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Mary-Louise Parker

She could have forever been known as that chick from "Fried Green Tomatoes" — or as Billy Crudup's pregnant ex. But Mary-Louise Parker has had a mini-comeback in the past few years, scoring a Tony for "Proof," a role on "The West Wing" and the lead in "Weeds," as a pot dealing mom. She speaks, and answers your questions, tonight at BU. **METRO**

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JUMP SHOT

MARK BLOUNT SHOOTS over Johan Petro of the Seattle SuperSonics last night at the TD Banknorth Garden. The game ended too late for this edition. **BRIAN BABINEAU/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES**

Young voters surged in '04

Turnout rate increased most within 18-24 bracket

WASHINGTON Turns out, the kids rocked after all. Nearly half of all eligible young voters cast ballots in the November 2004 election, raising their turnout rate by more than twice that of any other age group. "This is big," said David King, associate director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University who highlighted the Census Bureau findings in an IOP report yesterday. "When you vote young, you're much more likely to vote the rest of your life, so the 2004 campaign turned a generation on to politics."

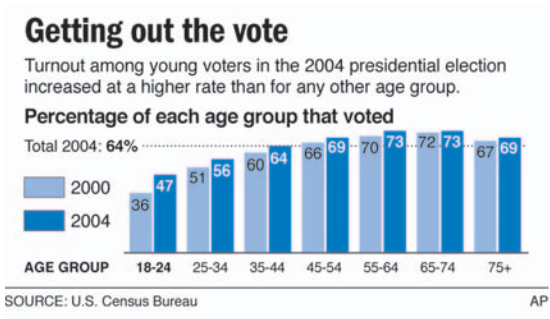
About 47 percent of Americans 18-24 voted in 2004, up from 36 percent in 2000, according to the Census Bureau. No other age group increased its turnout by more than 5 percentage points.

Even with the increase, the youngest voters still had the lowest turnout rate. Nearly three of every four people aged 55-74 voted in 2004.

Those numbers explain why elderly voters are highly prized by candidates. But they also suggest there is enormous potential in the young vote, and that efforts by President Bush and Democratic rival John Kerry to recruit college-age students were worth the trouble.

The 18-24 set made up 9 percent of the electorate last year, up very slightly from 8 percent the previous election. It's unclear what that might mean for the young vote in the future.

"Will it work for kids who were 14 years old in 2004? No idea. That work still remains to be done," King said. "But the 2004 campaign itself was an immense mobilizing event, bringing out the largest percent of young voters in 32 years." **RON FOURNIER**
Associated Press



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AG SEEKS CLARIFICATION OF CHRISTMAS NO-WORK LAW

Attorney General Tom Reilly has asked the Legislature to clarify that retail employees do not have to work this Christmas, which falls on a Sunday. Under existing law, when the holiday falls on a Sunday, the legal holiday is marked the following day, Monday, Dec. 26. Reilly, however, is concerned the state's blue laws could be read in a manner that retail workers feel compelled to work on that Sunday. AP

DATA

\$120,000

Amount the EPA announced yesterday it plans to grant Massachusetts for the installment of advanced pollution controls on equipment used in construction projects around Boston. METRO/EF

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Fight over \$100 leads to dog's death

BOSTON Authorities say a beef between two men over \$100 led to one stabbing the other's dog to death.

Darryl Mack, 40, of Boston, was arraigned yesterday and held on \$10,000 cash bail. On Tuesday morning, Mack allegedly broke into the Mission Hill apartment of a man who owed him money, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office. As the man and his boyfriend hid in the bathroom, Mack allegedly screamed at him, trying to collect his money, and when Mack heard the man's pet terrier whining, he stabbed the dog seven times before leaving, authorities said. The dog later died at Angell Memorial Hospital.

Mack is charged with animal cruelty, home invasion, breaking and entering and malicious destruction of property. Authorities say Mack has been jailed three times since 1991 on various other convictions, including intent to rape, armed robbery and assault and battery.

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Three charged in pyramid scheme

BOSTON Three people have been charged in a pyramid scheme authorities say bilked hundreds of Cambodian immigrant investors out of at least \$5 million.

Prosecutors say the three solicited investments in amounts of approximately \$26,000. In return, they promised they would make an initial lump sum payment of \$2,400 and would then pay them \$300 per month for life. AP

YARD WORK



A LEAF PILE on Boston Common gets blown around yesterday by Ralph "Hawk" D'Elia, a City of Boston Parks and Recreation employee. DAVID L. RYAN/BOSTON GLOBE NEWS

Health care group to sue state over T connection

BOSTON Partners HealthCare and its affiliate, Massachusetts General Hospital, yesterday said they intend to sue state officials for failing to include a connection between the MBTA's Blue and Red Lines as part of the state's effort to offset increased air pollution from the Big Dig.

Partners, among the Commonwealth's largest employers, said in a press release that not including the connector in the state's list of transit commitments is a violation of the federal Clean Air Act and past state promises.

Partners plans to file the lawsuit within 60 days in US District Court, alleging that the state has failed to take

"the most preliminary steps" to build the \$264 million connector near the Red Line's Charles/MGH station.

Partners says that the connector is needed to serve more than 19,000 MGH employees, plus patients, visitors, and others who have very limited parking near the hospital.

The .4-mile connector would extend the Blue Line from Bowdoin Station to the Red Line at Charles/MGH Station.

The Conservation Law Foundation received transit commitments in 1990 from the state when it threatened to file a lawsuit to stop the \$14.6 billion Big Dig. BOSTON GLOBE NEWS

Rep. who sought ban on gay marriage won't run again

BOSTON State Rep. Philip Travis, a moderate Democrat who became the political face to ban gay marriage, announced yesterday he would not seek re-election next year.

Travis, 65, a Rehoboth resident who spent 24 years in the Legislature, said he decided to leave the political life in order to spend more time with his wife and grandchildren. But he also admitted yesterday he was disappointed about the direction in which Massachusetts is heading.

"I think we've become more liberalized, not more moderate," Travis told Metro. "It's become more liberal than when I arrived here. It's different than my philosophy."

In the past year, Travis has

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STATE REP. PHILIP TRAVIS

rallied for a ban on gay marriage, even as the opposition weaned. He also came out against several other hot button issues that his colleagues ultimately passed in the Legislature.

Just this week, he voted against legislation that would allow the distribution of syringes to intravenous drug users and others without a prescription. The bill passed the House and is headed to the Senate, a move he believes will be detrimental to young people across the state.

"It's like with beer: people can buy it and give it to kids," Travis said.

Earlier this year, he voted against a bill that would require all Massachusetts hospitals to offer emergency contraception to rape victims and allow trained pharmacists to dispense the pill without a prescription. Romney vetoed the bill, but it was ultimately overridden by the Legislature.

Despite these developments, Travis insists these defeats are not the reason why he is leaving politics.

"I'm leaving on top of my game," said Travis. "I want to smell the roses."

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Window may cost man \$1.4 million

BOSTON To the casual eye, it is an inconspicuous ground-level window, nothing that detracts from the 19th-century charm of the red-brick Victorian rowhouse in Boston's South End. But to city officials, the double-hung vinyl window on the side of Gary Multer's historic Mass. Ave. apartment building is an affront to the neighborhood's architectural character — one worth a fine of up to \$1.4 million.

Yesterday, in the latest twist in an eight-year legal brawl between Multer and the South End Landmark District Commission, the city asked a judge to let it file a lawsuit against Multer seeking fines of \$146,000 to \$1.46 million for allegedly



Gary Multer stands next to the vinyl window for which the Commission may fine him up to \$1.4 million. EVAN RICHMAN/BOSTON GLOBE NEWS

violating regulations that prohibit vinyl windows and changes to brickwork.

The judge scheduled a trial in early April for Multer's countersuit claiming

that the city is prosecuting him arbitrarily and that the commission lacks authority to order him to make changes to the building. BOSTON GLOBE NEWS

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CIVIL SUIT



THE REV. Paul D. Theroux, background, Vicar General of the Diocese of Providence, listens as Mary Grant, a regional director of Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, talks about a civil suit filed in Washington, D.C., against Rev. Aaron Joseph Cote of St. Pius V parish in Providence, R.I., during a media briefing yesterday in front of the diocese headquarters in Providence. The suit alleges that Cote molested Brandon Rains, at the time a teenage altar boy and youth minister, while Cote served as a priest and director of the youth ministry at Mother Seaton parish in Germantown, Md. JOE GIBLIN/AP

Can't wait for takeout?

BOSTON Nat Turner has a pretty good idea of how frustrating it is to have a hankering for takeout while studying when the delivery guy takes two hours.

The college sophomore at the Wharton School started a campus delivery Web site last year with a couple of buddies determined to streamline the college food order process. Now, six months later, his brainchild EatNow.com has launched in five markets, most recently in Boston.

"All our friends order food every day. You can't get a better market than that," said Turner, a 19-year-old Texan.

About 100 restaurants surrounding more than 30 campuses across metropolitan Boston have signed on with the Web site. The restaurant owners give Turner's company 5 percent of each order, and already hundreds of students are ordering every day through the site, Turner said.

"College students don't want to leave their dorm unless they have to," Turner said.

Anyone can use the site, but it is specifically tailored for college students. Users log on, type their address or choose their campus from a drop-down menu, and get a

GROWING

Eatnow.com's goal is to add 100 more restaurants in Boston to the site by 2006.

list of restaurants that will deliver. Users can then surf dozens of menus and place their order online, down to whether or not they want mayo on their turkey sandwich or onions on their pizza. The site indicates how long the person should expect to wait and also allows people to place group orders, divvying up how

much each person owes.

In Boston, EatNow.com has some competition, including campusfood.com, which has been in the market for several years.

Joe Rastellini, owner of T. Anthony's, the popular Boston University eatery on Commonwealth Avenue, said on a typical night he gets 20 to 30 orders from Web sites like EatNow.com.

