



## GALVIN SEES RETIREMENT SAVINGS CRISIS AHEAD

Embarking on his sixth term as secretary of the Commonwealth, William Galvin said he wants to sound an alarm about retirement savings plans. The Brighton Democrat, who was sworn-in during a private ceremony on Wednesday, said full pension plans hardly exist anymore, elevating the importance of 401K plans, which he said were originally intended as supplemental accounts. Galvin said employers can change the amount and timing of 401K contributions, which can cause financial harm to the employee.

“I want to get the discussion going because I think there’s a coming crisis on retirement savings,” Galvin told the News Service on Wednesday.

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# EDITORIAL

## Gov. Baker To The Rescue?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
SBT Staff Report

**O**ur new governor wasted no time getting control with his temporary halt and review of the BCEC expansion. Here at “ground zero”, it’s a welcome sign that someone is looking at the overall picture.

There are many watchdogs and experts who question the need for expansion in the first place. Besides the expense, the touted community benefits disappear after construction approval. Expansion is based on the Massport desire to make the BCEC a T-5 Destination - a top 5 Convention Center. To do this, hotels had to be constructed in what was previously a prohibited

area. To remove this prohibition, the state agreed to South Boston residents’ demands to create a commercial/residential zone from the Reserve Channel to the Haul Road. Residents also demanded the “community benefits” package be agreed to prior to hotel construction, as the law states.

To date, no agreement with the community has been reached but hotel construction is nearing completion. Instead of development, as promised, 30 foot mounds of dirt line First Street where a construction “lay down” is sited.

Hopefully, the Governor will enforce all aspects and agreements with the residents before allowing a project, which has done neither, to go forward.



*“Decimate the Constitution and nobody bats an eye. Deflate a football and everybody loses their mind” - Unknown*

## Last Week’s Poll

The Results Are In On Last Week’s  
Property Tax Bills Question.  
Here’s How SBT Readers Answered.

Do You Think The New Property  
Tax Bills Are Fair?

**Yes 3%**  
**No 97%**



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## Give Al Gore a Shovel/ Taxed Enough Already

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

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Well folks, how did you like our most recent ‘Global Warming’ experience? If a color were to be applied to Climate Change - which of course Obama, Kerry and Gore say is the biggest problem/crisis facing the United States and the world itself - it would probably have to be white – as in snow. Just 2 weeks ago, the Climate Change gurus, who are no longer even trying to hide the fact that theirs is an attempt to redistribute the wealth from the American taxpayer to Third World countries, tried to con us into thinking that 2014 was the warmest year in the history of the world: except it wasn’t.

A closer look at the record books by real historians and weather experts disputed the claim almost immediately and provided their data to prove it. The subject was dropped pretty quickly. Gore hates when that happens, and each time it does, he goes into hiding until the following summer.

But the hypocrisy of the Climate Change frauds was on full display at the World Economic Forum recently as the ‘elite’ of this bunch all gathered in city of Davos, Switzerland to discuss what must be done to fight against the threat. Now, of course, among the solutions that always come up are restrictions on the lifestyles of you and me. Fossil fuel production must be ended, grazing cattle must be eliminated and certainly, all of us must stop driving our cars, heating our homes and using our barbeque grills.

Gore has a plan to spend 90 trillion (tax) dollars to ban all cars from cities all over the world to eliminate the pollution these vehicles cause. Ah, but then ‘the inconvenient truth’ exposes the double standards maintained by these so called elite of the world who

dedicate themselves to regulating the lives of everyone else. Light was shed on the fact that these people came in 1,700 gas guzzling, fumes spewing private jets to the Davos conference. Once the jets landed, hundreds of limos and huge SUV’s were brought in to shuttle them comfortably to and from the conference and their luxury, energy consuming hotels where they of course dined on only the finest food and drink. And while doing this, they were feeling good about themselves because they were there to tell the rest of the world that we must all do with less. And yet, there are still those who continue to follow these people like sheep. It’s time Gore, Kerry and the like use up more of their energy shoveling snow like the rest of us and less time flying around in their planes. That will keep them too busy to be interfering in the personal lives of everyone else.

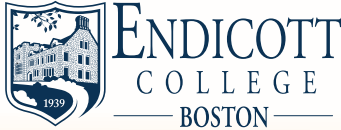

South Boston Today ran a poll this past week asking about the new property tax bills. The feedback was slow at first and then the floodgates opened with response. The resounding consensus was NO! The continuous hike in property taxes going on in South Boston ‘just isn’t fair’ was the overwhelming feeling from residents. In fact, it’s causing hardship beyond belief and the question most asked by those who called and wrote in is when will it end? Homeowners, especially longtime residents on fixed incomes, just cannot continue to keep paying more. There is only so much money coming into the average household. People have found themselves needing to cut back on the food they can put on the tables to feed their families it’s getting so bad. Some people reported that they have to keep their homes

colder than they’d like, because there is less money for heat because of the climbing property taxes.

Of course, we’re being told that because South Boston is now such a desirable area, all the new development is causing property values to rise, which must be followed by hiked tax rates which is then followed by rent hikes. This is doing nothing to keep Boston a ‘livable city’ as so many officials continue to claim is the goal. Memo to our elected officials: Do something about this and do it fast! It’s time to get

serious and not just with talk. You have been elected by the people to look after their interests. Get busy and find a way – do your jobs and please come up with a real solution. Put the Olympics and new development on the back burner and get about the task of providing real tax relief to the people who have built Boston into what it is today. The solution and the ability to do this are within your domain and everyone knows it.

