



# Provost to pull double-duty

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As of a special election held on Feb. 8, Somerville Alderman-at-Large Denise Provost may now add the title of "Massachusetts State Representative" to her resume.

Provost — an attorney, Democrat and current alderman-at-large — won the uncontested election for the 27th Middlesex District seat with 93 percent of the vote.

The seat was vacated when former Representative Pat Jehlen was elected to a position in the Massachusetts State Senate.

Provost will take her seat midway through a two-year term, so her agenda is still uncertain. As much of the legislation for the term has already been proposed, her work "partly...depends on which committees I'm assigned to," she said.

Provost's election has been well-received.

Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone is confident that Provost is prepared to fit right in. "I would submit that Denise is ready to hit the ground running," he said.

He also feels that she will interact well with the rest of the Somerville Representatives. "They advocate with... persistence and tenacity. Denise will fit right in," he said.

Political figures on the Tufts campus have also voiced support for Provost.

"She's extremely passionate about issues that affect the day-to-day lives of her constituents, such as housing, education and health care," said Aaron Banks, President of the Tufts Democrats. "She's very progressive, liberal and very thoughtful."

Curtatone praised Provost's financial knowledge and hopes she will help to make health care more affordable on the local level.

"The issue of the cost of health care coverage is something that really has an impact on cities and towns," he said.

Curtatone also hopes Provost will be able to increase the amount of state aid to Somerville to "the level...we had in 2002." Since then, he said, Governor Mitt Romney has reduced the flow of money.

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Ted Sorenson, speechwriter for former President John F. Kennedy, speaks at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

# Strong words from JFK scribe

BY AUGUST HALES  
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Former special council and advisor to President John F. Kennedy, Theodore "Ted" Sorenson addressed Tufts students last night on the importance of law and diplomacy in an increasingly globalized world.

A member of the Council of Foreign Relations, the Commission on the White House Fellows and the Century Foundation, Sorenson spoke in the ASEAN Auditorium at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy as a part of the Charles Francis Adams lecture series.

The author of eight books on politics and the presidency, including "Kennedy" and "Why I Am a Democrat," Sorenson was introduced to the audience by Dean Stephen Bosworth of the Fletcher School as "the gold standard of speech writers."

Though in his 80s, Sorenson spoke forcefully and without the aid of notes to an audience composed mostly of graduate students on what he views as a disturbing turn away from law and diplomacy in American foreign and domestic policy.

Offering the actions of the Kennedy

administration directly following the discovery of Soviet missiles in Cuba in 1962 as an example, Sorenson referred to a time when American foreign policy was centered on pursuing legal and diplomatic alternatives to armed conflict.

In taking all the requisite steps to ensure that its actions adhered to international law, the Kennedy administration was able to maintain the support of the international community while averting a disaster of global proportions, Sorenson said.

This adherence to international law is not the case today, Sorenson said. "We have people in power who think international law is optional," he said, referring to the current administration's decision to bypass the UN Security Council to invade Iraq, the withdrawal from the protocol of the International Court of Justice and the accusations of violations of the Geneva Convention.

On the domestic front, Sorenson criticized the Bush administration's attempts to defend the National Security Agency (NSA) wiretapping program. Quoting former

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# Sophia Gordon resident-selection process released

BY KAT SCHMIDT  
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With construction on the new Sophia Gordon Hall dormitory scheduled to be completed for the start of the 2006-2007 academic year, the Office of Residential Life and Learning (ORLL) has released information on the process for selecting residents.

"This is an exciting time for our upperclass students, and [Sophia Gordon] will provide more housing and more on campus options [for] apartments on campus," ORLL Director Yolanda King said.

The new dormitory will make available 124 additional on-campus beds, intended mainly for students in the roughly 1,200-member Class of 2007.

The dormitory will only contain single-occupancy rooms, grouped into 24 four-person and four six-person suites. It will also include a multipurpose lounge/theatre space, a second-floor mezzanine lounge, enclosed study lounges and storage for bicycles. Its two buildings, which face each other, will be connected by a partially-underground breezeway.

Students may apply for Sophia Gordon's 24 four-person suites in single-gender or in co-ed groups, and applications are due Feb. 13. At that point, students' lottery numbers will be averaged, and their eligibility for a suite determined. Selected groups may then select their suites according to their lottery averages.

Students may also apply as individuals for the one all-female, one all-male and two co-ed six-person suites. Those rooms will be selected during the seniors' night of the general housing lottery.

It remains uncertain exactly what effect Sophia Gordon will have on the housing situation for upperclassmen. Availability of on-campus apartments varies from semester to semester

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# Mooney decries 'war on science'

BY PRANAI CHEROO  
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Journalist Chris Mooney addressed Cabot Auditorium last night on the "erosion of science in modern [American] politics."

"A huge gulf has opened between Republican leaders and leaders in science," Mooney said.

Mooney, who has worked as both a political and science journalist, is the author of the recently-published "The Republican War on Science."

He provided numerous examples of ways the Republican party "ignores or distorts scientific findings to appease special interest groups, [including religious groups] and corporate

donors."

According to Mooney, the Republican party injects doubt into scientific consensus through "well-funded think tanks that attack mainstream conclusions and create the perception that there are two credible sides to the issue."

He refined his argument by conceding that the political left will sometimes tilt science to suit its purposes, but held that the Republicans of the present administration are "vastly more guilty" of such offenses.

Mooney also discussed the possibility that information provided by government organizations such as the Food and Drug Administration, the Center for

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# Going once, going twice...for a cause

When senior and Asian Community at Tufts (ACT) President Adrienne Poon returned to Tufts after traveling to the Mississippi Gulf Coast as part of a Tufts Volunteer Vacation last month, she couldn't shake the feeling that she could do more.

"I definitely got the impression that a privileged community was giving help to a privileged community," Poon said. "I often wondered about the needs of those who were the working class or in poverty before the storm."

As Poon discovered, a sizeable portion of that segment is from Vietnam (over 7,000 Vietnamese live in New Orleans).

"Much of the Vietnamese community down there were war refugees coming with nothing and trying to survive off fishing," Poon said. "Now that livelihood is wiped out as well."

In an effort to provide assistance to the Vietnamese community, ACT partnered with the Vietnamese Students Club (VSC) to hold a charity auction last night in Alumnae Lounge. The services that were auctioned included everything from special sQ! and breakdance performances (see freshman Austin Worth, pictured above) to bhanga and cooking lessons.

Funds raised at last year's annual ACT charity event went

toward tsunami relief. This year, auction proceeds — which amounted to slightly over \$1,000 — will go to the Boat People SOS Organization, which, according to its Web site, provides "relief, assistance, and support to Vietnamese refugees and immigrants in their search for freedom and dignified life."

"Language barriers are the primary reason why this community has been unable to receive the benefit of the aid available for them through the Red Cross and FEMA," Poon said. "It's important to remember the needs of such communities and make sure that they are not forgotten about."

—Patrice Taddonio

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It's 'the final countdown' for Arrested Development

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# UNHCR's Albrecht speaks at Inter-Cultural Week event

By RACHEL LEVEN  
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The International Club kicked off its Inter-Cultural Week early with a guest lecture by Thomas Albrecht, Deputy Representative at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) regional office in Washington, DC.

Though Inter-Cultural Week does not officially begin until Feb. 27, students assembled in Anderson Feb. 8 to hear Albrecht speak about the history of the UNHCR and the challenges facing the organization and international refugees today.

"Who knows a refugee?" Albrecht asked the audience as he began his lecture, titled "UNHCR's Fifty Years on the Humanitarian Frontlines." Only a few hands were raised in response.

"Well," Albrecht said, "let me try and introduce you to some."

He then screened a video set to Aretha Franklin's song "Respect." The two-minute clip featured a personal appearance by Former Secretary of State

Madeline Albright and other former refugees, including a rapper, a journalist and a sex therapist.

Albrecht then summarized the history of the UNCHR and the humanitarian struggle to provide for refugees. International attention toward refugees began, he said, when the first High Commissioner for Refugees position was created by the League of Nations, the U.N.'s predecessor, more than 70 years ago.

After World War II, the U.N. created the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to address the issue of exile in Europe.

Albrecht argued that refugee crises have changed face over the years. "The situation worsened dramatically in the following two decades as Cold War rivalries were played out in a polarized and heavily armed Third World," he said.

After the Cold War, conflicts changed in nature. According to Albrecht, "wars increasingly became more internal struggles among ethnic, social, political groupings of the same state... There are the new types of con-

flicts and of refugee crises that prevail today."

Albrecht cited three issues that must be addressed in the future by the UNHCR, governments, and private citizens. He highlighted "promoting coexistence and reconciliation" as one great challenge.

"Contemporary conflicts are mostly internal," he said. "When fighting ends and repatriation becomes possible, refugees very often return to live with the very people they fought against."

This situation creates new dangers for the refugees. Reconstruction in these situations, Albrecht said, is "more than just rebuilding houses, roads, factories and basic services — it also means rebuilding communities and restoring the complex web of social, economic and physiological relations."

Many times, refugees cannot return to their homes and instead must settle in other countries.

Albrecht's second challenge for the future was "confronting rising intolerance" in the communities and countries where refugees might repatriate.

"Preserving asylum means challenging the notion that refugees and asylum seekers are the agents of insecurity or terrorism rather than its victims," he said.

The last of the issues Albrecht mentioned was "preserving asylum in complex population flows."

He said that refugees are often confused with migrants during the immigration process.

UNHCR is currently working to better differentiate between the two groups in the border process.

Albrecht spoke about some of the opportunities available for students within the UNHCR. "We have more of an opportunity these days to bring new blood into the organization," he said.

Albrecht ended his lecture by reminding the audience that refugees deserve respect and humanitarian attention.

The lecture was co-sponsored by the International Center, the International Relations Department, the Institute for Global Leadership, the University College of Citizenship and Public Service and Pangea.

# Provost keeps alderman post

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Due to the nature of the midterm election, Provost is not sure exactly how she will proceed when she takes office. Nor is she even certain of when she will be sworn in.

Though the election was uncontested, according to election law, "the results cannot be certified until 10 days have passed," she said.

Becoming a representative had not always been Provost's goal. She had previously been deterred partly because of her opposition to Representative Thomas Finneran, Speaker of the State House from 1996-2004.

"The House was run in a very rigid manner by Representative Finneran," she said. "One did not get the impression that decisions were made on the merits of proposed legislation."

When Provost did decide to run last fall, she won the Democratic primary against Elizabeth Moroney and went unchallenged in the special election.

As an alderman-at-large, Provost was elected by all of Somerville. Curtatone feels that the post may have helped her to gain popularity in the area.

By being elected at-large, Curtatone said, "She's not just bound to her geographic ward... She has a pretty close relationship with many...neighborhoods."

Prior to her post as alderman-at-large, Provost served as assistant city solicitor for Newton and later for Somerville.

Still an alderman-at-large, Provost does not plan to hold the position "indefinitely," but is uncertain of when she will step down.

Provost was elected as alderman-at-large last November. If she steps down within a year of her election, a special election will take place for her seat. Otherwise, her replacement will be appointed.

"I have duties to wrap up. I'm not going to abandon my duty. I'm also concerned about the cost of another special election for the city," she said.

Although she has not been sworn in, Provost is handling the duties of both of the jobs.

"There's a lot to be done, even now," she said.

# Speechwriter pushes for more diplomacy

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Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, he said, "a state of war is not a blank check for the president when it comes to the rights of the citizens."