"We get very few problems and call backs from customers with problems," said Rastellini. "It's a good concept because the kids like to order online." **CHRISTINA WALLACE**
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Dough is slow from Deval Patrick online supporters

BOSTON In the hurly-burly world of campaign politics, big-name supporters are supposed to bring in the big bucks. But in the Web world of gubernatorial candidate Deval Patrick, the recognizable names aren't always the ringers.

Patrick, a former top federal civil rights prosecutor and Coca-Cola executive, began Web-based fund-raising this month a la Howard Dean, but took it a step further by hosting Web sites of individual supporters, who



PATRICK

can create personalized fund-raising pages for Patrick.

There are some high-profile names among those who have posted their praise for Patrick online. Kitty Dukakis, the wife of former Gov. Michael Dukakis, is one of them. Former U.S. Labor Secretary and one-time gubernatorial candidate Robert Reich is another.

But the dough hasn't exactly been rolling in through their Web pages. The Dukakis Web site has brought in one donation for \$150. Reich, who extolls visitors to his site to "do your part and send him a contribution of \$50, \$100 or whatever is right for you," has logged no donations at all on the site.

Reich, reached by phone, joked that he hadn't brought in the bucks because "I'm just very unpopular."

But he said that he hadn't been drawing much atten-

tion to his site and has been concentrating instead on other fund-raising for the campaign, such as an event in a few of weeks.

Dukakis said she hoped that lending her name to the Web site would bring in funds but admitted that her peers aren't very Web savvy.

"People in my generation aren't used to using the Internet for sending in contributions or expressing their wishes for these things," she said. "So it might take some time to take hold." AP



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AFTER THE STORM



HALL OF FAME basketball player Frank V. Ramsey and his daughter, Cynthia Cooper, console one another yesterday amid the flattened rubble of his home in Madisonville, Ky. A storm system moving across the Midwest killed two and injured at least 22 people on Tuesday, officials said. Ramsey played for the Boston Celtics from 1954 to 1964. "He saw [the tornado] out the front door and got in his closet, which is in the center of the house and the closet backs up to a fireplace that had a brick wall and that brick wall and the closet is all that's standing," said Ramsey's son, Cliff Ramsey.

LOWELL MENDYK/AP

Romney turns his critical eye from France to California

BOSTON A day after bashing France, Gov. Mitt Romney trained his critic's eye on new targets yesterday, questioning whether California will continue as an economic power and dismissing Russia and some of the countries in the new Central American Free Trade Agreement.

The former corporate

executive, speaking to a global competitiveness conference, lamented the high cost of business in Massachusetts before diverting into an unprompted assessment of California, run by fellow Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"I don't know how California makes it, by the way,"

Romney told attendees at the Forrester Research Executive Strategy Forum. "They've got great weather and terrific people, and so that's going to be a terrific draw, and they have other companies there — clusters — that bring people.

"But long term, their high tax rate, their totally

unworkable transportation reality, their unreliable energy supplies, make it a place that's going to have to, at some point, undergo some kind of transformation, or they're going to begin losing. They can lose to Nevada, lose to other states and, ultimately, of course, lose to Asia," he added.

AP

Study: Can't live on diet pills alone

BOSTON There's no free lunch with diet pills, new research concludes: They work much better accompanied by the hard work of dieting and exercise.

The study backed by the National Institutes of Health is the biggest and best yet to demonstrate why obese people should adopt healthy habits, even if they take weight-loss drugs, researchers said.

"If you pit this medication against your favorite all-you-can-eat buffet, the ... buffet is going to win nine out of 10 times. So it's important you try to modify eating habits," advised University of Pennsylvania psychologist Thomas Wadden, who led the study published today in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Medical guidelines have recommended that obese patients also change eating and exercise habits since doctors first began prescribing today's long-term weight-loss medicines in the late 1990s. Still, many patients fail or ignore the advice.

Yet in the one-year study, the most successful patients took the weight-loss drug Meridia along with 30 sessions of group counseling that promoted a 1,500-calorie

Lifestyle changes aid diet pills

A new study, in which the drug Meridia was given to 224 patients, shows diet drugs work better when accompanied with counseling on diet and exercise.

Weight loss at 52 weeks, in pounds

Drug alone	11.0
Drug and brief counseling	16.5
Drug and counseling	26.6
Counseling alone	14.7

NOTE: Counseling group received 30 days of group counseling; brief counseling with doctor

SOURCE: *New England Journal of Medicine*

AP

daily diet and half-hour walks on most days.

Obese people who took pills alone typically lost 11 pounds in the study. When they added the full program promoting lifestyle changes, they lost 27 pounds — more than twice as much.

A third group took the drug with brief doctor's counseling, and a fourth underwent only group counseling. Within five months, those two groups lost a bit more weight than the group that only took the drug, but all three of these groups were roughly equal after a year.

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HORSES BETWEEN JOBS

Mike, far left, and Mabel, walk in a snowy pasture near Lincoln, Neb., Tuesday. The horses, specially trained for military burial services at Arlington National Cemetery, arrived in Nebraska last week. They were donated to perform similar ceremonies at Lincoln's Wyuka Cemetery, but instead of working as intended, they are frolicking on a farm south of town awaiting word on whether the cemetery board of trustees wants to move ahead with the project.

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Woodward's claim could assist Libby

Reporter says he heard about Plame from other source

WASHINGTON Bob Woodward's version of when and where he learned the identity of a CIA operative contradicts a special prosecutor's contention that Vice President Dick Cheney's top aide was the first to make the disclosure to reporters.

Attorneys for the aide, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, described yesterday's statement by the Washington Post's assistant managing editor as helpful for their defense, although Libby is charged with lying to a grand jury and the FBI, not with disclosing the CIA official's name.

"Hopefully, as information is obtained from reporters like Bob Woodward, the real facts will come out," lawyer Ted Wells said yesterday.

Woodward, a Pulitzer Prize winning reporter, said he had not told his bosses until last month that he had learned about Valerie Plame's identity and her



"Journalism is a contact sport. I was 29 when people who really knew how to shoot were around." BOB WOODWARD

work at the CIA more than two years ago from a high-level Bush administration official.

When Woodward learned Plame's name, he told the Associated Press yesterday, he was in the middle of finishing a book about the administration's decision to go to war in Iraq, and didn't

want to be subpoenaed to testify.

"The grand jury was going and reporters were being jailed, and I hunkered down more than I usually do," Woodward said, explaining why he waited so long to tell Post Executive Editor Leonard Downie Jr. what he knew about the Plame matter.

Woodward made his name with his coverage of the Watergate scandal during the Nixon administration. He kept secret for decades the identity of "Deep Throat," a key source in that reporting.

Woodward said he had apologized for not giving Downie much earlier notice of his reporting on Plame. To critics who are taking shots at him, Woodward said, "Journalism is a contact sport. I was 29 when people who really knew how to shoot were around," referring to Watergate.

TONI LOCY
Associated Press

Bush urges pressure on North Korea

President rallying Asian leaders to show unity on Nuclear talks.

SOUTH KOREA Counseling resolve and patience, President Bush is looking for a show of unity among Asian leaders to press North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

Among those gathering here for a 21-nation summit are the leaders of the five countries — the United States, China, South Korea, Russia and Japan — negotiating with North Korea for its nuclear disarmament. Bush was meeting today

with South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun after talks yesterday in Japan with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi that included a call for dismantling North Korea's nuclear program.

South Korea has resisted the tough approach advocated by the Bush administration for ending the impasse with North Korea, opposing the idea of military action if diplomacy fails. South Korea also is cool to the idea of taking the standoff to the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions.

"The tone is different sometimes because, of

course, for the people of the Republic of Korea, the demilitarized zone is right at their doorstep," said Mike Green, senior director for Asian affairs on the National Security Council.

Green said Seoul, the South Korean capital, is as close to the demilitarized zone separating the two countries and to North Korean artillery as the White House is to Dulles International Airport, some 30 miles outside Washington.

"It's very much a clear and present threat for the people," he said.

TERENCE HUNT
Associated Press



BARRY GILL walks away from his camper trailer, buried under other campers, yesterday in Marshall County, Ky., after violent weather devastated the area.

BARILEY THELMAN, THE PADUCAH SUN/AA

Tornadoes rip through Midwest, kill two

KENTUCKY Nearly three dozen tornadoes ripped through the Midwest, part of a huge line of thunderstorms that destroyed homes and killed at least two people.

"We heard a weird sound coming through, kind of a whistle," said Penny Leonard, 37, who sought shelter in the basement of a hospital Tuesday in the western Kentucky town of Madisonville. "I thank God I'm safe."

Meteorologists said a cold front moving rapidly east collided with warm, unstable air from the south on Tuesday to produce the thunderstorms that stretched from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes, spawning funnel clouds and tornadoes in parts of Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana, Illi-

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PENNY LEONARD
OF MADISONVILLE, KY.

nois and Tennessee.

The National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center had preliminary reports of at least 35 tornadoes in the five states, spokeswoman Peggy Stogsdill said Wednesday at the center in Norman, Okla.

It was the third outbreak of twisters this month. One tornado on Nov. 6 killed 23 people in southern Indiana, and nine tornadoes struck Iowa on Saturday, killing one woman.

One person was killed at Benton, Ky., when the storms destroyed a mobile home, said Lori King, public infor-

mation officer for Marshall County Emergency Management Services.

"There is not a lot left," King said yesterday. "The mobile home flipped off the foundation at least once but possibly several times. It caught fire shortly afterward."

Along with tornadoes, thunderstorms in Indiana produced wind of more than 100 mph and as much as 2 inches of rain, causing scattered flooding, said meteorologist Jason Puma at the weather service in Indianapolis.

A teenager was killed when her car went out of control on a flooded road and overturned east of Indianapolis, Hancock County Sheriff's Dept. Sgt. Bridget D. Foy said.