American Sniper, the Clint Eastwood produced movie blockbuster continues  
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### College classes in South Boston this February

**Joseph Tierney Learning Center – Spring 2015 Course offerings**

Title	Days	Starts	Ends	Times	Credit
Seminar in Academic Inquiry (Jeremiah)	T/THR	2/10/15	5/26/15	10:45 am - 12:00 pm	3
Introduction to College Writing	T/THR	2/10/15	5/26/15	9:15 am - 10:45 am	3
Business Computers I	M/W	2/9/15	5/27/15	9:15 am - 10:45 am	3
Math Problem Solving	M/W	2/9/15	5/27/15	10:45 am - 12:00 pm	3
Environmental Issues	W	2/11/15	5/27/15	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	3
Introduction to Sociology	M	2/9/15	6/8/15	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	3
Business Computers I	W	2/11/15	5/27/15	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	3
<b>Jeremiah Programming</b>					
Endicott Transitions (EMPOWERMENT)	F	1/9/15	3/13/15	9:30 am -12:00 pm	1
Life Skills	F	3/27/15	5/8/15	9:30 am -12:00 pm	1

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## Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

### BAKER HAS HIGH POPULARITY IN BOSTON AREA

A recent poll found Gov. Charlie Baker has a 58/17 favorable/unfavorable rating in the Boston region, giving him a popularity level that starts to approach Mayor Marty Walsh's. The Republican, who has paid frequent visits to traditionally Democratic parts of the state, enjoyed an even better rating of 58/10 within Boston city limits, according to the MassINC Polling Group survey. Walsh's favorable/unfavorable rating was 68/6 in the region and 74/6 within the city. Released on Thursday, the poll of 507 Boston area voters was conducted for WBUR last week and also measured support for an Olympics bid. - Andy Metzger/SHNS

### SUPER BOWL BET UNDER NEGOTIATION

While Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito offered a glimpse of what will be on offer if the New England Patriots beat the Seattle Seahawks in the Feb. 1 Super Bowl, the details of the traditional wager between the competing teams' governors should be determined Monday, according to an aide to Gov. Charlie Baker. On Thursday Polito said she had spoken to her counterpart in Washington, Lt. Gov. Brad Owen. "We just bet on who's going to win the game. And he promised he'd be sending us a big shipment of wine and a lot of salmon," said Polito. "It's going to be Drew Bledsoe wine," said House Minority Leader Brad Jones, noting

that the former Patriots quarterback has a vineyard in Washington. Bledsoe owns Doubleback in Walla Walla, which produces bottles of cabernet sauvignon in small quantities, according to its website. Baker spokeswoman Elizabeth Guyton told the News Service the two sides "are still in negotiations." The Seahawks are the reigning Super Bowl champions, and Washington Gov. Jay Inslee did not make a bet with the governor of Colorado last year when the Seahawks trounced the Denver Broncos, according to Inslee spokeswoman Jaime Smith. She said Inslee plans to come to agreement on a wager with Baker. Baker won shredded pork in last Sunday's victory over the Colts, and this week Baker tweeted a photo of the spoils from Indiana Gov. Mike Pence. As of Friday afternoon, Baker's office still had not received the crabs owed by Larry Hogan for the Patriots' come-from-behind victory over the Ravens earlier in the playoffs. - Andy Metzger/SHNS

### POLITO: OLYMPICS WILL HAVE STATEWIDE IMPACT

The summer Olympics coming to Boston could have "very serious consequences" along with any potential benefits, according to Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito said. Polito said she is "excited" about Boston being picked by the U.S. Olympic Committee as the U.S. bid city, but noted it comes at a time when the state is struggling with a \$765 million budget gap. "For us to be able to service all that comes with that great, grand event, it certainly will require the attention of more than just Boston and the communities surrounding it," she said in response to an audience question at a Massachusetts Municipal Association meeting. "It does have a Commonwealth-wide impact." Polito said officials must be careful about the use of public funds. "We have not had any specific review or briefing

and I have not read the documents myself either," she said, thanking an attendee for highlighting the issue. The attendee, Watertown Councilor Cecilia Lenk, expressed concerns about the Olympics. "Those of us who are surrounding Boston are not really feeling part of the dialogue," Lenk said. "And it will have an impact, if it goes through, on all of us." Lenk said Watertown is "booming" but public transportation infrastructure has "not kept pace" with what they need. "It's not really working for the communities that it serves," she said. "We will be looking very closely at the issues of regional transit as well as the public transportation in the Boston metropolitan area," Polito responded. Answering an audience question on regional school district spending, Polito said a regional approach will be valued in the fiscal 2016 budget the Baker administration is putting together. "We do see this as an 18-month, you know, slog," she said. "This is going to be difficult. But the more that we can do in fiscal year '15 to reorganize this current budget, the better flexibility we will have as we prepare [the] fiscal 2016 budget." - Gintautas Dumcius/SHNS

### GAMING COMMISSION ADOPTS PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY

The state gambling commission endorsed a policy for handling its public records, including electronic filing and the redaction of certain personal information of employees, vendors, casino operators and others. The commission, created through the 2011 expanded gambling law, is subject to the state public records law. The policy unanimously approved on Thursday calls for records to be scanned and filed electronically, "whenever possible," in an easy to search manner. "Storage of paper copies of records should be minimized unless otherwise

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# Reading Between The Lines

## “Squeeze Them Tight”

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
Brian R. Mahoney

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If this column is being read in newsprint on its regular Thursday distribution schedule, South Boston Today has a hearty delivery team. If predictions were true that there are two feet of snow with 5 foot wind-blown snow drifts to be cleared, then that much clearing should be done in stages. That being said, here are a few observations of the last week for you to mull over with your hot cocoa break.

Don't ever count on Boston sportswriters and broadcasters to have your back. With the noticeable exception of Mike Lynch, Christian Fauria and a few others, it was shameful but predictable that some of the locals jumped on the national "Hate the Patriots" bandwagon. The sports public will hopefully remember their treachery and rush to judgment, when the Patriots are ultimately vindicated. And they will be. There is no other possible outcome. This column has no inside knowledge, just the same as any other steady follower.

