



## MBTA GM Beverly Scott Unexpectedly Resigns

Despite a vote of confidence from her board of directors, GM Beverly Scott unexpectedly resigns her post. Public confidence as well as concerns expressed by Gov. Charlie Baker likely weighed heavily in her decision. Some observers believe that her management style factored in.

The dog ate my homework. There was a death in my family. The trains are old. The third rail couldn't handle the accumulation and the ice. Unprecedented snowfall. Not as bad as a hurricane. Not as traumatic as the World Trade Center. The Orange Line will not be 'flyin' like an eagle. I haven't had a chance to talk to the Governor in the 3 months since he was elected.

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# EDITORIAL *Good People – Bad People*

“I’m not sure what they call them,” the world’s most prominent apologist for ISIS stated last week. The king of Jordan has no such problem going so far as quoting Clint Eastwood in vowing he will hunt the “radical Islamic terrorists” what ever rock they hide under.

When it comes to American Christians our ‘Euphemist-In-Chief’ has no problem describing them as “clinging bitterly to their guns and religion”, but a Muslim killer murdering 13 soldiers at Ft. Hood Texas is merely “workplace violence.”

While leaders in the Mid-East decry radical Islamic violence,

our ‘Enabler-In-Chief justifies the murder of innocents by citing history from thousands of years ago, such as the crusades and slavery. Just for the record, the Crusades first began as a response to Holy Land Pilgrims being kidnapped for ransom or murdered. Sound familiar? Slavery, an Arab practice, has no recorded instance of westerners actually landing in Africa and capturing African slaves. Instead, fellow Africans captured and sold Africans to slavers.

Neither example is justification for the action, but is proof that evil is not the province of any one race or nation, but rather an ongoing battle between the good people of the world and the bad people.

What side is our President on?



*“I like these cold, gray winter days. They let you savor a bad mood” - William Watterson*

## This Week’s Poll

**Do you think that the State legislation filed to form a 2024 Olympics Oversight Committee is a good idea? (See related story in this week’s issue of SBT)**

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## Invest in Snow Shovels and Rock Salt. It's going to be a Long One

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Since it would be hard to overhear a conversation that does not include what's going on with the weather, the weather is what we'll start off with. The sounds of shovels and plows and colorful language permeate the air constantly now. People's fuses are short and most have had enough. But through it all, the mayor made a suggestion on Monday that I hope he follows through on. Dump the snow into the harbor. Now I know there will be a few of the more radical environmentalists that may go into shock and spasms at that suggestion. But my advice to those environmentalists is to please, for once, shut up and get out of the way. We have a problem here. No time for feel good, tree hugging dreaming, until we come up with a solution to get rid of some of this snow.

"The Earth is heating up to dangerous levels!" This is what the Global Warming activists and fanatics are still trying to scare us with; even over the sounds of howling winds, blizzards, ice storms and record low temperatures pretty much everywhere. It's so cold this year, Niagara Falls has frozen almost so solid that Ice Climbers are scaling up the face of the falls. But you have to give them credit. The ever increasing reports about the Climate Change data being manipulated is not deterring them from their campaign of deceit. Just last week, stories were leaked by scientists who have discovered that weather data over the last 60 years which actually shows a cooling trend in the earth's atmosphere had been systematically and deliberately manipulated to show warming instead. One scientist stated that "Global Warming is the biggest science scandal ever and that in the business world people go to jail for such

manipulation of data". But to hear talk on the street, many wish there really was a bit of global warming going on. They are pretty much done with winter.

Breaking news: There are reports that NBC's Brian Williams was seen driving a snow plow on Monday and coming to the aid and even saving the lives of many motorists trapped in their cars along Old Colony Ave.

I got an email from a reader who asked if there will ever be a column where I do not criticize Barack Obama. My response to her question was it's possible, but not likely. And this week, Obama even out did himself with his sugar coating of Islamic terrorism. The world got to see, all in one week, video of beheaded Japanese prisoners and the burning alive of the Jordanian pilot by the ISIS savages. But at the annual Prayer Breakfast in Washington DC, rather than come right out and say it finally, that yes, these are Islamic terrorists; he criticized Christians for the Crusades that took place a thousand years ago. (One radio talk show host thinks that maybe it's time for another Crusade). And while on the subject, the contrast could not be more blatant. When American journalists were beheaded several months ago by ISIS, Obama made a rambling speech and then went golfing. When the Jordanian pilot was burned last week, Jordan's king ordered 2 ISIS prisoners executed in response, sent his entire air force to blow up ISIS positions and then immediately cut his trip to America short and flew home to deal with the situation personally. This man, the King of Jordan is a true leader. America's president is anything but.

We mentioned Brian Williams and the lies he has been caught in. And the more investigating that's being done,

the more we're finding out that it wasn't just making up stories about being in a helicopter that was shot up in a war zone. It seems, there were several more stories he told where the facts don't click with the truth. But it's not just Brian Williams; it's the whole mainstream media that is mistrusted by the public now. There was Dan Rather, Mike Barnacle and a whole long list of other news media fabricators (AKA liars). Each night, they come on our TV screens and try to convince us our southern border is secure, ISIS and Al Qaeda are on the run, unemployment

is down, and of course the earth is heating up. Less and less people are falling for this. But the media keeps trying in the hope that the old adage of "Tell a lie long enough and often enough and people will believe it" still works. Well, it no longer does. And the lack of trust in our government; especially the Feds and in the news media is probably here to stay.

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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.

### AAA REPORTS FIRST GAS PRICE INCREASE SINCE SEPTEMBER

Gas prices in Massachusetts shot up 11 cents a gallon over the past week, an increase analysts attributed to rising crude oil costs. AAA of Southern New England reported Monday that its latest survey found unleaded gas averaging 2.17 per gallon, which is still 8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. A year ago, gas in Massachusetts was averaging \$3.36 per gallon. AAA said gas prices in Massachusetts are currently ranging from a low of \$1.99 to a high of \$2.49.

