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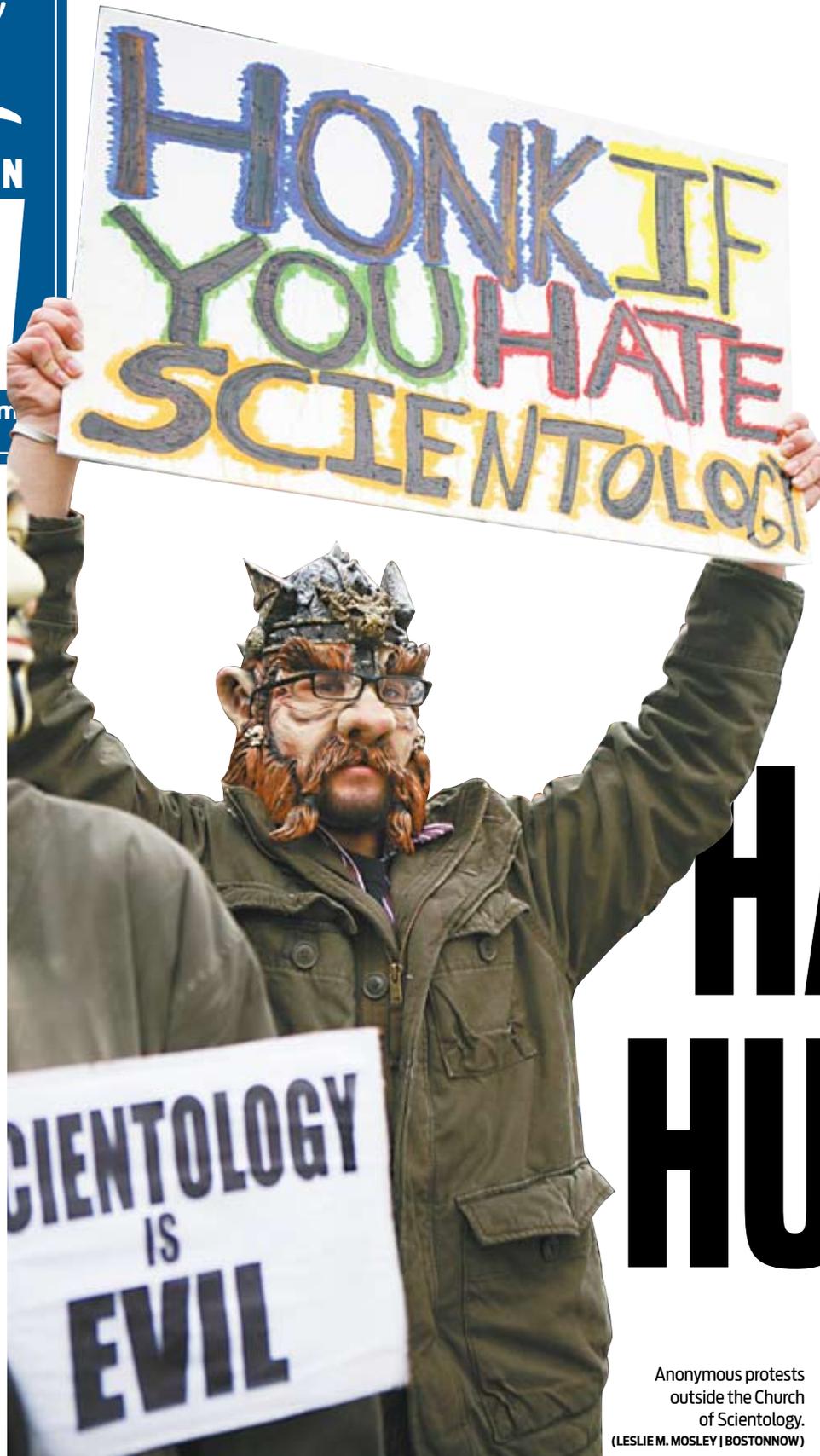
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Ray Allen
(BOSTON CELTICS PHOTO)



Anonymous protests outside the Church of Scientology.
(LESLIE M. MOSLEY | BOSTONNOW)

Group called Anonymous latest to declare war on Scientology

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Weather

Today's forecast by Mike Wankum, WCVB Meteorologist

FIVE DAY FORECAST **STORM TEAM 5**

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41	26			

Snow squalls

Have you ever been driving in February sunshine and suddenly the sky turns dark, the wind begins to howl and within seconds you can't see the hood of your car? Snow squalls can produce almost blizzard-like conditions for a few moments. They are created by a blast of cold air racing through the region, lifting moisture at the surface and building cumulonimbus clouds. They are the winter equivalent of summer thunderstorms. In the summer, these thunderstorms would build to 20,000-30,000 feet, however in the winter these squalls usually are only about 5,000-10,000 feet. Despite their low altitude they have a lot of vertical motion within the clouds making lightning and thunder common. They usually only last about 15-20 minutes, but because of the whiteout conditions, they are especially dangerous to drivers.

Terry Casey Dave Epstein Mike Wankum Harvey Leonard Dick Albert JC Monahan Joe Venuti



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Holly Perry of Whitman brought in the golden ticket within hours of the deadline yesterday for Week 4's Treasure Hunt. Where was the \$4,000 prize? Perry found it underneath a picnic table near the Aquarium and across from the Godzilla boat. The prize starts again at \$1,000 this week — just follow the clues every day in *BostonNOW* and *BostonNOW.com*!

GREENOW

TIPS ON BEING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

Shake out the crumbs and reuse plastic sandwich bags. These bags are made of petroleum plastics, a nonrenewable resource, and produce toxic emissions during the manufacturing process.

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Reader Photo John Stephen Dwyer took this photo in Harvard Square, Cambridge.

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DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Board of Registration in Medicine

Dr. John George

• Action: Ordered to comply with a probation agreement as a result of engaging in "conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession." George, a doctor of internal medicine at South Coast Hospital Group, St. Luke's Campus, allegedly touched two patients in an "inappropriate manner" during separate meetings.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Dr. Rimas Maurukas

• Action: Revoked the license of Maurukas for providing substandard care to several patients, violating the controlled substances act and committing misconduct in his medical practice.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Dr. Tiffany L. Huang

• Action: Revoked Huang's limited license to practice medicine. In February 2007, Huang, who worked in the anesthesiology department at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, tested positive for controlled substances.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Dr. Amy Marple

• Action: Suspended Marple's limited license to practice medicine. In March 2007, Marple, who practiced at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Brookline, allegedly wrote several painkiller prescriptions for her own use by using colleague's name and DEA number.

ANIMAL STORY

One for the dogs

NEW YORK — Pity the poor beagle. He comes to Madison Square Garden with those pleading eyes and wagging tail, just wanting to play. But the judge never picks him, and he winds up back in the Westminster doghouse.

Snoopy has reason to believe this time. Make way for Uno, a tri-colored package of personality. Barking and baying, he hopes to become the first beagle to win best in show at America's No. 1 dog event.

"He's the people's dog. You are going to eat him up," handler Aaron Wilkerson said.

Uno will get his chance to prove he's tops among the 2,627 entries starting this morning. Then comes Super Tuesday for dogs when the champion will be chosen. **AP**



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Local



A declaration of war

Anonymous, a group consisting of hackers, activists and miscellaneous Internet users, declared “war” against the leaders of the Church of Scientology ... “We’re trying to get as much publicity as we can,” said [a] member. “Our goal is now to educate the public on why Scientology is dangerous.”
— asimone, Read more at BostonNOW.com/asimone

Scientology clash

Internet group Anonymous protests outside church

BY JAMES O'BRIEN

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The walls of the Church of Scientology on Beacon Street yesterday pulsed with the chant of more than 100 protesters outside, most of them masked, all of them marking a new battlefield in a loose-knit Internet-based organization's war against the church.

Anti-Scientology group Anonymous has allegedly hacked Scientology's website, mailed envelopes of white powder to its churches, and filled the Internet with internal Scientology material to further its goal, according to a Feb. 8 open letter on “dissolving the Church of Scientology.”

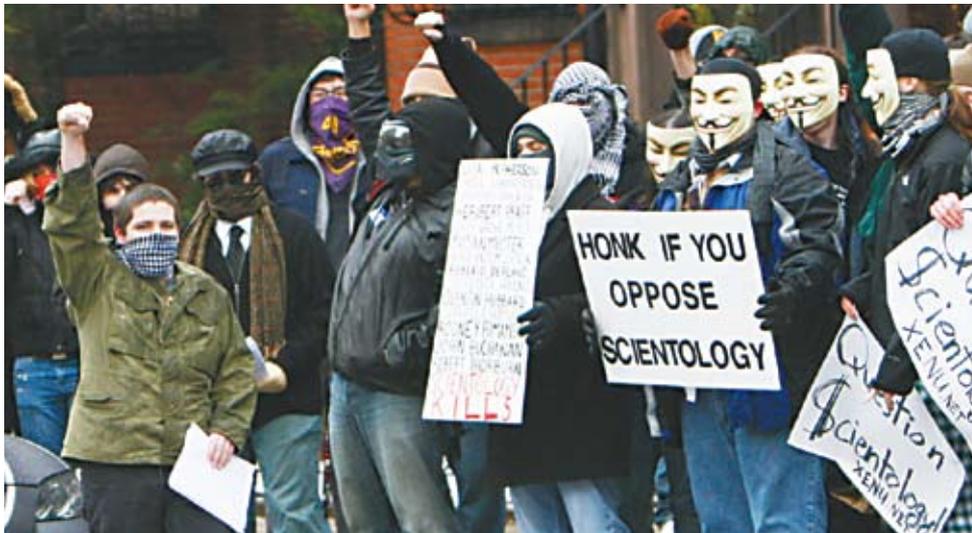
Anonymous maintains Scientology takes members' money and puts some members' lives in danger.

In a statement, the Rev. Gerard Renna of the Boston church referred to Anonymous as “a group of cyber-terrorists ... perpetrating religious hate crimes.”

Renna cited a July 2007 YouTube video in which an alleged masked Anonymous member intones, “We are the embodiment of humanity with no remorse, no caring, no love, or no sense of morality.”

Said one masked protester, who would not give his name: “We're ready to talk to them,” but said no one emerged from inside the church.

In a building alcove partially sheltered from sudden



Members of Anonymous and other people protest the Church of Scientology.