We all have seen Belichick and Brady. Not just last week during their "self-defense" news conferences, but for the last 15 years. Their public TV personas are well known and allow us to make an informed judgment of their television response. They are not lying. Those who have covered and made their living off of them for 15 years know them even more intimately and should be out front as, if not defenders, at least moderating voices for patience, until the evidence is in and all the true facts known. Instead, as early as last Monday, one televised radio talk show had the host applauding "The Patriot's Got Caught". Another called for Kraft to fire Belichick.

Just to cite one instance, all published reports state the NFL claimed D'Qwell Jackson intercepted a Brady pass and gave it to the Colt's equipment manager,

telling him the ball didn't feel right and the concern was passed up the chain to NFL officials before halftime. Jackson, on Friday, said the story is false. He never said the ball felt wrong, merely wanted to save it for a souvenir. A small point but why then the elaborate, invented story? Who was the person who first noticed "something wrong"? Why is it such a big secret?

This isn't to say there's a big conspiracy. It's pretty clear what probably happened. The Patriots ball boy brought the balls to the official's room 2 hours 15 minuets before kickoff and the officials accepted the balls without comment. Ten minutes prior to kickoff an official had the ball boy remove the zipped up bag of balls from the officials' room, went to the bathroom and carried them to the fields placing it by the official replay camera. The entire field is under camera watch. Any tampering would be recorded. Only the officials were in the possession of the balls unobserved. Either the balls leaked or instead of actually taking the time to physically measure air pressure they administered the "squeeze test". Even if the Patriots' Belichick or Brady wanted to adjust air pressure, it would have been impossible once the officials took control of the balls. If the NFL crack investigator wants to end this mess, begin their lie-detector tests in the officials' room. The officials' actions weren't malicious, but apparently complacent.

The criticism from former NFL players and coaches is laughable. First is Don Shula still complaining about the 1982 "snow plow" game? He recently called our coach "Belicheat". The fact that Belichick's 6th super bowl appearance ties Shula and the 2007 Patriot undefeated season surpassed Shula's 1972 Dolphins probably has no bearing. As for Jerome Bettis, he of the 2001 Steelers who reserved hotel rooms

for the Super Bowl rather than practicing for the AFC championship needed to be won in order to get there, has no ax to grind against the Patriots who beat him? Yeah right. He called the Patriots "felons". How about Marshal Faulk, star of "the greatest show on turf", who were favored by 18 points, but lost when the Patriots employed the "hit Faulk on every play whether or not he was the ball"? He still complains, "The Patriots stole from me". By the way, I hope we use the same hitting strategy on Marshawn Lynch this Sunday. Donovan McNabb, who got so nervous he was unable to call plays in the

final minutes of the Eagles 3 point Super Bowl loss to the Patriots, says Brady is "not believable". The list goes on, but it is mostly because of the Patriots success.

Let them whine, cry, complain and investigate. The only "wrong" is that we win too much. When the military tries to pacify a population and have them follow orders they have an expression "grab them by the ... and their hearts and minds will follow".

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*Take care till next week*



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## Residents Say – Property Tax Bills Not Fair

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Staff Report

This past month the Walsh administration decided to raise property tax bills. This has residents up in arms about the mayor's priorities. Middle and working class families are struggling as it is to make ends meet. The talk of building new schools and giving wealthy luxury condo developments tax breaks and relief is leaving some of the city's residents feeling abandoned.

One reader emailed in and said, "Governor Charlie Baker pledged to not raise our taxes, so why is Mayor Walsh raising taxes them on working people and families?" Another reader emailed in and said, "The city is giving out tax breaks to rich developers and making us foot the bill. It's not right."

A South Boston Today poll conducted last week had over 97% of residents opposed to the increase in property taxes. The floodgate of ZBA and BRA variances and approvals being awarded against neighborhood opposition of luxury condos no doubt has contributed to the increase in

property tax bills. These bills impact seniors on fixed income and working families the most, forcing them to choose which bills to pay and which bills to pay late.

In next week's addition SBT will provide information about how to file for property tax abatement. For more information about tax bills you can call the City of Boston. Mayor Martin Walsh office phone: 617.635.3151 email: mayor@boston.gov  
Mayor's Liaison Eric Prentis office phone: 617.635.2680 email: eric.prentis@boston.gov



## Gate of Heaven School Building Meeting to be scheduled soon

The original date for the public meeting around the Gate of Heaven School Building was to be February 6. The date has been moved for reasons unknown. South Boston Today (SBT) will keep you posted on when the updated meeting will be held.

Residents have flooded this newspaper regarding the Gate of Heaven School Building including letters to the editor, complaints etc. Recently, on January 12, the proponent of the high end luxury condo proposal along with his representatives held a meeting with abutters and concerned residents, who overwhelmingly oppose the luxury condo plan.

At the meeting the developer and the representatives admitted to having private closed door meetings with Mayor Martin Walsh and City Councilors. It was also mentioned at the meeting that several charter schools are interested and that some have even tried to put in bids for the property. Others are waiting until the tentative Purchase and Sales agreement expires. Already 1000 signatures had been gathered in opposition.

A SBT poll from last spring had 92% of residents and abutters opposed to the proposal. Another SBT poll had 87% of people acknowledging a parking crisis. At a public meeting at the Tynan School Auditorium with over 500 people standing unanimously in opposition, South Boston's elected officials unanimously pledged their opposition as well.

Mayor Walsh himself has publicly voiced his own opposition and said that the project was "dead", acknowledging the unanimous opposition.

SBT will continue to cover the story as it unfolds.

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"Even people who thought they were well prepared are not, for the most part, because simply put, people are living longer; they're saving less." Galvin said he and U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey wrote to the U.S. Department of Labor encouraging the federal agency to change rules concerning 401Ks, and he said he has tried to "persuade" the department it has regulatory authority over 401Ks. He said the financial institutions that work with his staff on securities compliance say employers have all the authority over 401K changes.