- Michael Norton/SHNS

### MHA: OBAMA BUDGET "VERY BAD NEWS FOR HOSPITALS"

Massachusetts hospitals say President Barack Obama's new fiscal 2016 budget proposal is full of "very bad news," namely billions of dollars in reductions in payments to health care providers. In its "Monday Report" released over the weekend, the Massachusetts Hospital Association reported that Obama is seeking \$350 billion in cuts to health care providers as part of the president's proposals to reduce overall health care spending by \$423 billion. As the Republican-controlled Congress begins reworking Obama's budget, the association is raising concerns about reductions in spending on inpatient rehabilitation facilities, long-term care hospitals, critical access hospitals, off-campus hospital outpatient departments and home health agencies, as well as reduced payments to hospitals in connection with bad debt and medical education. "The proposed cuts are very bad news for hospitals that have been constricting themselves at the same time that they are undertaking innovative care delivery models within ever-shrinking operating margins," the association reported. "The good news is that a president's budget proposal is usually dead on arrival. The House Budget Committee

will begin work on its own document soon and while the president's proposal will not be considered in mass, individual provisions are often adopted in the Congressional blueprints." - Michael Norton/SHNS

### BAKER BACKS UNIVERSAL VACCINATIONS

Gov. Charlie Baker supports universal vaccination programs, he said Friday, responding to a question about a public health issue brought to the fore by politicians' comments and measles cases blamed in part on parents who choose not to vaccinate their children. "Massachusetts has one of the best universal immunization programs in the country. I was proud to work on strengthening that program when I served in state government back in the 90s," Baker told reporters after a Cabinet meeting. He said, "I think universal vaccination programs are a good thing." Baker, who previously led Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, said when the fiscal crisis sapped the state budget, the health plans "all stepped up" and wrote checks to support vaccinations. According to published reports, some parents believe vaccines cause other health problems, including autism, though experts say that is completely unsubstantiated by science. - Andy Metzger/SHNS

### POLLACK: SNOW "OPENED OUR EYES" TO TRANSPORATION INVESTMENT SITUATION

With snow-induced gridlock channeling the public's focus on the shortcomings of the public transit system, Gov. Charlie Baker's transportation chief said Thursday "people will decide" if more investment is needed in the system. "Obviously the events of the last week have really opened our eyes to the cumulative effects of the investment we've made and the investment we haven't made in the system," Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack told reporters. Rep. William Straus, a Mattapoissett Democrat

who led House transportation policy efforts last session, said Wednesday that passage of a November ballot law repealing the 2013 law linking the gas tax to inflation left a \$2 billion deficit over ten years. Pollack said the administration would work with the funding it has. "Initially, I'm going to put out a capital spending plan that spends what we have and doesn't spend what we don't have. And then people will decide whether we should be investing more than that, but I've got to balance it," Pollack said. Gov. Charlie Baker plans to fill a \$768 million midyear budget hole in part by taking \$40 million out of transportation spending, a move that the governor says won't affect services. "The Legislature was kind enough to give the MBTA money over and above the dedicated revenue number from last year - \$135 million," Pollack said. "Our budget is running in surplus, both because the T has effectively cut costs and because fares revenue is higher than it was. So what the Legislature is saying is, 'Given other needs statewide, since you can cover some of your costs, you should.' That's what we did." - Andy Metzger/SHNS

### MASS. LAWMAKERS SEE NUMBERS IN FAVOR OF GMO LABELING BILL

Proponents of labeling requirements for food products containing genetically modified organisms (GMO) say they have enough support in the Massachusetts House and Senate to get a bill to Gov. Charlie Baker's desk if the legislation is surfaced for floor votes. According to Massachusetts Coalition for GMO Labeling, 125 House members and 29 Senate members have signed on as co-sponsors of the bill, which is being pushed by organic farmers and groups like MoveOn.org and MassPIRG. The coalition on Thursday released supportive statement about the legislation from Reps. Ellen Story (D-Amherst), Todd

Smola (R-Palmer), Michael Moran (D-Brighton) and Stephen DiNatale (D-Fitchburg), as well as Sens. Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) and Joan Lovely (D-Salem). "Over the last two years, we have increased the number of co-sponsors on GMO labeling legislation more than sevenfold," Story said in a statement. "This issue resonates with everyone because it is a reasonable request about a basic right we all should have: tell us what is in our food. I truly believe that this will be our year to pass this bill." - Michael Norton/SHNS

### STATE REPORT IDENTIFIES SHIFT IN MASS. HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS

Membership in health maintenance organization insurance products across the commercial market in Massachusetts declined by 10 percent, or 209,000 people, from 2011 to 2013, according to a brief released Thursday by a state agency. The Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) reported that the Massachusetts commercial health insurance market grew by 73,000 members, or 2 percent, from 2011 to 2013. The growth was exclusive to preferred provider organization (PPO) products, which experienced a 16 percent increase due in large part to trends at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, the largest commercial payer in the state. Massachusetts HMO membership declined by six percentage points, falling to 46 percent of the market in 2013, CHIA reported, while PPO membership rose to 50 percent of the market. According to CHIA, the shift may have implications for adoption of patient care coordination and alternative payment methodologies "as both are associated with HMO products." CHIA reported that on average, Massachusetts HMO members pay higher premiums and receive higher benefit levels and lower medical cost-sharing than PPO members. - Michael Norton/SHNS



# Reading Between The Lines

*“For Patriots And Fans-Vindication... And A Righteous Parade, Mr. Mayor”*

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**L**uck! Luck had little, if anything, to do with it. If it did, it only proves the axiom, “Luck is the residue of hard work.” Hard core football fans remember Malcolm Butler from pre-season games last August. He wore number 29 and in back to back plays during his first exhibition game his coverage caused the commentator to remark that Butler seemed to be running the receiver’s route. This was followed by the observation that instant recognition of the play was the result of hard work in the film room. So Butler’s play was obviously shocking, but not surprising.

The bigger shock was the play call from Pete Carroll. Seattle might think they have the 12th man, but the Patriots 12th man is Carroll. Imagine if Belichick made such a stupid call. The media would eat him alive.

It wasn’t surprising that hard work by a Patriot resulted in success. The mantra of hard work and “do your job” is the foundation this team, under Belichick, has been built on. It is an ethic that the New England States were founded and bonded on. It is an ethic that let a good day’s work do the talking. We don’t subscribe to the disgusting exhibition like the Seahawk’s Baldwin displayed on the Patriots logo after scoring a touchdown. Nor do we attempt to ridicule a player, like Richard Sherman did, when he made the number 24 after Seattle scored. Maybe he meant that was all the points Seattle would score.

It’s not our style to taunt. Especially with 14 minutes left in the game. The Patriots style is to let their play do the talking, or at least wait until after the game before making comment.

Our quarterback was a 6th round draft choice. Our coach started as the locker room gofer, all the way up to head coach where he crashed and burned and, when given a 2nd shot with the Patriots, his detractors claim he was mentally unbalanced. The owner, for God’s sake, started out in the cheap aluminum seats at Shaeffer Stadium with his little kids.

Commitment, hard work and the knowledge earned from those experiences are what allowed these three to rise together to the top of their professions and produce the greatest franchise in NFL history.

In New England, we know how hard it has been trying to support and keep a pro team, dating all the way back to the Boston Yankees. We appreciate, respect and admire what the Patriots have accomplished. However, as much as we admire them, the other 44 detest them. While we cheer they whine. What we know to be hard work and attention to detail they see as some kind of skullduggery or unfair advantage. If using your head for more than a hat rack is unfair, it’s no wonder the other 44 are puzzled.

Never the less the Patriots integrity, honor and success has been under attack and questioned. That means our entire region’s support and honor and integrity was under attack as well. Their victory was a defense and an

answer for us all.

