.

A recent study by the Boston Redevelopment Authority confirmed that there is a strong correlation between education attainment and wages. An associate's degree holder is 1.7 times more likely to make \$35,000 or more compared to someone with only a high school degree. A bachelor's degree holder is 2.2 times as likely to make \$35,000 or more compared to someone with only a high school degree.

While the Tuition Free Plan will help address the barriers to cost, the City recognizes that a more comprehensive phase is needed for the long-term, in order to prepare graduates for the challenges of higher education and beyond. This initiative will also work with

BPS guidance counselors, high school staff, community partners and resident groups to encourage maximum participation from BPS graduates and their families. Starting late Fall of 2016, subsequent phases of the plan will deploy an integrated model of support services, bridge programs, dual enrollments, remedial classes, and resources for connecting students with employment opportunities, career navigation services, and financial aid for completing post-secondary education.

To be eligible, students must graduate from a BPS high school with at least a 2.2 GPA, be able to complete community college on a two-year schedule, meet low-income status for Pell Grants, complete the FASFA, pass the accuplacer to place out of developmental classes, and gain admission to either Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) or Roxbury Community College (RCC).

"Education is an essential part of preparing a competitive workforce for the City of Boston," said Trinh Nguyen, Director of the OWL. "Leveraging our community colleges, partners, and federal resources will help students, parents, and families obtain their career aspirations. College shouldn't be limited to those who can afford it."

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last month, found that 60 percent of charter schools in Massachusetts don't have a single parent on their boards of trustees.

Clearly, some of our schools are struggling, particularly in our urban areas. We should be committed to fixing them—not keep taking money away and giving it to charters

which accept fewer English-language learners and kids with significant special needs. Expanding a two-track system of separate and unequal schools, where students with the most challenges remain in local district schools with fewer and fewer resources, is not consistent with our Massachusetts values.

The ballot question will allow charters to expand into areas where they don't exist right now — anywhere in the state — taking

millions away from successful neighborhood public schools and causing the elimination of programs, increases in class sizes, and other damaging cuts in the schools that most families choose. In the South End, allowing charter schools to take more money away from our public school system will only hurt the majority of students. We need to fully fund our public school system before we consider spending more money on charter schools.

Camp Wonderland Registration Now Open

The Salvation Army in Boston is now registering children 6-16 years of age for an exciting

overnight experience at Camp Wonderland in Sharon, Massachusetts. Camp Wonderland is

a residential co-ed camp for children. A variety of activities are provided including

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The cost to attend Camp Wonderland is \$72 per session. Parents may register their children 12 years of age for up to 2 sessions. Teens age 13-16 years of age may register for Teen Week from July 25-30, 2016. To register

online for Camp Wonderland please go to www.campwonderland.org and select Boston South End Family Services. If help is needed to register for Camp Wonderland or if there are additional questions call 617-236-7233 or email the office at tmorris@use.salvationarmy.org. The local Salvation Army office is located at 1500 Washington Street, Boston with hours of Monday through Friday 9 A.M.-4 P.M.

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ASK DOG LADY



Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

I was nearly assaulted by a nasty little Yorkshire terrier at the hairdresser yesterday. I should have known there would be trouble when I told his "mom" what an adorable little guy he was; his name was Eli and she said, "You want him; take him." She explained

the dog was very, very neurotic. Undaunted, I asked if I could pet him. When she said fine, I started to pat him and he practically took off part of my hand. I guess the lesson here is never be lulled into thinking a cute dog will not bite you.

—Terry

Dear Terry,

Yes, an important lesson to learn. And here's the bigger lesson: Always pay attention to an owner's attitude. The owner of Eli sent you clear signals as she sniped: "You want him; take him." Obviously, she had written off the dog and was not going to train him or care much if he tried to take a chunk out of you. She should not have allowed you to pet him. Lesson learned. Beware adorable little dogs baring teeth.

Dear Dog Lady,

I hope you can recommend a diet drug for dogs. I will admit Flopsy is fat, but I'm hoping a diet pill will slim her down because my cocker spaniel waddles. I want a drug easily available from my vet. I haven't taken her to the vet for a long time because he's always reminding me my dog needs to lose weight.

—Kristin

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Want a Tree?

150 trees available

Is there a place in front of your home or business that looks like a good location to plant a tree? If so, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department is reaching out to constituents to help locate planting sites for 150 surplus trees in their spring planting cycle ending July 1.

The Parks Department is accepting tree planting requests for the current spring cycle through Friday, June 3. Requests received after that date will go into the fall planting cycle beginning in September.

"This is a great opportunity for resi-

dents," remarked Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook. "We have the trees and our team is ready to go out and inspect the sites that are suggested. If they meet all the parameters outlined on our webpage, those locations will have beautiful new trees by July 1."

Any resident of Boston can request to have a street tree planted on the sidewalk in front of their home or business whether or not there is an existing tree pit if the location meets the tree planting requirements spelled out at www.cityofboston.gov/Parks/StreetTrees/seasonal.asp.

Art as a language therapy, combined with verbal dialogue, helps to find a more successful resolution to difficulties. The cows in the Kid's Garden will serve as art canvases to Whittier's pre-adolescent and adolescent patients, many of whom have witnessed violence and suffer from trauma. These patients will paint the cows to give them a chance to use their creative skills and express their emotions through paintings.