AP

NEWS IN BRIEF

• **WASHINGTON** House and Senate negotiators have struck a tentative deal on the expiring Patriot Act that would curb the FBI's investigative power and require the Justice Department to more fully report its secret requests for information about ordinary people. Democrats and civil libertarians said that while the tentative deal makes some improvements, it doesn't address their chief concern: the curbing of FBI power to gather certain information by requiring the investigators to

prove the subject's records are connected to a foreign agent or government. The agreement, which would make most provisions of the existing law permanent, was reached just before dawn yesterday. But by midmorning GOP leaders had already made plans for a House vote today and a Senate vote by the end of the week. That would put the centerpiece of President Bush's war on terror on his desk a month before more than a dozen provisions were set to expire. AP

• **WASHINGTON** Even after Richard Nixon's secret war in Cambodia became known, the president persisted in deception. "Publicly, we say one thing," he told aides. "Actually, we do another." Newly declassified documents from the Nixon years shed light on the Vietnam War, the struggle with the Soviet Union and an administration determined to win re-election, with Nixon aides seeking ways to use Jimmy Hoffa to tap into the labor movement. AP

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Total number of terror detainees passes 83,000

WASHINGTON The United States has detained more than 83,000 foreigners in the four years of the war on terror.

The administration defends the practice of holding detainees in prisons from Afghanistan to Guantanamo Bay as a critical tool to stop the insurgency in Iraq, main-

tain stability in Afghanistan and get known and suspected terrorists off the streets.

Roughly 14,500 detainees remain in U.S. custody, primarily in Iraq.

The number has grown since the first CIA paramilitary officers touched down in Afghanistan in 2001. AP

Iraqi officials: All sects included in prison abuse

Shiite-led government tries to allay outrage among Sunnis.

BAGHDAD A top Interior Ministry official said yesterday the 173 malnourished prisoners found by U.S. forces included all Iraqi sects, playing down allegations of a campaign by Shiite-led security forces to suppress Sunni Arabs ahead of next month's election.

The Shiite-led government sought to dampen Sunni outrage over revelations Tuesday by Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari that the detainees, some showing signs of torture, were found last weekend by U.S. troops at an Interior Ministry lockup in the capital. Most were believed to be Sunni Arabs, the leading group in the insurgency.

But the deputy interior minister, Maj. Gen. Hussein Kamal, said the detainees also included Shiites, Kurds



IRAQI POLICEMEN show their bruises, allegedly caused by torture, as they are treated at Yarmouk hospital in Baghdad on Monday. The policemen said they suffered beatings by men who identified themselves as Interior Ministry commandos after they were stopped Monday on patrol in the Dora neighborhood of southwest Baghdad.

and Turkomen. He gave no breakdown.

Government spokesman Laith Kubba defended the Interior Ministry, saying all the detainees were legally arrested and most were

referred to courts for prosecution. They were kept at the detention center in the Jadriyah district because of a lack of jail space, he said.

"The Interior Ministry is doing its job at a difficult

time and some mistakes happen," he said.

That did little to assuage Sunni Arab anger, with Sunni politicians saying the Jadriyah center was not the only place where detainees are tortured. Sunni leader Adnan al-Dulaimi said he had complained to the government about abuses at three Interior Ministry compounds.

He and several other Sunni politicians demanded an international inquiry. AP

SIX AMERICAN SERVICE MEMBERS DIE

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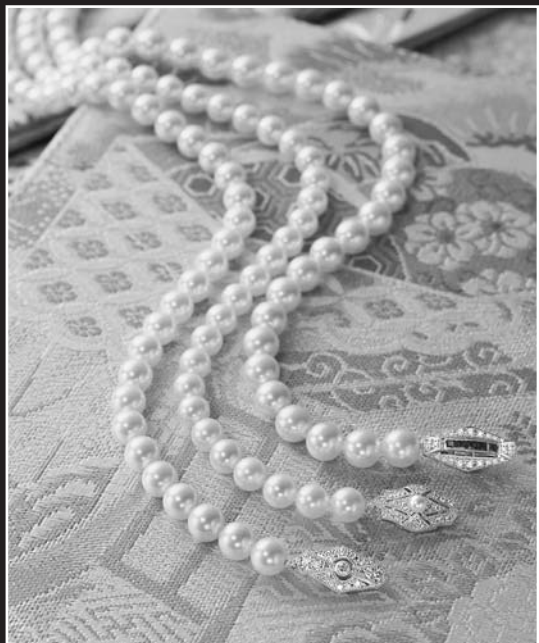


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• **WASHINGTON** Hoping to reverse the deterioration of pension plans covering 44 million Americans, the Senate voted yesterday to force companies to make up underfunding estimated at \$450 billion and live up to promises made to employees. The action came a day after the federal agency that insures such plans reported massive liabilities and predicted a troubled future. The Senate legislation, passed 97-2, takes on the task of compelling companies with defined-benefit plans to live up to their funding obligations — without driving those companies into abandoning the plans. AP

• **NEW YORK** Delta Air Lines Inc. asked a U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge yesterday to void its contract with Delta's pilots' union so the beleaguered airline can impose deep wage and benefit cuts and avoid further financial erosion. With several uniformed Delta pilots looking on in a standing room-only courtroom, Delta attorney Jack Gallagher said the airline valued its pilots and tried to negotiate reductions, but ultimately failed. Faced with rising fuel costs, Delta is seeking to slash \$325 million from its collective bargaining agreement with its pilots, saying the money is needed to keep its operations running. AP

PEACE MOM WANTS DAY IN COURT



WAR PROTESTER Cindy Sheehan speaks to her supporters yesterday as she arrives at the U.S. District Courthouse in Washington. Sheehan said she is demanding a trial after being arrested demonstrating without a permit outside the White House on Sept. 26. Her son Casey was killed in Iraq last year and she gained notoriety last summer as she led a growing anti-war movement near President Bush's Texas ranch during his vacation. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Inflation pressure moderates

Energy prices show decline

WASHINGTON Inflation pressures bombarding consumers moderated significantly last month as energy prices retreated after hitting record highs in September.

The Labor Department reported that consumer prices edged up just 0.2 percent in October, which was the best showing in four months. In September, consumer prices had soared by 1.2 percent, the biggest one-month increase in 25 years. The slowdown in price pressures reflected a 0.2 percent drop in energy costs, a significant change from the record 12 percent increase in energy prices in September, a surge that had reflected widespread shutdowns of refineries and oil platforms along the Gulf Coast in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Excluding food and energy, core inflation edged up 0.2 percent in October. While that was up from the 0.1 percent increases of the previous five months, it was still considered to be a moderate gain indicating that the surge in energy prices this year has not caused more widespread inflation problems.

In other economic news, the Commerce Department reported that inventories held by businesses on shelves and backlots rose by 0.5 percent in September, which was the largest increase in eight months. Total business sales rose by 0.6 percent in September, down slightly from a 0.7 percent August advance.

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On the rise

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This acceleration occurred because of a big surge in energy prices this year, which have soared by 37.1 percent at an annual rate through the first 10 months of this year. That compares to a 16.6 percent jump in energy prices in 2004.

However, excluding the volatile energy and food sectors, core inflation is rising at an annual rate of 2.1 percent through October, down slightly from the 2.2 percent increase in core inflation in 2004.

Core prices are being closely watched by financial markets and the Federal Reserve for any hint that the surge in energy prices are beginning to exert upward pressures on overall inflation.

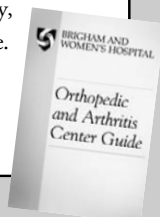
Analysts believe that as long as the increase in core prices remains close to 2 percent, the Fed will be content to continue with its gradual tightening of credit conditions.

Ben Bernanke, who has been tapped by President Bush to succeed Alan Greenspan, as Federal Reserve chairman in February, told his Senate confirmation hearing on Tuesday that he planned to make fighting inflation a top priority in a continuation of Greenspan's policies. AP

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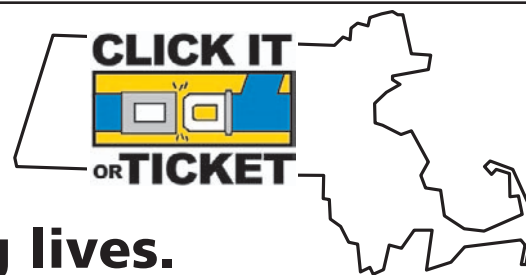
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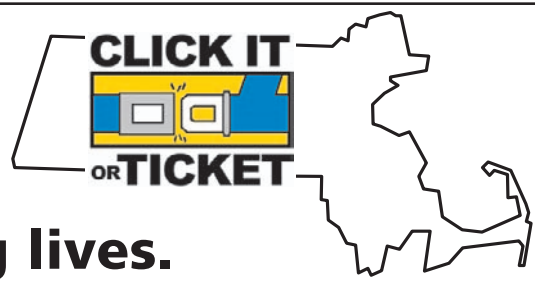
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FRENCH CRIMINOLOGIST ALAIN BAUER, ON THE SYMBOLIC IMPACT THAT RIOTING YOUTHS MAKE WHEN THEY TORCH AUTOMOBILES

ON THE TRIAL OF SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC:

"The trial ... is perceived as a cutthroat process against a solitary old man. With the result that, in the Balkans, the despot [Slobodan] Milosevic disguises himself as a 'victim' insulted by 'democratic prosecutors.' These are dark days for those who continue to believe in international law and these are satisfying days for war criminals all over the world." CORRIERE DELLA SERA, MILAN, ITALY

MY VIEW

BY JOSHUA FRANK
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Hillary in the Holy Land: Still more of the same

There really is no way of getting around it: Sen. Hillary Clinton may well be future presidential material after all. Sen. Clinton, along with her husband, paid a visit to Israel this past weekend. The former President Clinton was a featured speaker at a mass rally that marked the 10th anniversary of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. It was Hillary's second visit to Israel since she was elected to office in 2000. In fact, I think the senator has visited Israel more times in the past four years than she's been to visit her constituents where I reside in upstate New York. The senator did manage to take time out of her voyage to meet with Ariel Sharon to discuss "security matters." Hillary also made her way to the great apartheid wall, which separates Palestine from Israel. As of now, the barrier is about two-thirds complete, and when all is said and done the monstrosity will stretch more than 400 miles.