He urged the audience to remember that the people of the U.S. would never have accepted the Constitution had it not contained the Bill of Rights, and to call for the defense of the basic rights the document stands for.

Criticizing the Republican party and the Bush Administration as "reckless" and the Democratic party as "spineless," Sorenson urged the audience and the public at large to make change their own responsibility.

In order for the U.S. to regain the moral high ground, he said, the country must restore the rule of law and the role of diplomacy in its pursuit of foreign and domestic interests.

"I love this country; I do not want to see it descend into either chaos or tyranny; therefore I am speaking out, and am here today," he said.

After his speech, Sorenson fielded questions on topics ranging from how to enact change in an administration with whose policies you disagree, to how the U.S. should deal with increasingly problematic South American leaders such as Hugo Chavez.

# Mooney offers advice to news media

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Disease Control and even NASA is somehow tainted by politicians in the Bush Administration.

Specific attention was paid to the intelligent design, a theory stating that "certain features of the universe and of living things are best explained by an intelligent cause, not an undirected process such as natural selection."

Mooney called recent controversy over the teaching of intelligent design "an anti-evolutionary brushfire sweeping the nation."

Though scientists say intelligent design has little, if any, scientific credibility, the well-placed and well-funded Discovery Institute has supported and publicized intelligent design, sparking new controversy about the teaching and legitimacy of evolutionary theory.

Due to misinformation in many spheres of science, Mooney said, "Congress is now flying blind on matters of science and technology."

The conclusion of his talk involved a long list of measures that could reverse these developments. "Restoring the integrity of science in America is a daunting task," Mooney said.

He proposed a scientific integrity bill

that would help provide "freedom of speech and whistle-blowing capabilities to scientific advisory committees."

Mooney also offered advice to the media.

"Reporters should consider the fact that there is no scientific controversy over global warming or evolution," he said. "The media gives the idea that it's a 50-50 balance of opinion. Reporters should contextualize the outliers in the scientific community."

Mooney addressed his final comments to the scientific community, urging them to simplify their findings to make them more accessible to the public. "They need...to learn how to describe their message to someone they've met in a cocktail party," he said.

A reception was held after an active question and answer session.

Mooney attributed his interest in this topic to his grandfather, "an evolutionist who was always trying to protect evolution from the creationists."

"I am a believer in the enlightenment," Mooney said, "and I think that if we get the information right, then we will be more likely to get the decision right, too."

The lecture was sponsored by the Fletcher School for Law and Diplomacy.

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## Not this story again...

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) announced that it was considering an expansion of the Green Line through Somerville to Tufts. A representative from the MBTA said that such an expansion was "not just a student-oriented expansion," and that many Somerville residents would be able to benefit from it.

The project would entail expanding track of the MBTA-owned Boston and Maine Railroad's Lowell line for three miles through Somerville.

No specific stop had been determined, but the MBTA representative said it would probably be in the general area of Ball Square. No cost had been determined, either. If the project were to be approved, it was predicted to take three to five years to complete.

This proposed expansion was part of a series of improvements the MBTA was conducting. The MBTA estimated that by 1990, the "T" would see a ridership increase of 25 percent.

# System geared toward upperclassmen

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based on the size of each class, housing prices, and student taste.

King said the ORLL housed 464 seniors — slightly less than half the class — in fall 2005. Of juniors, 196 — roughly 15 percent lived on-campus, a low number that is partially attributable to the large percentage of juniors currently abroad.

"I know Sophia will attract additional seniors to apply for on-campus housing," King said. "The numbers may increase as a result of more singles being available."

Seniors interested in on-campus housing and not selected for Sophia Gordon

Hall may also opt for other apartment-style housing in the Latin Way and Hillside dormitories, as well as special-interest housing and rooms in the other dormitories on-campus.

According to a Feb. 8 news release, Tufts received a grant from Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to make Sophia Gordon Hall a "green" certified building, meaning that passive and active energy systems will reduce the building's needs for traditional energy resources.

Residents of the building will be able to monitor the energy systems and consumption on a series of meters in the lobby area.

## MARKETS

Yesterday's close

▲ DOW JONES  
24.73 10,883.35

▼ NASDAQ  
11.11 2,255.87

## WEATHER FORECAST

Today  
Friday, February 10

Mostly Sunny   
Sunrise: 6:48 AM  
Sunset: 5:10 PM

Partly cloudy in the morning... then becoming mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 30s. West winds 10 to 15 mph. Gusts up to 30 mph in the morning.

Sunday



Light Snow / Wind  
29/18

Wednesday



Partly Cloudy  
39/34

Monday



Partly Cloudy  
30/22

Thursday



Mostly Sunny  
41/36

Tuesday



Sunny  
28/26

Friday



Mostly Sunny  
32/25

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I want to win a Stanley Cup. It's nice to have a gold [medal], but all the guys want a Stanley Cup.”

Marco Sturm,  
Left Wing, Boston Bruins

# Going the way of the dinosaur?

As technology advances, movie theaters may become an endangered species

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A trip to the movies used to be a prime Friday-night activity for college students. What better way to spend an evening after a long week of school than nestled in a comfortable chair with popcorn in one hand and soda in the other, watching what you have heard is a “truly incredible film”?

Moviegoing, however, has become increasingly less popular over the past few years.

According to data from the box office tracking firm Exhibitor Relations Company, movie attendance was down more than seven percent from a year ago as of late 2005. That marks the second year in a row that attendance has declined, and a result of this year’s drop, domestic box office receipts decreased 5.2 percent from 2004.

Some students blame the high price of the theater experience. “The movie in itself is expensive, but when you add transportation and food it just gets ridiculous,” freshman Elena Vanko said. “In the end, it’s not worth it.”

There are several other possible explanations for the decreasing appeal of going out to the movies. Economics Professor George Norman said that the promulgation of other entertainment choices may be one reason.

“Nowadays, moviegoing competes with a number of alternative entertainment options, [and] also competes with increasingly sophisticated home entertainment systems,” he said.

The privacy of home entertainment is more attractive for many viewers than a large theater, Norman pointed out. “Why go to a movie house, sharing space with people you don’t know, doing things that disturb your moviegoing experience — eating popcorn, slurping drinks — when by waiting a short time you can watch the same movie at home with people you like?” he asked.

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According to Assistant Sociology Professor Sarah Sobieraj, who teaches the course Introduction to Mass Media, the downward trend in movie-going has two possible causes.

“It could be as simple as bad marketing and a batch of weaker films,” Sobieraj said. “Or it could be tied to broader changes, many of which are technological — DVRs, digital cable and HDTV, impressive improvements in home theaters, and so

on — which are transforming the industry.”

But changes in Hollywood may create changes at home, too. “There is some suggestion that the gap between first-run distribution and DVD release will shorten, in some cases leading to simultaneous release,” Norman added.

The impact of “simultaneous release” — or opening a film in the theaters and releasing it on DVD and cable television at the same time — could be significant for both the filmmakers as well as viewers, but experts are still unsure of its consequences for the industry.

“The idea of simultaneous release has been discussed for quite some time, but this month we have a test case: Steven Soderbergh’s film, ‘Bubble.’ The whole industry is watching to see what will unfold,” Sobieraj said.

Simultaneous release — although exciting for those who have become disenchanted with the expense of moviegoing — may not improve the quality of films, Sobieraj cautioned.

“Many directors have been vocal about the importance of the big screen for the art of filmmaking,” she said.

Although the profit margin for filmmakers may remain substantially high regardless of delivery, “theaters may go the way of the dinosaur as more and



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These patrons buying movie tickets at Loews Boston Common may be the last of a dying breed.

more people choose more economical and convenient viewing options,” Sobieraj added.

Norman, however, added that it is difficult to pinpoint an exact answer to explain the decline in moviegoing or to predict the

future of the industry.

“Can the exhibitors fight back? Only by making movie going a more attractive option than it is at the moment,” he said. “But it is difficult to see how they might accomplish that.”

## CAMPUS COMMENT

### What was your New Year’s resolution — and how well have you been keeping it?

“I’m trying to bench my weight, so I’m going to pump iron at Gantcher until I’m a beast!”

Kevin Mahder  
Freshman



“To be more social. I have gone out the past two weekends...but now my feet hurt. And also to tell all the people whose New Year’s resolution was to go to the gym more to quit. Or, at least don’t go in the mornings when the sports teams are there. Or the afternoons. Or evenings. Or during my lunch break.”

Rebecca Abbot  
Sophomore

“To give up caffeine, and not to sleep in class. I know, stupid combination...”

RJ Phannenstill  
Sophomore



“To write up more residents. It’s going really well!”

Sarasa Poduval  
Senior and Bush Hall R.A.



## New Year’s resolutions easy to make, but tough to stick with, students find

BY LIZ YATES  
Daily Editorial Board

“I didn’t make a New Year’s resolution this year,” sophomore Laura Willcox said. “So mine is really going great. It’s pretty much been the most successful resolution ever.”

Willcox may be satisfied, but many students aren’t doing so well. Like the hazy memories of wild parties the night before, Americans’ resolve regarding New Year’s resolutions has a tendency to fade after Jan. 1.

According to www.proactive-coach.com, a site offering the service of personal “lifecoaches,” only 64 percent of New Year’s resolutions are maintained after the first month, and only 46 percent after six months—and students’ resolutions appear to be no exception.

Case in point: freshman Pedro Echavarria. Determined to turn his life around this semester, Echavarria vowed not to play the Ninetendo 64 game MarioKart until Spring Break. He dutifully wrote his pledge down on paper and taped it to his dorm room wall. But according to Echavarria’s roommate, fellow freshman Josh Ensworth, “it was only a matter of hours before Pedro gave into temptation.”

Yet, rather than abandoning his resolution, Echavarria opted to amend the declared oath, allowing him to indulge in the game three times in the next seven weeks prior to Spring Break.

This was subsequently amended a second time: “Now, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays don’t count at all,” Echavarria said.

Echavarria’s experience illustrates several resolution-keeping techniques favored by professionals like proactive-coach.com.

First, “attempt achievable goals, and make sure they are realistic.” Echavarria quickly realized he would never be able to make it the full seven weeks without MarioKart — cold turkey is clearly not the best approach

for him. By giving himself some leeway, Echavarria is much more likely to be successful.

Second, the Web site advises to “write your goals down, and acknowledge them to yourself and to others.” By writing his resolution on the wall, Echavarria knew he would have to answer to his roommate if he failed.

Third, map out a plan of action for which to follow. When avoiding an activity, provide healthier alternatives for yourself.

Fourth, avoid choosing the same failed resolution every year. If you haven’t managed to quit sniffing glue every year since eighth grade, chances are 2006 won’t be any better. There are still eleven months to go; find another flaw to tackle.

The most popular resolution involves weight loss— vast numbers of Americans dutifully sat down on January 1, carefully examined the intricacies of their lives, and resolved to lose ten pounds.

Hence, the seasonally large numbers of students crowding the exercise machines at Gantcher. However, the crowd is known to peter out substantially before March.

This is not a difficult phenomenon to explain. Holiday weight gain is known to be a near-universal American vice.

According to an article published in the *New Republic*, the average American consumes up to 5,000 calories alone on Christmas Day.

That is sufficient to feed the average woman for three days — or potentially equivalent to the caloric intake for the average Tufts student between noon and two p.m. on Homecoming Saturday.