(LESLIE M. MOSLEY | BOSTONNOW)

WEBLINK

Anonymous speaks

Watch *BostonNOW* interviews with Anonymous members on Beacon Street during yesterday's demonstration, and hear the American Civil Liberties Union talk about Anonymous and the Church of Scientology at BostonNOW.com/scientology

rainfall, 56-year-old Larry Brennan said he drove 70 miles from New Hampshire for the protest — not as a member of Anonymous, but as a former upper-echelon Scientologist attached to church leader David Miscavige from 1973 to '84. Brennan said he saw and

experienced Miscavige physically abuse members, and that the church financially exploited him, then threatened family members when they tried to leave.

“These people have no idea how abusive,” Brennan said.

“That's a lie,” Renna replied later. “Maybe he wants his 10 minutes of fame.”

Inside, a worshipper who asked her name not be used said church “technology” helped improve her business, and that she wouldn't belong to a church that abused its members.

“I'm actually Catholic, but I also believe in Scientology,” she said. “I think people doing something like this is just wrong.”

Next door to the church, a half-dozen MIT students

Protesters promote anti-Scientology websites.

(LESLIE M. MOSLEY | BOSTONNOW)

watched the protestors cheer for supportive horn-honks from passing traffic.

One student, who asked to be identified by his first name, Oscar, said he'd recently taken the Scientologists up on a “personality test.”

“They said I was depressed,” said the student. “Which I disagreed with. They offered me classes I'd have to pay for, and books. I didn't take them.”



LOCAL BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN Boston Police were close to making an arrest yesterday evening, according to police spokesman Officer James Kenneally, following the stabbing death of a man in his 30s who died on the sidewalk at 1:40 p.m. outside the upscale residence The Metropolitan on Nassau Street. Police withheld the victim's name pending family notification.

BEACON HILL Big donation. A restoration effort at the historic African Meeting House is getting a big boost courtesy of Wal-Mart. The retail giant is donating \$250,000 to the effort to restore the meeting house to its original 19th century glory. The African Meeting House on Boston's Beacon Hill was built in 1806 in what once was the heart of Boston's black community.

(STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS)

Taking a dip

Supporters for the Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project made a frigid plunge yesterday to raise money for gay, bisexual and transgender men affected by domestic violence in South Boston. To watch a video of the plunge, go to BostonNOW.com/plunge.

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DEMONSTRATIONS

Anonymous protests

Anti-Scientology group Anonymous declared Feb. 10 a day of global protest against the Church of Scientology. Internet message boards included live video feed from a London demonstration. Other regions on Anonymous' schedule, in addition to the United States, included Ireland, Germany, and Belgium.

Local

Sex offender apprehended

One of the state's most wanted sex offenders is in custody.

State police said they arrested Angelo Crawford, 51, just after midnight on Saturday at the Town Line Motel in Malden. Authorities went to the hotel after getting a tip that Crawford was there.

He is a Level 3 sex offender, considered the most dangerous. Police have been after Crawford for three years. He was twice convicted in 1996 of indecent assault and battery on a person over age 14.

He has four outstanding arrest warrants for indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14; assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (a knife), sexual conduct for a fee, intimidation of a witness, and failure to register as a sex offender.

Arraignment is scheduled for today in Salem District Court.



AP

Troops return home

Mass. National Guard depleted, but not as bad as other states

BY BEVERLY FORD

BostonNOW Correspondent

MELROSE — About 220 Massachusetts Army National Guard members were honored yesterday after returning from a 15-month deployment helping NATO peacekeepers in Kosovo.

A welcome home ceremony was held for members of Task Force Patriot, 1st Squadron 182nd Cavalry at Melrose Memorial Town Hall. Among the group's assignments was collecting school-material donations from Massachusetts, teaching English to children and providing basic medical care to remote areas of Kosovo.

While this unit has returned from its peacekeeping mission, still more guardsmen from the state are deployed to Iraq — draining 28 percent of the Guard's



National Guard members from Task Force Patriot are welcomed home after a 15-month deployment to Kosovo.

(GLEN COOPER | BOSTONNOW)

manpower and equipment and leaving critics to wonder if the militia is adequately prepared to handle a state-wide emergency.

Brig. Gen. Thomas Sellars, commander of the Massachusetts Army National

Guard, said the state's force is "in good shape." Currently, about 6,300 of the more than 8,000 National Guard troops assigned to Massachusetts remain in state, said Sellars.

In other New England states, the amount of avail-

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Watch video of the unit's return

able manpower and equipment range from just over 50 percent to around 70 percent.

"For what we anticipate a normal response, the equipment and manpower we have is suitable," said Sellars.

But Andrew J. Bacevich, a professor of international relations with Boston University, said having the Guard operating at 72 percent should be a concern.

"A unit operating at 72 percent may not be capable of performing its mission," said Bacevich. "We should want the state to explain to us what are the implications in terms of mission capabilities of our guard being at 72 percent."

FROM BEACON HILL



Beacon Hill is shaping up for a regular work week, that is unless you consider Valentine's Day a holiday. The House plans a formal session Wednesday, and may take action on Senate-approved ocean management legislation that's being closely watched by offshore energy interests and coastal residents and lawmakers.

The Department of Veterans' Services, with the support of the Department of Public Health, is set to launch a program to assist veterans. The program, called the **Statewide Advocacy for Veterans' Empowerment**, will help connect Massachusetts veterans with suicide prevention and mental health resources and will serve as a liaison between veterans and any relevant state and federal agencies.

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Higher fares, fewer riders

BY GALEN MOORE

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BY THE NUMBERS

Ridership changes, '06-'07

Commuter Rail: +1.7%

Bus: -4.3%

Subway: -6.3%

Trolley (Green Line): -2.7%

Overall: -4.1%

(Source: MBTA)

The MBTA may have raised \$70 million by increasing fares last year, but not without a cost: ridership figures obtained by *BostonNOW* show the T lost 15 million riders in 2007 after the fare increase.

The T counted 366.7 million riders in 2007 — a 4.1 percent drop from the previous year's total of 382.4 million.

"Every transit agency

projects a drop in ridership immediately following a fare

increase," MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said.

The T had predicted a 5 percent drop but expects to recover that number in 2008, Pesaturo said. In an interview with *BostonNOW* last month, General Manager Daniel A. Grabauskas predicted improved service, but said the T would not raise fares again this year.

However, the economy may be a factor, Pesaturo acknowledged. "This may change the speed of a rebound," he said.



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Line Art

Bronze and silver

The half-dozen bronze medallions embedded in the sidewalks at stops along the Silver Line's Washington Street branch depict snapshots of South End history. Images at the intersection of Herald Street and Washington — once a busy entertainment district — were taken from a 1901 advertisement for the Pacific Chinese and the Chop House Restaurants, and the Columbia Theatre. For a full description of each medallion's significance, go to BostonNOW.com/medallions. (Source: Washington Gateway Main Street)



(LESLIE M. MOSLEY | BOSTONNOW)

Nee goes on trial

Alleged mastermind of Marshfield plot in court

The four high school students were tired of being picked on.

So they started talking about a Columbine-style attack at Marshfield High, where they would shoot those who had been mean to them, police said.

But before the plan could be carried out, three of the boys went to police. They named Tobin Kerns, then 16, as the plot's mastermind.

But Kerns blamed Joseph Nee, a close friend he said was trying to get back at him because the two had a fight over a girl.

Today, Nee will go to trial in Brockton Superior Court, charged in a plot to set off bombs in the school and



Joseph Nee, 18, right, son of Boston Police Patrolmen's Association president Thomas J. Nee, during his arrest at Marshfield High School in 2004. (AP)

shoot everyone on a lengthy hit list of students, teachers, police officers and firefighters.

Plymouth District Attor-

ney Timothy Cruz would not comment on the case before trial. In court documents, prosecutors depict Kerns and Nee as equal partners in the plan.

In September 2004, Nee, Farley and Joseph Sullivan told Marshfield police Kerns was planning the attack to coincide with the anniversary of the 1999 attack at Columbine High School. AP
To read more, go to BostonNOW.com/marshfield

UPDATE

The other three

Tobin Kerns, now 19, is serving a 10-month prison sentence after being convicted of conspiracy to commit murder and threatening to use deadly weapons. Daniel Farley and Joseph Sullivan, were granted immunity. Both testified for prosecutors at Kerns' trial and are also expected to testify against Nee.

Man wanted in Medfield woman's killing

Prosecutors have issued an arrest warrant against a Bridgewater man wanted in connection with the murder of a Medfield woman.

The Norfolk District Attorney's office said Andrew Boisvert, 37, is a suspect in the death of Margaret Ninos, 47, whose body was found in her house on Wednesday.

The delivery nurse died of head wounds.

Boisvert is the father of Ninos's 7-year-old daughter.



Prosecutors believe Boisvert may be driving a 1998 Jeep Wrangler with the Massachusetts plate 781-KLO.

Boisvert is five-foot-five, may be wearing eyeglasses and has a laceration on his head.

Prosecutors said he is armed and should not be approached. AP

Habitual bad drivers stay behind wheels

Thousands of Massachusetts drivers with histories of multiple crashes are continuing to get behind the wheel despite laws designed to crack down on habitual offenders.

About 87,000 drivers in Massachusetts were involved in two or more accidents between 2002 and 2007 — with more than 1,000 involved in four or more accidents.

More than 200 have been in five or more accidents. Massachusetts has a driving population of about 4.7 million.

The review by *The Boston Globe* followed the death in December of a 13-year-old Taunton boy killed, authorities say, when a New Bedford man lost control of his SUV while text messaging on his cell phone.

The review found women

PENALTIES

What can be done

Efforts are under way to crack down on bad drivers. Those with three speeding tickets in a year face a 30-day license suspension. A combination of seven accidents or moving violations in a three year period results in a 60 day suspension. Under a new law, drivers under 18 can lose their license for 90 days for one speeding ticket.

are safer drivers than men, 30 percent of accidents involve drivers 25 years or younger, and Friday is the most dangerous day to be out on the roads.