Palestinians rightly criticize the obtrusive wall on the grounds that it cuts them off from disputed land in the West Bank. Thousands have also been cut off from their jobs, schools and essential farmland.

Hillary and her Israeli allies just don't get it. When you put powerless Palestinians behind a wall where life in any real economic sense is unattainable, you wreak pain and anguish, which in turn leads to more anger and resentment toward Israel's brutal policies. Indeed, the wall will not prove to be a deterrent to resistance, but an inciter of defiance.

"This is not against the Palestinian people," Clinton said as she gazed over the massive wall. "This is against the terrorists. The Palestinian people have to help to prevent terrorism. They have to change the attitudes about terrorism."

It was textbook warmongering, and Hillary got a standing ovation for her repertoire.



JOSHUA FRANK is a freelance writer

The senator's comments seem as if they were taken word for word from an American Israel Public Affairs Committee position paper. They may well have been. Just last August Senator Clinton spoke at an AIPAC conference where she praised the bonds between Israel and the United States: "[O]ur future here in this country is intertwined with the future of Israel and the Middle East. Now there is a lot that we could talk about, and obviously much has been discussed. But in the short period that I have been given the honor of addressing you, I want to start by focusing on our deep and lasting bonds between the United States and Israel."

Clinton went on to wail about the importance of disarming Iran and Syria as well as keeping troops in Iraq for as long as it takes — whatever "it" means. It was textbook warmongering, and — surprise, surprise — Hillary got a standing ovation for her repertoire. It is no matter that Iraq will never ever see true democracy. The United States won't allow that. The imperial powers would never let an Iraqi government form that embodied even the slightest hatred towards Israel or the U.S. Nope, democracy in Iraq, like democracy in Israel, has clear limitations. Like her husband and the current president, Hillary will never alter U.S.-Middle East policy that so blatantly favors Israel.

Sadly Sen. Clinton, if elected president in 2008, will praise and embolden the occupations — both in Iraq and Palestine. She won't pull out U.S. troops and she won't cut U.S. funding to Israel.

LETTERS

Judges shouldn't be above the law

CHARLES J. THOMAS JR.
•via e-mail

In regard to the article about South Dakota's attempt to hold judges accountable for their behavior ("Group wants to strip judges of lawsuit immunity," Nov. 15): I think this is absolutely the right thing to do. I was involved in divorce litigation and the judge did not allow my lawyer an equal chance to represent my interests fairly. I told the judge I thought his ruling was unjust; he simply shrugged his shoulders and indicated to me that even if he was wrong, I couldn't do anything about it.

The possible problems critics of the measure say it would raise are based on flawed reasoning. The time and expense associated with the remedies that currently exist for people who disagree with rulings — not to mentioned a general lack of knowledge of the legal process — effectively exclude a great number of people. I think no one should be above the law. By saying that the judicial system would fall apart if judges were held accountable for their actions like everyone else is simply wrong.

Lefties should stop whining

KARLSON GREENE
•Wareham

Regarding "Right's 'revolution' never happened" (Nov.

14): It must be tough living in the fantasy world you occupy, Mr. Feinberg. The Republicans have control of the presidency, both houses of Congress and soon the Supreme Court, as well. I sensed a great deal of frustration in your letter. What's the matter? Didn't you get what you wanted for Fitzmas? Just as a reminder, if you want to be in charge, you need to win some national elections once in a while. But what with your idea-account severely overdrawn, that must be very difficult. Just whining about what the other guy is doing generally doesn't win you any elections.

For 40 years you had it easy. The South voted as a block for the Dems and Northeastern liberals got to run things. Well, in case you missed it, things have changed. In addition to all that, you don't have a monopoly on the media anymore. Maybe you and Dan Blather should use the same crying towel. Maybe some Prozac would help, because we are just getting started.

Don't promote public smooching

M. A. FOLEY
•East Milton

By printing Pat Healy's article ("Kiss & make out: The hottest spots for PDA," Nov. 16), you've encouraged people to flaunt how intimate they are with their partner in an entirely inappropriate forum. Do you honestly believe that kissing is all the readers of Metro are

going to do now that you've told them where to go? There's sex in our faces everywhere we look — do we really need to walk through the Common or down by the harbor and witness it there too? Save it for the bedroom.

Hunting brief was inaccurate

CHARLIE MCELHENY
•Lancaster

On Nov. 15 I was disappointed to read at the top of page two — underneath the header "Boston" — the small misleading report "Deer Season off to Slow Start." It would not have taken much for Metro to add a few words to the report for clarification such as, "in some states excluding Massachusetts." Doing so would have reassured most of your readers that there is not a rifle season in this state. There is a shotgun season that has not started yet. And it has never been legal to put out bait for deer during the hunting season in this state, either. This small report contained so many misleading statements. Makes you wonder how some of our larger issues we read everyday can be interpreted the wrong way if relevant facts are left out of them.

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TODAY'S DEBATE

Do you think the riots in France will have a positive affect on the country's racial issues?



Mark Parker
27
Technical sales
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Not initially, but in the long-term it will be good.

Mark Crump
39
Systems engineer
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No. Nothing good ever comes from rioting.



Kristina Vanstrom
26
Research analyst
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Yes. It illustrates a problem that many people in France have long avoided.

Mike Beatty
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Yeah. I think it will be an agent for change. Something positive will hopefully come out of all that negativity.

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15 Number of documentaries up for Oscar consideration this year, including "March of the Penguins" and "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room," according to published reports.

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TV TONIGHT



'ALIAS'
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'EVERYBODY HATES CHRIS'
Rochelle is just too embarrassed to use the \$200 in food stamps Julius found. **8 P.M. ON UPN**

'MOST BEST OF MXC'
We really can't help but tune in to this crudely dubbed Japanese game show. This retrospective culls the show's "most best" moments, from "Dope on a Rope" to "Wall Bangers." Stupid? Right you are. **9 P.M. ON SPIKE**

'ICONOCLASTS'
Innovators in a number of fields interview each other one-on-one. The hour-long chats kick off when actor Samuel L. Jackson sits down with NBA legend Bill Russell. **10 P.M. ON SUNDANCE**
AMBER RAY

Second best

Indie roots-rockers Colbourn and Mancini finally share the spotlight

PROFILE "We're like the second-string stars," says Chris Colbourn. "We're like the J.V. team."

The Buffalo Tom bassist and sometimes singer is discussing his new project with Hilken Mancini. Both are best known for their underappreciated work in the '90s — he was the "waterboy" to Bill Janovitz, she shared guitarist and vocal duties with Chris Toppin in college faves Fuzzy.

He continues: "It's a really comfortable position, like we're the little brothers. 'Get out there. You can do it.'"

'Schizoid'

The self-titled release "Hilken Mancini and Chris

Colbourn" (Kimchee) finds the duo navigating indie-roots waters, lending itself to what Colbourn classifies as a "schizoid" balance.

"I totally grew up with classic rock stuff. She's not from that world at all. She's from a complete punk rock world, never really studied Neil Young records," he says from the Newton offices of his booking agency, Concerted Efforts. "If you named a Led Zeppelin song, Hilken wouldn't be able to play it and God bless her. That is a good mixture to our music."

"There was a great salt-and-pepper thing going on," he explains of the col-

laborative process with Mancini, who has led the Punk Rock Aerobics charge over the last few years. "I really felt like she wasn't thinking, 'Oh, this is what Emmylou Harris would do.' She would just throw stuff out and play a part I never would have thought of."

'Reverse time'

"In My Arms" recalls Pixies interplay while a '70s pop lilt sets the backdrop for "Hannah." The opening track "Saint Agnes Eve" and "Couple of Weeks" feature Dinosaur Jr.'s J Mascis on guitar.

"People were saying, 'Could you reverse time anymore?' 'Cause you're



"I TOTALLY grew up with classic rock stuff. She's not from that world at all," says Colbourn, left, about Mancini. "She's from a complete punk rock world."

asking J to play on it. I thought you wanted to play new music," he says. "But it wasn't any conscious decision. If the song works, it works." **SELENE ANGIER**
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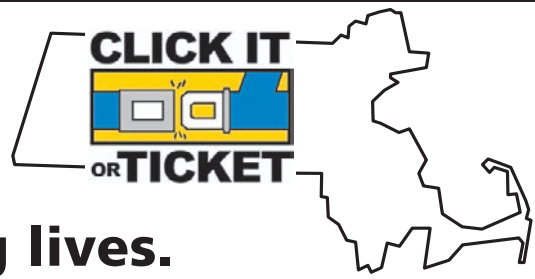
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A man after their own hearts

Bam Margera has appropriated HIM's symbol — but the band doesn't mind

INTERVIEW Ville Vallo wants his heartagram back. The symbol had always been associated with his band HIM (His Infernal Majesty) until pro skater and consummate "Jackass" Bam Margera co-opted it, tattooing it on his body and flaunting it on his TV show. Vallo's Finnish band is now more famous for its heartagram than it's gloom rock thanks to their biggest fan. Armed with a wry sense of humor and the band's first proper album released stateside, the new "Dark Light," Vallo recently spoke to Metro and laid out the band's plan of attack to win back the symbol.

► It's not too much of an exaggeration to say a lot

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of your popularity in the States has to do with Bam Margera being such a huge supporter of the band. What exactly is your relationship with him? We're a lot like brothers, really. We met in 2000, and whenever we're in [Margera's hometown of West Chester] Pennsylvania, we always stay there at his place, and whenever he's in Helsinki, he's at our place. He's just a big fan of the band, and he wanted to help us out, so he put the

heartagram symbol everywhere.