Whittier

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Frederica Williams. "Here at Whittier, we are committed to improving the life and well-being of our diverse community. This exhibit will give us an opportunity to celebrate the therapeutic aspect of public art to the mind, body and spirit as well as take civic pride in our Community Garden."

Michlewitz

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transgender bill that will come before both the House and the Senate next week; further discussions on an omnibus energy bill and public records reform.

Due to time constraints, Michlewitz gave

a shorter presentation than originally scheduled, but encouraged meeting participants who want to hear more about these and other issues to attend his final South End coffee hour, which will take place on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 AM-12:00 noon at the Wholly Grain, 275 Shawmut Avenue.

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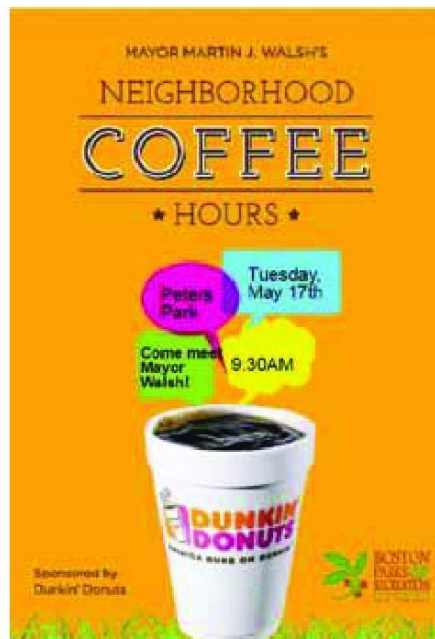
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Dog Lady

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Dear Kristin,

No drug is the magic pill. Most likely Flopsy is fat because you over-feed her and do not get her outside often for exercise. Slentrol is a diet drug for dogs but it hasn't been tested sufficiently. Also, it won't change your behavior; only you can. Anyway, Slentrol is meant to be used in an overall program of healthy food and exercise. You'll have to get off the couch whether you administer the drug or not. And there are side effects. Why use Flopsy as a lab rat?

Dog Lady, alas, is not a vet nor does she play one on the pages of this newspaper. Go to your veterinarian and ask for the new drug. Dog Lady bets, if the vet is responsible, he or she will send you home with another prescription for a healthier dog lifestyle to try first.

Dear Dog Lady,

I have a 10-year-old poodle with an unusual quirk. I'm hoping you can shed some light on this behavior. From a seemingly relaxed position, Petey will jump off the couch or bed and do what we have now call his "bull." His legs simulate a bull's posture before charging a matador. He gives little growling sounds and, after a moment or so, will settle down. He never charges at us but he looks so "bullish". Can you explain this?

—Karen

Dear Karen,

Haven't you heard about the ancient order of poodle picadors? These fearless heroes will charge at couch cushions and bed pillows to ensure proper plumpness for their beloved humans.

Pete's posturing must be some sort of physical adjustment, the result of what happens when he wakes up suddenly and shifts position. Maybe he's stretching. Whatever, he's giving you a little bit of bull. Enjoy this performance — unless you have concerns about his health, which is when you should consult your veterinarian.

Dear Dog Lady,

My small dog and I go to a public park where I allow him off the leash. The other day, before I could lead him in another direction, he immediately went into a clump of budding blue flowers, assumed the tripod squat position, and relieved himself. I am fanatical about picking up so I waded into the flower patch with bag in hand. But once I saw the position of the output, I realized I would have to pull up some delicate flowers to get it all. Because it was buried deep in the leaves and invisible to any passerby, I decided just to leave it. I hope the fertilizer will help the flowers grow. Did I forsake my duty?

—Ellen

Dear Ellen,

Dog owners must do everything in their power to keep the environment clean. And, in a public place, you never know who might be watching you walk away from the scene of the crime. This is not a good thing — legally, socially and politically. As long as you didn't pull out the plant by its roots, the leaves and flowers could have grown back without your small dog's impromptu fertilization.

Dear Dog Lady,

My dog Booboo, a Chihuahua, has recently been going into the dirty clothes pile and taking out my underwear and licking it. How do I get him to stop? Why exactly does he do this?

—Sam

Dear Sam,

You're the man in Booboo's world. He misses you when you're gone and getting a whiff of your essence is entirely understandable. You can stop him by making the effort to stow your dirty dainties in a Booboo-proof laundry bag hung high or a hamper closed tight. Also, you could leave out a more appropriate item — an old gym sock or a rag reeking of you — so Booboo can sniff and lick when he needs a heady dose of you.

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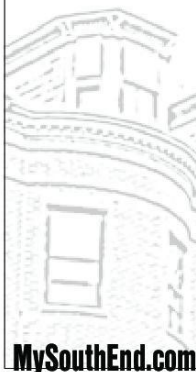
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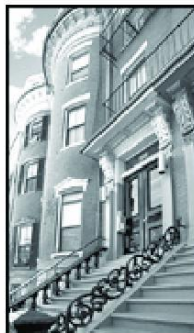
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