

Boston schools boost scores, get cash prize

The Boston public school system won the largest prize in public education Tuesday, \$500,000 in college scholarships from the Broad Foundation. Since 2002, the Los Angeles-based philanthropic organization has honored large urban districts that make notable academic progress, particularly by reducing the test-score "achievement gap" among poor and minority students. Boston has been a finalist for the prize for the past five years. This year's four finalists — Bridgeport Public Schools in Connecticut, Jersey City School District in New Jersey, Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the New York City Department of Education — each receive \$125,000.

Fatty fish may lower kidney cancer risk

Scientists are investigating a possible link between diet and kidney cancer. Doctors don't have definitive evidence that food can lower the risk of this cancer, which is relatively rare. Americans have a 1-in-77 lifetime risk of the disease, says the American Cancer Society. But according to preliminary research in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Swedish women who ate fatty fish such as salmon, mackerel and herring at least once a week had a lower risk of kidney cancer compared with consumers of lean

fish. The 15-year study involving 61,000 women found that those who benefited regularly ate fish containing lots of fish oil that is rich in omega-3 acids and vitamin D. Those who ate lean varieties such as tuna, cod and freshwater fish did not get the same benefit.



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Cancer fighter: Try fatty fish such as salmon.



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Dyer Island, South Africa: Conservationists hope the igloos will replace damaged nesting grounds.