► What do you think of his very enthusiastic adoption of the symbol? I was laughing my ass off when we didn't have an official release in the U.S. and the top seller at Hot Topic was still the heartagram T-shirt. We're recognized because of a T-shirt more than the music. But I guess I can't complain, really. Though we do hope to regain the heartagram symbol as our own, based on the music.

► Did you just declare war? Or are you just going to let the new album win back the heartagram? We'll let the album do it. I



VILLE VALLO, center, and the Finnish group he fronts, His Infernal Majesty, have been touring throughout the United States.

hope it falls somewhere between Black Sabbath and U2.

► What drives a band to write songs with titles like "Rip Out the Wings of a Butterfly"? That very melancholy sadness in our songs comes from traditional Finnish music. Writing is self-therapy for me, my way of coping with the world and getting my aggression out. I'd

have to say we create albums because of the climate in Finland. In the winter, it's so cold and so super dark, we try to be able to tour to places that are lighter and warmer. We're like birds — we fly to warmer places when the first snow hits. That's our main driving force.



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Mariah Carey — bigger than ever

IN 2001, the pop-soul singer's feature-film starring debut, "Glitter," was drubbed by critics and ignored by ticket buyers. Carey then suffered a breakdown and, within a year, she was bought out of her \$100-million contract with Virgin Records. For a brief time, she didn't even have a record label.

Four years later, her latest CD, "The Emancipation of Mimi," is the year's best seller in North America, with 4 million units sold. She has sold another 2 million copies worldwide.

Talk about a comeback kid. "They can call me whatever they want," Carey, 35, says. "I never went anywhere. And my real fans have always been here for me. And you know what? It's a wonderful feeling."

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Associated Press



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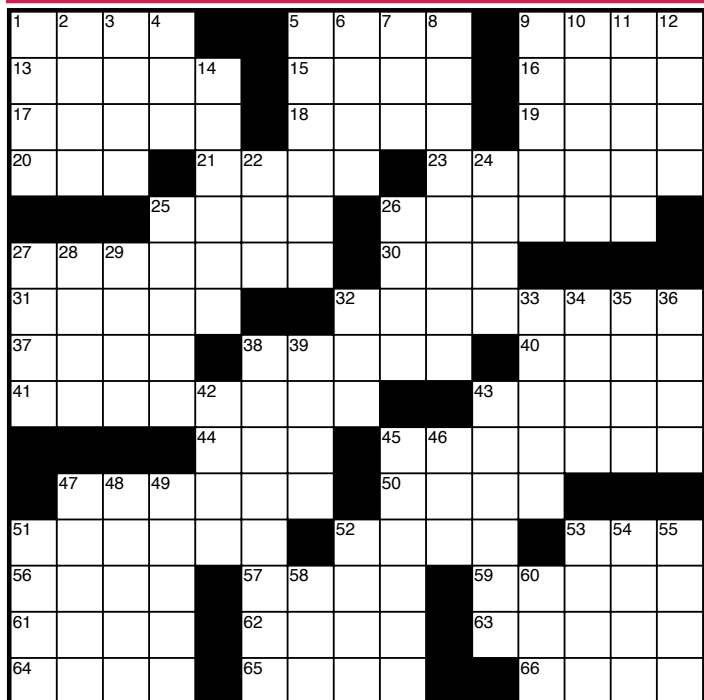
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THE WORD

Gotta love the in-laws

Edited by Kenya Hunt, kenya.hunt@metro.us

BEN AFFLECK is at the center of a tug-of-war between his mom, Chris Affleck, and his pregnant wife, Jennifer Garner, reports Star magazine. Sources claim momma Affleck believes Garner is pulling her son away from her and hasn't liked the "Alias" actress since she got pregnant. Chris apparently believes that Garner got pregnant in order to seal the deal with Ben. "I don't think she believes the pregnancy was an accident. The family thinks Ben is gullible; he doesn't know when he's being manipulated," says a source close to his mother. Garner, meanwhile, has taken to calling his mom "monster-in-law." METRO



EVAN AGOSTINI/AP

BEN is facing a completely different kind of baby and momma drama.

It's like the LOGO version of 'Single White Female'

KELLY OSBOURNE is being stalked by a trannie who used to be her personal assistant, reports



KELLY has some devoted fans.

Perez Hilton.com. The fanatic has

become such a problem that Osbourne has had to beef up her security. "Honestly, I have got security men who have to really keep an eye out for this one fan. I can't stand it when he shows up, although it's hilarious as he loves wearing women's clothes," the Web site quotes her as saying. METRO

Let's hear it for a little boy-on-boy action!

AT A TIME when public personalities who are gay go to melodramatic lengths to pretend they're not, it's refreshing to see an actor who doesn't shy away from it. "Brokeback Mountain" star **JAKE GYLLENHAAL** is straight, but he says he won't deny the possibility of his ever being attracted to another man. "You know, it's flattering when there's a rumor that says I'm bisexual. It means I can play more kinds of roles. I'm open to whatever people want to call me," he tells the December issue of Details magazine. "I've never really been attracted to men sexually, but I don't think I would be afraid of it if it happened." METRO



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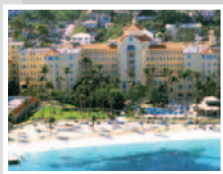
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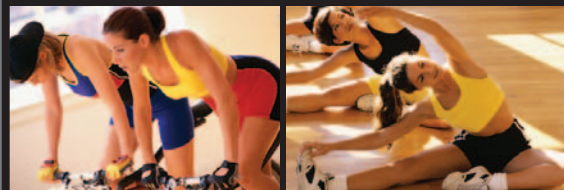
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We talked to star Miranda Loud, a mezzo-soprano, about what it was like to get down and dirty.

Did you work with homeless people to inform your performance? I've been observing people around Boston and Cambridge who are in the streets, picking up clues from their body language and expression on their faces. When I see someone

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who's asking for money, some are very brazen, some are very angry, some are, like, "Come on!" Like, they're showmen. And some are just totally — they've just given up. They're bent over and embarrassed or asleep and all of those things have informed my acting.

You mention angry. Are you afraid a homeless person might say, "You're making a show about my life? What the hell? Screw art, give me something to eat!" That's the danger. Just dressing up like a homeless person and not being homeless is potentially insulting. But that's what

art is. In order to get a larger message out, you're a symbol. Every actor is a symbol and you make your piece by being a specific character. We're trying to be real and respectful.

What is the larger message? We're trying to get across the sense of invisibility or the sense of getting stuck or left behind.

Have you ever been around poverty? No. No. I grew up quite privileged, in Lincoln, Nebraska. But I lived in Manhattan for five years and loved it. Being an artist, I have escaped the sheltered place but it's nice to go home.

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the hard way that it's advisable not to make jokes about Victor Hugo that end with the punchline "j'ai une grenouille dans mon bidet!" (I have a frog in my bidet). It's a good thing Monsieur Péters is a gracious host and an understanding fellow.

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CULTURE



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AIN'T LOVE GRAND? Women have been known to be desperate enough to marry a man even though they know there are some problems. But a California woman, Tina Marie Stebbins, has taken it to the next level — she plans to marry the man who shot her and then held her hostage for six days in his garage, according to the Associated Press. Although her soon-to-husband was sentenced to 20 years for the crime, Stebbins says, “I love him today as deeply as I loved him before this awful thing happened to us.” Awwww!
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FREE LOVE ... KINDA Match.com is now offering a free guide when you sign up to their service. The guide, “How to Find the Right Person in 90 Days” is a step by step look on how to set up your profile, how to approach other members on match.com, and how to gain confidence using their site.
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Read our lips

Your book collection could determine the shelf life of your love life

DATING Your bookshelf says a lot about you to the person you are dating — maybe even things you don't want them to know about until after many years in couples therapy. Here's what the opposite sex thinks about your shelf.

V.C. ANDREWS

SHE SAID: Interesting. Does he like Andrews for the “ironic” factor or is he really thinking about his sister when you make out?
VERDICT: It's a toss up. He could be cool or he could trap you in a well while saying “it puts the lotion in the basket.”
HE SAID: Kinky. Or, she has the reading level of a 14-year-old. Either way, we're there.
VERDICT: Dateable, until she refers to your future children as “devil's spawn.” After all, who's ready to have kids?

PHILIP ROTH

SHE SAID: He's a neurotic mamma's boy with sexual dysfunction.
VERDICT: Eh, is it any different from any other guy you've dated?
HE SAID: She's into neurotic

mamma's boys with sexual dysfunction.
VERDICT: Score.

HOME DECORATING

HE SAID: Everyone needs a hobby.
VERDICT: But moderation is key. An occasional trip to Pottery Barn is OK. Decoupage with Self magazine, not so much.
SHE SAID: Gay.
VERDICT: Gay.

FRENCH CUISINE COOKBOOKS

HE SAID: Finally, a chance to use that French accent you haven't perfected, in the kitchen, while she's working. Girls love that.
VERDICT: See what she can do, and offer to help.
SHE SAID: Oh la la! Ladies

love men who can whip up a nice Bouillabaisse.
VERDICT: This one is a keeper! Just make sure he never tries any of your meals.

COMPLETE COLLECTION OF SYLVIA PLATH

SHE SAID: Screams women studies major in college. A male Plath lover usually has a soft, sensitive side ... but that's from the Prozac.
VERDICT: Dateable ... until he starts crying.
HE SAID: Gay.
VERDICT: Gay.



SCREENWRITING HOW-TO MANUALS

SHE SAID: Dating a frustrated screenwriter is, well, frustrating. You don't want to spend half of your time together hearing about “this great idea” do you?
VERDICT: Dateable, until he finds out you were lying about being fascinated by Fassbinder.
HE SAID: Finally, someone who can debate the artistic merits of the traditional three-act screenplay.
VERDICT: Who needs the competition? Date, collaborate, then steal her ideas. This is the business of show — keyword: business.