Which is why Mayor Walsh’s decision for a victory parade was absolutely correct and so important. The entire nation wanted to see our team fall flat on its face and for those who don’t think a team is an extension of the region should try wearing a Patriot shirt out side of New England. After the effort it took for the victory we couldn’t let a little record snow fall stop us. The only resources used were for the parade road itself, which would

have been done normally. Clean-up resources were not used on the parade sidewalks. In fact, through personal observation, city crews were trucking away snow mounds at G and 3rd streets, Dorchester and 3rd and on West 3rd St. during the downtown parade. So the parade was a needed civic celebration that warmed us all up for at least a day.

Now if the Bruins could ever beat Montreal, the whole city would be cleaned for the parade.

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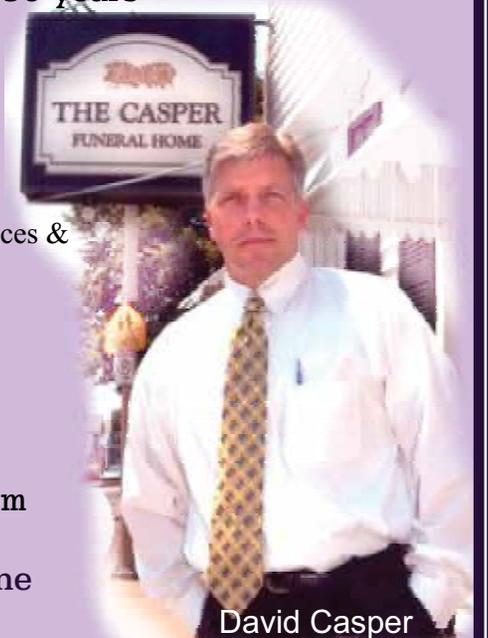
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## Letter To The Editor

**Residents of Gate of Heaven parish: "These real estate deals are conducted behind closed doors!"**

As Boston residents awoke to another huge property tax increase in their mail box recently, residents are also expressing their frustration with their voices not being heard. Those on fixed income and families with children in private schools are financially struggling to continue to live in South Boston, and help is not on the way, as demonstrated by the recent increase in the property taxes.

At a controversial meeting several weeks ago, with a representative of the mayor's office and the BRA both in attendance, the developer, and his unofficial "government relations liaison," with close ties to the mayor's office, were telling residents of the Gate of Heaven neighborhood why adding more condos will be best for South Boston residents. As this political operative was discussing the need for more luxury condos in South Boston, several residents politely but firmly interrupted him and began to talk about the huge increase in property taxes that the City of Boston just accessed on its residents.

Additionally, the developer's associates admitted that they are engaged in a closed door meetings with the mayor and City Councilors. People were shocked to learn that a major decision to possibly turn the old Gate of Heaven School building into luxury condos would be conducted in a back room with the developer, political consultants and the mayor's office.

Some of the same people and "liaisons" supporting the current luxury condo proposal were involved with the Gate of Heaven Rectory and Gym boondoggles. Will this mayor let this happen again against overwhelming neighborhood opposition, so that a few people can get rich?

As the developer and political operatives continue to seek support from the mayor and members of the Boston city council behind closed doors, the community is fighting back. The Gate of Heaven neighborhood is working hard to welcome other options, some of whom submitted bids to the archdiocese.

Last year, a poll conducted by South Boston Today newspaper, reported that well over 90% of residents of South Boston were in opposition to this luxury condo proposal. Additionally, the mayor conducted his own poll of abutters and found 85% were opposed to these luxury condos. At the same time, over 700 South Boston residents attended a community meeting at The Tynan Community School and the vast majority was in opposition to the luxury condos.

As the meeting concluded at the site of the old Gate of Heaven School, one longtime resident stated, "Where is the justice? Where is the fairness?"

**-Trevor Evans**

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The excuses were endless, but the awareness has been there at least for the last 5 years according to records uncovered by the Boston Herald. MBTA officials, blaming dismal performance on old subway cars and buses, have failed to file reports detailing the troubled system's needs for at least five years, 2 years during General Manager Beverly Scott's tenure — and have yet to get a new database up and running to track maintenance costs despite having the funds.

The Herald reported that the last time the public got an updated report about the T's maintenance backlog was in 2009, when former John Hancock President and CEO David D'Alessandro took an independent look at the T's aging system and estimated it would cost more than \$3 billion to fix it. By last March, experts were warning the cost could be twice that amount, or \$6 billion, according to an analysis by Gov. Charlie Baker's current transportation czar, Stephanie Pollack, who was then associate director of the Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University.

T officials admit that a new database that would detail the so-called "state of good repair" costs — created with the help of a \$1 million federal grant — is still not functional, even though former Gov. Deval Patrick's administration got funds for it several years ago.

With the T collapsing in recent weeks under the weight of a series of historic snowstorms, Baker has called its delays unacceptable, saying Monday that it's "pretty clear that they need a new operating plan." A source close to the administration went further, saying without data on what needs to be maintained, it's difficult to create plans to keep the T running before any new cars arrive, which for the beleaguered Red and Orange lines won't be until 2019 at the earliest.

"The T has been figuring out how to survive day to day. And under the Patrick administration, the plan was for 10 to 15

years in the future. That's good, but having done that, and with no current plans to acquire any new vehicles ... for the next four years, how are they planning to run the system during that time period?" one source said, summing up the Baker administration's frustrations. "Knowing how old they are, how could you not have a game plan?"

T spokesman Joe Pesaturo did not address questions about why the T hasn't provided a maintenance update in years. But he acknowledged that the agency received \$1 million in federal funds "several years ago" to create a so-called asset management plan, which included a new online database to keep track of maintenance costs. The T expects to complete the database "this summer," though Pesaturo defended the drawn-out process as "painstaking."

When Ms. Scott accepted the position in December of 2012, she presumably accepted the System, warts and all. Scott received a 3-year contract and an annual salary of \$220,000. It was noted in a boston.com article published in November 2012 around the time of her appointment that while she was the head of Atlanta's Transportation System (MARTA), that in order to improve her management performance she was directed to meet monthly with a psychologist "for individual coaching and consultation." In addition, Ms. Scott had requested an audit. The KPMG audit found MARTA to be in deep trouble, with an operating budget deficit of as much as \$33 million a year, a shortfall that is being made up by dipping into reserves. The audit projects the complete depletion of the system's reserves in 2018. The "current economic model is unsustainable," the audit said. Mass DOT officials chose to disregard these revelations and expressed confidence in Ms. Scott and finalized her contract.

Ms. Scott is no longer on the hot seat, but pundits and political observers will dissect the state of the MBTA, Ms. Scott's tenure and Gov. Baker's decisions for days and possibly weeks to come.

## Sheriff Tompkins Calls For More Recovery Support

Citing the need for more addiction recovery beds and diversionary programs, Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins offered support for Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and the Dimock Center in their focus on addressing the issue of substance abuse and recovery at tomorrow's "Breakfast of Champions" program at the Dimock Center.