Galvin said he filed legislation that would increase access to the tax-free savings plans with a mandate on employers to contribute.

On another matter, Galvin pointed out that the secretary's website currently allows users to look up their voter registration status and people should be able to register to vote online later this year. He said the office is working on the "final details" of online registration and preparing for early voting next year. A 2014 election reform law requires the online voter registration portal to be operational by Aug. 1.

As he seeks to move voter registration into the Internet age, Galvin will also have some decisions about how to handle a box of artifacts installed in a cornerstone of the State House in 1795 by Gov. Samuel Adams, Paul Revere and William Scollay, according to records. The time capsule, which was dislodged in December and reportedly contained old coins and papers, had been nestled in a carved-out portion of stone, and Galvin said items might be added to it before it is replaced. "We know all the things that were taken out are going back. The question is whether we're going to add anything, and we're going to have to construct a new time capsule to encapsulate the old time capsule," said Galvin.

First elected to the office in 1994, Galvin said for the past three terms he has opted for a private ceremony rather than the type of fete thrown by newly elected statewide officeholders. He said he was sworn in by Gov. Charlie Baker in the governor's office by the governor.



## College Classes at the Tierney Learning Center!

Two years ago Endicott College began a new academic center in Downtown Crossing. The mission behind this new project is to provide a comfortable space and friendly support for students transitioning to college. The central location of the academic center at 19 Temple Place has allowed for easy transportation and a supportive learning community for more than 150 students and faculty. But that space is filling up!

Endicott College President Richard Wylie said, at the center's opening: "Boston doesn't need another traditional college with a mission similar to the many colleges already in the city, but it does need and deserve a college committed to the education and training of new Americans and first generation college students. Whether it's helping to prepare students for college level work, building language skills, or providing a small supportive environment for students

to achieve their degree-seeking goals, we are committed to creating new opportunities for students in and around the metro area."

Starting in February, Endicott College Boston and one of its program partners, Minneapolis-based Jeremiah Program, are bringing college classes and some other unique programming to the Joseph M. Tierney Learning Center on Mercer Street.

In addition to introductory level college courses (open to all qualified students), the Jeremiah-Endicott partnership are also bringing workshops and a support program to the Learning Center which focuses on parenting college students and their children. This "two-generation partnership" is part of a network of organizations across the country working on "two-generation policies" that take a more holistic approach to helping families improve their lives.

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## Rev Dr Eugene Albert Langevin. Minister South Boston Baptist Church

Rev Dr Eugene Albert Langevin was born in Ferndale, Michigan on July 28, 1939. He was the son of Eugene and Minnie Langevin. Gene died at home on January 20, 2015 at the age of 75 after a four-year fight with cancer.

Gene graduated from Lincoln High School located in Ferndale, Michigan in 1956. He went on to Harvard College from 1957-1961. His senior thesis was on the political and economic ideas of "social theologian Walter Raushenbusch". It was graded "Magna Plus" and placed on permanent deposit in Harvard's Widener Library Archives. Gene attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City from 1961-1962. During that time, he was assigned fieldwork to minister to youth in various YMCAs in New York City. In 1962, he received a Rotary Fellowship to study at Oxford University in England. Gene returned to Harvard Divinity School in 1963.

After pursuing his education, Gene took a Juvenile Probation officer position in the Quincy District Court. He began a storefront church in Quincy called "The Way" which over the years involved many youth from Cambridge, Quincy, Boston, Plymouth, Brockton and their surrounding areas. Along with ministering to church congregations at The First Church of Squantum and the South Boston Baptist Church,

his life was devoted to helping youth develop into responsible and good human beings through his youth programs. Gene and his sister, Rev Patti, continued this youth work until Christmas of 2014 when Gene's illness progressed.

Both Gene and his sister are American Baptist Ministers and co-directors of the non-profit youth ministry called "The Way Up". This Youth Mission was begun over fifty years ago. In 1970, Gene published a book about his experiences working with youth called Way To Go Baby. He was working on a second book chronicling his experiences up until the present at the time when he passed. This book will be completed and published by his family in the very near future.

In October of 2014, Gene was nominated for and awarded the Daniel Sharp Award by the American Baptist Ministers of Massachusetts. This was presented to Gene for being an "affectionate and honorable Christian and for overseeing a worthy and faithful ministry".

Gene is survived by his sister Patti Langevin, and two nieces with their spouses, Mindi and Jamison Shave, and Marci Langevin-Gaudette and Jeff Gaudette, and grandchildren Cameron Shave and Logan Langevin Gaudette, and the many youth around the state of Massachusetts to whom he has filled the role as parent. Gene's youth mission program is continued by Rev. Patti Langevin.

Visitation will take place on Friday, January 30th from 4:00-8:00pm at the Keohane Funeral Home at 785 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02170. A Funeral Service, honoring Gene's life, will take place at the First Baptist Church of Wollaston, 81 Prospect Avenue, Quincy, MA 02170, on January 31st at noon. A collation will follow in the church hall. The burial will take place on Sunday, February 1st at 2:30pm at Fern Hill Cemetery, 790 High Street, Hanson, MA 02341.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be sent to "The Way Up" at 25 Aldrich Road, West Bridgewater, MA 02379.



## The Storm Brought Out That Cooperative Southie Spirit-Again

Residents were starting to relax. We were approaching the end of January and still no snow to speak of. Oh, there was that scare a few days earlier when the TV weather people were going off the charts warning of a major storm bearing down on our area; they were giggly, but when it did arrive, it was 3 inches of fluff and everyone rolled their eyes. It was looking like this just might be one of those rare winters that we got to coast into springtime without breaking out the shovels and breaking our backs while at it. But it just wasn't to be. This past Monday and all into Tuesday night, to put it simply: we all know we got nailed – slammed like we haven't been hit in quite a while.