The most common advice on proactive-coach.com tells us that if we are going to make “exercising regularly or losing weight a goal, draw your friends with similar ambitions into the operation. You’re more likely to stick to it if you can guilt trip your friends into joining you.”



On a typical weekend afternoon or evening, Quincy Market is buzzing with people. The long hall lined with numerous opportunities for dinner is packed, and the open shopping area is noisy and chaotic.

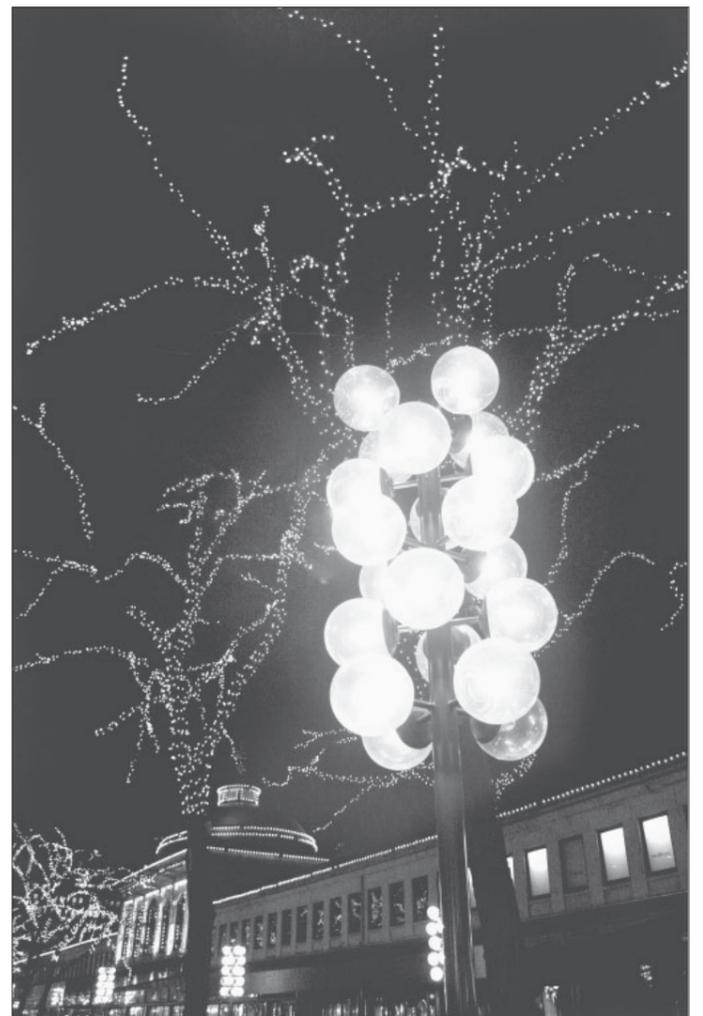
On Wednesday night, however, the cold February wind stifled the noise of the few pedestrians briskly rushing past the entry to Quincy Market. Faneuil Hall lay desolate, and the looming image of Samuel Adams appeared ghostly in the dim light of the evening.

The remnants of a hectic day left tired-looking workers, empty food kiosks and a lone guitar player mournfully strumming, "The Wheels on the Bus."

I had never been to either Quincy Market or Faneuil Hall before, but was thankful for its unexpected emptiness, which completely altered the anticipated mood of my photo shoot.

# Nightfall at Faneuil Hall

a photoessay by the Daily's Jo Duara



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## FOX stunts growth of 'Arrested Development'

BY GREGORY CONNOR  
Daily Editorial Board

When FOX announced it had finally given up on its critically acclaimed comedy "Arrested Development," the reac-

### Arrested Development

Starring **Jason Bateman, Jeffrey Tambour, David Cross**  
Last four episodes air tonight on FOX at 8 p.m.

tion from fans was similar to that of a Democrat after the last election: "How can the rest of America be so stupid?" How can one of the most critically acclaimed shows of all time flounder in the ratings, when the post-"Everybody Loves Raymond" sitcoms about fat working-class men and the pretty women who love them continue to dominate prime time?

With unparalleled acting and writing, legions of adoring critics and armfuls of Emmys, "Arrested Development" should have been the next "Seinfeld." Ever since "the story of a wealthy family that lost everything, and the one son who had no choice but to keep them together" debuted in 2003, the axe of cancellation has hovered inches above the show's neck. There have been numerous threats and false alarms in the past, such as the decrease in episodes ordered for Season Two from 22 to 18 in order to introduce the dreadful "American Dad."

The show that never seemed to get a



Arrested Development's usual suspects.

fair deal is now meeting an unceremonious end. In the programming equivalent of bringing Old Yeller out behind the woodshed, FOX is running the final four episodes of Season Three (and likely the entire series) from 8 to 10 p.m. tonight, against the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympics. This is a fate that not even "Emily's Reasons Why Not" deserves.

While rumors have been flying that ABC or Showtime might pick up the show, nothing has been confirmed.

No synopsis can do justice to the seemingly endless gags, subplots and character quirks of "AD," but at its core the show is about one son's attempt to find his place

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### MOVIE REVIEW

## New Tommy Lee Jones movie should be laid to rest

BY KELLY RIZZETTA  
Daily Editorial Board

Did you know that Tommy Lee Jones can speak Spanish? If you've seen "The Three

### The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada

★★★★☆

Starring **Tommy Lee Jones, Barry Pepper, Melissa Leo**  
Directed by **Tommy Lee Jones**

Burials of Melquiades Estrada," you just may have picked up this factoid, along with a myriad of other important life lessons. Amongst these would be to never travel through the Chihuahuan Desert without a destination in mind and that never — under any circumstances — is it a good idea to bury your dead best friend more than twice.

"Three Burials" delivers these axioms within the context of the story of Pete Perkins (Tommy Lee Jones), a ranch hand from southern Texas. Perkins is obliged to fulfill the promise he made to bury his friend Melquiades Estrada (Julio Cedillo) in his native Mexico when the latter man is mysteriously killed.

Of course, before Perkins sets out for the Rio Grande with Melquiades' corpse in tow, he tracks down the Border Patrolman (Barry Pepper) who shot Melquiades, puts him through a gamut of near-fatal physical torture, and kidnaps the poor devil to bring along for the ride.

If it sounds a little farfetched, that's because it is. Unfortunately, seasoned writer Guillermo Arriaga, the same man that brought us rich character studies like 2003's "21 Grams," matches the outlandish premise with a spate of equally extreme personalities who

embody the very best and worst of human nature all at once.

From the greasy spoon waitress who routinely cheats on her poor, unwitting husband Bob to the disenchanting housewife married to Melquiades' killer, all of Arriaga's characters are truly wretched creatures whose lives are mostly dismal, depressing and bitter. Though their existences are occasionally shot through with extreme moments of pleasure, the world Arriaga creates in the border town of Van Horn, Texas is so vulgar and brutal that few people will be able to identify with any of the characters.

However, the tremendously talented cast salvages the relationship with the audience. Since the film is light on dialogue, most of the emotion in "Three Burials" is derived from wistful looks, long sighs and absent-minded flicks of a cigarette, and the actors use these little things to soften their

characters.

Melissa Leo and January Jones shine as the film's female leads, bittersweetly conveying two women's struggle to find happiness in the harsh, testosterone-fueled corruption of a backwards desert town. The two ladies represent different sides of the same coin. Leo plays Rachel, the adulterous middle-aged waitress whose dead-end marriage forces her to compensate for her disappointment with liberal amounts of carnal pleasure. Jones' character, Lou Ann Norton, is also stuck in a loveless relationship, but the idealism of youth buoys her hopes to get something more out of life.

Barry Pepper, graduate of war epics like "Saving Private Ryan" (1998) and "We Were Soldiers" (2002), still totes a gun in "Three Burials," but the

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### ALBUM REVIEW

## Keep Headley in 'Mind' — Broadway star comes through

BY JOHN REED  
Daily Staff Writer

For the most part, pop recordings from Broadway stars are not overly appealing to the main-

### In My Mind

Heather Headley

★★★★☆

RCA Records

stream. Since stage stars are more dramatic in their vocal deliverance, their records are generally not exactly what fans of today's hip-hop are looking for.

Heather Headley, however, formerly a performer in stage productions of "The Lion King"

and "Aida," is an exception. On her newest release, the smooth, Trinidad-born R&B vocalist continues to impress. With a style and smoothness reminiscent of Anita Baker in her prime, Headley genuinely puts all her essence into the record, and while the disc is a bit ballad-heavy and its subject matter (i.e. relationship issues) can be clichéd, the slower numbers never delve into wimpy overdrive. The lyrics are at times endearing and never whiny or fluffy.

On "In My Mind," her sophomore effort, Headley wisely chose to enlist some assistance from the production department. The once untouchable Babyface, former king of slow-jam production in the '90s, is back on track

and comes strong with his overseeing of the album's title cut. While Headley certainly makes this song her own, Babyface's tag is all over it.

Headley also teams with the legendary production duo of Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis. Former members of the Prince protégé band The Time, the production team has had major hits with a myriad of acts including Mariah, Boyz II Men and TLC, and were the ones who led a young Janet Jackson into stardom in the mid-'80s. On "In My Mind," Jam and Lewis aim for more glory with Headley, shooting for a more adult contemporary sound on "What's Not Being Said." The results are satisfying, if not Jam and Lewis' most shin-

ing moment.

The most surprising production collaborator that Headley employs is crunk king Lil' Jon for "Back When It Was." The song, an R&B-filled slow number, is actually more akin to a doo-wop track than to anything else Lil' Jon has ever been involved with. Another standout track, "Losing You," is Headley's "kick him to the curb" anthem as she joyfully revels in her life after ridding herself of a less than honorable suitor.

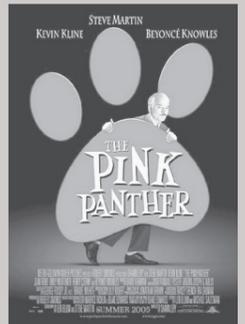
While overall the album is decidedly slow, Headley keeps it from dragging. She picks up the pace with a duet with Shaggy on the Caribbean-

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### Somerville Theatre

- ◆ *Capote* (R) 1:40 (Sat. and Sun. only), 4:40, 7:15, 9:40
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- ◆ *The Squid and the Whale* (R) 1:30 (Sat. only), 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
- ◆ *Walk the Line* (PG-13) 1:35 (Sat. and Sun. only), 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
- ◆ *Bombay Cinema Presents: "Rang De Basanti"* (NR) 2:00 (Sat. only), 5:00, 8:00

### Loews Harvard Square 5

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- ◆ *The New World* (PG-13) 1:10, 4:05, 7:00, 10:00
- ◆ *Munich* (R) 1:00, 4:30, 8:00, 11:30 (Sat. only)
- ◆ *Brokeback Mountain* (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
- ◆ *Syriana* (R) 1:30, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20
- ◆ *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (R) 12:00 a.m. (Fri. only)

### Loews Boston Common

- ◆ *Curious George* (G) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 11:45
- ◆ *Final Destination 3* (R) 10:45 a.m., 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20, 12:30 a.m.
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- ◆ *The New World* (PG-13) 3:40, 9:45
- ◆ *Munich* (R) 6:40, 10:15
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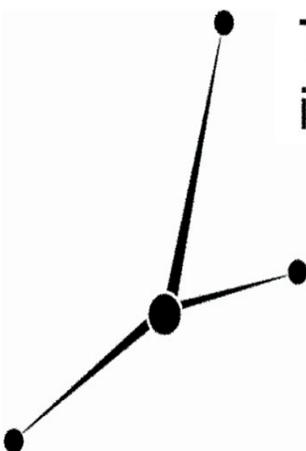
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# America, you can't handle the Bluths!