"More than eighty-five percent of our

population is in our care and custody due to drug and/or alcohol related offenses," said Sheriff Tompkins. "Rather than locking people up who would be better served by addiction recovery and diversionary programming, we should be looking expansively at alternatives to incarceration. I commend Mayor Walsh and the Dimock Center for their powerful commitment to the issue of

addiction and recovery and all of the leaders assembled for discussing this important issue."

Included among the many educational, vocational and behavioral programs that the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department offers, its focus on addiction and substance abuse includes addiction recovery units, which help chemically dependent inmates and detainees in their

efforts to change their behaviors, beliefs and attitudes in order to successfully integrate back into society. In addition, the Department also offers 90-day substance abuse recovery programs at both the House of Correction and Nashua Street Jail, an Opioid Peer Prevention program, and, in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts at Boston, the Department offers ACEP (Boston Addiction Counselor Education Program), as well as other programming.



## State Panel On Oversight Of 2024 Olympics To Be Formed

The Boston Globe is reporting that State Representative Mike Moran of Brighton has filed legislation to form a commission with oversight authority over the finances of the Olympics. This oversight commission would be empowered to review “the public safety, economic, and social impacts” of the 2024 Summer Olympics. Failure to provide the commission with “any information formally requested” could result in the withdrawal “of any and all public funds related to the Olympic bid.”

Moran stated, “We’re trying to find space in the process for the State to get some independent analysis of what the Olympics means for us on the state level.” A similar type of Commission was set up in for the Chicago Olympic bid a few years back. Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and Senate President Stan Rosenberg have both expressed concern about tax payer dollars and want to see what

benefits the Olympics would have across the state.

The bill filing comes as the Boston Olympics Committee has come under scrutiny having been accused of not being fully transparent. The Walsh administration has agreements with the Olympic Committee forbidding it from making certain aspects of their contracts from being publicized.

Mayor Walsh responded to the idea of the Oversight Commission saying, “I don’t need legislation to explain to me how important it is to have transparency,” Walsh said. “If we need legislation to have transparency, then we should just forgo the bid altogether.” SBT will follow this as the process develops.

SBT would like to hear from our readers on this issue. Please go to SouthBostonToday.com and take this week’s poll: Do you think that the State legislation filed to form a 2024 Olympics Oversight Committee is a good idea?

## Lifted Fitness to Open Second Training Location in South Boston

On February 16, 2015 Lifted Fitness (Lifted) will be opening its second location at 803 Summer Street in South Boston. Lifted is a training facility dedicated to providing personalized health and fitness programs, workouts, and classes to both individuals and groups in the Boston area. The fitness center is owned and operated by two local trainers, James ‘Mo’ Davison and Pat Smith. With one successful location in the North End, Lifted is growing alongside the city’s developing population to provide more services for community members.

Lifted Fitness opened its North End location in October 2013 to much success. Owners Mo and Pat provide a range of personalized knowledge and training to clients. Lifted was chosen as the 2014 Boston A-List Best Personal Trainers Runner-Up. Commitment to clients is the company’s main priority.

Lifted continues to create strong and positive relationships between

trainers and clients. Anna

T. comments that the trainers are “encouraging and funny and [they] care about [their] clients’ well-being a whole heck of a lot...Lifted absolutely deserves 5 stars and I would highly recommend it to anyone looking for personalized training alone or with a friend!” Lifted maintains a 5 star rating on Yelp! and other online review sites.

The company is dedicated to providing the most well-rounded services to clients. The company only hires individuals with Exercise Science degrees. Class sizes do not exceed 15 people. The trainers seek to go beyond workouts to educate clients.

Lifted’s commitment results in continued support from clients which led to the opening of this second location. “I followed [Mo] to Lifted because I respect his skills as a trainer” Sue C. says. Lifted has a strict “No Commitment, No Contract, No Money Down” policy and provides personalized services to all potential clients.

Lifted Fitness will be hosting an opening party on February 21, 2015 at 6pm at its South Boston location. Free parking is available in the Kings Terminal Lot on Summer Street. Classes and training begin February 16, 2015 with free classes at 12pm and 5:30pm.

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## Mayor Walsh Announces Tax Help Website

The Boston Tax Help Coalition (formerly the Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition) has launched a new website just in time to help residents for the 2015 tax season. The user-friendly website, [www.bostontaxhelp.org](http://www.bostontaxhelp.org), promotes access to financial tools, including free tax preparation for eligible individuals and families, as well as economic stability programs for residents around the City.

The EITC is a powerful tool in the fight against income inequality. "Our goal is to combat poverty as a systemic, citywide issue," explains Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "And it's important that our residents, especially those navigating financial strain, are aware of the many resources out there. By increasing the impact of the Boston Tax Help Coalition, we hope to put more of our residents on track to financial stability."

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, in 2013 the EITC lifted 6.2 million Americans, over half of which were children, out of poverty. The EITC is widely regarded as one of the most effective poverty alleviation programs in the country.

John Barros, the Mayor's Chief of Economic Development, joined community leaders today to promote the EITC and officially launch the Boston Tax Help Coalition at 1199 SEIU in Dorchester.

This year, the Coalition will provide free tax preparation to over 12,600 households, aiming to put \$24.7 million back into the pockets of Boston residents. Services are available in 8 languages, including English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish, Somali, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole, and Portuguese. Through the Boston Tax Help Ambassador Program, community leaders fluent in a language other than English provide outreach and tax services to Boston's immigrant communities, ensuring that financial opportunities are

available to all residents. Services have been greatly expanded for taxpayers with disabilities as well. Individuals can learn more about location-specific accommodations, and arrange services as needed by calling the City of Boston's Commission for Persons with Disabilities at 617-635-3682.

Boston Tax Help relies heavily on volunteers, and the Coalition hopes to recruit 50 of them to assist with this year's new and expanded services. "Volunteering with the EITC program gives you an intrinsic feeling of gratitude, knowing that your efforts have a profound impact on the lives of low and moderate income families," said Patrick Johnson, a longtime volunteer for the Coalition in Dorchester. Volunteer positions include tax preparers, financial guides, and greeters. Training is provided by the Coalition. For a description of volunteer opportunities, please visit <http://www.bostontaxhelp.org/volunteer-positions>. Interested volunteers should email Kim Sobrinho at [kim.bomba@boston.gov](mailto:kim.bomba@boston.gov) or call her at (617) 918-5360.

## Editor's Note Immigration Reform And Its Economic Impact Needs To Be Debated

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA), by all accounts, could affect more than 5 million unauthorized immigrants living in the United States by making them eligible for work permits and federal benefits. The massive economic impact of this program must be carefully considered and debated in Congress.

Polling data to date suggests that President Obama's action to implement DACA is opposed by a majority of Americans, when informed that the policy allows unauthorized immigrants "to avoid deportation and seek jobs in the United States." Granting work permits to millions of unauthorized immigrants, according to many economists, could lead to severe labor displacements and surely would drive competition for scarce, well-paying jobs.

