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Elegant Back Bay condo has history

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The Back Bay of Boston is famous for glorious magnolias that blossom in the spring and cast a warm pink glow over the neighborhood. The Back Bay is also famous for its Brahmin style, swampy past, and gracious brownstone buildings with bow front windows defining the elegant look of the neighborhood. Currently, a condominium in one of those buildings at 177 Commonwealth Ave. is for sale and listed at \$1.495 million by Tim Marsh of Marsh Properties.

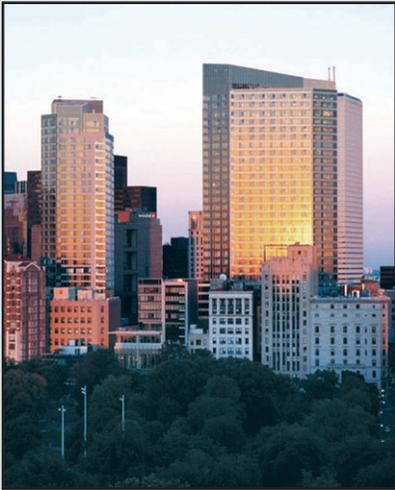
The condominium, Unit 5 in a building of nine units, is classic, historic Back Bay with many of the features for which the neighborhood is known.

The mansion, in fact, has a more distinctive Brahmin pedigree than most of the grand manses lining Commonwealth. John Quincy Adams, the great-grandson and grandson of the second and sixth presidents of the United States, had this home built in 1882. Until being donated to the Museum of Fine Arts, a portrait of John Adams by Gilbert Stuart

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A magnificent Back Bay condo at 177 Commonwealth Ave. has a palatial front parlor overlooking the Commonwealth Avenue Mall. It is listed at \$1.495 million. COURTESY PHOTO / MARSH PROPERTIES



The Residences at the Ritz-Carlton, Boston Common, saw four sales in March, all in the south tower at 2 Avery St.

March condo sales, median prices rise

Condo sales and median selling prices increased in March from a year ago in the 11 neighborhoods covered by Boston Homes, according to data compiled by the Listing Information Network.

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The sun-drenched living room at 231 Marlborough St. in the Back Bay is magnificent with its original marble fireplace mantel and ornate moldings.

Back Bay home is an outstanding sale

To date this year 21 single-family homes have been sold in Boston that exceed \$1 million.

The most expensive sale was at 3 Louisburg Square on Beacon Hill, which sold for \$11 million; the second most expensive was in the heart of the Back Bay at 231 Marlborough St.

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Charlestown home has private garden

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Pleasant Street Court is a cul-de-sac off Pleasant Street in Charlestown, part way down the hill between Monument Square and Warren Street.

At the top of the hill is the Bunker Hill Monument where Daniel Webster spoke

A four-bedroom home at 5 Pleasant Street Court in Charlestown is on the market for \$769,000.

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at its opening in 1843. At the bottom of the hill is the 1780 Warren Tavern, visited by George Washington. It was Paul Revere's favorite tavern and still is a popular spot for brunch, lunch or dinner.

Frank Celeste of Gibson Sotheby's International Realty has just listed 5 Pleasant Street Court at \$769,000. It is a charming property where the sun lights every room: a living room, dining room, eat-in kitchen, a mud room, four bedrooms and two full baths. There are also a full basement, a deck

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