The review also found the number of accidents spiked during the morning and evening rush hours and at midnight. AP

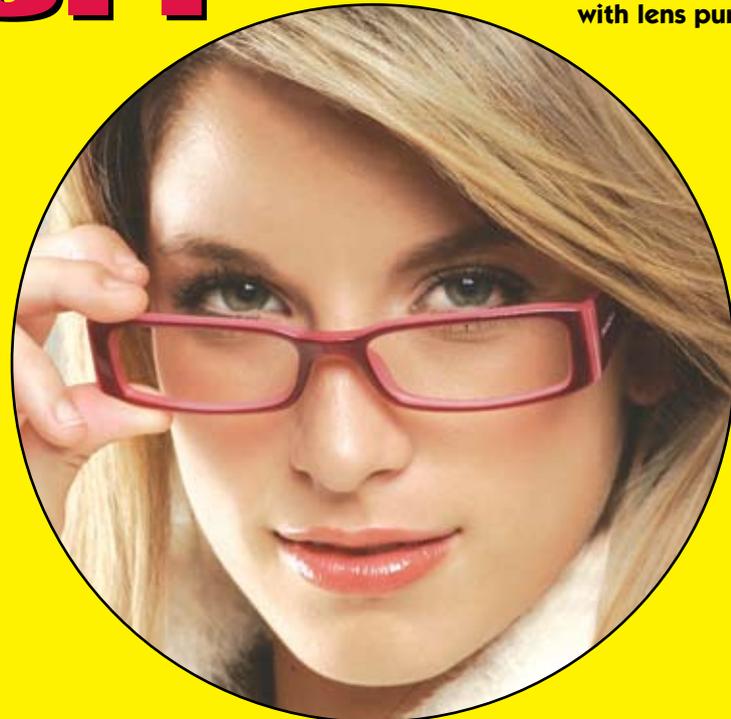


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Why doesn't Boston want Clinton?

In his book, *Crashing The Party*, consumer advocate Ralph Nader indicated 20 reasons why most anti-war Boston Democrats don't want to see the Clintons return to the White House in 2009:

1. Between 1993 and 2001, the Clintons' first administration promoted legislation for welfare reform that ended the federal safety net and put many children at risk. — **oldmole**. More at BostonNOW.com/oldmole



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Bush backs McCain

WASHINGTON — John McCain is a “true conservative,” President Bush says, although the likely Republican presidential nominee may have to work harder to convince other conservatives that he is one of their own.

McCain “is very strong on national defense,” Bush told *Fox News Sunday*. “He is tough fiscally. He believes the tax cuts ought to be permanent. He is pro-life. His principles are sound and solid as far as I’m concerned.”

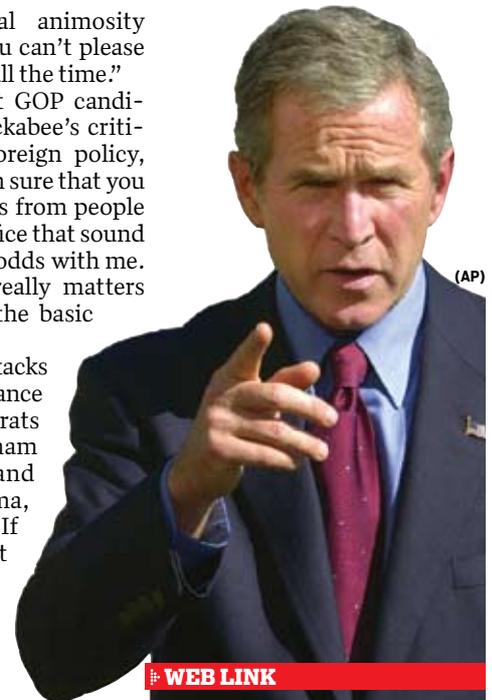
But when asked about criticism of McCain by conservative commentators Rush Limbaugh and Ann Coulter, the president said, “I think that if John is the nominee, he has got ... to convince people that he is a solid conservative and I’ll be glad to help him.”

Bush said some of the criticism of the Arizona senator was the result of “probably,

some personal animosity toward me. You can’t please all the people all the time.”

Asked about GOP candidate Mike Huckabee’s criticism of his foreign policy, Bush said: “I’m sure that you can find quotes from people running for office that sound like they’re at odds with me. But ... what really matters [is] what are the basic beliefs?”

Regarding attacks on his performance from Democrats Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama, Bush said, “If the Democrat party feels like they can win an election by focusing on me, I think they’ll be making a huge tactical mistake.” **AP**



WEB LINK

To read more of what Bush said, go to BostonNOW.com/bush

Chavez threatens U.S. oil supply

CARACAS, Venezuela — President Hugo Chavez yesterday threatened to cut off oil sales to the United States if Exxon Mobil Corp. wins court judgments to seize his government’s assets.

“If you end up freezing (Venezuelan assets) and it harms us, we’re going to harm you,” Chavez said. “We aren’t going to send oil to the United States. Take note, Mr. Bush, Mr. Danger.”

Exxon Mobil has gone after the assets of state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA in U.S., British and Dutch courts as it challenges the nationalization of a multibillion dollar oil project by Chavez’s government.

A British court has issued an injunction “freezing” as much as \$12 billion in assets. “The outlaws of Exxon



A man pumps gas at an Exxon gas station Friday in Waltham. **AP**

Mobil will never again rob us,” Chavez said, saying the Texas oil company acts in concert with “the imperialist government of the United States” and is part of corporate “worldwide mafias.” **AP**

NATION BRIEFS

HOUSTON The astronauts aboard the linked shuttle and space station planned to inspect a tear in one of Atlantis’ thermal blankets yesterday after their main job — installing the Columbus lab — was delayed because of a crew medical problem. NASA would not say what the condition was, nor who had it, but said it was not life-threatening.

PORT WENTWORTH, Ga. Sugar that was still burning three days after a refinery explosion killed at least five people hampered the search yesterday for three other workers missing since the blast leveled portions of the plant. Crews used construction cranes to shore up three badly damaged silos that rescue workers want to search.

COLUMBIA, Tenn. A mosque was destroyed Saturday by a fire that federal investigators say appears to have been caused by arson. No one was injured. Investigators found drawings of swastikas. **AP**



World

Olmert doesn't strike back

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert resisted pressure yesterday to launch a broad military operation against Gaza rocket squads, a day after an 8-year-old boy lost his leg in a rocket attack on a much-targeted Israeli town. Read the story at BostonNOW.com/olmert



WORLD BRIEFS

OSLO, Norway Norway closed its embassy in the Afghan capital Kabul yesterday because of "terror threats," a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said. She would not elaborate on the nature of the threats or how long the embassy would remain closed.

GENEVA Up to 12,000 "terrified" refugees from Sudan's Darfur region have fled across the border to neighboring Chad after the latest air strikes by the Sudanese military and thousands more may be on their way, the U.N. refugee agency said yesterday.

PESHAWAR, Pakistan Hundreds mourned yesterday as villagers buried the victims of a suicide bombing that killed 27 people and stoked fears about security ahead of this month's parliamentary elections. **AP**

Deadly day in Iraq

BAGHDAD — A car bomb exploded yesterday near an Iraqi checkpoint in an open-market area north of Baghdad, killing at least 23 civilians and wounding 25, the U.S. military said.

The military said U.S. and Iraqi forces had secured the area and the wounded had been evacuated to hospitals.

Iraqi police said earlier that a suicide car bomber targeted U.S.-allied fighters and Iraqi security forces at a checkpoint in Yathrib, near Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad.

Police and members of an anti-al-Qaida group opened fire as the attacker sped toward a joint checkpoint, but he managed to detonate

SOLDIER SENTENCED

Guilty of murder

A U.S. Army sniper Sgt. Evan Vela, convicted of killing an unarmed Iraqi civilian and planting evidence on his body, was sentenced yesterday to 10 years in prison.

his explosives near some stores about 20 yards away, according to police at the Salahuddin provincial coordination center.

Police said eight civilians were killed and 20 wounded.

Also yesterday, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said, Iraq's political leaders are

showing promising new signs of progress toward reconciliation, yet still face difficult decisions on how to stabilize the country.

"They seem to have become energized over the last few weeks," Gates told reporters who traveled with him to Baghdad.

The Pentagon chief added that he wants to "see what the prospects are for further success in the next couple of months."

He likened the challenge of passing an Iraqi provincial powers law to the U.S. founding fathers' struggle to find a constitutional compromise on how to share power in the Congress between big and small states. **AP**



Burning treasure South Korea's No. 1 national treasure Namdaemun breaks down as firefighters battle a blaze in Seoul today. About 80 firefighters were won the scene. It was unclear whether there were casualties or what caused the fire. Namdaemun was the southern gate of the walls surrounding Seoul during the Joseon Dynasty. **(AP)**

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Business

Entrepreneur Profile

Clear vision of business



Lana Streminsky, second from left, with a few employees, (L-R) Yoanna Valentin, Nancy Ameziane, and Dan Contreras. (WILLIAM ANDERSON | BOSTONNOW)

BUSINESS ADVICE

BostonNOW: What advice do you have for others starting a business?

Lana Streminsky: Be competitive, offer good customer service and be conscious of your selection and prices. Being aware of your business is very important.

BN: What do you wish you had known before you started your business?

LS: You learn a lot over the years of experience, and you learn something new every day. It's hard to pinpoint anything more specific than that because everything that I've learned over the years has made me a better business owner.

BN: What's the biggest mistake you made in getting your business going?

LS: I spent a lot of time working six or seven days a week. I think the biggest mistake I made throughout my career was working too much and not making enough time for my own life.

BY MATTHEW WILDING
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Lana Streminsky left Russia in 1979 with a dream of coming to America and making a better life for herself and her family. Her path was clear — and now so is the vision of thousands of happy customers.

Streminsky and her son own the successful Cohen's Fashion Optical in Downtown Crossing. She strives to produce the best possible eyewear experience for her customers, stressing quick turnaround, a cutting-edge selection and a personal experience.

She draws these desires from years of experience in the eyewear business. Before coming to Downtown Crossing, Streminsky owned Pearl Vision franchises in Texas and later Dorchester. She was highly successful in her 16 years in Dorchester, but wanted a better product in a more stylish location. "I sold it so I could move to Down-

town Crossing," she said.

Leaving the more mass-produced landscape of Pearl Vision behind her, she instead opted to deal in high-end and often exclusive frames from designers such as Gucci, Prada and Coach. Although she sells designer glasses, she strives to offer prices that are better than the competition. "We strive for top customer service, and work to have a wide selection at the best prices."