T.A. Frank, writing in the *New Republic* concerning blue collar Americans, states: "Even as these Americans have lost their well-paid manufacturing jobs, Washington has looked the other way while millions of low skilled unauthorized immigrants have competed with them for low skilled service jobs."

With elevated passions and tremendous costs at stake, the time is now for Washington, in particular, the Senate, to debate these defining issues. The American people deserve to have a matter, as complex as Immigration, fully vetted on the floor of the Capitol.

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# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

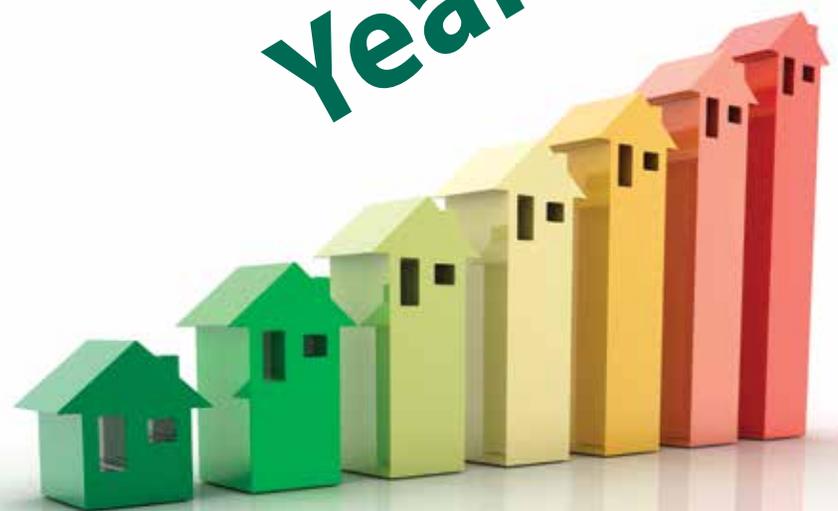
| Property/Type                       | Price       | Sale Date | Rooms | Baths | Sq Ft |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 25 Channel Center St UNIT 208 Condo | \$1,065,000 | 12/12/14  | 6     | 2.5   | 1852  |
| 141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 419 Condo   | \$1,035,000 | 12/16/14  | 6     | 2     | 1722  |
| 1 Viking Street Single Family       | \$825,000   | 12/10/14  | 9     | 2.5   | 1890  |
| 141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 201 Condo   | \$740,000   | 12/10/14  | 3     | 1     | 1157  |
| 695 East Eighth Street Three Family | \$700,000   | 12/12/14  | 9     | 3     | 2010  |
| 628 East Second St UNIT 3 Condo     | \$699,000   | 12/12/14  | 6     | 2.5   | 1200  |
| 628 East Second St UNIT 4 Condo     | \$685,000   | 12/16/14  | 6     | 2.5   | 1200  |
| 49 L St UNIT 5 Condo                | \$685,000   | 12/15/14  | 4     | 2     | 1126  |
| 193 West Sixth St UNIT 193 Condo    | \$668,000   | 12/16/14  | 6     | 2.5   | 1697  |
| 345 D St UNIT 7 Condo               | \$605,000   | 12/16/14  | 4     | 2     | 934   |
| 74 F St UNIT 1 Condo                | \$568,500   | 12/9/14   | 4     | 2.5   | 1309  |
| 17 Winfield St UNIT 1 Condo         | \$506,000   | 12/9/14   | 4     | 2     | 1564  |
| 470 East Seventh St UNIT 3 Condo    | \$399,900   | 12/11/14  | 4     | 1.5   | 861   |
| 153 West Sixth St UNIT 5 Condo      | \$385,000   | 12/16/14  | 4     | 1.5   | 860   |
| 449 West Second St UNIT 2 Condo     | \$325,000   | 12/13/14  | 3     | 1     | 502   |
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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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*City Hall, 9th Floor, BRA Board Room  
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New Boston Ventures, LLC

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
The BRA will be holding a public meeting for the developer to present their proposed project located at 110 Broad Street calling for the creation of approximately 52 residential units, 3,500 square feet of ground floor retail, and 35 below grade parking spaces.

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

**PHONE:** 617.918.4349

**EMAIL:** Tyler.Norod@Boston.gov

**CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD:**  
Monday, March 9, 2015



(L-R) Lucille Brett, Pattie Brett, Jim Brett, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Margaret Brett McCobb and Harry Brett, at recent banquet at Saint John's Seminary.

## JIM AND PATTIE BRETT HONORED AT SAINT JOHN'S SEMINARY

New England Council President & CEO James T. Brett, and his wife, Patricia Brett, were recently honored by Saint John's Seminary with the Saint John the Evangelist Medal. The Medal, which recognizes extraordinary contributions to the spiritual life of Saint John's Seminary, was presented to the Brett's at a banquet at the Seminary on January 25, 2015.

"Pattie and I have tremendous respect for the important work that Saint John's Seminary does to prepare young men to serve our community as Catholic priests. We

are humbled to accept this award, and look forward to continued involvement with the Seminary."

Mr. Brett has served as the President & CEO of the New England Council, a non-partisan business organization representing businesses throughout the six New England states, since 1996. Prior to joining the Council, he served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for over 15 years. Throughout his career, Mr. Brett has been an outspoken advocate for people with intellectual disabilities.

Mr. Brett recently served as Chairman of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities and is currently Chairman of The Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability. In 2014, he was awarded the John Jack Brett Champion Award from Special Olympics Massachusetts as well as being inducted into the Special Olympics

Massachusetts Hall of Fame.

Also in 2014 the Disability Law Center bestowed upon him, the Edward M. Kennedy Leadership Award. In 2013, the University of Massachusetts Boston established the James T. Brett Chair in Disability and Workforce Development, the nation's only endowed Chair in disability. In 1996, Bay Cove Human Services of Boston named a new community home for disabled adults "Brett House" in his honor.

Jim and Pattie are active members of the Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta Parish at Saint Margaret's Church in Dorchester, where the food pantry is named in Mr. Brett's mother's honor. Additionally, Pattie and Jim have been awarded with Papal Honors as being named a Knight and Dame of Malta and Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.



## Attorney David Biele Honored By Boston Celtics

Recently, the Boston Celtics honored South Boston resident David Biele as part of their 'Heroes Among Us' program. David, an attorney and legislative aide to Rep. Nick Collins, was recognized during an in-game ceremony for his contributions to South Boston's T.E.A.M. (Together Engaging Adolescents through Mentoring) program at the Labouré Center. T.E.A.M. matches South Boston youths with mentors from the same neighborhood and program currently has approximately 40 mentoring matches. David has been matched with the same youth for five years and has helped his mentee resume his education after leaving school. David also helps train new mentors for the program and has helped put together large activities for the program, including trips to the circus and amusement parks.

"David has done an outstanding job since he started in my office," said Rep. Collins. "His work with T.E.A.M. at Catholic Charities speaks to his commitment to serving others. I am thrilled that the Boston Celtics recognized him as a 'Hero Among Us' for what he does each day."