SCRAPBOOKS

SHE SAID: This is evidence that he, um, likes collecting memories of happier times. Right?
VERDICT: Scream. Turn around. Run.
HE SAID: You don't want her to have happier times before you.
VERDICT: Stick around — just don't open the books.

RUSH LIMBAUGH

SHE SAID: Dating a Republican isn't always so bad. Although they usually don't have souls, at least they have

cash.
VERDICT: Stick around to feel it out. On the upside, if he's a Limbaugh fan, he probably has a great stash of pills.
HE SAID: You're better looking than any guy she's dated, and dress better, too. Who cares if she doesn't get your references?
VERDICT: The pills. Pretty much comes down to the pills.

COMIC BOOKS

SHE SAID: Comic book guys are funny, interesting, and adorable. Plus, since they were constantly beat up in high school, you can be the dominate person in the relationship.
VERDICT: Great to date, until he blows his whole paycheck on “Ultimate Watchmen.”
HE SAID: Hey, “Watchmen” was a perfectly-crafted commentary on our directionless society and our obsession with “superheroes,” instilled with a sense of ennui that defines the maturation of the genre.
VERDICT: “Watchmen” is not just one of the best comic books ever, it's one of the best works of art period. Now, what were we talking about? Women? DOROTHY ROBINSON
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DATING LIFE

Self-help advice: Don't buy self-help books

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Whenever I get down in the dumps and question my life — as people who write for free newspapers often do — I head to the self-help section of my local bookstore. For single people it's an especially important place: there you'll not only find books to help solve your problems, you might find other miserable people to ask out on a date.

But what about the books? Truth is, most books on dating and relationships are awful. So if you want to save time and money, I urge you to take my advice and ...

Avoid any book with the

words “Chicken Soup” in the title.

It seems like every day there's a new title in the “Chicken Soup for the Soul” series. There's “Chicken Soup for mom,” “Chicken Soup for dad” and “Chicken Soup for cat lovers.” The problem is that the series has neglected people who really need help. Someday I'd like to see “Chicken Soup for the Timid Guy in Prison” or “Chicken Soup for the Wayward Teen at the NeverLand Ranch.” Also ...

Never buy a book that has an exclamation point in the title!

Have you noticed that some writers think if they put an exclamation point in their title that we'll buy their crappy book?! As in, “Stop Getting Dumped!” or “1-2-3 Be a Porn Star!” It's crazy! But thank goodness

non-self-help writers don't do this! Otherwise we'd have ... “The Catcher in the Rye!” Or “Angela's Ashes!” Or that most timeless of all books, “The Bible!”

And don't even look at “Mars and Venus in the Bedroom.”

There is only one man on earth who can make a 206-page book about sex completely boring, and he is the balding half-man known as John Gray, Ph.D. Here's a sample: “In order for sex to be great there must be loving and supportive communication in the relationship.” I'm sorry, Dr. Gray. For sex to be great there needs to be cheap alcohol, dim lighting and enough guilt the next morning to send you running — right to the self-help section.

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THE WORST OF CRAIGSLIST

it's tough out there
Dolphins and Sharks. Both have dorsal fins, both gracefully slice and slide through the water, and from the surface, you can't tell each from the other. Dolphins, of course, are the beatific ones and sharks are shadows with teeth out of the depths. Though I have had love affairs of a kind with each, I think I prefer the sharks. I don't want you to be nice, I want you to be magnificent. Your beauty is welcome to be terrible. You'll find my blood in the water, and its perfume will be the first and last thing you remember. Screw independence. I want your need. In return you get every last bit of me. You don't need to understand, you just have to marvel. P.S. Single only. Period.

• Any guys here that play Guild Wars? I don't have a ton of time to play between work and school and am still a newbie in seared ascalon as an E/Mo. If you play GW then you know it's easy to meet people virtually, but I thought I'd ask

RELIEVE PAIN WITHOUT DANGEROUS DRUGS

New advanced heating pad from Canada brings pain relief in as fast as 30 minutes

Hospital studies show it relieves pain from arthritis, back, bursitis, carpal tunnel, tendonitis, hemorrhoids, migraines and more

By John Whitehead, Media Services

(Saskatchewan, Canada) An advanced heating pad developed in Canada is bringing users a wide range of pain relief. Finally you can get pain relief without dangerous drugs.

Some users report relief from arthritis pain and other pain in as fast as 30 minutes.

This remarkable heating pad was developed by Thermotex Therapy Systems Ltd. located in Calgary, Canada. It was then made available to the public in the remote Canadian province of Saskatchewan.

Virtually no advertising was needed to sell the Thermotex heating pad in Saskatchewan. As soon as a few people tried it and got such dramatic results, they spread the word like wildfire. In a short period of time over 30,000 people in the sparsely populated Saskatchewan Province were using the Thermotex heating pad.

The Thermotex heating pad is safe to use and its use has no known side effects.

The Thermotex heating pad is now being offered to the public in all of Canada and in the United States. Thousands are being sold with rave reviews from consumers. Testimonials from a few of these consumers are also published on this page.

Media Services interviewed the president of Thermotex Therapy Systems Ltd, Francis Docherty. This interview follows:

Q. What types of pain does the Thermotex heating pad relieve?

A. There are four sources of pain. One is inflammation characterized by redness, heat and swelling. Two is muscle stiffness, soreness or spasms. Three involves the toxic conditions caused by various toxins such as lactic acid. And, four is stress or hypertension caused by unpleasant physical or psychological conditions. Unlike drugs, which only target one source of pain, the Thermotex heating pad relieves pain from all 4 sources.

Q. How does the Thermotex heating pad pain relief differ from pain relief produced by drugs?

A. Drugs only relieve pain by interrupting the natural pain impulse. But drugs may produce harmful side effects like nausea, bleeding or worse. The Thermotex heating pad goes directly to the source of the pain for relief.

Q. Is the Thermotex heating pad safe to use?

A. The Thermotex heating pad is a registered medical device and it is totally safe to use.

Q. How do you compare the Thermotex heating pad with other heating pads?

A. You cannot compare the Thermotex heating pad with other heating pads that are available all over the world. That would be like comparing a Rolls Royce with the cheapest automobile.

Other heating pads only heat the surface of the skin and a few layers below. The Thermotex infrared heating pad can rapidly help a person who is in pain because of the way that the infrared waves penetrate the various layers of the skin and muscles to a great depth in order to reach the nerves and tissues where the actual cause of the pain originates.

Customers who used the Thermotex heating pad know the difference between Thermotex



Over 30,000 people in the sparsely populated area of Saskatchewan, Canada (1) were among the first to use the Thermotex heating pad. Virtually all were sold by word of mouth. The Thermotex heating pad is now available in the United States. Thermotex Therapy Systems LTD is located in Calgary (2).



I want to share with Thermotex my wonderful news about my mother. She could no longer wipe the table

after a meal because she could not turn on the kitchen tap. Mom needed both hands to drink her coffee.

Today, six weeks after using the Thermotex heating pad, she has resumed all normal duties, including cooking. She enjoyed a fishing trip with my Dad for the first time in years.

Mandy Hanson



I used to have neck aches which lead to killer migraines at least once per month. After 3 weeks of daily

sessions with the Thermotex heating pad, I have had only one headache in 18 months which I caused by experimenting. I went nine days without using the Thermotex heating pad to experiment and I did get one headache. Now I know that every day I maintain my neck with a session of sheer relaxation using the Thermotex heating pad.

Mark Brooker



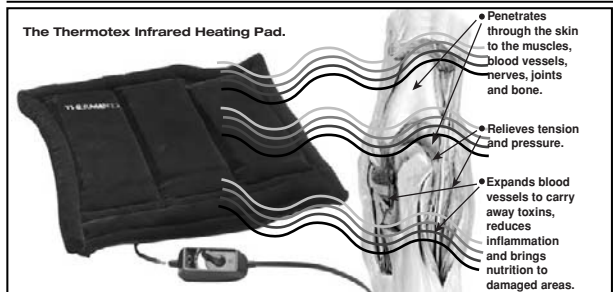
I've had back problems for the past fifty years, and have been on strong pain killers for the past ten and have been

doing a lot of doctoring all these years.

A specialist told me that I've got to learn to live with it as at my age I've got degeneration of the spine.

I then got a Thermotex heating pad and I used it faithfully for one week and I just can't believe that I can lie awake at night without a continuous nagging back pain.

Tony Young



products and "the others." They tell us that they will never give up their Thermotex heating pads for a "million dollars" once they have used the Thermotex heating pad even one, single time.

Q. Can you elaborate more on how the Thermotex heating pad relieves pain?

A. The infrared energy that emanates from the Thermotex heating pad penetrates the skin and muscles all the way to the bone. It safely and gently heats the tissues and increases the blood supply to the affected area.

The natural response of the body to the increased temperature is to try to maintain a condition of homeostasis. That means that the body automatically tries to lower the temperature in the area. Therefore, it expands blood vessels to increase blood flow.

When the Thermotex heating pad delivers heat to the tissues, the blood vessels actually increase in diameter via a change called vasodilation. Then oxygen and nutrients in the bloodstream are able to pass through the walls of the blood vessels more easily and initiate the process of healing the damaged cells and tissues.

In addition, toxic substances causing inflammation and pain in the damaged cells can then pass back into the bloodstream much more easily. The toxins are then filtered and eliminated by organs such as the kidneys, the lungs, and the digestive tract. As the damaged, inflamed areas receive the increased supply of blood, the cells are nourished and

cleansed and inflammation is reduced. A person then experiences pain relief.

The heat also relaxes muscles and expands other tissue to relieve tension and pressure on nerves.

Q. Will a Thermotex infrared heating pad relieve carpal tunnel pain?

A. Carpal tunnel syndrome is the result of inflammation of the carpal tunnel in the wrists. A Thermotex infrared heating pad helps to reduce the inflammation by increasing the blood flow to the area.