To better serve her customers, Streminsky also offers eye exams on-site. She's particularly picky about these employees, as a properly done eye exam is imperative to a positive Cohen's experience.

Streminsky prides herself on prompt service, and in most cases, customers can walk in off the street, take an eye exam and walk out the door with designer glasses or contact lenses within an hour, merging the speed of discount outlets with the quality of the best designer chains in the business.

Dialogue



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We've come a long way

The 2008 election season is well under way with Super Tuesday behind us. Looking at the political landscape, there are things that we should look upon and smile.

The two Democratic frontrunners are pioneers in the field, whether or not they win the nomination or election. Hillary Clinton is the first female candidate to garner so large a base of voters and delegates. It is especially gratifying to see that Barack Obama has had so much success. This is especially true in

his winning the states of Georgia and Alabama, which 50 years ago were hotbeds of racial hatred and segregation!

Mitt Romney sunk untold millions into a campaign which was riddled with negative campaign ads and attacks on his opposition and half truths (My father marched with Martin Luther King, etc). In spite of his millions of dollars, he might have learned the lesson that Steve Forbes

and Ross Perot learned long ago. Americans aren't stupid and money alone isn't going to buy you four years in the White House.

The Bible speaks of times when those who hate you most will be those of your own house. Republican front runner John McCain seems to be in such a position. He is vilified by the radio and television far right commentators like Limbaugh, Carr and Coulter etc. Dr. James

Dobson and the religious right are suggesting they may boycott voting if he gets the nomination. What this seems to indicate is that for the first time in decades the Republican party candidate isn't someone who allows himself to be bullied by the right wing extremists or the religious right. Thank God! Someone with integrity! If Coulter, Carr, Limbaugh and the others hate you then you must be doing something right! Same goes for the religious right.

— [ravenmadd, BostonNOW.com/ravenmadd](mailto:ravenmadd@BostonNOW.com)

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Mitt can now pursue his real ambitions ...

Mitt Romney has quit the race for the White House. What will he do now? Often on the campaign trail running against John McCain, Mitt Romney said his greatest regret in life is never serving in the military. Mitt, it is not too late! Because of high recruit-ment needs due to the Iraq War, the U.S. Army has all but done away with age restrictions to allow older Americans with special skills to serve in Iraq. Mitt Romney can now fulfill his dream and join the military and serve his country!
— Fija, Read more at BostonNOW.com/fija



Nobody's perfect

American troops' follies don't compare to war crime scales

Many in our country would rather condemn every accidental death incident by the U.S. military as a war crime, than to actually confront the ugliness and moral depravity of the West's enemies.

The global jihad is a nihilistic Islamic fascist approach to everything these people take for granted, yet they never step up to voice their outrage. In Israel, we have a country blasted for responding to attacks by terrorists who hide within schools, hospitals, and behind "civilians." We also had to witness the brutal murder of

Daniel Pearl. His throat was slit and he was decapitated by a sick Islamic jihadist. Recent incidents in Iraq include the use of



two women with Down's Syndrome to act as unwitting suicide bombers in a marketplace. I also remember two U.S. soldiers captured, murdered, and their bodies left mutilated and booby-trapped on a street. Kind of reminds me of an incident in Israel with the Palestinians hanging out the window joyfully showing the blood on their hands from the Jew they murdered. The events and pictures that came out of Abu Ghraib prison seem to pale in comparison. Our troops are not perfect, but their faults are a far cry from war crimes.

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Sports Beat

By Paul Harber



OK, the Super Bowl is history. No more Brady banter. Go Sox!

The moving van left Fenway on Saturday and should complete the 1,469-mile trek to Florida sometime today.

Here's something to fill the void until Opening Day. It's not that long. The Sox play their first exhibition game in 16 days and open the season not long after that.



All things Curt

Even money Curt Schilling fails to pitch this year. When you're 25, you heal quickly. When you're 41, forget about it. But he can ache all the way to the bank. Figure it this way. He has a guaranteed \$8 million contract, plus \$3 million in performance bonuses and an additional \$2 million by meeting weigh-ins.

Selling out

The Sox have a streak of 388 sellouts, and if it continues, Boston will break Cleveland's record of 455 straight sellouts. The record-setter will be Sept. 7 against the Rangers.

First thing's first

Left-hander Jon Lester was the first Red Sox to show up at training camp last week, 10 days before pitchers and catchers were required to report.

"It just feels weird not getting down here early," Lester told Jon Miller of WBZ radio. "I like to get a head start and get used to the sun and ... getting up early and all that stuff." His goal this year is to pitch every five days. Daisuke Matsuzaka showed up yesterday.



Spring training

If you are going to spring training, better go early. The Sox last game in Fort Myers is March 19. Tickets behind home plate - if you can get them - are \$46. Standing room is \$10. Or you can drive two miles down Edison Avenue and watch the prospects for free.

The future is 2012

Speaking of future Sox, the 2012 infield will be the best in the majors. It will be, 1B Lars Anderson, 2B Dustin Pedroia, SS Oscar Tejada and 3B Michael Almanzer, who signed last year at age 16, will be the next A-Rod.

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Upcoming reporting dates:

Feb. 14 — Pitchers and catchers are due to report.
Feb. 16 — First workout for pitchers and catchers.
Feb. 20 — Reporting day for Sox position players.
Feb. 22 — First Red Sox full squad workout.
Feb. 28 — First Red Sox spring training game.

Five things you might want to think about ...

1. The only way the Sox miss the post-season would be an injury to Jason Varitek. There is nobody in the system that can play behind the plate regularly at the major league level.

2. I'll bet you a bag of M&M's Diasuke Matsuzaka will have more wins and strikeouts than Josh Beckett. It's Dice-K's year to shine.

3. If all the stories about Manny Ramirez working out in Arizona are true, he could hit 50 home runs this year.

4. This year's opener in Tokyo is a big loser for local bars. Few beers will be consumed with a 6:05 a.m. first pitch against the A's.

5. Take Clay Buchholz or Jacoby Ellsbury against the field in the Rookie of the Year race and you'll probably win.

Celtics know how to win in the West

ALL-STAR GAME UPDATE

Fallen star

Kevin Garnett, who missed his seventh straight game with an abdominal strain yesterday, will also miss Sunday's All-Star game in New Orleans. KG led the NBA with 2,399,148 votes this year to gain his 11th All-Star selection. KG will be replaced by Detroit's Rasheed Wallace.



own in a conference generally recognized to dominate the East.

"Oh yeah, no doubt. They

are a great basketball team," Horry said. "That's all you want from a basketball club, playing hard for the fans to

get the win."

Nobody played harder yesterday than guard Rajon Rondo, who rebounded Glen Davis' missed free throw just after Manu Ginobili's 3-pointer cut the lead to 89-87 with 1:24 to play. Rondo collected one more rebound to finish with 11, and he had a career-high 12 assists.

—J.A. RICE

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Shaping active thinkers

Roxbury high school helps students create successful futures

BY COLIN ASHER
BostonNOW Correspondent

One Boston school is using time to its advantage by offering students alternative options to the typical high school environment — both day and night.

The Boston Day and Evening Academy (BDEA) is a Roxbury-based high school designed to serve students who have aged out to their grade level.

BDEA's students range from 16 to 23 years old. Before enrolling in BDEA most students had difficulty in other schools and came to the Roxbury institution because of its unique curricula and schedule.

Classes at BDEA are very "show what you know," according to Nastasia Lawton, BDEA's development associate. Students work toward achieving a list of 300 competencies set by the



Boston Day and Evening Academy senior Estefani Duran studies at her desk.

(GLEN COOPER | BOSTONNOW)

state, instead of progressing through a traditional grade structure.

The schedule at BDEA is specifically designed with the working student in mind; classes run from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for the day program and from 1:30 until 7 p.m. for the evening program. BDEA also offers distance-learning courses that allow

students to complete course work at their own pace.

BDEA began as the Boston Evening Academy in 1994 and added the day program in 2004 "in response to the growing problem of over-aged kids in middle school," Lawton said. Before BDEA, the preponderance of these over-aged students did not complete high school.

But once at BDEA, students tend to stay and succeed Lawton said. "We teach our kids to be independent learners and active thinkers."

Lawton said 70 percent of the 2007 graduating class have entered college this year and will go on to do "great things and have lives that they want."

Running club pairs service with skill

BY COLIN ASHER
BostonNOW Correspondent

For many spectators, running looks like a sport that requires nothing more than a willingness to sweat. Many are surprised to learn that there is skill involved.

"Anyone, regardless of talent, can continue to improve in this sport," says Brian Hamill, a running coach with Community Running, a Cambridge-based nonprofit running club.

Hamill, who has competed in 31 marathons, emphasizes that with proper training and pacing during competition, runners with no natural talent

can become competitive in the sport.

While the group participates in several philanthropic events each year, its main focus is training. Coaches are available to group members three times a week during structured runs held on the MIT campus, where they teach stretching, strength training and pacing.

"We teach people skills to help them meet their running goals," said Keith Manning, the group's president. The group already has begun running part of the Boston Marathon course every weekend in order to prepare members for competition in this year's race.



Coach Brian Hamill lectures while Community Running participants stretch. Founded in 1998, the club currently has 130 members. (COLIN ASHER | BOSTONNOW)

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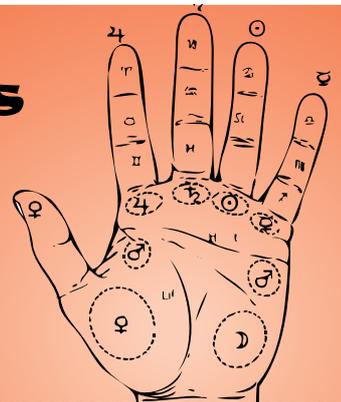
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Careers

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All the expert interview advice and all the practice in the world still might not prepare you for hidden traps that can trip you up and foil your job interview, like not asking questions. If you are a good listener, you should be able to follow up on something the interviewer said during your visit. Ask him or her to expand on what was said. This shows you were attentive and also shows where your interests lie.



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Networking myths

How well can you separate fact from fiction?

One of the most important career management skills you can develop is the ability to network. Unfortunately, for some, the thought of “working a room” or placing business cards into other people’s hands can be downright intimidating. But networking doesn’t require bold tactics to be effective. In fact, it’s this perception — and others — that discourage many job seekers from networking in the first place.