The Heroes Among Us program was established in 1997 by the Boston Celtics as an initiative to recognize individuals who have made a positive impact on the lives of others. The Heroes Among Us Award is presented at every home game to an individual or group of individuals who have made exceptional and lasting contributions to the community.



## Saturday Is Valentine's Day. Celebrate 'Southie Style'

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
Staff Report

**Y**es, there are mountains of snow, the weather is freezing and it's not been a friendly winter. But, none of that should interfere with Valentine's Day in South Boston – 2015. Flowers, candy, dinner, maybe a chilled bottle of wine in a romantic setting; all of these things and more often come to mind when couples; whether married or dating think of Valentine's Day. This unique, unofficial holiday is said to have been based on the legend of one or more early Christian Saints named 'Valentinus'. The most well-known St. Valentine lived during the time of the Roman Empire and was said to have performed weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry while in the Roman Army.

Captured, arrested and later executed for his 'crimes', his fame lives on to this day.

And still, here in 2015, Valentine's Day means so much to so many. It truly is a tradition that has endured the test of time. Certainly, the candy companies and florists love this time of year. It's a huge business as the mad rush for flowers to send to that special someone ups the prices to sometimes 3 to 4 times what they usually are the rest of the year. Diets are often put on hold so that the thoughtful gifts of chocolates can be enjoyed and savored. But those couples in love are more than happy to pay the higher prices. Well, if not happy to pay; willing at least. And as we've all noticed to be the case more each year, no sooner do the Christmas decorations and items come down from the shelves in many stores; the red décor of Valentine's Day appears in their place.

Restaurants prepare for the occasion by making their establishments extra appealing creating that romantic atmosphere

that softly states that yes indeed, this is a special day in the hearts of those in love. Reservations often need to be made well in advance if you expect to be able to get a table. And often the big question of 'Will you marry me?' is popped as many engagements over the centuries have commenced on February 14th.

Here in South Boston we have quite a few fine establishments more than capable of accommodating the most perfectly thought out plans. We have some of the finest restaurants and florists that can be found anywhere. And if you really want to make it that special day to remember, well, gold, diamonds and other precious stones can be found locally at Murphy's Jewelers on East Broadway near I Street with selections to rival any of the larger chain stores.

You may want to take in a romantic sunrise or sunset at Castle Island or along Carson Beach and that part of the day

won't cost you a penny but might bring rewards worth far more than material items if it sets the mood just right. Whatever is needed to have a memorable Valentine's Day can be found right here in our neighborhood. Why not take advantage?

So if this coming Saturday you get the feeling that love is in the air maybe even more than any other day a quick look at the calendar, February 14th just might explain why. It's Valentine's Day. And if you're married, engaged or romantically involved in any way, here's a bit of advice from your friends here at South Boston Today: You could be in for some serious trouble if you find that you have forgotten this of all days. And finally, if nothing else, stop and think back to the first time you saw that special someone and what it was that made your heart move like it never has before and celebrate the love of your life. Happy Valentine's Day to all!

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON SITE CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES

On-Terminal Areas

900 East First Street, South Boston

MassDEP RTN 3-00257

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Current Owner: Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)

**Thursday February 26, 2015**

As part of the Public Involvement Process for the site at 900 East First Street, Massport will host a public information meeting about the remediation and assessment activities for this site. The site is tracked by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-00257. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information on the continued cleanup of the site pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP).

The meeting will be held in the Senior Lunch Room of the Curley Community Center located at 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston, on Thursday February 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Please use the M Street entrance. This meeting was originally scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2015 but was cancelled due to weather.

Copies of the assessment and remediation documents are available for review at the South Boston Public Library and MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01876 or on-line at [http://public.dep.state.ma.us/wsc\\_viewer/](http://public.dep.state.ma.us/wsc_viewer/).

Interested parties may also submit written questions or concerns to Erik Bankey at Massport's Environmental Management Unit Office, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, MA 02128 or by e-mail at [ebankey@massport.com](mailto:ebankey@massport.com).

## Children's Winter Festival Returns To Franklin Park

**M**ayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department invite families to the Franklin Park Golf Course Clubhouse for the Children's Winter Festival on Thursday, February 19, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "Winter time is fun time for Boston's kids at this free festival during the school break at Franklin Park," said Mayor Walsh. "We'll have activities indoors and outdoors for children of all ages."

The lineup includes a New England Aquarium tadpole exhibit, Science on the Street tabletop experiments including the Edgerton Strobe Machine and the Augmented Reality Sandbox, an artifact display hosted by the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology and City of Boston Archaeologist Joe Bagley, Boston Nature Center scavenger hunt and nature hike, taxidermy wildlife and live horse demonstration with the Boston Park Rangers, children's fitness with Troops for Fitness, and other activities hosted by iRobot, Science from Scientists, and Zoo New England.

The festival will also feature Rosalita's Puppets, winter arts and crafts, balloon animals, and refreshments provided by New England Coffee. In addition, the L.L.Bean Outdoor Discovery School will present their Snowshoeing Discovery Course, a fun and easy way to try out the sport with expert instructors who will lead an easy guided trek through Franklin Park. Snowshoes will be provided along with sleds for sledding. Participants should wear weather-appropriate clothing and winter or hiking boots.

Free parking is available at the clubhouse parking lot located at One Circuit Drive in Franklin Park. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, visit [www.cityofboston.gov/parks](http://www.cityofboston.gov/parks) or go to [www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment](http://www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment).



## Mayor Walsh Launches 2015 SuccessLink Summer Youth Employment Enrollment Now Available Online

**M**ayor Martin J. Walsh today announced SuccessLink, an online tool that enables Boston youth to register for summer jobs. Registering also allows applicants to connect with the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment's full menu of services including connection to peer-led personal and career development workshops, scholarships, civic engagement opportunities, and more. The SuccessLink replaces the Boston Youth Fund's HOPELINE.

"It is time for our young people and

families to start making summer plans now and we want to give them all of the tools to do so," said Mayor Walsh. "We are opening up the SuccessLink so that teens can register for employment, and we have extended registration from 4 weeks to nearly 8 weeks to give all of our young people a chance to connect with us."

The SuccessLink application will be available until 11:59 pm on Friday, March 27. Teens can apply 24 hours a day on the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment website, [youth.boston.gov](http://youth.boston.gov) by clicking the application link.

For more than 20 years, the Boston Youth Fund (BYF) has provided employment opportunities for Boston youth in a vast array of positions at non-profit organizations throughout the city. Many of the young people employed are instrumental in assisting non-profit organizations with outreach efforts, childcare, educational awareness, and more.

Mayor Walsh explained, "the

Youth Employment Program is about allowing young people to explore opportunities, gain valuable experience, and participate in development that will help to shape their futures."