But as with all things that many consider a negative there were some silver linings to be found. Most people got to take the day off from work - hopefully with pay. The kids loved it - no school. And on display

once again was that legendary Southie spirit of cooperation that has transcended the generations for as long as this neighborhood has been free of British Red Coats on patrol.

All over town were scenes of neighbors helping neighbors. On so many streets the guy or girl next door would look beside each other very often to see the person next door without even being asked, helping shovel out a walk, a set of front stairs and even a car. It was an automatic response - a reflex. When you finished shoveling your walk, it stands to reason you just help your neighbor complete theirs. There were countless incidents where someone's car just couldn't make it out of a shoveled spot because of slippery ice or snow; perhaps it's time for a new set of tires. Instantly, there was a full crew taking up positions to the front and rear and on the signal, everyone pushed until the vehicle was freed from its snowy confines.

But where to put all this darn snow? This is the city, the streets are narrow and there are just too many cars in the way. This is where South Bostonians show their creativity and combine it with team work with near military precision. Relay lines were formed and shovel by shovel, the snow was transported to a location on the block where there was actually an open or vacant spot. As rare as they might be they do exist and it becomes an incredible, near impossible feat of engineering as to how high that snow can be piled without falling into the street. Some of these 'Snow Mountains' have been known to last well into the month of May they are piled so high.

Now as tradition would have it, in South Boston we have always been blessed with bands of young entrepreneurs who, armed with their trusty shovels, descend on the streets after a snow storm and offer their services. For a price to be negotiated, these rugged and hardworking teens are able to shovel out vehicles the size of battleships in no time and get it cleared right down to the pavement if you insist. With youthful strength and boundless energy they can work all day and

all night and make themselves a small fortune each and every snowstorm. For those weary, time strapped or unwilling adults who just can't or won't do the work themselves, the sight of a group of these approaching kids is welcome indeed. And while these teens are more often than not very shrewd businessmen in their own right, in a lot of cases, they are not without feelings, community spirit and hearts of gold.

Many people over the years who are perhaps disabled or restricted in other ways have had their walks and cars cleared by local kids who adamantly refused to accept any payment at all for their services.

They felt the desire to just do a good deed for someone in need and would make their money on others when the opportunity arose. Who says today's kids think only of themselves. South Boston is fortunate to have many who are truly good Samaritans. We can be proud of these young people. They deserve very special praise.

And so South Boston has survived yet another blizzard of what some would call epic proportions while others feel it was no big deal. The town has had them before and we can all be sure we will have them again. The bottom line is: we always survive and make it through just fine.

## Pier 4 Apartments 142 Northern Avenue, South Boston MA Affordable Housing Lottery

### 32 New Affordable Apartments For Rent

# of Units	Type	Rent*	Approx Sqft	Income Limit
1	Studio	\$1,166	562sqft	Up to 80%
13	1BR	\$1,361	756 sqft	Up to 80%
5	2BR	\$1,555	1,237 sqft	Up to 80%
9	1BR	\$2,042	688 sqft	Between 80% and 120%
4	2BR	\$2,334	1,216 sqft	Between 80% and 120%

The Maximum Income Limits for Households for the Moderate Income Units (80% AMI) is as follows:

1 Person - \$52,700\*; 2 Person - \$60,200\*; 3 Person - \$67,750\*; 4 Person - \$75,300\*

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1 Person - \$79,050\*; 2 Person - \$90,350\*; 3 Person - \$101,650\*; 4 Person - \$112,900\*

\*Income Limits subject to change when the BRA publishes the annual Income Limits

From Feb 10th to Feb 17th applications can be requested by phone (617.782.6900) or email (seb.housing@gmail.com). Applications may also be picked up at the South Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library (646 East Broadway, South Boston) Tuesday Feb 10th (1 pm to 6 pm) and Thursday Feb 12th (4 pm to 8 pm) and Saturday Feb 14th (10 AM to 2 PM)

Completed applications can be dropped off to the SEB Office between 10 AM and 4 PM on March 2nd and March 3rd.

The deadline for application drop off at the SEB Office is 4 pm on March 3rd, 2015.

Completed applications can also be mailed to the SEB Office but must be postmarked by March 3rd, 2015.

The SEB Office is on 165 Chestnut Hill Ave #2, Brighton, MA 02135.

**\*Rent is subject to change when the BRA publishes the annual rents.**

Selection by lottery.

Asset, Use & Occupancy Restrictions apply.

Minimum income limits apply.

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Preference for Boston Residents.

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For more information or reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, call 617.782.6900



# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
60 N Street Single Family	\$867,750	11/19/14	8	1.5	2117
141 Dorchester Avenue UNIT 210 Condo	\$792,250	11/19/14	4	2	1286
721 East Sixth St UNIT 4 Condo	\$779,000	11/21/14	4	2.5	1343
775 East Fifth St 2 Family	\$700,000	11/18/14	8	3	1720
21 Thomas Park UNIT 2 Condo	\$699,000	11/20/14	5	1.5	1201
1-11 Hamlin St UNIT 4PH Condo	\$690,000	11/20/14	4	2	1479
125 B Street UNIT 4D Condo	\$677,000	11/18/14	4	2	1134
73 Old Harbor St UNIT 2 Condo	\$660,000	11/20/14	6	2.5	1676
49 L Street UNIT 1 Condo	\$640,000	11/24/14	4	2	1126
56 Baxter St 3 Family	\$625,000	11/24/14	9	3	1984
610 East Sixth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$546,000	11/19/14	4	2.5	1165
663 East Seventh St UNIT 2 Condo	\$545,000	11/19/14	4	2	1044
9 West Broadway UNIT 417 Condo	\$510,000	11/21/14	3	1	770
629 East Sixth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$505,000	11/21/14	4	2	935
119 Dorchester St UNIT 9 Condo	\$469,000	11/21/14	4	1.5	856
8 Springer St UNIT 2 Condo	\$466,000	11/18/14	6	1	1019
48 Telegraph St UNIT 2 Condo	\$430,000	11/24/14	4	2	915
653 East Third St UNIT 3 Condo	\$370,000	11/24/14	3	1	518

