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I like-and dislike-the *Herald* for a lot of reasons Joe Keohane brings up in his column “Headlines of the Damned” (February). I would add that the paper does a particularly good job of covering real estate development in the city (mostly under Scott Van Voorhis’s byline). If the *Globe* were all I read each day, I’d think that One Franklin, Fan Pier, and the Rose Kennedy Greenway were the only important developments here.

Boston’s “exploding population of white-collar types and wealthy empty nesters (that) takes pride in not reading the *Herald*,” as Keohane puts it, may actually believe these are the only projects that matter. But when future historians want to piece together how, exactly, our city moved “past the messy urbanism of old into some rich, antiseptic DMZ somewhere between a city and a suburb,” it is the *Herald*’s archives to which they’ll most likely turn.