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in and ultimately save his oddball family. When the Bluth family patriarch (Jeffrey Tambor) is arrested in connection with an Enron-like scandal, his son Michael Bluth (Jason Bateman) must pick up the pieces of his chronically dysfunctional family.

Michael encounters resistance from his brother G.O.B. (Will Arnett), a struggling magician who travels almost exclusively by Segway, and his sister Lindsay (Portia de Rossi), who adopts causes only if they enhance her social visibility. Meanwhile, his oblivious brother Buster (Tony Hale), an annual contestant in the mother-son Motherboy pageant, loses his hand to a loose seal shortly after his mother, Lucille (Jessica Walter), enrolls him in the army.

The supporting cast is at least as good as, if not better than the stars. David Cross plays Tobias Fünke, Lindsay's psychologist-turned-actor husband, who has the worst guarded secret concerning his sexuality this side of Mr. Smithers from "The Simpsons." George Michael (Michael Cera) and Maebly Fünke (Alia Shawkat) are cousins dealing with the absurdities of their families who also just might be in love with each other.

"Arrested Development" relies heavily on pushing the boundaries of what a prime-time network show can be. It is filmed like a documentary, using only two handheld cameras. Unlike "The Office," which uses this style to emphasize the soul-crushing boredom and isolation of the workplace, "AD" moves along at a breakneck speed, utilizing unconventional techniques like inserts and archival footage. It is self-referential and uses frequent call-backs to previous episodes, which makes it somewhat unwelcoming to uninitiated viewers. Guest stars like Charlize Theron are used in unorthodox ways that would have had a network executive's head spinning on any other program. The most off-beat and charming addition is Ron Howard's razor-sharp narration, which is weaved so expertly into the story that he becomes one of the characters.

Smart, fast-paced and character-driven

dramas like "24" and "Lost" that require viewer attention and contain multiple complex storylines have recently gained huge, loyal audiences. On the other hand, comedies have been on the downward trajectory. So-called "family sitcoms" like "Two and a Half Men" and "According to Jim" have a very different view of family than most of us are used to. Unless your dad speaks almost solely in one-liners and gets himself into a crazy jam every week that is resolved in under half an hour, this is not exactly something we can all relate to.

A lot of speculation has been made that "Arrested Development"'s poor ratings are because people can't relate to a wealthy, self-obsessed family. In the episode "S.O.B.," the first made after it became clear the show was on its last legs, Michael Bluth questioned whether his family is even worth saving. This is where "Arrested Development" is more of a sitcom about family than "family sitcoms" ever could hope to be. At its heart, "Arrested Development" is about the struggle to understand if it really is "family first" or if they're just "a bunch of people who have our nose."

If "Arrested Development" is as good as all the critics and Emmys would make it out to be, why does it average only 6.2 million viewers on a good night? It's not because America's stupid and needs a laugh-track to tell them what's funny. "Arrested Development" is a lot like G.O.B.'s puppet Franklin, an act America just wasn't ready for.

The show is so dense and so quick that comparing it to other shows is like comparing "apples with some weird fruit no one's ever heard of." On the bright side, "Arrested Development"'s legacy is already becoming apparent in NBC's new Must See line-up featuring the off-beat comedies "My Name is Earl" and "The Office."

So don't despair, "Arrested Development" fans: take a couple of Dr. Fünke's Teamosils, watch the final four episodes of one of television's greatest shows, and pray that Showtime picks them up for next season.

# Road trip!... with a corpse?

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similarities stop there. Pepper departs from his usual good-guy persona as the only character to undergo a significant personality transformation from a horny, callous buffoon to a humble and caring individual. Perkins forces Norton to pay for his wrongful killing of Melquiades with intense physical and emotional anguish, and Pepper manages to make the audience feel every snake bite and pistol whipping he has to suffer through in order to pay for his sins.

And call it beginner's luck, but Jones turns in a performance that simultaneously ends his downward spiral into mediocrity and marks what could be the start of a promising career on the other side of the camera. A far cry from his performance in his last film, 2005's "Man of the House," Jones treats his "Three Burials" character with poignant sensitivity, playing the borderline-neurotic Pete Perkins with equal parts dogmatic loyalty and human feeling. And half the time he does it in Spanish.

On the directorial end of things, Jones proves more than capable. His quick transitions

between scenes balance the sweeping landscapes and lingering close-ups to keep the pacing fresh. And his decision to show the events of Melquiades' shooting out of sequence adds a light-hearted indie slant to the first half of the movie.

But all the good performances can't change the fact that, while "Three Burials" is a quality film, it's far from being an entertaining movie. Like the characters themselves, "Three Burials" is mostly dark and brutal with unsettling bursts of tenderness and humor.

Sure, brutality and humor are both essential parts of the human experience, but when you cram them both into the same movie, the result is too volatile to be realistic. You can appreciate "Three Burials" as a work of art while you're watching it, but it's not a film that you'd ever want to see more than once in a lifetime, and probably not something you'd recommend to a friend.

And yeah, we get it: life is filled with random twists and turns — but those chance happenings don't always have to end up in a week-long trek through the desert filled with meaningless tragedies, spiritual epiphanies and a rotting corpse.

# 2006 is the year of Heather

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tinged "Rain." She also dips, albeit lightly, into dancehall reggae terrain on "How Many Ways." While she surely isn't going to give Sean Paul or Rupee too much competition, she gambled with these two tunes and they both pay off, adding some much needed diversity to the album.

In the historically slow-selling

post-holiday season, now is actually a good time for Headley's release; it should get more attention now than if it had a late 2005 release, when it might have gotten lost in the blitz of greatest hits and compilations that overwhelm the public every December. Hopefully the 2006 release will be a favorable one for Headley, as "In My Mind" certainly merits the air-time.

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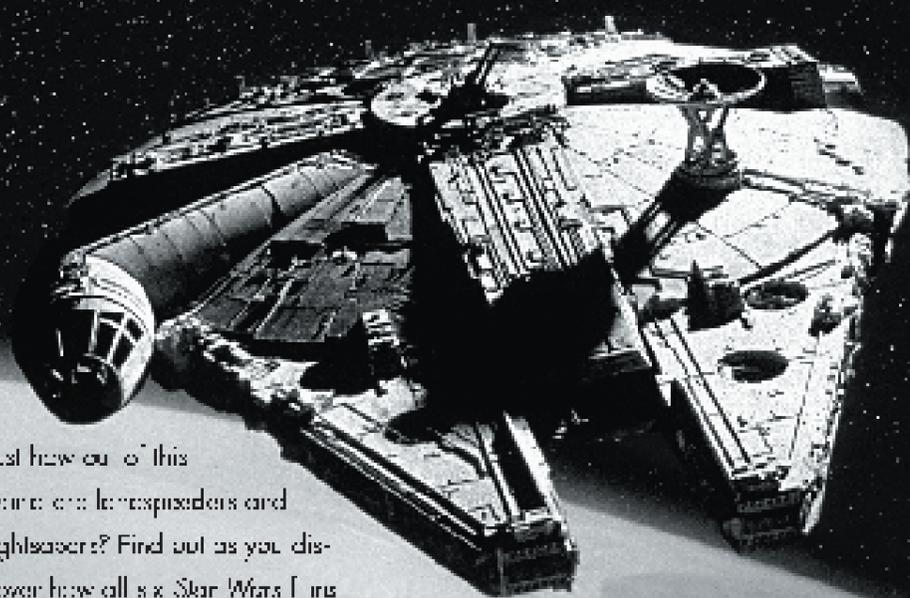
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## EDITORIAL

## Something rare: a response

In recent days, fractures have emerged between Congressional Republicans and President Bush over the president's support of the National Security Agency's controversial wiretapping program. The program — which allows interception without warrants of the international communications of U.S. citizens suspected of al-Qaeda links — has prompted concern among many Congressional Democrats, but had been widely supported by Republicans.

Until this week. Almost as surprising as the desertion of such Republicans as Representative Heather A. Wilson of New Mexico — the first Republican on the House or Senate Intelligence Committee to call for a full Congressional investigation into the program — has been the President's reaction. Instead of ignoring their inquiries and concerns, the President has been uncharacteristically willing to address them.

In the wake of Wilson's criticisms, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales delivered a three-and-a-half-hour-long closed-door briefing to the full House Intelligence Committee on the program — the first such briefing given to anyone beyond the original "Gang of Eight" Congressional leaders who were informed of the program's existence.

Wilson is not alone in her concerns. Republican Senator Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, the notoriously conservative leader of the Senate Judiciary Committee, is drafting legislation that would specifically require the administration to go before the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court before conducting

wiretapping operations.

And recent revelations about other constitutionally-nebulous spying programs have contributed to a sense of apprehension about the extent of the administration's dragnet — and who might find themselves caught in it.

Most notably, information has recently come to light about the existence of Threat and Local Observation Notice (TALON), a program run by the Department of Defense's super-secret Counterintelligence Field Activity (CIFA), which has been collecting and storing "raw information" about potential terrorists operating within the United States.

Problematically, this "raw information" may have included details about thousands of U.S. citizens whose activities should never have been tracked and recorded by the government.

The story of the "peanut-butter protesters" — 10 demonstrators who did nothing more than hand out free peanut-butter sandwiches outside Halliburton offices in order to call attention to the allegations that the company was overcharging on a food contract, but were tracked by TALON for doing so — has become emblematic of what's wrong with the program.

Programs like TALON and the NSA wiretapping operation are designed to be impervious to criticism: They are justified by withheld information, supported by an unknown budget and operating under a classified mandate. Nothing need be explained; nobody is to be asked permission.

"Either we are serious about fighting

this war on terror or not," as Cheney put it. It's just that simple. But lately, as an increasing number of glimpses of the extent and scope of the government's spying project become visible, Congress has been criticizing.

And while Vice-President Cheney has stayed defensively on message — "we have all the legal authority we need" for the program, he said on Tuesday's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" — Wednesday's briefing to the House Intelligence Committee belies a slightly more moderate approach to dissension in the ranks.

In political reality, the Bush Administration can hardly afford to take any other tack at this point. Coming on the heels of a politically disastrous year that brought dismal approval ratings and neither peace nor honor in Iraq, the NSA wiretapping controversy was the last thing the administration needed.

The Bush Administration must adopt a marginally less dismissive tone in order to navigate the next three years, and it is important not to overestimate the significance of the recent criticisms or the disagreements they reflect: Congressional Republicans, many of whom are up for re-election this fall, may be interested in distancing themselves from the President for reasons that are more political than ideological.

But there is no denying that increased pressure on the NSA issue has elicited something unusual from the Bush Administration: a response. That the administration finally feels obliged to offer one is promising.

## WAYNE STAYSKAL



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## Waiting for wireless

THE DAILY FREE PRESS

City officials are excited about the prospect of a wireless Boston, and rightfully so. Imagine being able to take your laptop to the Boston Common or the Esplanade on a warm spring day as you work from one of the most beautiful spots in the city.

Mayor Menino would like to make this a reality, as he indicated yesterday with his announcement of a new wireless task force. But is Boston really ready to be wireless? The city's recent history and current fiscal situation indicate otherwise.