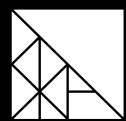
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## 9 CHANNEL CENTER

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**100 WEST 2ND STREET**

Lewis Gallery, First Floor  
South Boston, MA 02127

**PROJECT PROPONENT:**

Berkeley Investment, Inc

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Berkeley Investments, Inc in their Notice of Project Change propose to rehabilitate the existing building at 9 Channel Center with approximately 6,687 sf of Other uses (e.g. retail or restaurant) at the ground level and 65,875 sf of Office Uses on the upper six levels, for a total of approximately 72,562 sf of gross floor area. As required under PDA Plan No. 53, at least 36 parking spaces will be provided for 9 Channel Center at the Channel Center Garage.

**MAIL TO:** GARY UTER  
Boston Redevelopment Authority  
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor  
Boston, MA 02201

**PHONE:** 617.918.4457

**EMAIL:** Gary.Uter@Boston.gov

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## New Exhibit At Fort Point Arts Community Gallery

The Fort Point Arts Community Gallery is pleased to announce an artist talk in conjunction with the second exhibition for the 2014/15 season, Chora, featuring the work of Ariel Freiberg and Filiz Emma Soyak. The show was juried by Andrew Witkin, Gallery Director of Barbara Krakow Gallery.

Ariel Freiberg will be joined by art historian/curator Afshan Bokhari, artist Audrey Goldstein, and Trevor

Smith, Curator of Contemporary Art the Peabody Essex. They will engage in a dialogue on ideas inspired by the exhibition and invite attendees to participate. Light refreshments provided.

### About the exhibition:

Freiberg and Soyak re-imagine and visualize what is found between the seen and the peripheral. Dingy corners and scraps of images are excavated for their potential. By layering multiple languages and processes, these non-structured visual moments- otherwise forgotten- are presented to the viewer.

Freiberg is deeply curious about the impact of isolating passages of faces, derived from images from history or mass media, and pairing

with a sensory plain. Employed by “urban trickery” or trompe l’oeil, the passages of the faces look like ripped paper. Ironically, this is the grounding element in the painting. The substrate space of the canvas may be a stark contrast to the delicately painted face. The open space of the painting are stained and aggressively treated, as to reference earthiness, tomalley and decay. The ambiguity between the edges of ripped faces and the bedrock ground are reminders of the uncertainties of our physical world.

Soyak describes her paintings as stories that explore the landscape between the seen, the remembered, and the imagined. Her latest work is informed by the markings and relics she encounters in evolving urban

environments, from New York to Istanbul. Soyak strives to honor the history and memory of these artifacts by reconstructing them together with her own interpretations and multi-sensory impressions.

For a complete review of Filiz Emma Soyak and Ariel Freiberg’s work, please refer to their websites: [www.filizsoyak.com](http://www.filizsoyak.com) / [www.arielfreiberg.com](http://www.arielfreiberg.com)

*“Chora marks space apart. She is as an interval, as a spacing in-between, an X that can take any form it receives. This is the integral part of leaving marks, of writing, and of language as a whole – empty spaces and silences, that can add millions to one single number or open up a space to listen.”*

– Irina Aristakkhova

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required by commission regulation or procedure, the public record law or the record retention policy,” the policy says. Paper records containing confidential or sensitive information can be stored in “locked fireproof file cabinets,” the policy adds. Redactable information includes

personal information belonging to commission employees and individuals providing information to the commission, including investment and bank account information, social security numbers, tax returns, and criminal history information. The five-member Gaming Commission plans to

revisit the policy and follow up on implementation in two months. “All requests for records from individuals or groups outside of the commission should be forwarded to the legal department for review prior to any response,” the policy said. The commission also unanimously signed off on a plan presented by MGM

Springfield officials for a diversity and affirmative action marketing program for the casino planned for western Massachusetts. Commissioner Bruce Stebbins said that while he was hoping to see “more meat on the bones of this plan,” he thinks MGM has a “strong record” on diversity. - Gintautas Dumcius/SHNS



# St Peter Academy – Where Learning Happens 12 Months A Year

**Open House Tuesday February 3RD 9-11 AM & 5-7 PM**

**W**ould you like to see learning happening? Visit our school at 371 West Fourth Street

and you will see students personally invested in their education and teachers creating meaningful interactions that empower students to think critically and communicate effectively.

St. Peter Academy is an independent private Early Childhood through Grade 8 school dedicated to providing a high quality education to children of all faiths and diverse socioeconomic backgrounds.

Teachers are engaged and regularly attend high quality professional development seminars in order to stay abreast of ‘best practices in education’ and deliver a continuum of rigorous and collaborative academic instruction. Parents are engaged as board members, advisors, event planners and classroom volunteers. Investment in STEM curriculum is already showing results. Technology upgrades are underway that are state of the art. The leadership of the school believes that the classroom is not the only learning venue. South

Boston and Boston is rich with educational experiences and we take advantage of it.

St Peter Academy expands its students learning experience beyond the traditional classroom and into the real worlds of the arts, marine environment, civic engagement, the physical sciences, business economics, urban design and more. From the South Boston Waterfront to the Museum of Fine Arts, St Peter Academy students and families realize the benefits of learning in an urban community.

Here is what parents are saying about St. Peter Academy:.