Q. How can a Thermotex heating pad relieve pain related to arthritis?

A. Most types of arthritis cause inflammation and stiffness, and a Thermotex heating pad is an ideal form of pain relief.

The infrared heat that emanates from a Thermotex infrared heating pad penetrates the body all the way into the joints, thus increasing the blood flow to the target area. It also expands tissue to relieve pressure. The increased blood flow also helps to flush away lactic acid buildup and reduce inflammation that is a result of the arthritic inflammation.

Q. Does a Thermotex infrared heating pad cure arthritis?

A. There is no cure for arthritis, but a Thermotex infrared heating pad can relieve the pain and stiffness and can help some people to resume normal activities.

Q. What are some examples of various ailments whose pain could be relieved through the



The pad is a registered medical device. Pictured above is a woman using the Thermotex heating pad on her back. (Professional models.)



I have had painful arthritis in my knees and upper back for many years now. I have been to many doctors who could not help me.

My son-in-law's company was offering the Thermotex heating pad and he gave me one to use. After only 30 minutes of use, it took away the arthritic pain in my knees. After only another 30 minutes of use it took away the arthritic pain in my back.

Using the ThermoTex heating pad is so wonderful. It is so soothing and relaxing. Now I will never give up my Thermotex heating pad. This pad will pay for itself many times because now I do not need those expensive pain drugs.

Flory Lepora

A Thermotex heating pad should be used for a minimum period of 30 to 45 minutes, and there is no recommended maximum time limit.

Q. Are there any times when I should not use the Thermotex heating pad?

If you have a disease, injury or condition, including but not limited to those listed below, before beginning to use the Thermotex heating pad be certain to consult with your health care professional concerning it.

Specifically do not use in case of: pregnancy, malignancy (including skin lesions), desensitized areas (no feeling), circular diseases, edematous areas, scars or burned areas, active tuberculosis, adrenal suppression, lupus, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, hemophilia, surgical implants.

Q. Is the Thermotex heating pad guaranteed?

A. Yes! Every Thermotex heating pad comes with a 60 day money-back guarantee, and if it does not relieve your pain, we will gladly refund your purchase price.

Q. Is there also a warranty on the Thermotex heating pad?

A. Yes. Every unit comes with a one year limited warranty on all

parts and labor. For a free copy of the written warranty send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: BioTech Research, 7800 Whipple Ave. N.W., Canton, OH 44767.

End of interview.

For those who wish to obtain a Thermotex heating pad, the following is provided.

The Thermotex heating pad will not be available in U.S. stores on a wide basis for an indefinite period of time until distribution is established and large enough production lines are built to handle the required amount of stock.

In the meantime, those who want to obtain the Thermotex heating pad can order direct from Thermotex Therapy Systems Ltd.'s U.S. distributor, BioTech Research®, in Canton, Ohio by using the Special Reader's Discount Coupon on this page. If you order within 10 days of the date of this publication, the discount provided by this coupon is \$75. If you order after 10 days, you may use the coupon to order the Thermotex heating pad at the regular price. The Thermotex heating pad can pay for itself many times over in savings on pain medicine.

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QUOTED **"I said I'd cut my balls off if we won."**
RUGBY FAN GEOFFREY HUISH, WHO PERFORMED THE IMPROMPTU SELF-SURGERY AFTER HIS BELOVED WALES RECENTLY BEAT WORLD CHAMPION ENGLAND. ACCORDING TO "THE AUSTRALIAN," HE THEN PUT THEM INTO A BAG AND TOOK THEM TO HIS FAVORITE SOCIAL CLUB. HE THEN COLLAPSED FROM BLOOD LOSS, AND IS NOW IN A PSYCHIATRIC WARD.

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The Replacements

As injuries mount for Pats, new faces forced into spotlight

HEATH EVANS, Ellis Hobbs, Russ Hochstein, Artrell Hawkins and Hank Poteat. Not exactly household names.

But when it comes to determining how far New England will go this season, that aforementioned group of nobodies will have a tremendous impact. The quintet has been pushed into the spotlight because of injuries to starters, and will all see plenty of minutes this weekend when the Patriots host the Saints.

Evans, Hobbs and Poteat were all integral in New England's win over Miami, with Evans rushing for a career-high 84 yards, Hobbs adding one interception, one fumble recovery and a team-high seven tackles, and Poteat contributing a pair of key tackles.

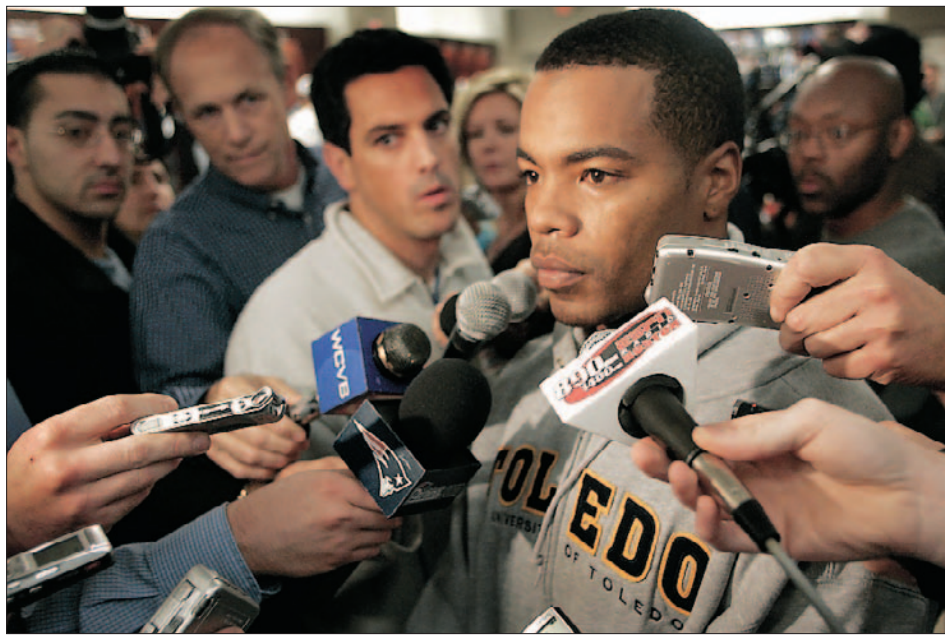
This weekend, Hochstein and Hawkins get their turn at center stage.

Center of attention

For Hochstein, it's less of a transition than most of the rest of the backups. He's been a starter for the Patriots for a good chunk of the last two seasons, and has won a pair of Super Bowl rings. But after starting center Dan Koppen went down late in the Dolphins' game, Hochstein made the move to center.

"I knew when he went down it was my turn to do the best I can to fill in for him and help out any way I could," Hochstein said. "Fortunately for us, we got the win."

"He's a very versatile guy,"



NEWEST PATRIOTS CORNERBACK ARTRELL HAWKINS drew a big crowd of media yesterday in his first day in New England.

New England Head Coach Bill Belichick said of Hochstein. "He does a lot of things for us, even played a little bit of tackle last year. He has played center, guard, tackle. He's played tight end in short yardage, played full-back in short yardage. He's



HOCHESTEIN

a smart guy. He's very adaptable and can do a lot of different things for us."

Hawk sighting

Hawkins arrived in Foxborough for his first day of

work yesterday. The 28-year-old is in his eighth season and has played in 103 games with 76 starts. He has career numbers of 404 tackles, three sacks, and 10 interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown.

Originally drafted by the Bengals in 1998, he spent his first six years there before being signed by the Panthers as a free agent before the 2004 season. He was signed by the Redskins before the 2005 season, but was released prior to the start of regular season play.

"He's played both inside and outside as a corner," Belichick said of Hawkins.

"He's played in the kicking game," added the head coach. "He's pretty a pretty good athletic guy that has some experience, not in our system, but we're trying to break him in as quick as we can and see what he's ready to do when we get to the end of the week."

"It feels pretty good to be back playing and everything, and to be with such a decorated franchise. It's really nice to be here," Hawkins said yesterday. "I'm just trying to get acclimated to different things, terminology-wise."

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Patriots shuffle roster, add Harden

FOOTBALL The Patriots signed cornerback Michael Harden to the practice squad yesterday to fill the spot created when guard Billy Yates was signed to the active roster over the weekend.

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound Harden was originally signed by the Seahawks as an undrafted free agent out of Missouri in April 2004. He was a member of the Seahawks practice squad for the entire season before being signed to the active roster for Seattle's playoff game in January. He was inactive for the game.

Harden, 24, was with the Seahawks for 2005 training camp, but was among the final cuts.

McNabb going under the knife

FOOTBALL Eagles' quarterback Donovan McNabb will miss Philadelphia's game against the New York Giants on Sunday with a groin injury.

Mike McMahon, who had been the third-string quarterback entering last weekend, will get the start over backup Koy Detmer.

McNabb's status beyond this week is uncertain. He's played through several injuries this season, including a sports hernia that will require surgery.

He originally planned to have the surgery after the season, but it's possible he'll have it sooner.

"It's just the time of it. When? It'll be the first surgery I have, so I'm not excited about going under the knife," McNabb said yesterday.

NFL owners give Super Bowl to KC

FOOTBALL NFL owners voted to tentatively award Kansas City a Super Bowl yesterday, mainly as a tribute to owner Lamar Hunt, who gave the game its name.

However, Kansas City must improve Arrowhead Stadium, including a rolling roof to keep out the February cold. The team estimates the cost of the roof alone at \$100 million to \$200 million and that's not counting \$300 million or so the Chiefs say they need in stadium upgrades.

The approval is for a 10-year window, starting in 2011, but Hunt said the most likely prospects would be for the 49th or 51st Super Bowl, after the 2014 or 2016 seasons.



BOYNTON ripped the Bruins effort against the Isles.