To make a city as large as Boston completely wireless would require a plan that transcends the bureaucracies of local and state government. Boston is full of conflicting authorities that make it hard

to implement large-scale plans. The Big Dig, though much more massive than a wireless project would be, is a good example of how ambitious proposals can quickly get bogged down and put a strain on city resources.

Wireless Internet is an advanced technology that can't be put into place overnight; implementing it would be a slow process full of starts and stops. As the city struggles to fund vital initiatives, such as cutting down on crime, it would be unwise to rush into a wireless project that may very well become costly and time-consuming.

Instead of attempting the immediate, full-scale implementation of wireless, Menino should consider testing out the technology on a smaller scale. If wireless is a success in, say, the Back Bay, the city could then consider expanding it to other neighborhoods.

The city can also reach a partial solution by encouraging universities to expand their preexisting wireless networks.

College students and recent college graduates are a primary market for wireless Internet, and in a city defined by its many institutions of higher education, it's only natural that universities would lead the wireless revolution.

The city should encourage universities to develop their networks through financial incentives, though it's already in schools' best interests to go wireless, as it would only make them more attractive to prospective students.

Wireless Internet is clearly the wave of the future; its arrival in Boston is both inevitable and necessary. But the city must wait until the time is right to make wireless a full-scale reality, and that time is not now.

## Bush provides details of 2002 terrorist plot aimed at L.A.

BY RON HUTCHESON  
Knight Ridder Tribune

The plot envisioned a ghastly replay of the attack that brought down the World Trade Center, only this time the terrorists wanted to crash a plane into the tallest building in Los Angeles. The plan unraveled in early 2002 with the arrest of one of the ringleaders, but President Bush provided new details about it Thursday in defending his handling of the war on terrorism.

The timing of his chilling disclosures, four years after the plot was discovered and four months after he first discussed the broad outlines of the scheme, raised suspicion that his remarks were politically motivated. At the very moment that Bush was defending his aggressive approach to terrorism, two of his top advisers were trying to quell a revolt in Congress against his domestic eavesdropping program.

Bowing to bipartisan pressure, Attorney General Alberto

Gonzales and Gen. Michael Hayden, the deputy director of national intelligence, gave a closed-door briefing on the surveillance program to members of the Senate Intelligence Committee. The warrantless surveillance, which the president authorized without congressional or court approval shortly after the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, targets communications between suspected terrorists overseas and their contacts in the United States.

The session, conducted a day after a similar briefing for members of the House Intelligence Committee, failed to resolve doubts about the program's legality. Committee Democrats and at least one Republican, Sen. Mike DeWine of Ohio, said they wanted more information.

"If they came with the idea that this was going to stop an investigation on the part of the Senate Intelligence Committee, they were wrong," Sen. John "Jay" Rockefeller of West

Virginia, the top Democrat on the panel, said after the meeting.

Bush and his advisers said the Los Angeles plot illustrated the need to move swiftly against any suspicious activity.

"It took the combined efforts of several countries to break up this plot," the president told members of the National Guard Association. "By working together, we stopped a catastrophic attack on our homeland."

As described by Bush and Frances Townsend, his top counterterrorism adviser, the plot grew out of early planning for the Sept. 11 attacks, when al-Qaida leaders considered simultaneous assaults on both coasts. They scrapped that idea but quickly began work on an encore attack on the 73-story Library Tower, a gleaming, granite-and-glass edifice now known as the US Bank Tower. (In the 1996 movie "Independence Day," aliens destroy the 1,018-foot-tall building.)



TOM SWICK/KRT

A view of what is now called the US Bank Tower from Pershing Square in downtown Los Angeles. The building was to have been the victim of a 9/11-style Al Qaeda attack in 2002.



ED HILLE/KRT

John Piper, 28, and his wife Tina Pizano stand on the balcony of their Atlantic City condominium with a background that includes the boardwalk as well as Atlantic City, New Jersey's casinos. Their condo is in the Bella building on Pacific Avenue.

## In Atlantic City, massive luxury condo projects are in the works

BY SUZETTE PARMLEY  
Knight Ridder Tribune

The thought of living near where they worked appealed to the Pipers. So when the couple married last fall, they bought the two-bedroom apartment they had been renting at the Bella in the city's Southeast Inlet section.

"I love the location," said John Piper, 28, a restaurant chef at Harrah's casino hotel here, which is within easy walking distance to where he lives with his wife, Tina Pisano-Piper, 25, a local real estate agent.

The Pipers look like the people that show up in the TV commercials for the casinos — happy, young and looking for fun.

That they have chosen to buy a home in this city of about 40,500 is another sign that the billions of dollars spent on new casinos, housing and shopping over the last five years is having more than a cosmetic effect on Atlantic City.

And not a moment too soon as casino operators anxiously await the effect that the advent of slot-machine gambling at Pennsylvania racetracks this summer will have on their \$5 billion industry.

While in Reno, Nev., the gambling business is contracting and former casino hotels are being converted into condominiums, the condo projects planned for

Atlantic City tend to be new construction.

There are a half-dozen luxury condo high-rises in development in and around Atlantic City. Four are in the city's Inlet section, including a 34-story luxury high-rise with 303 units called Marbella.

"People have rediscovered Atlantic City and found it's not just a gaming town," said Jim Maggs, who is behind the project. "The attraction is that there is tremendous value in Atlantic City. It has something that Las Vegas does not have, which is a beach."

M&J Development L.L.C., based in Atlantic City, intends to break ground in the spring on a six-story, 179-unit high-rise called Melrose Place, in the nearby Northeast Inlet.

Builder Bruce Toll said he planned to build a luxury residential high-rise with 400 units, priced at \$1 million and up, on the 50-yard line of the Boardwalk. Toll, of Horsham, bought the site of the former Trump's World's Fair casino for \$25 million in September from Trump Entertainment Resorts Inc.

"The Borgata needs to be credited for showing how to access a whole different demographic, younger and more affluent," said Tom Scannapieco of the \$1.1 billion Las Vegas-style mega-casino that made its debut in July 2003. "Clearly, the whole city is targeting that market."

## Porn industry turns lustful eye to wireless

BY MIKE HUGHLETT  
Knight Ridder Tribune

Few industries have a better track record for using technology to reach consumers than the one that employs Steven Hirsch.

Through the Internet, DVDs and even VCRs, Hirsch and his brethren were there first, profitably churning out products.

Now his industry, pornography, is targeting the next technological frontier: the mobile phone.

"There is a lot of business to be done," said Hirsch, the co-founder of adult filmmaker Vivid Entertainment.

Hirsch plans later this year to launch a new mobile product he expects will sell particularly well: VividNow, which offers live sex chats with porn stars, their images beamed onto a phone's video

screen.

The mobile adult video market is small now. But already, many major phone companies in Europe are selling sexual content. It would seem to be a natural seller in the United States, too, except for one major difference: the United States is more conservative culturally, with stronger lobbies against pornography and indecency.

And so there is a quiet battle being played out between pornographers and opponents, with U.S. wireless carriers positioned in the middle between a potentially lucrative business and the risk to their image by abetting in the distribution of adult content.

It's an even trickier situation than the one facing major cable television companies that offer sex channels because porn-on-the-go

brings up the specter of inadvertent public exposure to sexual videos — such as if someone chooses to watch an inappropriate clip on a bus.

It is also potentially much easier for children to access than on a personal computer precisely because phones are so portable, said Charmaine Yoest, a vice president at the Family Research Council, which promotes what it calls traditional family and Judeo-Christian values.

"We're able to monitor what (children) do on computers in our houses," she said.

Nonetheless, mobile video will be important for the pornography industry, said Jonathan Coopersmith, a professor who has studied the ties between adult entertainment and technology. "The question is how important."



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Steven Hirsch, co-founder of Vivid Entertainment, plans to launch a new product this year for mobile-phone users.

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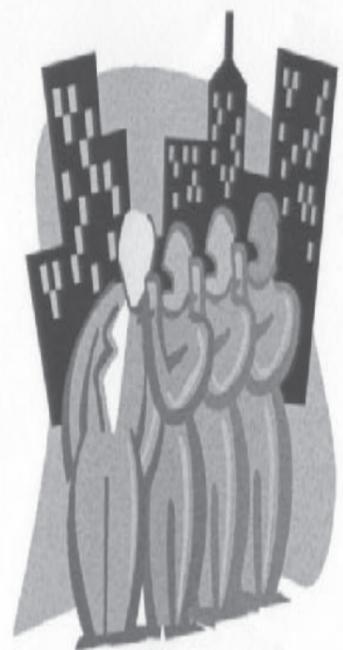
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## Abduction of Egyptian official in Gaza Strip ends violent week

BY DION NISSENBAUM  
Knight Ridder Tribune

Palestinian gunmen in the Gaza Strip kidnapped an Egyptian military attache on Thursday in the worst upsurge in violence since the Islamic militant group Hamas won control of the Palestinian parliament in last month's elections.

The kidnapping, following a string of attacks along the main border between Gaza and Israel, has raised concerns that militants allied with the declining Fatah Party may try to undermine the new Hamas government by provoking Israel.

Palestinian sources said masked gunmen seized the Egyptian attache, Hussam Almousaly, in the middle of the day not far from the Egyptian office in Gaza City. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. Hamas and the Palestinian Authority condemned the abduction.

Almousaly is the highest profile figure to be abducted in the Gaza Strip, where armed gangs have kidnapped nearly two dozen Westerners since last summer. Most of the kidnappings have been brief, done in an effort to obtain security jobs with the Palestinian Authority or secure the release of prisoners.

Almousaly was kidnapped the same morning that two militant teams staged assaults on the Gaza Strip's northern border with Israel.

Shortly before dawn, according to the Israeli military, two Palestinians armed with

grenades, an explosive belt and machine guns attacked the Erez Crossing before Israeli soldiers killed them. A few hours later, the Israeli military said, one Palestinian was killed and another was wounded while trying to plant explosives east of the border crossing.

The attacks and abduction come at the end of a violent week during which Israel killed nine Palestinians in targeted Gaza Strip assassinations.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a statement earlier this week that "targeted killings place innocent bystanders at grave risk and amount to executions without trial."

Among those killed were militants with Islamic Jihad, the group responsible for most of the suicide bombings in Israel over the past year, and Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militant group aligned with the Fatah Party.

Israel stepped up its aerial attacks after four Israelis were injured by a homemade rocket launched from the Gaza Strip. Three rockets were fired into Israel Thursday night, but none caused injuries.

The increasing violence poses challenges for Hamas, which is preparing to form the next Palestinian government. Hamas spent years spearheading the suicide bombing campaign against Israel. It has largely honored a temporary cease-fire over the past year, but it's resisting international pressure to disarm its military wing. Disarmament



A masked member of the Al Aqsa Brigade, the armed branch of Fatah, demonstrates training techniques in 2002. Concerns have been raised that Al Aqsa has stepped up attacks to undermine the newly elected Hamas party by provoking Israel.

of Palestinian military groups is one of the steps outlined in the U.S.-backed road map toward an independent Palestinian state alongside Israel.

If Hamas decides to form a government and take control of security forces, it would fall to its ministers to crack down on any militants who attack Israel. Some Al Aqsa militant leaders have been threatening to

step up their attacks.

Hamas controls at least 74 of 132 seats in the next Palestinian legislature. Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas is expected to ask Hamas to form the new Cabinet, but Hamas is facing threats of international isolation if it runs the government without renouncing violence and accepting Israel's right to live side by side with a Palestinian state.