If you let these myths deter you, you may miss out on making important professional contacts and, as a result, career advancement opportunities. Following are some common perceptions about networking.

FICTION It’s “old school.”

To the contrary, there’s clear evidence that networking is gaining popularity. Nearly half (48 percent) of professionals polled by Robert Half International said they’re doing more professional networking now than three years ago, perhaps because workers know the vast majority of jobs are never advertised anywhere; instead they are filled through word of mouth.

FICTION You need to be an extrovert.

You don’t have to be especially gregarious or outgoing to make meaningful connections

in your industry. If crowds make you uncomfortable, consider creating your own networking opportunities. Invite several of your friends or co-workers to lunch and request that they bring along two other contacts. A more intimate setting may help put you at ease. If you feel shy or flustered, ask questions to shift attention away from yourself. Since most people enjoy talking about themselves, you’ll have no trouble keeping the discussion rolling.

FICTION Networking is time-consuming.

Trade shows and meet-and-greet events aren’t the only venues to forge new relationships. You can — and should — reach out to people while going about your normal routine — waiting in line at the supermarket or pumping iron at the gym, for example. Don’t miss the opportunity to make conversation with those you meet outside of professional settings; valuable contacts can come from any number of sources.

FACT It’s just as important to give as it is to receive.

Consistently serving as a resource to others is the most effective way to forge long-term relationships. Offer to help whenever you can and always respond promptly to the requests you receive. Forwarding relevant news articles

and information to your contacts is another way to build rapport and stay in touch.

FICTION Only face-to-face interactions pay off.

Virtual chat rooms and discussion lists are an excellent way to network with your peers and obtain specific information and advice from the comfort of your own home or office. Becoming a member of an online community, like Friendster or LinkedIn, also can lead to serendipitous — yet useful — connections. Just be sure to be polite in all of your interactions and offer useful information to your contacts.

FICTION Small talk is a turnoff.

Many people cringe at the prospect of making small talk, but it’s often the first step to getting a more meaningful conversation started. You don’t have to limit yourself to topics like the weather or your alma mater. Ask potential contacts whether they’ve taken any interesting vacations or eaten at the new restaurant down the street — anything you’d genuinely be interested in learning about. Also, prepare some stories of your own to share, such as a quirky news item you’ve come across or celebrity encounter you once had, in case your conversation partner is a bit bashful.

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Great companies for black women

To create this year's list, *Essence* asked more than 60 business insiders — headhunters, human resources representatives, research firms and nonprofit organizations — to nominate companies with solid reputations for hiring, retaining, supporting and promoting black women. Here are some of the top findings:

Aetna, Inc.

What makes it great: There are strong employee networks at this health-care benefits company, with plenty of opportunities for black women to meet others. It also has programs that give midlevel employees of color leadership development training for future top spots.

The Coca-Cola Co.

What makes it great: One way the soft drink giant levels the playing field for blacks is by creating partnerships with groups like the National Black MBA Association.



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tion in its search for capable and experienced employees.

Colgate-Palmolive

What makes it great: It's inspiring to see women such as Marsha E. Butler, D.D.S., senior executive and vice-president of global oral health and professional relations, in the corporate office. She and Colgate-Palmolive work with the National Dental Association to improve oral health in our communities.

Comcast

What makes it great: Black women are represented throughout the company, starting with Charrisse Lillie, vice-president, human resources, and senior vice-president. And people of color make up 40 percent of the staff at this cable giant, thanks to recruiting

efforts with organizations like the National Association of Minorities in Communications and its five-year commitment to provide summer and then permanent jobs to inner-city youth through the Emma L. Bowen Foundation.

General Electric Co.

What makes it great: Flex appeal. This company has an array of flexible work options, including job sharing and compressed workweeks, that are actually being used by about half of the employees.

IBM

What makes it great: Black executives have increased 121 percent at this computer giant since 1995. Four members of its worldwide management council and 14 members of the senior leadership team are black.

Kraft Foods

What makes it great: In 2005, Kraft gave grants to

18 organizations specifically serving black communities and forged a new partnership with the Black Women's Health Imperative to address the health and nutrition needs of black women. The company has both formal and informal mentoring programs, so there's a lot to inspire black women.

Morgan Stanley

What makes it great: Morgan Stanley has established itself as a global heavyweight in the financial services business, using its reputation to sponsor and participate in more than 50 events to recruit people of color including the Columbia Black Business Student Association Conference and the Harvard African-American Student Union Career Conference.

Johnson & Johnson

What makes it great: "I can tell you without hesitation that the company is doing some of the most significant

work out there with regards to advancing the interests of African-American women," says Joe Watson. A management consultant and author of *Without Excuses: Unleash the Power of Diversity to Build Your Business* (St. Martin's Press), Watson nominated the consumer products giant.

Time Warner

What makes it great: This media giant (and *Essence's* parent company) has made great strides in supplier diversity and hiring people of color. Across the company, hiring at the director and manager levels increased to 28 percent in 2005 from 20 percent in 2003.

Meanwhile, high-profile divisions like HBO have several black women in executive positions: Olivia Smashum, executive vice-president for affiliate marketing and Dolores Morris, vice-president of HBO family development.

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Pro wrestling is getting smacked down by the CW network. The long-running *Friday Night Smackdown* won't be airing on the CW this fall. In separate announcements, the network and World Wrestling Entertainment said that "after a successful decade" they had agreed to conclude their partnership after the 2007-08 season. No reasons were offered. WWE added that it began talks with other networks. **AP**

TOP 5 THINGS TO DO TODAY

Submit your listings to events@BostonNOW.com

02/11/08

Better Off Dead

Lane Meyer will always be cooler than that Lloyd Dobbler. (The latter of which did not conquer the K-12.) Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle St. 5:30/7:30/9:30 p.m. \$9.50. brattlefilm.org

To Harvard Square

Drew Gilpin Faust

Harvard President Gilpin Faust



discusses her new book, *The Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War*. Harvard

Coop, 1400 Mass. Ave. 7 p.m. Free. harvard.bkstore.com

To Harvard Square

Bulgarian-Balkan Dance

Bored with salsa? Learn traditional dances of the Balkan countries. It may just be the next big thing. Green Street Studios, 185 Green St. 7:30 p.m. \$12/\$40 for 4 classes. greenstreetstudios.org

To Central Square

Perestroika

Lovely ladies packing glasnost. *The Washington Post* calls this drag show the best in the world. Jacque's Cabaret, 79 Broadway. \$6. jacquescabaret.com

To New England Medical

OFFBEAT Boston

Jewelry District Open House

Over 300 jewelers in Boston's downtown diamond district dazzle with special promotions. 333, 387 Washington St. 4:30-6 p.m. Free. downtowncrossing.org

To Downtown Crossing

Talking TV with the Celtics

For this installment in our "Talking TV" series we went to the Celtics' practice to see how much of a role TV plays in the life of an NBA player and if the rumors about the team's devotion to *The Family Guy* were true. (For full interviews, go to BostonNOW.com/celticstv) — **AL NORTON**, BostonNOW TV Editor



Ray Allen

BostonNOW: How much TV do you watch?

Ray Allen: I'm a Tivo guy. I don't watch a lot of TV but I've got a couple of shows I'll keep until I get home and then they're ready for me to watch, no commercials. I can watch a one hour show in 40 minutes.

BN: What's in your Season Pass?

RA: *The Wire*, *Prison Break*, *Nip/Tuck* ...

BN: Do you take DVD sets of shows on the road?

RA: Depends on the road trip. It can be hard because we always play cards on the plane and our flights aren't that long. Last year (in Seattle) I took DVD sets with me all the time because we averaged three hour flights.

BN: How did you manage to not become a *Family Guy* fan with this team? It's all I hear about.

RA: They talk about it. It's on every time I come in the locker room before a game. I'm not big into cartoons.

Scott Pollard

BN: I hear there are a lot of *Family Guy* fans in the locker room.

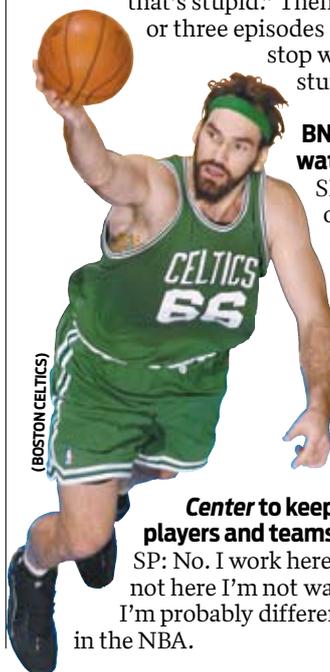
Scott Pollard: The credit goes to Kevin (Garnett) and I. Both of us are *Family Guy* fans. The first time they see it everybody says, "Oh, that's stupid." Then they watch two or three episodes and say, "I can't stop watching that stuff."

BN: So you don't watch much TV?

SP: I'd rather hang out with my kids and teach them about how commercials are trying to brainwash them to buy (stuff) they don't need.

BN: Do you watch *SportsCenter* to keep up with other players and teams?

SP: No. I work here, and when I'm not here I'm not watching basketball. I'm probably different than most guys in the NBA.



Brian Scalabrino

BN: So how big a TV guy are you?

Brian Scalabrino: Well now I can't watch that much with the writers strike. I've got a few shows that I can't miss.

BN: What's in your Season Pass?

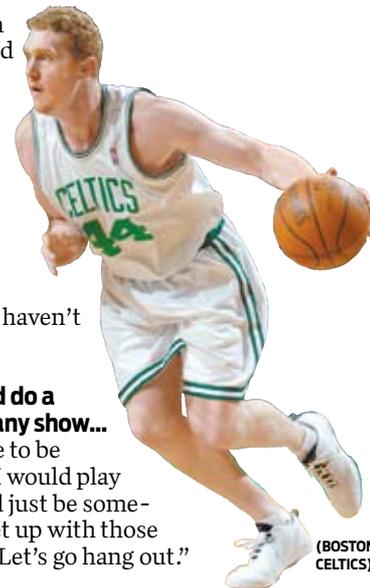
BS: *Big Shots* is a solid show. *Ugly Betty* is a solid show, I watch it with my wife. Ray (Allen) got me into *The Unit*. I finished season one on DVD and now I'm onto season two.