*“St. Peter’s is more than a school to which we send our children. It’s the village that’s helping us as parents to raise children who are serious scholars, leaders, and citizens who are committed to the the surrounding community. It’s a vibrant, loving community where we know our children will be taught the tools to succeed in life with whatever challenges come their way. It’s a community that*

*builds confidence in abilities.”*  
-Emily and James Condon, St. Peter’s Parents

*“I like that St. Peter Academy allows my children to grow and learn in a safe family environment that encourages independence and responsibility for not only themselves but the society in which they live! The teachers at SPA take the time to be involved in their students’ lives and encourage them in both individual school achievements and achievements outside of the classroom including sports and drama.”*

-Keri and Derek Baszkiewicz, St. Peter’s Parents

*“I really appreciate the small classroom size and family feeling from all the teachers, staff, and families of St. Peter Academy. As a mother of three, I appreciate that S.P.A. offers an afterschool I can trust. I know my children are also getting a great education.”*

-Olga Markos, St. Peter’s Mother

*“We love the individual attention our children receive in the small classroom environment and the close community feel of all grades Pre-K through 8th. Their zero-tolerance to bullying approach is a big plus,*

*which allows our children to focus on their education. And our teachers are second to none!”*

-Kenny and Maria Blasi, St. Peter’s Parents

We are a center of academic excellence, challenging our students to think critically and to consider multiple perspectives, focused on preparing our students for tomorrow’s world. We serve a diverse population of students who live down the street, across town in Boston’s neighborhoods and surrounding suburbs. We welcome students and families from all backgrounds and faiths.

We welcome the opportunity to have you visit St Peter Academy to see for yourself that ours is a unique and wonderful learning community. All are welcome at our Open House on Tuesday February 3 from 9:00-11:00 am and 5:00-7:00 pm or contact Mrs. Doreen Brown to arrange a tour at 617-268-0750 or SPA@StPeterAcademy.com

The St Peter Academy Community is a place where our students and families are at the center of everything we do!

## St. Peter Academy At A Glance

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# Julie's Family Learning Annual Celebration

Julie's Family Learning Program's Annual Celebration was held at Florian Hall. Everyone at Julie's



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to break records at the box office, as Americans by the millions are still flocking to see it. We've all heard the vicious attacks by the progressive mouth pieces from the press and Hollywood itself that are furious at the film's success. Any film that sheds a positive light on the US military and gives a true American perspective on world events is as repulsive to leftists as is a crucifix to Dracula. But the

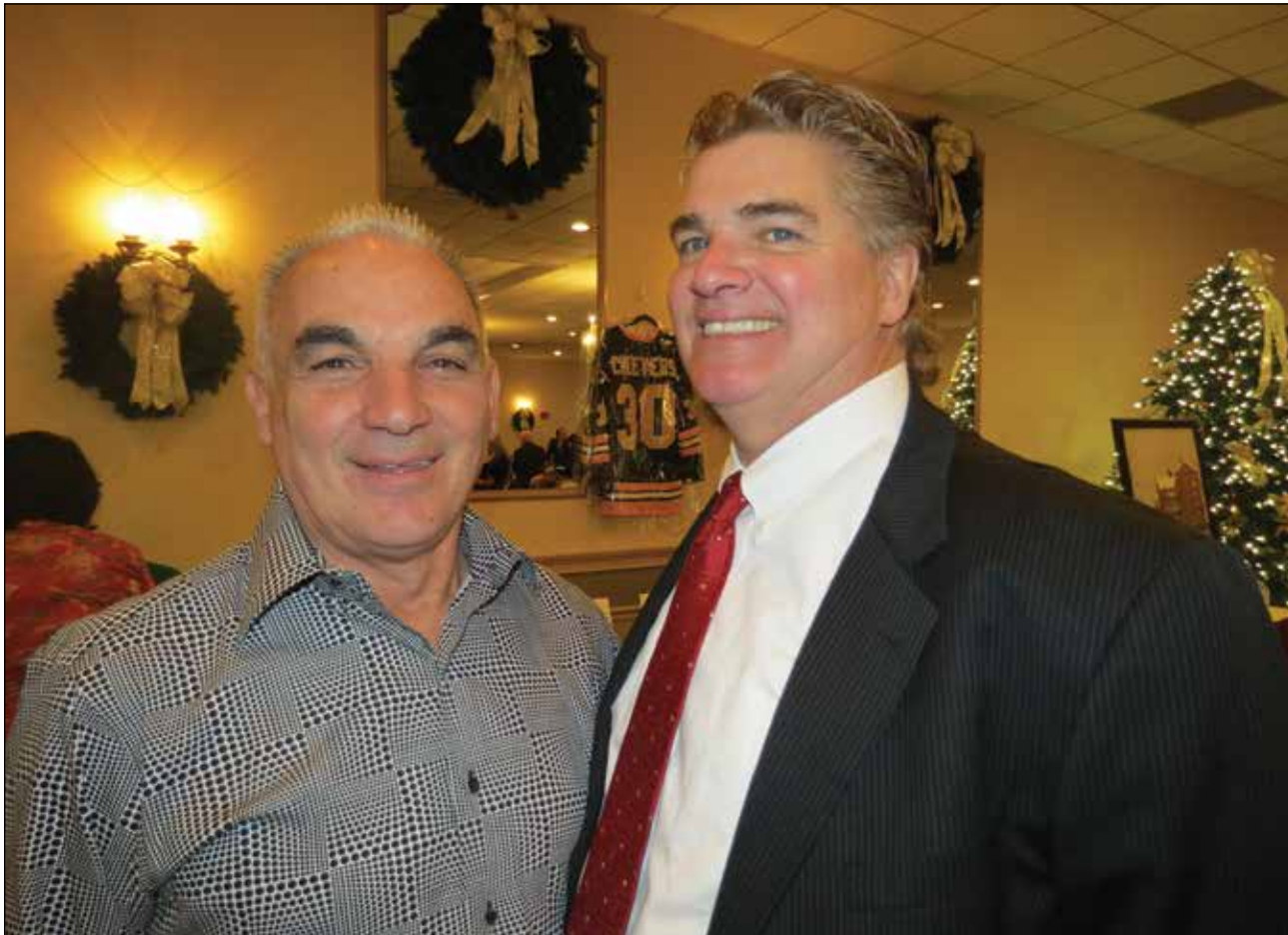
backlash from real Americans against the attacks has stunned the detractors. They never expected such pushback and for so many people to react this way. Most people have learned to ignore the idiotic rantings of buffoons like Michael Moore, Alec Baldwin, Bill Maher and Seth Rogan. But they cross into the danger zone when they attack our military; especially true heroes like Chris Kyle who laid his life on the line and did what he

had to save the lives of so many of his fellow soldiers. If you have not seen American Sniper yet, I highly recommend it.