### Time for class



Islamic University students in Gaza City, February 9, 2006. Funded by money from the United States, Europe, World Bank and many Arab nations over the last 27 years, the Islamic University has evolved from a rudimentary campus with temporary tents for classrooms into a widely-respected college with 17,000 students.

AHMAD KHATEIB/KRT

## Mexico to appoint prosecutor for crimes against journalists

BY LAURENCE ILIFF  
Knight Ridder Tribune

The attorney general's office said Thursday that it will appoint a special prosecutor for crimes against journalists, such as this week's attack on the Nuevo Laredo newspaper El Manana by drug traffickers.

"We have various candidates [for the position]," said Attorney General Daniel Cabeza de Vaca. "They may not even be aware that they are (candidates), but at the right moment we will make an announcement."

Cabeza de Vaca said creating the new position had been agreed to previously by President Vicente Fox and was not a reaction to Monday's attack in Nuevo Laredo on the Texas-Mexico border.

In September, the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists urged Fox to appoint a special prosecutor for crimes against freedom of expression.

On Monday evening, hooded men sprayed the El Manana news-

room with bullets and exploded two grenades.

Police reporter Jaime Orozco Tey remained in critical condition Thursday with five bullet wounds. Doctors said he might be paralyzed.

The attorney general said the shooting clearly was the work of a drug cartel but declined to say which one. Suspects are being located, he said, based on witness descriptions.

The motive for the attack against the newspaper is not known. A top editor there, Roberto Mora, was stabbed to death in his driveway in 2004. An American neighbor, Mario Medina, was charged with the crime, thrown in jail and was killed days later. Medina, 23, is widely believed to have been innocent.

Groups that work to protect journalists have documented a rise in the number of attacks in northern Mexico, particularly by drug traffickers trying to control information about them and their operations.

## Kaczynski, Poland's new leader, makes visiting the U.S. a priority

BY TOM HUNDLEY  
Knight Ridder Tribune

When he was mayor of Warsaw, Lech Kaczynski established his credentials as a Roman Catholic social conservative by banning the city's minuscule gay rights parade.

So it came as no great surprise that as Poland's newly elected president, Kaczynski's first foreign visit would be to the Vatican.

Perhaps more interesting is that his second trip abroad is to the United States.

Kaczynski met with President Bush in the Oval Office on Thursday, and the two discussed NATO, the European Union and Poland's neighbors — Belarus, Ukraine and Russia. Kaczynski will arrive in Chicago on Friday for meetings with Polish-American leaders and a working breakfast on Saturday with Mayor Richard Daley.

The visit to Washington underscores importance Poland places on the trans-Atlantic alliance and signals Kaczynski's deep skepticism of the European Union, especially in matters concerning Poland's security and its testy relationship with Russia.

Poland's ties with France and Germany suffered when Warsaw supported the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Its current deployment of nearly 1,500 troops to Iraq is the fifth largest after the United States, Britain, South Korea and Italy.

The previous Polish government planned to withdraw the troops in early 2006, but after Kaczynski's election in October, the new government decided to extend the deployment until the end of 2006 and perhaps longer, even though opinion polls show that 60 to 70 percent of the electorate want the troops home, and many commentators have complained that the Bush

administration has done little to reward the Poles.

"We simply believe our mission in Iraq is not over yet," Kaczynski said in an interview with the Chicago Tribune last week. "Other NATO member states are still there. For example, Italians, who are there in greater numbers than us, are still there. And this is why we thought it would be good that the Poles stay to finish the mission."

At the same time, he suggested that the Bush administration could be doing more to support Poland's efforts to modernize its military.

Kaczynski, 56, and his twin brother Jaroslaw came to power last fall by portraying themselves as the defenders of Poland's conservative social values against the encroaching liberalism of Europe.

Jaroslaw Kaczynski, the older by 45 minutes, heads the Law and Justice party which won September's parliamentary elections.

But instead of taking the top job as prime minister, Jaroslaw, who prefers to operate in the background, stepped aside in a bid to enhance his younger brother's chances in the presidential elections the following month. The strategy worked.

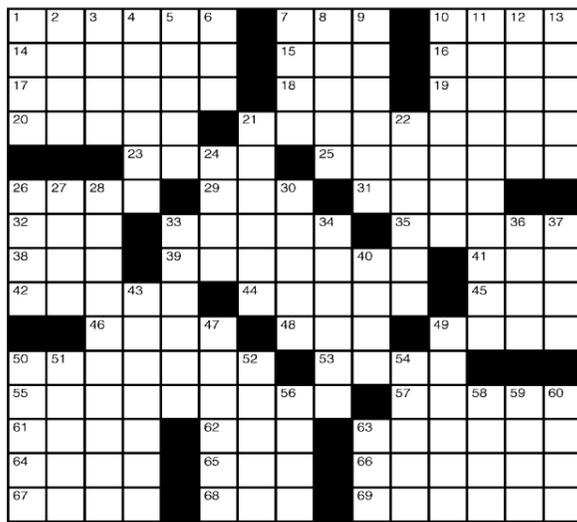
With Lech as president, Jaroslaw as the power behind the government, and Law and Justice increasingly allied with some of Poland's most reactionary fringe parties, the two former child actors now find themselves at the forefront of a budding "culture war" in Europe.

Both Kaczynskis have been outspoken critics of gay rights, liberal abortion laws and the failure of the proposed EU constitution to contain any reference to God or Europe's Christian roots.

In his interview with the Tribune, President Kaczynski said his views were conservative, but hardly out of the mainstream.

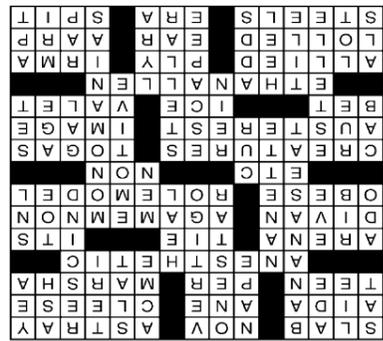
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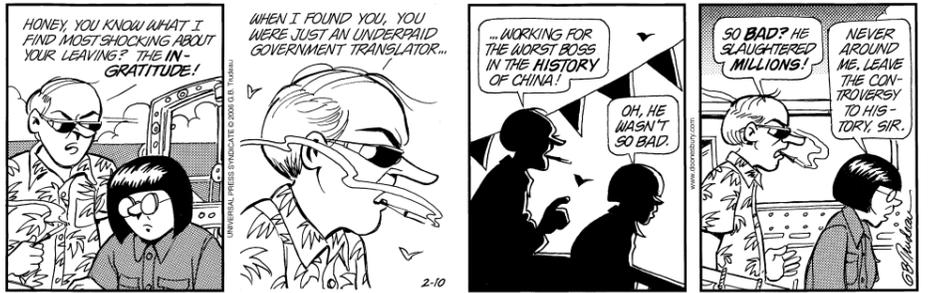
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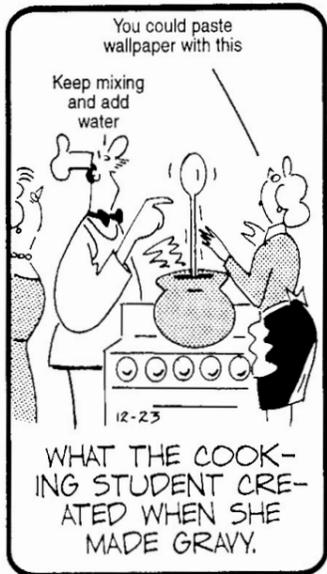
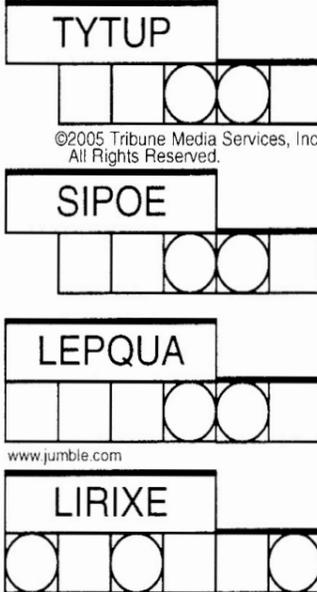
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**JUMBLE**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
 by Henri Arnold and Mike Argiron

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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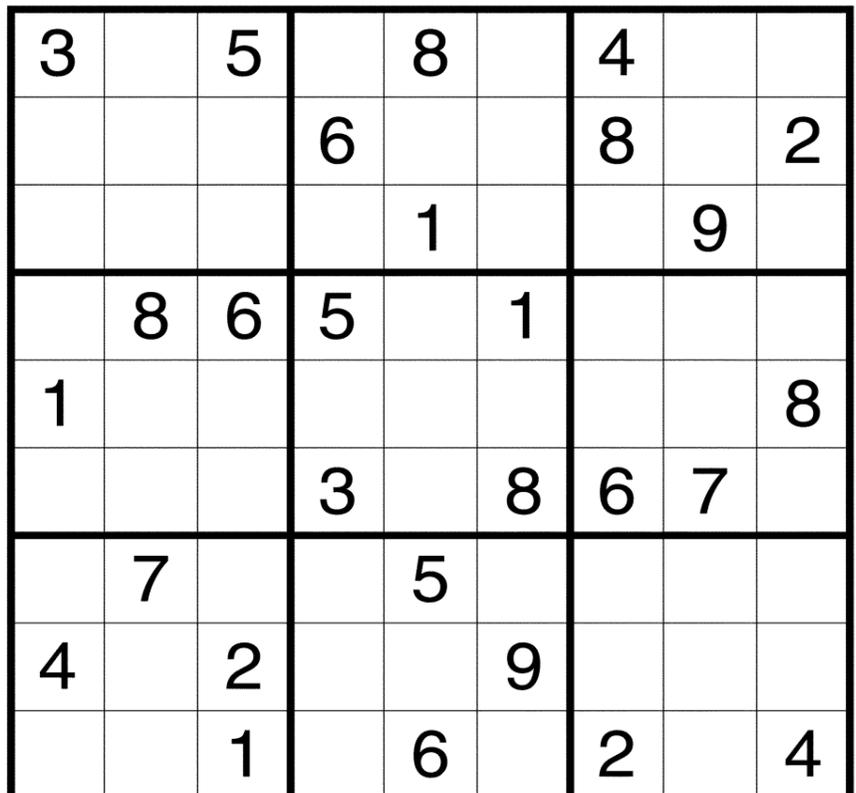
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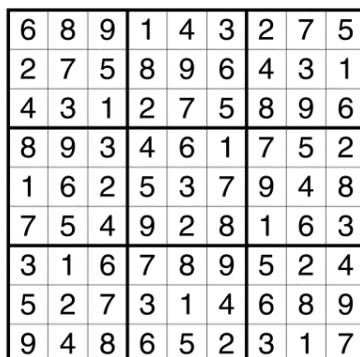
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

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# Gretzky denies involvement in gambling ring, unlike his wife

BY THOMAS ZAMBITO  
Knight Ridder Tribune

Hockey legend Wayne Gretzky passionately denied any involvement in the multimillion-dollar sports gambling ring that has ensnared his wife, saying there's "nothing for me to hide from."

"If I had made one bet, I would have quit the Coyotes," Gretzky told a Mesa, Ariz., newspaper Thursday night, before his team, the Phoenix Coyotes, took the ice. "I would never embarrass the team or the organization."

"If I had made one bet, I would have quit Team Canada. I would never embarrass them."