Now, young people can register for the Youth Employment Program, partake in personal and career development workshops, get connected to resources, and join in on civic engagement initiatives designed to empower youth all in one place. Employment opportunities include positions with the Boston Police Department, New England Aquarium, Zoo New England, radio stations, Boston municipal government departments, and more.

Potential employees must apply by using Mayor Walsh's SuccessLink (formerly known as BYF's HOPELINE) in order to be considered for a position this summer. Teens interested in applying must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a full-time resident of the City of Boston
- Must turn 15 years old, on or before Sunday, July 5, 2015
- Cannot turn 19 years old, on or before Friday, August 14, 2015
- Must be legally permitted to work in the United States

\*\*\* If interested applicants are having difficulty registering online, they can visit the Department of Youth Engagement and Employment at 1483 Tremont Street, Roxbury 02120 or call 617-635-4202 for assistance.

Applying for a summer position with SuccessLink does NOT guarantee a job, but young people can take steps to increase their chances of employment. The department will be hosting the 3rd annual Teen Job Fair at the BCYF Recreation Center at Madison Park on Saturday, February 21 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Participants will have an opportunity to meet potential summer employers, win prizes, interview for positions, and more. Interested applicants can also apply directly to sites to increase their chances of employment. Teens interested in attending the job fair can pre-register for the event and get more information at: <http://successlinkjobfair.eventbrite.com>



## The 239th EVACUATION DAY ESSAY AND POSTER CONTESTS

South Boston Citizens' Association President Tom McGrath announced today that because of the tremendous success of the past several years' contest, the association will once again sponsor the 2015 Annual Essay and Poster Contests.

After last year's outstanding effort put forth by past President Bernie O'Donnell, he has once again expressed an interest in serving as chairperson of the Essay and Poster Contests. Bernie always taught me that these contests are a great way to educate and strengthen the interest of the children of the community. I was more than pleased when Bernie offered to once again accept this responsibility", remarked McGrath.

O'Donnell stated, "One of the missions of the SBCA is to reach out to the younger folks of this history-rich community. Joining the SBCA in promoting, organizing, and judging the Evacuation Day Poster and Essay Competitions is a most fitting way to improve on that mission."

The Poster Competition is open to all students in grades 3, 4 and 5 who are either South Boston residents

or who attend school in South Boston. This year's Poster theme is to "Illustrate the significance of General Henry Knox Noble Train of Artillery and Dorchester Heights. Posters should be original compositions, in any medium, at least 8 1/2" x 11", but preferably larger. Prizes are as follows first prize \$100, second prize \$75, and third prize \$25.

The Essay Competition is open to all students in grades 6 through 12 who are either South Boston residents or who attend school in South Boston.

The Essay themes are broken down according to grade, as follows: For students in grades 6 through 8 - Who was General John Thomas and what is his connection to Evacuation Day? Essays should be at least 500 words, prizes are as follows first prize \$100, second prize \$75, third prize \$25. The Topic for student in grades 9 through 12 - James B. Connolly and what is his significance to the first modern Olympics in 1896. Essays should be at least 1000 words, prizes are as follows; first prize \$150, second prize 100, third prize \$50.

As in years past, the SBCA and Comcast are generously sponsoring the competitions. All prizes will be presented during the Historical Exercises on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at Dorchester Heights, following the Mass at St. Augustine's Chapel (weather permitting).

All entries should be submitted in an attached envelope, bearing

the contestant's name, school and a means of contacting the entrant, and should be submitted no later than Friday, March 6, 2015 At 5 PM. All entries may be mailed to P.O. Box 74, South Boston, MA 02127, or can be picked up at schools by a representative of the Citizens' Association or entries may be dropped off at 170 M Street.

## Clerk Michael Donovan Named 2015 Evacuation Day General Chairman

South Boston Citizens' Association President Thomas E. McGrath has announced the naming of Clerk Michael Donovan as the General Chairman of this year's activities, which begin with the Jimmy Flaherty Kick-Off Breakfast on Saturday, February 28, followed by the Senior Salute on March 7th, the 135th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet at the South Boston Convention Center, on Friday, March 13th, Memorial Mass and Historical Exercises at Dorchester Heights Monument on Tuesday, March 17th. .

"The executive board and I look forward to working with Clerk Donovan to ensure once again the success of this unique community celebration, the commemoration of the British evacuation of Boston in 1776," said McGrath. "Everyone is aware of his commitment and genuine devotion to the community of South Boston. Mike is the longest serving elected official in Suffolk County. That alone speaks volumes. Mike is a resident of South Boston and active member of the SBCA. We are honored to list him as a member, and even prouder to name him this year's General Chairman."

Michael Donovan currently serves as the Clerk-Magistrate for Suffolk County

Superior Court for Civil Business. He is a graduate of

Suffolk University and Suffolk Law School. Michael lives on East Fifth Street, with his wife Kathy and son, James. He is also an active volunteer in soccer, baseball and basketball programs in the South Boston Community. Donovan, who is in his 3rd year of his 7th term in office, is the only person ever elected who has worked in every position within the Clerk's Office. At the time,

Donovan was the youngest Assistant Clerk ever appointed in Suffolk County, and the youngest ever elected in Suffolk County.