BN: Have they pulled you into the cult of *The Family Guy*?

BS: Everyone here loves that show but I just haven't gotten into it.

BN: If you could do a guest spot on any show...

BS: I would like to be on *Entourage*. I would play myself. I would just be somewhere and meet up with those guys and say, "Let's go hang out."



The art of making people laugh — nationwide

BY JOHN BLACK

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Vince Vaughn didn't set out on his *Wild West Comedy Show* with plans to make a movie. All he wanted to do was hit the road with some friends and have some fun.

"I've done this kind of revue for a benefit show or two in the past and I really enjoyed it. It's a fun night for me. There's just something great about the energy of

being in front of a live audience," he said. "So I thought, why not take it on the road? I had 30 days in my schedule, so I figured we could play a different place every night. We'll bring some cameras, film it and see what happens."

The good, the bad and the ugly of what happened to Vaughn and his fellow performers — standup comics Ahmed Ahmed, John Caparulo, Bret Ernst and Sebastian Maniscalco, and assorted guests — can be

seen on the big screen now in *Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show: 30 Days & 30 Nights — Hollywood to the Heartland*.

"When you are out there doing the shows, you don't have time to think about what the movie could be or anything else. All you can think about is the show," Vaughn said. "It's only when you get back and start looking through the 600 hours of footage that you begin to find the story you want to tell."



Hot sun, warm waters, soft sand and hard bodies

Mexico's newest playground is the Mayan Riviera, and on tonight's *Chronicle* Mary Richardson shows us why the region's tourism business is booming. She travels to Playa del Carmen, where she finds a Mayan stone sweat lodge nestled among the boutique hotels and upscale bistros. She also discovers how Cancun is trying to shake its spring break reputation. And she gingerly says hello to a gang of crocodiles.

Chronicle **HD**

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A look inside the *World of Sound*

BY JOHN BLACK

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When asked how he landed the part of Clarence in Craig Zobel's *Great World of Sound*, a role that earned him a Best Supporting Actor nomination at his year's Independent Spirit Award, Kene Holliday humbly answers that he "answered the audition call" and when they couldn't find anyone else, they offered him the role.

Once he warms up to the subject though, the veteran actor speaks very passionately about the film, the people who made it and the craft he's turned into a long



(MAGNOLIA PICTURES)

and successful career.

"One of the wonderful things about the movie is the extensive amount of improvisation we were allowed to do," Holliday said. "I did

most of my scenes with Pat Healy, and we really learned to work with each other and depend on each other. It's the most unselfish kind of acting there is because if you don't

let your partner score, then nobody scores."

In *Great World of Sound*, Holliday and Healy play a pair of desperate salesmen who travel around the country selling the dream of becoming a music recording artist to whoever has the money to pay them.

"The best decision Craig made was never telling us who would walk through to audition for us next," Holliday said. "We didn't know if it would be an actor or a musician or a band. All we had was a piece of paper with their name on it. It wasn't our job to act with these people. It was our job to make the deal and get the money."

DVD A DAY

A truly woeful *Wiz*



In his book, *Making Movies*, director Sidney Lumet talks about his experience making *The Wiz* and how, just a few weeks into shooting, he knew it wasn't going to work no matter what he did. The production was so huge, however, that he couldn't just pull the plug and walk away; he had to finish it no matter how badly it turned out. Well, he did and



the film turned out to be even worse than he imagined. For those unfamiliar with the film, *The Wiz* is an urbanized update of *The Wizard of Oz*, with Diana Ross as Dorothy, Michael Jackson as the Scarecrow, Nipsey Russell as The Tin Man and Ted Ross as the

Lion. The songs in *The Wiz* are forgettable, and hit "Ease on Down the Road" is just annoying. The performances are laughably bad, particularly Ms. Ross who is far too old to pull it off.

Worst of all, the special effects used to add magic to the movie only underscore how lifeless it is.

— JOHN BLACK

WEEKEND BOX OFFICE

Top grossing movies in millions

1. *Fool's Gold*, \$22
2. *Roscoe Jenkins*, \$17.1
3. *Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds*, \$10.5
4. *The Eye*, \$6.6
5. *Juno*, \$5.73
6. *27 Dresses*, \$5.7
7. *The Bucket List*, \$5.3
8. *Rambo*, \$4.1
9. *Meet the Spartans*, \$4.075
10. *There Will Be Blood*, \$4.073



Michael Moore, right, outside the WGA East member meeting Saturday. (AP)

Writers optimistic over new contract proposal

Hollywood writers were optimistic they could end a three-month strike that has crippled the entertainment industry after reviewing a proposed deal from studios that increases their payments for online use of TV shows and movies.

Leaders of the Writers Guild of America recommended the deal Saturday to thousands of members gathered on both coasts and warned holding out for a better deal might be disastrous.

Union chief negotiator John Bowman told writers at

the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles that "if they push any further, everyone would fall off the cliff."

The WGA board met yesterday to approve a special 48 hour vote among members to decide whether to lift the strike.

If guild members approve, they could be back at work on Wednesday, although formal approval of a contract would have to await ratification by members, which could take two weeks. Writers seemed confident that the walkout was coming to a close.

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TV Top Choices

Al Norton picks tonight's best bets. Read his blog at BostonNOW.com/twotivos and his column, *Two Tivos to Paradise*, on Mondays in *BostonNOW*.

MUSIC



I had the CMT concert show *Crossroads* (8 p.m.) in my Top 10 TV Entertainers of 2007 list so I am clearly a fan of interesting pairings they put together (Kenny Rogers and Lionel Ritchie, Joss

Stone and Leann Rimes) but they can't take credit for tonight's stunning Robert Plant and Alison Krauss match up. Plant and Krauss released *Raising Sand* last fall to rave reviews and this performance does not disappoint. Is it heresy to say I enjoyed this more than the Led Zeppelin reunion show?

REALITY



With multiple seasons of *Top Chef*, *Project Runway*, *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, and *Shear Genius* to choose from, let alone last summer's genius that was *Flipping Out*, there will be more than enough material to

fill *The 20 Most Outrageous Bravo Moments* (10 p.m.), a new one hour special that celebrates the network's success in the reality genre. If there was anyway for Jeff Lewis and Marcel to share the screen for even a moment, I would just about die and go to TV heaven.

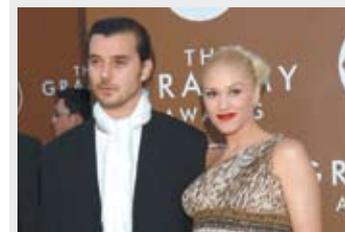
DRAMA



Tomorrow night's season two premiere of *Jericho* is reason for all fans of quality television to rejoice as it represents the greatest triumph of the will of the viewer in my lifetime. For those who are not familiar with

the show or are just looking for a reminder of what happened last year, Sci-Fi has a four episode marathon starting at 7 p.m. that serves as a great primer. And this is no one shot thing; Sci-Fi will air first season episodes every Monday at 10 p.m.

FASHION



If you missed the three-hour red carpet Grammy pre-shows last night then you're in luck as both E! (*The Fashion Police*, 8 p.m.) and the TV Guide Network (*Grammy Fashion*, 8 p.m.) offer recap specials that give you the

best and the worst the evening had to offer in just 60 minutes. If you find yourself really enjoying seeing who is wearing what, stay tuned to E! right after for a live red carpet show from the 2008 BAFTA awards in London.

GAME SHOW



NBC is really jonesing to give away some serious cash. On regular episodes of *Deal or No Deal* one of the 26 cases has a million dollars in it, but they started adding to that a while back in the hopes of someone hitting

it big. Tonight ELEVEN of the 27 cases have a mil, making the odds of someone making a seven-figure get away 41 percent. I must admit to finding it fascinating to watch contestants get caught up in the rush and make some very bad decisions.

NOW FILM TIMES

AMC Chestnut Hill 5

Route 9 Newton, (617)277-2500
27 Dresses 4:30, 7:30
Alvin and the Chipmunks 7:45
The Bucket List 4:45, 8
Meet the Spartans 5, 7:15
National Treasure: Book of Secrets 4, 7
The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep 4:15

AMC Framingham 16

Mass Pike Exit 13 Between Shoppers
 World & Natick Mall, (508)628-4400
27 Dresses 1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:40
Alvin and the Chipmunks 1:45, 4:15
Atonement 6:50, 10
Cloverfield 1:10, 3:15, 5:25, 7:55, 10:05
Enchanted 1:35, 4:20
The Eye 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10
Fool's Gold 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 10:15
Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
Junjo 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
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Michael Clayton 6:40, 9:25
Over Her Dead Body 4:50, 9:30
Rambo 2:10, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10
Strange Wilderness 2:30, 7:10
There Will Be Blood 1:15, 4:35, 8:15
Untraceable 2:25, 5, 7:45, 10:10
Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show
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Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins 1:25,
 4:05, 7, 9:55

AMC Loews Boston Common 19

At the corner of Tremont & Avery St.,
 (617)423-3499
27 Dresses 2:10, 5, 7:40, 10:15
Atonement 1:45, 4:40, 7:45, 10:30
The Bucket List 2:15, 4:45
Cloverfield 12:35, 2:35, 4:45, 7:15, 9:20
The Eye 2, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30
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Over Her Dead Body 1:40, 6:55
Rambo 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:30
Strange Wilderness 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10
Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street 5:20
There Will Be Blood 2:50, 6:30, 9:55
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Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show
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Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins 1:30,
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AMC Loews Harvard Square 5

10 Church St., Cambridge, (617)864-4580
Charlie Wilson's War 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
Junjo 2:40, 5, 7:30, 10
Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street 2, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50
There Will Be Blood 2:20, 5:45, 9:10
Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show
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Boston Museum of Science - Mugar Omni Theatre

Science Park, (617)723-2500
Dinosaurs Alive! 3
Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs
 12, 2, 4
Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure 1
Wired to Win 10 AM

Brattle Theatre

40 Brattle Street, (617)876-6837
Amelie 7
Better Off Dead 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Capitol Theater

204 Mass. Avenue, (781)648-4340
Bee Movie (3:40)
Before the Devil Knows You're Dead
 (1:05), 6:25, 8:45
The Bucket List (1:20, 4), 6:50, 9:10
The Golden Compass (3:20)
Gone Baby Gone (2, 4:20), 6:45, 9:05
The Great Debaters (1, 3:30), 6:30, 8:55
The Kite Runner (1:15, 3:45), 6:40, 9