Questions continued to swirl over whether Gretzky — the coach and co-owner of the Coyotes — may have been involved in the gambling ring, whose bettors included at least a half-dozen current National Hockey League players as well as Gretzky's wife, Janet Jones.

Jones sought to put those questions to rest Thursday.

"At no time did I ever place a wager on my husband's behalf, period," Jones said in a statement provided by the Coyotes Thursday night.

"Other than the occasional horse race, my husband does not bet on any sports."

Jones reportedly bet at least \$100,000 with the gambling ring and possibly as much as \$75,000 on the Super Bowl, according to one report.

And sources told the New York Daily News that Jones was a known high roller, regularly accompanying her husband to Atlantic City while he played for the Rangers.

In the past month, Gretzky was captured on a state police wiretap discussing how his wife could avoid being implicated, according to reports. The conversation

occurred while authorities were wrapping up their investigation, one law enforcement source said.

The probe centers on Phoenix assistant coach Rick Tocchet and New Jersey State Trooper James Harney — and whether key organized crime figures in Philadelphia may have played a role in the operation.

While playing for the Philadelphia Flyers in the 1990s, Tocchet, the ring's suspected financier, had connections to notorious Philadelphia mob boss Joseph (Skinny Joey) Merlino, according to the testimony of a mob snitch in the early 1990s.

And recent surveillance photos of Harney show him talking with known mobsters, while raking in some of the \$1.7 million the ring generated in the weeks leading up to the Super Bowl, according to authorities.

Authorities say they still don't know whether mobsters were simply placing bets, helping to finance large payouts or acting as muscle to collect overdue gambling debts.

"The investigation has revealed alleged ties to the Bruno-Scarfo crime family of La Cosa Nostra," a New Jersey State Police spokesman said.

Merlino headed the Bruno-Scarfo family until he was convicted of racketeering, extortion and gambling offenses in 2001, leading to a 14-year prison term. His conviction represented the last of three broad federal attacks on the Bruno-Scarfo family, which kept a murderous hold on its gambling and loansharking operations for decades.

The NHL hired a former New Jersey federal prosecutor, Robert Cleary, to look into allegations that its players may have wagered on their own sport. Hockey players are prohibited from betting on hockey but there are no rules stopping them from betting on other sports.



DAVID P. GILKEY/KRT

Hockey legend and Phoenix Coyotes head coach Wayne Gretzky receives a hug from his wife Janet. Both are being questioned in connection to an illegal NHL gambling ring.

## Maz predicts Cubs over Yanks in '06

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including the trade of shortstop Edgar Renteria and the acquisition of pitcher Josh Beckett. When asked about how these moves were affected by the temporary loss of General Manager Theo Epstein, Massarotti stated his views on the subject clearly.

"I don't think Theo Epstein would have made the Josh Beckett deal," he said. "But I do think he would have let Johnny Damon walk, and I do think he would have traded Edgar Renteria."

The session concluded with Massarotti offering his 2006 World Series prediction -- a victory for the Chicago Cubs over the New York Yankees -- and then adjourning to the back of the reading room, where he offered autographs to faithful readers.

## The new Tony Stewart: Relaxed and funny, but still edgy

BY MIKE BRUDENELL  
Knight Ridder Tribune

I think I like Tony Stewart — his spirit on the track and newfound sense of humor.

Stewart, the defending NASCAR Nextel Cup champion, isn't real fond of the media, and he probably wouldn't know me if he ran me over, which he did to a couple of photographers in his hell-raising days.

When he showed up Thursday at media day at Daytona International Speedway, he was unshaven and as feisty as ever.

Asked how he was feeling, the driver of the No. 20 Home Depot Chevrolet replied: "I'm conscious, awake and alert."

Stewart, 34, likes to spar with us scribes, and he seems to genuinely have fun with it these days. In the past, before coming of age, he would dish it out but couldn't take the grief. He almost seems to enjoy the press now.

Asked what it would take to win Saturday's Bud Shootout, Stewart

said with a wry grin: "I don't know. The key to winning the Shootout is to be the first guy across the finish line. Other than that, I can't help your cause."

Later, someone asked Stewart if there were any changes of personnel on his Joe Gibbs Racing team this year.

"I think we hired a new jackman," he said. "You know, I guess I'll know here by Saturday. When do we run this year, Saturday or Sunday?"

Stewart was as relaxed as Tony Stewart can be, which spells trouble for the rest of the drivers in this year's Nextel Cup field. He was both funny and focused with the season-opening Daytona 500 only 10 days away.

Someone asked could he pick up where he left off last year.

"I mean, every year when we come here, you can't predict anything," said Stewart, who won five Cup races last year, including the July event at Daytona. "Everything you did last year is over with. That's last year. You know there are no

guarantees in this sport. You literally go back to everyone starting at square one."

In 2005, Stewart conquered many of his demons, winning the series championship for a second time. But he hasn't cut himself off from other kinds of racing. During the off-season, he was injured driving a sprint car at the Chili Bowl Midget Nationals in Tulsa, Okla., suffering a bruised right arm and ribs. He also owns a USAC team and Eldora Speedway in Ohio.

"I'm glad to be in Daytona because I'm actually going to get a chance to relax now that we're here," Stewart said. "Just moved the USAC team to a new shop — new driver there. Ran Fort Wayne, ran the Chili Bowl, ran the Rolex 24 Hours."

"You know, there's no such thing as an off-season anymore; it's just off-the-track season. There is no off-season."

If Stewart now is a target for other drivers, it doesn't worry him.

"I think that part of it is over-

rated because all those guys that didn't win the championship last year are saying, 'All right, now it's our chance to do it, too.' They don't care what we're doing. At this level, it's just like any other professional sport. You worry about what you're doing. You don't worry about what everyone else is doing."

As well as operating a race-track and a USAC team, Stewart is involved in working with young drivers.

"Oh, geez, I'm working with enough kids to make me feel like I'm a senior citizen at this point," he joked. "You know, we've got kids in motocross. We've got kids in go-karts, quarter midgets, all the way through young guys who drive for my USAC teams, and so on."

"Yeah, I mean, at 34, I almost feel like a senior citizen when I'm talking to these 8-year-old kids that still don't even like girls yet. I tell them that the best advice I give them is to stay away from girls. You're better off hanging with the race cars instead."

# Federer too nice to grab

BY TOM REED  
Knight Ridder Tribune

Roger Federer has an image problem.

He is too good, too charitable, too respected, too mild-mannered, too well-liked by peers to be embraced by the average American sports fan.

Federer also is too Swiss. Corporate America thinks nothing of outsourcing good-paying jobs, but is fiercely provincial in its myth building.

It's why some aren't sure if Federer is the world's best tennis player or the subject of Michael Moore's documentary "Roger & Me."

For the record, Federer, 24, just won his seventh Grand Slam title in the past three years at the Australian Open. He is arguably the most dominant male athlete within a pro sport — and easily the least appreciated.

He is Tiger Woods without the fanfare.

Federer won Wimbledon and the U.S. Open a year ago, a season that saw him post an 81-4 record. He finished fifth in the Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year voting. Who was counting ballots, Jeb Bush?

*No sport, except maybe boxing, has fallen further off the American radar.*

Cleveland-based sports marketing giant IMG has been retained in hopes of enhancing Federer's image. The company's findings are proprietary, but here is an amateur analysis of his shortcomings.

He plays tennis. He never has admitted to competing "wasted," a la Bode Miller. He doesn't have a rock star girlfriend like Lance Armstrong.

All the guy does is win. In a nation in which fans run across eight lanes of rush-hour traffic to hear the latest dirt on Terrell Owens, that's not enough. Especially when the debate concerns men's tennis.

No sport, except maybe boxing, has fallen further off the American radar.

Gone are the fiery personas of John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors. Pete Sampras exited quietly. Andre Agassi is more a

sentimental than legitimate favorite. Andy Roddick has been unable to carry the American mantle.

Agassi reportedly said Federer is the most talented player he has ever faced, but the magnitude of the statement resonates only with hardcore fans. Think about this: Tennis might be the only American pro game in which the women's version is more popular than the men's.

Maria Sharapova. Lindsay Davenport. Mary Pierce. The Williams Sisters. It's not the women who have Venus envy.

Federer made a combined \$14 million a year ago in prize money and endorsements, or \$1 million less than Sharapova, the world's fourth-ranked woman.

The females have rivalries and animosity. The men have Rafael Nadal. He sounds more like a hair-care product than the world's No. 2-ranked player from Spain.

Federer has appeared vulnerable at times in the Australian Open, but he continues to play best when it counts the most. The three-time Wimbledon champion kills opponents with precision shot-making and kindness. Federer is among the most likable players on the circuit.

No racket smashing. No abusing linesmen. No clashes of ego. When the usually placid Federer shouted "Come on," to himself in a five-set, quarterfinal win over Germany's Tommy Haas this week, the outburst became news. It's the closest he has come to a McEnroe moment.

We're talking about an athlete who can conduct news conferences in four languages. An athlete who donates time and considerable money to underprivileged South African children.

Yeah, this guy needs an image makeover all right.

Mike Tyson, washed up as seaweed in the morning tide, could announce his return to the ring tomorrow and grab headlines for a week. Federer is hardly the Baddest Man on the Planet. He just plays like one... in his green apple bandana.

As a new season unfolds, take some time to familiarize yourself with one of sports' goodwill ambassadors.

Federer doesn't have Tiger's charisma or bank account, but he has the same dominating presence. He is an astonishing 7-0 in Grand Slam finals.

Sports fans should learn to acknowledge excellence regardless of nationality.

# Boston sportswriter speaks to alma mater

## Herald columnist Massarotti visits Tufts for book signing

BY EVANS CLINCHY  
Senior Staff Writer

Boston Herald sports columnist Tony Massarotti, a Tufts alumnus, came back to his alma mater Thursday afternoon to speak to an audience of students and faculty in the Hirsh Reading Room of the Tisch Library.

Massarotti (A89) has covered the Boston Red Sox for The Herald for 14 years, six of them as a columnist. He was just recently promoted to the position of sports columnist, giving him the chance to branch out into football, basketball and hockey.

In Thursday's visit, which was sponsored by the Friends of Tufts Libraries, Massarotti spoke about his 2005 book, "A Tale of Two Cities". In the book, was co-authored by Massarotti, who covered the Boston side of the 2004 pennant race, and "New York Daily News" sportswriter John Harper, who covered the New York angle to the season.

Massarotti began by discussing his four years at Tufts, where he double-majored in English and classics, and proceeded to speak about his journey to becoming a Herald sportswriter, which began with a paid internship he obtained while studying at Tufts. He thanked his audience for purchasing and reading his book, which is already going on to its third printing less than a year after its publication.



MEGAN WALTERS/TUFTS DAILY

Boston Herald sports columnist Tony Massarotti spoke to Tufts sports fans on Thursday afternoon, promoting his new book about the Red Sox-Yankees saga.

In the question-and-answer session that followed Massarotti's introduction, the journalist was asked a number of questions about the past, present and future of the Red Sox organization, and he was quick to share his opinions about the franchise. Massarotti praised the Sox'

front office for knowing their spending limit with free agent Johnny Damon.

"I don't think the Red Sox made a mistake by letting him go," Massarotti said.