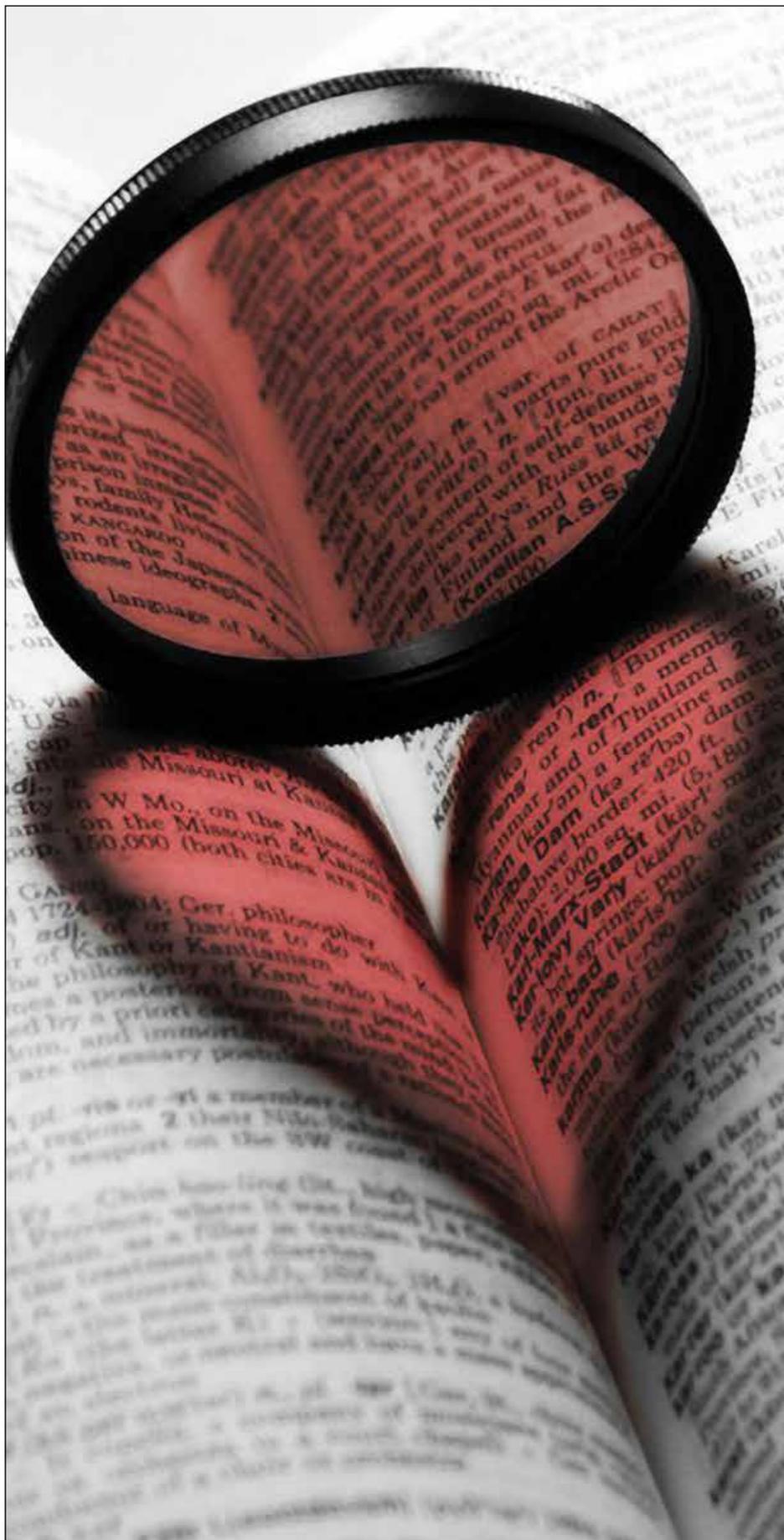
McGrath also stated that "Over the years, Mike has always been a tremendous help to me personally during the entire stretch of Evacuation Day events. His commitment to this organization is priceless. He has served as chairman for many events throughout the years for the association and now he is deserving of being named General Chairman for 2015. While the citizens of South Boston see the three weeks of celebration with each year's Evacuation Day celebration, there are another 12-15 weeks of preparation to put it all together. Mike works side by side with other dedicated SBCA members in those hectic weeks, licking stamps, making phone calls and doing whatever it takes."

The Association this year will once again sponsor a full roster of civic and sporting events over a three-week period. The full schedule of events, as well as the identities of the 2015 Henry Knox Award, John W. McCormack Public Service Award, The John "Joe" Moakley and James "Jim" Kelly Shamrock Community Service awards, will be announced in the coming weeks.

## Valentine's Day Book Sale At Library

**B**ook lovers; please join the Friends of the South Boston Branch Library as they present their Valentine's Day Book Sale on Saturday, February 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All types of adult, teen, and juvenile books, audiobooks, and CDs will be available for sale at the lowest

prices in town. Come by the library, at 646 East Broadway, and enjoy the bargains. And while you're here, check out the 2015 calendars with the latest Tote & Tile Project collage, also for sale. We welcome your support—remember, all proceeds from the Friends' book sales benefit your local library branch.



## SOUTH BOSTON BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE REGISTRATION



South Boston Lacrosse will be holding registration for the 2015 season for the Boys & Girls teams at the following locations, dates and times.

**Date Saturday February 14th at the Murphy Hockey Rink  
9:00am - 11:00am**

**Date Sunday February 15th at the Murphy Hockey Rink  
9:00am - 11:00am**

**There will be 4 Boys & 4 Girls teams this year.**

- 15 and under/7th & 8th Grade - Boys & Girls - U15  
Player is Under 15 years of age as of January 1st prior to start of season.
- 13 and under/5th & 6th Grade - Boys & Girls - U13 -  
Player is Under 13 years of age as of January 1st prior to start of season.
- 11 and under/3rd & 4th Grade - Boys & Girls - U11 -  
Player is Under 11 years of age as of January 1st prior to start of season
- 9 and under Instructional/Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade - Boys & Girls - U9 - Player is Under 9 years of age as of January 1st prior to start of season.

We will be charging the following fees for the 2015 season. Boy's U15, U13, U11 - \$150.00 and U9 - instructional - \$50.00, The U9 instructional will be a house league team, no travel, practice and games on Saturdays. Girl's U15, U13, U11 - \$100.00, U9 Instructional - \$50.00. The fee will pay for uniforms, insurance and the cost of the officials for the season. You will need to make the full payment at the time of registration to hold a spot on the roster. Each team's roster will have a maximum of 22 players per team, after the 22nd player you will be put on a waiting list. If you are paying by check make the check payable to South Boston Lacrosse. The program is still in need of coaches for both the Girls and Boys teams. If you have any questions you can contact Pete Lisiecki at [p.s.lisiecki@gmail.com](mailto:p.s.lisiecki@gmail.com).



## Mediocre Red Sox Rotation Has A Lot To Prove

Despite having one of the most expensive rosters in Major League Baseball, the Boston Red Sox' "likely" starting rotation has a lot to prove this season. Below is a look at these Red Sox pitchers and relevant 2014 stats.

|                  | Record | ERA  | Ks  | Whip |
|------------------|--------|------|-----|------|
| Wade Miley       | 8-12   | 4.34 | 183 | 1.4  |
| Joe Kelly        | 6-4    | 4.20 | 66  | 1.35 |
| Rick Porcello    | 15-13  | 3.43 | 129 | 1.23 |
| Clay Bucholz     | 8-11   | 5.34 | 132 | 1.39 |
| Justin Masterson | 7-9    | 5.88 | 116 | 1.63 |

These stats tell a story of a staff full of solid pitchers, who have their eyes on redemption. Whether or not they redeem themselves will have a profound effect on the Red Sox success this season. While the Sox improved a great deal both offensively and defensively, good pitching beats good hitting most of the time.

To be able to compete in the premier American League East, you need a full, healthy staff, who can go deep into games and win. Only time will tell. Nine days until pitchers and catchers report to Spring Training.



## Beanpot Postponed Until February 23

With all of the winter weather hampering daily life, the Beanpot has been postponed until February 23. Northeastern University is looking for its first title since 1988 and fifth overall. They will face off against cross town rival and storied program of Boston University. BU holds the record for Beanpot titles. They have won 29 in total. As of late, they have run into a dry spell having fallen short of the Championship every year

since 2009. They would go on to be national champions as well in 2009.

Harvard University which lost to BU in overtime will face-off against Boston College in the consolation round game. This game will take place prior to the finals beginning at 4:30pm.

Boston College, which lost a 3-2 game to Northeastern in the opening round, have won the last five Beanpot championships. The Harvard Crimson have not won the Beanpot Championship since 1993.

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