Michael Clayton (1:10), 6:35, 8:50

Circle Cinemas

399 Chestnut Hill Avenue, (617)566-4040
Charlie Wilson's War (1:15, 4:15), 7:15, 10:05
Cloverfield (1:50 AM, 2:05, 4:45), 7:05, 9:45
Fool's Gold (1:30 AM, 2:15, 4:55), 7:35, 10:15
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Over Her Dead Body 7:25, 9:55
Rambo (1:25, 4:05), 6:45, 9:25
Strange Wilderness (1:55, 4:25), 6:55, 9:35
Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (1:40 AM, 2:25, 5:05), 7:45, 10:25

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I Am Legend: The IMAX Experience 11 AM, 3, 7
U2 3-D 1:30, 5:15, 9:10

Coolidge Corner Theatre

290 Harvard Street; Intersection of
 Beacon & Harvard Streets, (617)734-2500
Billy the Kid 7:15
Body Heat 7
The Diving Bell and the Butterfly 4:30, 9:50
Junjo 3:10, 5, 10
Shorts 4:45, 9:30
There Will Be Blood 3, 6:15, 9:30

Entertainment Cinemas - Fresh Pond

168 Alewife Brook Pkwy, (617)661-2900
27 Dresses (1:25, 4:10), 7, 9:30
Alvin and the Chipmunks (12:55, 3, 5:10)
Cloverfield (1:10, 3:10, 5:20), 7:30, 9:35
Enchanted (12:50, 3:15)
The Eye (1:15, 3:45), 7, 9:35
Fool's Gold (1:45, 4:10), 6:55, 9:45
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Over Her Dead Body (5:35), 7:45, 10
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Strange Wilderness 7:10, 9:15
Untraceable (1:45, 4:45), 7:20, 9:50
Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (1:30, 4:30), 7:25, 10

Kendall Square Cinema

1 Kendall Square; building 1900,
 (617)499-1996
4 Months, 3 Weeks and 2 Days 2, 4:30, 7:05, 9:50
Atonement 1:40, 4:20, 7, 9:40
Caramel 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30
Cassandra's Dream 1:45
The Diving Bell and the Butterfly 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
In Bruges 1:50, 4:15, 7, 9:40
No Country for Old Men 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:35
Persepolis 1:25, 3:40, 7:35, 10
The Savages 1:35, 4:05, 6:45, 9:20
Taxi to the Dark Side 1:55, 4:25, 7:20, 9:50

Landmark Embassy Cinema

16 Pine Street, (781)893-2500
Cassandra's Dream 2:30, 5:20, 8:10
The Great Debaters 2, 4:50, 7:40
Junjo 2:50, 5:20, 8:20
Michael Clayton 2:20, 5:10, 8
No Country for Old Men 2:10, 5, 7:50
Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show
 2:40, 5, 7:30

Regal Fenway 13

Brookline Ave and Park Dr, (617)424-6266
27 Dresses (1:20, 4), 7:25, 10:20
Atonement (12:50, 3:40), 6:50, 9:45
Cloverfield (12:40, 2:45, 4:45), 7, 9:50
The Eye (12:35, 3:55), 7:10, 9:55
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Rambo (12:55, 3:55), 7:05, 10:05
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Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (1:05, 4:05), 7:50, 10:35

Showcase Cinemas Dedham

950 Providence Highway, (781)326-4955
27 Dresses (11:55 AM, 2:25, 5), 7:35, 10:20
Alvin and the Chipmunks (12:35, 2:55, 5:25)
Atonement (12:55, 3:45), 6:45, 10:05
The Bucket List (11:40, 2, 4:30), 6:55, 9:35

Cloverfield (12, 2:05, 4:35), 7, 9:30
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Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (1, 4:25), 7:15, 9:50

Showcase Cinemas Lowell

32 Reiss Avenue, (978)551-0055
27 Dresses (12:50, 3:30), 6:30, 9:10
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Rambo (11:55 AM, 2:20, 4:45), 7:45, 10:10
There Will Be Blood (12:30, 4:05), 8
Untraceable (11:30, 2:05, 4:50), 7:35, 10:05
Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (1:15, 4), 7:30, 10:15

Showcase Cinemas Randolph

73 Mazzeo Drive, (781)963-5600
27 Dresses (1:25, 4), 7:05, 9:45
Alvin and the Chipmunks (11:05 AM, 1:35)
Atonement 6:40
The Bucket List (10:50 AM), 7:20
Cloverfield (12, 2:30, 5:05), 7:40, 10:15
The Eye (11:50 AM, 2:10, 4:35), 7:10, 9:35
Fool's Gold (1:20, 4:10), 7, 9:50; (10:30 AM, 1:20, 4:10), 7, 9:50
Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds 10:30 AM, 11 AM, 12:30, 1, 2:40, 3:10, 4:50, 5:20, 7, 7:30, 9:10, 9:40

Junjo (11:15 AM, 1:45, 4:20), 6:45, 9:25
Meet the Spartans (11:40 AM, 1:55, 4:15), 6:35, 9:20
National Treasure: Book of Secrets (1:15, 4:25), 10
Over Her Dead Body (3:55), 9:40
Rambo (11:45 AM, 2:15, 4:55), 7:45, 10:25
There Will Be Blood (11:35 AM, 3:15), 6:50
Untraceable (11:40 AM, 2:25, 5), 7:35, 10:25
Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show
 (11:55 AM, 2:20, 4:50), 7:25, 10:05
Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (1:50, 4:40), 7:30, 10:20; (10:45 AM, 11 AM, 1:20, 1:50, 4:05, 4:40), 6:55, 7:30, 9:55, 10:20

Showcase Cinemas Revere

565 Squire Road, (781)286-1660
27 Dresses (1:05, 3:40), 6:25, 9:05
Alvin and the Chipmunks (11:25, 1:40, 3:55)
The Bucket List (3:30), 6:20, 8:50
Cloverfield (12:10, 2:20, 4:40), 7:15, 9:40
The Eye 6:10, 8:40; (11:30 AM, 1:55, 4:20), 6:40, 9:10
Fool's Gold (1, 3:45), 6:30, 9:15; (1:30, 4:15), 7, 9:45
Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds 10:30 AM, 11 AM, 12:40, 1:10, 2:50, 3:20, 5, 5:30, 7:10, 7:40, 9:20, 9:50
The Hottie & the Nottie (12, 2:15, 4:35), 7:05, 9:25
How She Move 9
Junjo (1:25, 3:50), 6:15, 8:45
Mad Money (12:50)
Meet the Spartans (12:55, 3:05, 5:15), 7:35, 9:55
Over Her Dead Body (12:45, 3, 5:20), 7:45, 10:10
Rambo (12:20, 2:45, 5:25), 7:55, 10:15
Strange Wilderness (11:40, 2, 4:25), 6:45
There Will Be Blood (12:30, 4:05), 7:30
Untraceable (1:45, 4:45), 7:50, 10:20
Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show
 (12:15, 2:35, 4:55), 7:25, 10
Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (1:50, 4:30), 7:20, 10:05; (12:20, 4), 6:50, 9:35

Showcase Cinemas Woburn

25 Middlesex Canal Pkwy, (781)933-5330
27 Dresses (1:25, 4:10), 6:55, 9:40
Alvin and the Chipmunks (11:30 AM)

Atonement (1:45, 4:35), 7:20
The Bucket List (12, 2:25, 4:55), 7:25, 10
Cloverfield 9:55
The Eye (11:40 AM, 2, 4:30), 7, 9:30
Fool's Gold (12:50, 3:40), 6:25, 9:10
Hannah Montana & Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds 10:30, 12:40, 2:50, 5, 7:10, 9:20
Junjo (1:30, 4), 6:30, 9:05
Meet the Spartans (11:55, 2:10, 4:25), 6:45, 9
Over Her Dead Body (11:45 AM, 2:15), 7:15
Rambo (4:45), 9:50
Strange Wilderness (12:25, 2:45, 5:15), 7:30, 9:55
There Will Be Blood (11:35, 2:55), 6:20, 9:45
Untraceable (12:05, 2:30, 5:05), 7:40, 10:15
Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show
 (11:50 AM, 2:20, 4:50), 7:35, 10:20
Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (12:55, 3:45), 6:35, 9:25

Simons IMAX Theatre at the New England Aquarium

Central Wharf, (617)973-5206
Deep Sea 3-D 11 AM, 3
Sea Monsters 3-D: A Prehistoric Adventure 10 AM, 12, 2, 4
Sharks 3-D 1
U2 3-D 5:10, 7

Somerville Theatre

55 Davis Square, (617)625-5700
Charlie Wilson's War (5:15), 7:45
I'm Not There (4:10), 7
Junjo (5:30), 7:40
There Will Be Blood (4:15), 8
Vince Vaughn's Wild West Comedy Show
 (5:20), 7:30

West Newton Cinema

1296 Washington Street, (617)964-6060
Alvin and the Chipmunks 10:50 AM
Atonement 12:45, 3:20, 6:15, 8:50
Before the Devil Knows You're Dead 3:45
Caramel 11 AM, 1:35, 3:55, 6:35, 8:40
The Diving Bell and the Butterfly 1:15, 6:25, 8:45
Enchanted 10:45 AM
Persepolis 11 AM, 1:40, 4, 6:40, 8:45
The Savages 10:40 AM, 1:10, 3:40, 6:10, 8:40
There Will Be Blood 11 AM, 2:15, 5:30, 8:50

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Gossip



ON THE RECORD
Anne Hathaway

"There is something that transports me back to seventh grade when I'm at a fashion show. You feel like you're at the weekend party, and you're like, 'Am I wearing everything alright? Did I do my hair right?'" [on attending Fashion Week in New York]

GOSSIP BRIEFS

BOX OFFICE Paris film bombs

The Hottie and the Nottie, a romantic comedy starring Hilton, Joel David Moore, and Christine Lakin, opened Friday to \$9,000 on 111 screens, or \$81 per screen, according to Box Office Mojo. By comparison, *Fool's Gold*, opened Friday to \$7.65 million on 3,125 screens, or \$2,148 per screen. **PEOPLE.COM**

LAW SUIT Tim Burton heads to court

Mediation talks collapsed between Tim Burton and his ex-girlfriend, who claims she was cheated out of her rights to assets that the director promised her during their nearly decade-long relationship. The legal fight is scheduled in court for Aug. 12. In December 2006, Lisa Marie, a former Calvin Klein model, sued Burton, also claiming Burton said he would financially support her for the rest of her life. **AP**

AWARDS Atonement tops BAFTA awards

Atonement won best film at the British Academy Film Awards yesterday, and Daniel Day-Lewis took the best actor prize. But the home team didn't have it all their own way, with Joel and Ethan Coen named as best director, Marion Cotillard a visibly shocked winner for *La Vie En Rose*. First time American writer Diablo Cody took original screenplay for *Juno*. **VARIETY**

Pre-Grammy fun all weekend long

Even before the 2008 Grammys started last night, the stars began to party, hitting up Hollywood hotspots and events on Friday and Saturday.