'Bogus' Bruins aim to change

THE BRUINS' only division win this season was a 2-1 victory over the Maple Leafs on Oct. 27. The Leafs return to the Garden tonight, and even though Boston would dearly love another division win, they've reached the point where they'll settle for any two points they can get.

"We obviously want to win games in our division — but we'll just take some wins against anyone right now," said defenseman Nick Boynton.

"We were bogus. That's about it. For whatever reason, we stopped playing"

After watching his team's listless third period effort in a 5-2 loss to the Islanders Saturday, Head Coach Mike Sullivan apparently reached his boiling point. This week,

he's put his team through three days of extensive drills and sprints.

When asked why this game bothered him more than the two losses heading into it — or any of the six third-period leads his team had already blown — Sullivan pointed to the way his team lost.

"I thought in other games we tried hard. And for whatever reason we didn't come out on top," Sullivan said. "But in this last game we didn't play as hard as we can and we didn't control the factors we can to win."

Boynton echoed Sullivan's thoughts — but in a slightly more blunt fashion.

"We were bogus," he said. "That's about it. For whatever reason, we stopped playing. We just can't do that anymore."

JAMES MURPHY

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Ottawa	13	3	0	26	76	33
Toronto	10	7	2	22	69	69
BRUINS	7	7	5	19	64	69
Buffalo	9	9	0	18	57	62
Southeast Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	13	3	1	27	62	48
Tampa Bay	8	9	3	19	60	62
Florida	6	9	4	16	43	55
*Atlanta	7	9	1	15	61	58
Washington	7	11	0	14	47	76
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
*Detroit	15	3	1	31	72	42
Nashville	12	2	3	27	52	45
Chicago	7	11	0	14	50	69

NHL						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	11	6	3	25	66	48
*Philadelphia	11	4	1	23	70	55
*N.Y. Islanders	9	9	0	18	53	63
New Jersey	8	8	2	18	52	64
*Pittsburgh	5	8	6	16	57	81
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*Phoenix	9	9	2	20	54	52
*San Jose	8	7	2	18	47	57
*Anaheim	7	7	4	18	49	51

YESTERDAY'S GAMES
St. Louis at Columbus (late)
N.Y. Islanders at Atlanta (late)
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (late)
Detroit at Calgary (late)
Colorado at Phoenix (late)
Vancouver at San Jose (late)
Dallas at Anaheim (late)

Sox making moves

Nipper joins staff; Ortiz wins Ted Williams Award

AL NIPPER, a former Red Sox draft pick who played the majority of his career with the club, was named Boston's bullpen coach yesterday.

The right-hander, selected in the eighth round of the 1980 draft, won 42 games with the Red Sox from 1983 to 1987, and was a member of the 1986 team that lost to the Mets in the World Series.

He was 46-50 with a 4.52 ERA in a seven-year major league career that included stints with the Cubs and Indians.

He began his coaching career with the Red Sox in 1992 with the rookie-level Gulf Coast Red Sox and remained in the organization through 1997. He was the Rangers minor-league pitching coordinator for two seasons and Royals pitching coach for two seasons. He returned to the Red Sox organ-

ization in 2003 as the pitching coach at Single-A Sarasota.

The team also announced that Bill Haselman, Ron Jackson, Brad Mills and Dave Wallace have been invited to return to the major league coaching staff. The team had previously announced that DeMarlo Hale will replace Dale Sveum as third base coach.

Big honor for Big Papi

Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, who was the runner-up in the AL MVP voting this week, was second-to-none in the voting for the top **ORTIZ** two awards given by the Boston chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America.



It was announced yesterday that Ortiz will be given the Ted Williams Award as the top batter in the major leagues, along with the Yawkey Award as the Red Sox Most Valuable Player, at the Boston BBWAA's annual dinner on Jan. 12.

Ortiz hit .300 with 47 homers and a major league-leading 148 RBI this season. He also had 34 RBI that put his team ahead, the most in the AL, and eight RBI from the seventh inning on that gave Boston the lead for good.

On Monday, he finished second in the MVP voting to Alex Rodriguez of the Yankees.

Awards not yet announced include the prestigious Fuchs Award, for long and meritorious service to baseball, and the Tony Conigliaro Award, which is given to the player who embodies the spirit and determination of the former Red Sox star.

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JUST A COUPLE OF GUYS WORKING SOME STUFF OUT



HEAVYWEIGHT BOXER SULTAN IBRAGIMOV, left, punches Lance Whitaker during a brawl yesterday at a news conference in New York to promote their upcoming fight. The two fighters are scheduled to meet in the ring on Dec. 15 in Hollywood, Fla.

AP PHOTO

C's guard indicted

A COOK COUNTY grand jury has indicted Celtics guard Tony Allen on three counts of aggravated battery stemming from a fight that escalated into a shooting outside a Chicago diner in August, officials said yesterday.

Cook County state's attorney spokesman Tom Stanton said the indictment was read to Allen during a hearing in a Chicago courtroom yesterday. Allen did not enter a plea.

Allen, who was charged last month with aggravated battery and released from custody on a \$150,000 bond, is scheduled to return to court Dec. 6 for arraignment, Stanton said.

Aggravated battery carries

a maximum sentence of five years in prison, he said.

A telephone call to Allen's attorney was not immediately returned yesterday.

Allen is accused of being involved in an early morning fight at the White Palace Grill. According to police, he punched another man in the face, breaking the man's left eye socket.

Another man was shot in the left arm and left side but police spokesman Pat Camden said Allen is not suspected in the shooting.

Allen was drafted by the Celtics 25th overall in the 2004 draft. He started 34 games as a rookie, averaging 6.4 points and 2.9 rebounds a game.

AP

BASEBALL IN BRIEF

- NEW YORK** Hideki Matsui is staying with the Yankees, agreeing yesterday to a \$52 million, four-year contract that makes him the highest-paid Japanese player in the major leagues.
- PHILADELPHIA** The Phillies took another shot at retaining closer Billy Wagner, meeting with the All-Star lefty yesterday. Wagner was 4-3 with a 1.51 ERA and 38 saves, and nearly helped the Phillies reach the playoffs for the first time since 1993. Wagner earned \$9 million in the final year of his contract, and re-signing him has been the team's top priority in the offseason.
- NEW YORK** According to Newsday, the Mets agreed to a deal yesterday that would send Mike Cameron to the Padres for Xavier Nady. The paper reported the deal is contingent on a physical to check Cameron's eyesight in the wake of last season's horrifying collision with Carlos Beltran.

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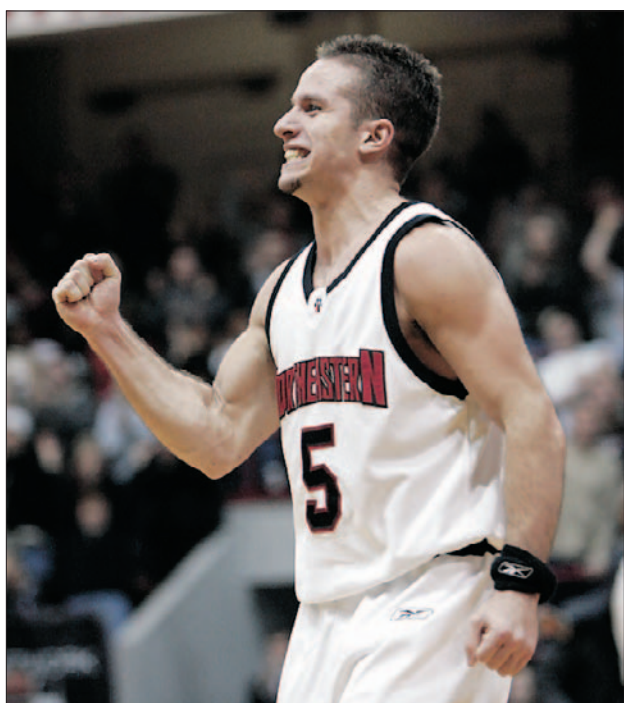


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BAREA enters the 2005-06 season as Northeastern's fourth all-time leading scorer with 1,680 points.

Barea returns to help Huskies

JOSE JUAN BAREA is back. Last year, the Northeastern senior point guard, a two-time first team All-Conference America East selection, became the first hoopster in the nation since 1998 to rank among the Top 10 in both scoring and assists. Currently ranked fourth in NU's record books for scoring (1,680) and third in assists (477), Barea has also the school record for points in a game (41).

Barea will lead the Huskies through their inaugural year in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA), and was a preseason All-Conference pick. "Jose is the motor that makes this program run," said Northeastern Head Coach Ron Everhart.

The Huskies led America East last year in points per game (73.5), a result of Everhart's focus on a quick, attacking style of play.

"We want to create chaos," Everhart said recently. "We're not just going to run and pitch up shots. We're going to be intelligent while being as aggressive as possible."

Picked to finish sixth in the CAA, the Huskies will start Barea alongside sophomore sensation Shawn James, last season's America East Rookie of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year.

In their final season of America East play, the Huskies finished 21-10 overall and 15-3 in conference play, losing in their first-ever trip to the NIT in the opening round against Memphis.

Everhart, last year's America East Coach of the Year, has added Richard Pitino to the coaching staff. Pitino, son of ex-Celtics boss and current Louisville Head Coach Rick Pitino, comes to NU after serving as an administrative assistant with the College of Charleston.

Northeastern kicks off its schedule against Brown tomorrow night.

ANNA KATHERINE CLEMMONS

Friars' leading scorer leaves team

COLLEGE BASKETBALL Leading scorer Dwight Brewington has quit the Providence basketball team to concentrate on academics. Brewington left the team after telling Head Coach Tim Welsh that he wanted to remain in school. Brewington, a junior guard from Lynn, had been suspended from the squad since missing a team meeting earlier this month. Brewington averaged 13.3 points last season. His departure leaves the Friars with only one player with extensive experience in Big East play.

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