And just a comment on Tuesday's blizzard: It could have been worse. We've all experienced worse. Just think if the snow was the wet heavy kind? Shoveling would have been a lot harder, and then it would have frozen to ice and been like concrete. There is always a silver lining it

seems. One observation from this humble writer is that watching the whole lead up to the storm and then the cleanup itself, our relatively new mayor and brand new governor are a big improvement over the previous occupants of those two offices.

Kudos to Mayor Walsh and Governor Baker for coordinating their snow removal efforts. And thank you to our residents for continuing to cooperate while these efforts are ongoing.



thanks all of our generous sponsors and supporters, who contributed to our event's success. Over 250 people attended the dinner and silent auction. Mayor Walsh was honored for his support of Julie's over the years from the State House to City Hall. Alumna Laurretta Brennan's poignant and heartfelt keynote speech inspired the audience, as her courage and perseverance is an example to all. Roxbury Latin's Jake Rooney and Logan Warshaw were honored for their multi-year holiday toy drive for the children of Julie's. All of us at Julie's appreciate the ongoing support from our community and beyond.

On May 14th we will be honoring our co-founders, Sister Louise Kearns and Sister Jean Sullivan for over 50 years of service to marginalized women and children in the Greater Boston area. Please save the date for this historic event at Venezia Restaurant

Please see our Facebook page and our website, [www.juliesfamily.org](http://www.juliesfamily.org) for a listing of supporters.

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Docket No. SU15P0120EA  
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court

Estate of:

Mary L Houde

Date of Death: 06/08/2005

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

**Albert J Houde, Jr. of Mukilteo WA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

**Albert J Houde, Jr. of Mukilteo WA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 02/19/2015.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong  
First Justice of this Court  
January 20, 2015  
Felix D Arroyo  
Register of Probate  
January 29, 2015

**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Docket No. SU15P0135EA  
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of:

Andrew G Pano

Date of Death: 02/23/2014

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

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

**Ellen M Dobbyn of Mattapan MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

**Ellen M Dobbyn of Mattapan MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 02/26/2015.

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WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong  
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January 21, 2015  
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Register of Probate  
January 29, 2015



## Deflategate On The Backburner, Patriots Still Need To Execute

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Staff Report

The New England Patriots are poised to take on the Seattle Seahawks this Sunday in Super Bowl XLIX.

Here are some key factors that will impact the outcome of the game.

**Tom Brady:** The offensive line needs to give him time and space. If they do that, Brady just needs to be himself, confident and clutch.

**Running Game:** If Patriots cast off running backs, led by Blount, Bolden and Co., can run north to south, gain positive yardage and hold on to

the ball, combined with giving Tom Brady necessary breathing room, the Patriots should control the ball and the clock.

**Turnovers:** Whoever wins this part of the game is likely to win on Sunday. Capitalizing on the opponents errors is critical. It also wears down the defense, which is something the Patriots are going to focus on.

**Special Teams:** Fans should keep their eye on special teams. Kicks, punts, returns....in the blink of an eye, they could open up a lead or can make the difference in a close one.

Vote on our poll below. Voting will close this Saturday.

Who do you think will win Super Bowl XLIX?

-New England Patriots  
-Seattle Seahawks

# Red Sox Making Moves

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
Staff Report

The Boston Red Sox traded right-handed pitcher Anthony Ranaudo to the Texas Rangers on Tuesday for left-handed pitcher Robbie Ross.

Ranaudo, who at 25 was a hot prospect in the Red Sox organization, made his major league debut with the Red Sox last season. He was drafted as a supplemental first-round pick by Boston in the 2010 draft .

Ross, also 25 had an off and on year with Texas' big league club in 2014. The season included a Triple A stint. It appears as though, with the Red Sox rotation already crowded, the Sox have eyed the key role of left handed reliever for Ross.

Texas had originally drafted Renaudo out of high school in 2007. He did not sign with them and instead opted to go to LSU. Texas jumped at the deal. "He is a guy we like, we've liked for a long time," said Texas general manager Jon Daniels. "When this trade came down, we liked the value." As Boston battles the winter weather, just remember ... only 23 days until pitchers and catchers report to Fort Myers for Spring Training.



## Gate of Heaven CYO Basketball League Standings

Boys Cadet League	Won	Loss
P.S. Deli	8	4
Jack McDonough Club	7	5
Metro Energy	5	7
Nick Collins Club	4	8

Boys Midget League	Won	Loss
Bill Linehan Club	7	0
Blasi's Café	5	2
Ryan Club	2	4
Mt. Washington Bank	1	5
Joe Evans Club	1	5

Girls Cadet League	Won	Loss
Olson/Caputo Club	5	3
Kelly Collins Club	5	3
Hoop Dee Doo	4	4
Seaport Realty	2	6

Travel Teams	Won	Loss
Boys		
3rd & 4th Grade - Sister Pat Club	0	9
5th Grade - Massport	1	9
6th Grade	2	9
7th& 8th Grade	5	4
9th Grade-O'Brien's Funeral Home	4	8
10th Grade-Boston Home Inspectors	10	0
9th & 10th Grade	7	5
11th & 12th Grade	7	3
18 & Under - Iron Wokers Local #7	8	2

Girls	Won	Loss
5th & 6th Grade	2	9
7th & 8th Grade	7	4
High School	5	3

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