At Friday's *People*/Verizon Wireless kickoff party, Pink, dressed in a top hat, drank cocktails with girlfriends while best new artist nominee Taylor Swift performed. Fergie worked the red carpet in pin stripes, while Miley Cyrus dressed in red and white.

Inside, Lindsay Lohan hung out with Travis Barker before getting introduced to Cyrus. The former teen queen and the reigning teen queen chatted, giggled and snapped pictures in the VIP balcony.

Meanwhile, at the Roosevelt Hotel, Mark Ronson threw a party hosted by Belvedere Vodka, which attracted the likes of Prince, Adam Levine and Dylan McDermott. Caught snuggling: Paris Hilton and Simon Rex. **PEOPLE.COM**

Aretha Franklin was honored at the 2008 MusiCares Person of the Year bash at the L.A. Convention Center. Ne-Yo, John Stamos and Tony Bennett all came out to support the Queen of Soul, while performers like Josh Groban, Corinne Bailey Rae, Fantasia and John Legend joined her on stage.

Clive Davis also threw his annual soiree Saturday night, attended by Lohan, Whitney Houston, nominee Carrie Underwood and Alicia Keys, who was one of several performers. The Foo Fighters also took the stage. Inside, Nicole Richie chatted with Ashlee Simpson, while their boyfriends Joel Madden and Pete Wentz kept each other company. **PEOPLE.COM**



Alicia Keys performs at Clive Davis' annual pre-Grammys bash Saturday. **(AP)**

Ask Mark

Dear Mark:

After getting over a pretty nasty break-up, I am now back on the market and looking to hook up with a new man in my life. I'm curious to know what you think are the top three qualities I should be looking for in a love interest. Thanks!

— Open Minded

Dear Open Minded:

For me, an ideal love interest is someone who is intelligent, honest and confident. The intelligence factor would allow for engaging communication in the relationship, his honesty would mean always knowing where you stand with him and, if he's confident, chances are he's got goals in life.

— Mark, BostonNOW.com/mark-godes

NOW Brit watch

Spears' manager, attorney on the way out

In a shake-up, Britney Spears' business manager is close to being fired and her divorce attorney has asked the court for permission to drop her as a client. Howard Grossman, the manager, tells *People* he is aware he was the subject of a closed-door hearing last Thursday but he has no idea why a temporary conservator's motion to give Spears's father the right to fire him was granted. Court papers show that Grossman was served Thursday with orders to surrender "all documents, records and assets relating to Britney Spears." Also, divorce lawyer Sorrell Trope says he filed papers Friday asking permission to be released as Spears's attorney in her custody battle. A hearing will be held on the matter on March 10. **PEOPLE.COM**



Hundreds at Heath's funeral

Heath Ledger's family, his former fiance Michelle Williams and Australia's entertainment elite bade him farewell at a private memorial service Saturday in his hometown of Perth, Australia.

Several hundred people gathered at Penrhos College in Perth for a memorial that mixed personal tributes, modern rock and traditional Aboriginal music.

Williams arrived at the service with Ledger's parents in a six-car motorcade. Wearing sunglasses and a white dress, she clutched the arm of Ledger's sister Kate.

The 75-minute service included music and footage from Ledger's films and of



daughter Matilda, 2.

Saturday's events ended with a wake at a beachside restaurant, one of the actor's favorite spots. Williams and other mourners took a dip in the waters, and later stood on the sand embracing as they watched the sun set. **AP**

ON THE Newsstand

Frances creating her own life

There's a new Broadway baby on the horizon. Frances Bean Cobain, 15, the daughter of Courtney Love and late grunge legend Kurt Cobain, is headlining as the star of *Evita*, *Grease* and *Beauty and the Beast* — all for a fashion spread in the March issue of *Harper's Bazaar*. Still, the backdrops are appropriate, says her mother. "Frances grew up on musicals," Love, 43, tells the magazine. The beautiful brunette also has a head on her young shoulders, aware that most interest in her stems mainly from her lineage. "I get it, I really do," she says. "These people are fascinated by me, but I haven't done anything," she continues. "If you're a big Nirvana fan, a big Hole fan, then I understand why you would want to get to know me, but I'm not my parents ... wait until I've done something valid with my life." **PEOPLE.COM**



Fashionable K-Fed

The budding actor turned up to both Marc Jacobs' show, and also Diddy's Sean John line (pictured, with Wilmer Valderrama) at New York Fashion Week Friday. Clad in a Sean John pinstriped suit and pink shirt — and sporting a mohawk-Kevin Federline came backstage to hug the rap-mogul on the way to his front row seat. **(AP)**

Happy b-day!

Leslie Nielsen is 82

Burt Reynolds is 72

Sheryl Crow is 46

Jennifer Aniston is 39

Brandy is 29

Matthew Lawrence is 28

Kelly Rowland is 27

Games

WEEKEND'S SOLUTIONS

CROSSWORD

OCEAN MEDIA IVY
 ROUTE OMENS MIA
 CABLESTITCH MEW
 ASIA ATTA CLOWN
 STENCIL CLAIR
 TELEPHONETAG
 ARNIE REGS AWL
 FOES GOODY FLOE
 ESC TACO AISLE
 WATERBUFFALO
 ARIEL ITERATE
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SUDOKU - BEGINNER

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SUDOKU - PROFESSIONAL

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CROSSWORD Mess Call

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ACROSS

- 1 "Scat!"
- 5 alike
- 10 Grade-school orgs.
- 14 Pork cut
- 15 Comical circus performer
- 16 Ice-hockey venue
- 17 Competent
- 18 Sealed, as a package
- 19 Prefix for social
- 20 Places to buy dolls and bikes
- 22 Goes back-packing
- 23 Bicycle wheels
- 24 Stand up
- 25 Sahara animals
- 28 Pubs
- 31 Get from the ASPCA
- 32 Huge
- 34 Place a wager
- 35 Go jogging
- 36 Apple centers
- 37 Before, in poems
- 38 Moose relative
- 39 Spaghetti topping
- 40 Divide in two
- 42 Wine server
- 44 Chose from a group
- 45 Thanksgiving veggies
- 46 Oyster product
- 48 Heavy rope
- 50 Violinist's need
- 54 Type of vaccine
- 55 New Haven student
- 56 Moisturizer ingredient
- 57 Dreadful

DOWN

- 1 Venetian-blind part
- 2 Boxcar rider
- 3 Greasy
- 4 Ragtime dance
- 5 Stage performers
- 6 Harsh light
- 7 Lariats
- 8 Rams' mates
- 9 Conclude
- 10 Express approval for
- 11 Peter Pan pal
- 12 Poker payment
- 13 Glides on snow
- 14 Venetian-blind part
- 15 Cleaned
- 16 Storage building
- 17 Grown up
- 18 Playground junglegym
- 19 Family-history diagram
- 20 Coward's lack
- 21 War horse
- 22 Noisy
- 23 Rainbow shape
- 24 Roller-coaster compartments
- 25 Identical
- 26 Toss
- 27 Eager to listen
- 28 Billfold
- 29 Military-school students
- 30 Laundry loads
- 31 Royal decree
- 32 Secret writing
- 33 Opera solo
- 34 Cab-ride cost
- 35 Unexciting
- 36 Leak slowly
- 37 Garden nuisance
- 38 Strong craving

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SUDOKU Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

BEGINNER

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HOROSCOPES

Today's Birthday

(Feb. 11). You make an irresistible first impression this month. Hearts are lost to you. March is turbocharged, and it's all you can do to keep up with friends during all the non-stop excitement. Take a break in April to regroup. Catch up and renew your social ties. In June, loved ones give you new things to look forward to. You hit it off with Cancer and Gemini. Your lucky numbers are: 22, 4, 19, 38 and 18.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have what you need. Once you realize this, you don't have to scrape, strive or scratch to get more. If you still think you need more, go through your closets and look under your bed and in your heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you deserve better and you know it, make a fuss! If you don't, people around you think you don't care. By standing up for yourself, you give others permission to do the same.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're doing what you need to do to get ready for the big occasion coming

up. If travel arrangements must be made, consider postponing your final decision until after Wednesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If only people would do what they said they would do in the first place. Then you wouldn't have to charm (or threaten) them so. The saving grace is that you actually have some fun with this drama

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your actions reflect where you live, both metaphorically and actually. Improve your home. You don't have to be rich to turn your home into a beautiful masterpiece. All you have to be is creative, which of course you are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's not time to hesitate or doubt – you're too busy doing something that's good for your mind, body and spirit. No, not yoga. Rather, it's the mental discipline of believing the best in each situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're sympathetic to the striving people who are trying too hard to impress you. We've all been there before -- caring a little too much what someone thinks of you. All in all, it's pretty flattering.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When there's a challenge to be conquered, you're sometimes too focused on the

task to notice there's a shortcut. Take many breaks from work today for the sake of gaining a wider perspective.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are the Minister of Hidden Needs. Your willingness to question deeply into situations makes you so much more effective than if you had tried to solve the outside problem, which is usually merely a symptom.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be open to help from unexpected sources. Because the way you think things will unfold is not the way they actually will. And when you're open, you'll be delighted at the majesty of this process.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're convinced Cupid is taking an extended vacation. If that's the case, then it's time for you to pick up the slack. Create romantic opportunities for yourself. Example: a moonlight date at a dark cafe.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you present your ideas, you may not get the response you were hoping for, but be assured, this was a positive step. Accept that your project is a work in process and you're definitely on the right track.

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