He offered in-depth analysis of Boston's other offseason moves,

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### SCHEDULE | Feb. 6 - Feb. 12

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>Men's Basketball</b>					@ Trinity 7 p.m.	@ Amherst 3 p.m.	
<b>Women's Basketball</b>					<b>Amherst</b> 7 p.m.		
<b>Ice Hockey</b>					@Salem State 7 p.m.	@ Southern Maine 3 p.m.	
<b>Men's Swimming</b>							
<b>Women's Swimming</b>							
<b>Men's Track and Field</b>					St. Valentine Invite @BU TBA	MIT Invite 12 p.m. @ MIT	
<b>Women's Track and Field</b>					St. Valentine Invite @BU 3 p.m.	MIT Invite 3 p.m. @ MIT	

### STATISTICS | STANDINGS

Men's Basketball NESCAC Standings						
	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
Team	W	L	Pct	W	L	
Amherst	6	1	.857	20	2	
Bates	6	1	.857	19	3	
Trinity	6	1	.857	16	4	
<b>Tufts</b>	5	2	.714	18	4	
Williams	5	2	.714	17	5	
Bowdoin	3	4	.429	13	8	
Colby	2	5	.286	8	13	
Conn. Coll.	2	6	.250	12	10	
Middlebury	1	6	.143	12	10	
Wesleyan	0	8	.000	6	15	

Individual Statistics			
Player	PPG	RPG	Ast.
Dan Martin	17.7	6.8	24
Jake Weitzen	14.3	5.1	57
Ryan O'Keefe	11.5	3.1	24
Dave Shepherd	9.2	2.9	91
Brian Kumpf	8.8	5.8	28
Jeremy Black	7.5	3.0	96
Brian Fitzgerald	6.0	6.4	24
Jason Grauer	2.9	2.0	11
Pat Sullivan	2.6	1.9	5
Dacson Sears	2.3	0.9	4
Aaron Gallant	1.5	0.5	3
Ross Trethewey	0.8	0.6	4
Carl Onubogu	0.5	2.0	2
<b>Team</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>373</b>

Women's Basketball NESCAC Standings						
	CONFERENCE			OVERALL		
Team	W	L	Pct	W	L	
Bates	6	1	.857	15	7	
Bowdoin	6	1	.857	18	2	
Williams	6	1	.857	19	3	
Wesleyan	6	2	.750	15	6	
Amherst	4	3	.571	9	12	
Middlebury	2	5	.286	14	8	
Trinity	2	5	.286	7	13	
<b>Tufts</b>	2	5	.286	9	11	
Colby	1	6	.143	8	13	
Conn. Coll.	1	7	.125	8	14	

Individual Statistics			
Player	PPG	RPG	Ast.
Jess Powers	12.0	3.7	51
Valerie Krah	10.2	2.6	26
Laura Jasincki	7.0	6.2	13
Jenna Gomez	6.2	5.2	14
Khalilah Ummah	6.0	5.0	11
Libby Park	5.9	5.2	4
Julia Verplank	5.4	2.0	17
Kim Moynihan	4.9	2.4	22
Marilyn Duffy-Cabana	2.1	1.9	18
Taryn Miller-Stevens	1.9	2.0	20
Katherine Miller	1.1	2.5	13
Anna Weber	0.0	0.5	0.0
Stacy Filocco	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Team</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>209</b>

Ice Hockey NESCAC Standings						
	CONFERENCE			GOALS		
Team	W	L	T	Pct	GF	GA
Middlebury	13	1	1	.900	72	22
Williams	10	3	2	.733	61	46
Amherst	9	5	1	.633	57	45
Colby	9	6	0	.600	60	46
Bowdoin	8	5	2	.600	55	44
Hamilton	8	7	0	.533	59	55
<b>Tufts</b>	6	8	1	.433	53	63
Trinity	5	7	3	.433	44	46
Wesleyan	4	8	3	.367	31	36
Conn. Coll.	1	13	1	.100	32	63

Individual Statistics			
Player	G	A	Pts
Matt McCarthy	17	15	32
Greg O'Connell	9	19	28
Ken Cleary	9	16	25
Greg McCarthy	10	13	23
Joe Milo	11	7	18
Ross Gimbel	9	6	15
Jack Thompson	2	5	7
Brian Bailey	2	5	7
Phil Clark	1	6	7
Joe Cappellano	0	7	7
<b>Team</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>195</b>
<b>Goalkeeping</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>Svs.</b>	<b>Sv %</b>
James Kalec	58	571	.908
Issa Azat	8	106	.930
Matt Ninnemann	6	81	.931

NCAA Div. I Men's Basketball AP Ranking as of Jan. 30, 2006	
<b>Rank, Team (Previous)</b>	
1. Connecticut (1)	
2. Duke (2)	
3. Memphis (3)	
4. Villanova (6)	
5. Gonzaga (7)	
6. Illinois (8)	
7. Texas (4)	
8. Florida (5)	
9. Pittsburgh (12)	
10. George Washington (14)	

NCAA Div. I Women's Basketball AP Ranking as of Jan. 30, 2006	
<b>Rank, Team (Previous)</b>	
1. North Carolina (3)	
2. Duke (2)	
3. LSU (4)	
4. Connecticut (5)	
5. Tennessee (1)	
6. Maryland (6)	
7. Ohio State (7)	
8. Purdue (8)	
9. Rutgers (10)	
10. Baylor (9)	

NBA Scoreboard			
MIA	76	CHI	Late
DAL	112	SAC	

NHL Scoreboard			
NJ	3 OT	MON	3
BOS	2	BUF	2
ATL	2	CAR	3
OTW	1	TB	5
DET	3	COL	2
NAS	2	MIN	1
DAL	5		
PHX	1		

## INSIDE THE BRUINS

## Players look forward to Olympics, but Stanley Cup still ultimate goal

By TOM SPERA  
Daily Editorial Board

Ask any NHL player what they've dreamed of achieving their entire life and professional career, and most will say it's winning a Stanley Cup.

The Cup is the epitome of perfection in professional hockey, and only a select few have the chance to hold it. However, Boston Bruins left wingers P.J. Axelsson and Marco Sturm will do something that even fewer NHL players have the opportunity to do: represent their country on the world's stage at the Olympics.

As the games kickoff this weekend in Torino, many NHL players will be taking a brief hiatus from their respective teams. While most players will be following the Olympics on a sandy beach, a select few will battle it out on the ice against the world's best.

The veteran Axelsson, who was unavailable to speak to The Daily, will suit up to represent Sweden, and Sturm, a recent Boston acquisition, will play for his native Germany. Both players will be making their second trip to the Olympics, having competed in the 2002 Winter Games, but neither has won a medal.

Sturm came close in the quarterfinals with Germany in the 2002 Games and is looking forward to a second shot at a medal this time around.

"I'm very excited and it's always fun, especially for me to

see all my friends and [fellow] Germans," Sturm said. "I know everyone; there are a lot of young guys on the team, and it's exciting to see them because I don't see them often."

With roughly a third of NHL players hailing from foreign countries, the Olympics provide many of these international players with the honor of representing their country and playing alongside their friends and countrymen.

When asked to make a prediction about Germany's chances at taking the gold this year, Sturm merely chuckled, but he did forecast a possible upset and a made few early predictions.

"We just try to make some damage, maybe upset some teams if we can and stay in it," Sturm said jokingly. "It's tough to say, but Canada is always up there, and the Czechs and Swedes are pretty good teams."

As the defending gold medalists, Canada is an early favorite to win it all again this year. Along with Russia, Canada has a long tradition of success at the Games. Of all the countries, Canada and Russia have won the most gold medals, combining for 15. But a few Bruins players aren't counting out the U.S. just yet.

"There's a lot of good teams this year," Bruins defenseman Hal Gill said. "I think Canada is always a favorite, and I think the U.S. is going to have to play really good to have a chance. [The U.S.] has good skill and talent



SHERRI LAROSE/KRT

While Boston Bruins left winger Marco Sturm (right) is competing for the German national team at the Winter Olympics, center Patrice Bergeron (left), a Canada native, and most of the team will be enjoying a rare mid-season break from hockey.

on paper, but that doesn't always mean you're going to win."

The U.S. won the silver medal in 2002, losing to Canada in the gold medal game by a score of 5-2.

Although Sturm is looking forward to the chance at winning a medal on the world's stage, he says that nothing can replace a Stanley Cup victory.

"There's no question about it; I want to win the Stanley Cup," Sturm said. "It's nice to have gold, but all the guys in [the Bruins' locker room] want a Stanley Cup."

Those players who aren't making the trip to Torino this year agree — the gold medal would be a great honor, but the Cup is still the ultimate achievement.

"I'd take either one; a gold medal is something special, but we're working all year for a Stanley Cup," Bruins defenseman Brian Tanabe said. "When you're battling with the same group of guys for all the games and the playoffs, it's a nice thing to get. But not everyone has a gold medal — they're both tremendous achievements."

## Miller, Powers, Verplank to be honored on Saturday's Senior Day at Cousens Gym

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for us — we're all tied [with Middlebury and Trinity] — we want to go into the playoffs in the best position we can," senior tri-captain Jessica Powers said. "We know we're competing against the teams [this weekend] that we'll be actually playing [in the NESCAC tournament]. This is huge."

Bates, Bowdoin and Williams, all tied for first place at 6-1, will be battling for the regular-season title, while Connecticut College and Colby, occupying the last two spots in the league with one win apiece, will be trying to avert an early end to their seasons.

Overall, the 7-13 Trinity Bantams have a poorer record than the Jumbos, but they will pose a challenge to coach Carla Berube's team. Junior forward Sarah Cox, recently named NESCAC Player of the Week, will need to be monitored by a scrappy Jumbo defense to avoid the 18.1 points and 5.7 rebounds she averages each game.

"We need to come out on fire, ready to take on Trinity,"

Berube said. "We need great team defense; it won't fall on one person's shoulders. I'm sure [Cox is] a great player who knows how to score the ball, and we'll do what we can to try to stop her."

*Before Saturday's matinee, Tufts will honor senior tri-captains Katherine Miller, Powers, and Julia Verplank for their four years of contributions on the court.*

Both weekend opponents have compiled stronger offensive numbers than the Jumbos this season. The Bantams are second in the league in free-throw percentage at 72 percent, whereas the Jumbos sit dead-last in that category at 60 percent.

And the 9-11 Amherst Lord Jeffs are second in the league in field goal percentage, shooting a consistent 41 percent from the floor, while Tufts is ninth in the league at 36 percent.

But once the teams hit the hardwood at Cousens Gym, none of the numbers will matter.

"We need to focus on playing tough defense and getting in the lanes," Powers said. "We've been throwing in a match-up 3-2 zone, mixing it up to throw teams off-guard, and looking to press. We need to concentrate on stopping penetration and doubling in the post when we have to."

Before Saturday's matinee, Tufts will honor senior tri-captains Katherine Miller, Powers, and Julia Verplank for their four years of contributions on the court. The three will hope to combine forces and bring the Jumbos a crucial victory to propel them into the tournament.

"We're taking one game at a time," junior forward Libby Park said. "We're looking for a win. It's crunch time and we certainly need as many wins as we can get."

## Season-ending weekend sweep could lead to top seed

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season-spoiler for any team, the Jumbos have the luxury of coming into the NESCAC weekend with a seven-game winning streak under their belts. However, while its confidence is high, the team is cautious with regards to the winning streak.

"This is the second time I think we've have a big winning streak," Fitzgerald said, referring to a stretch beginning in late December during which the Jumbos won six of seven games. "We came off that winning streak with an extremely big loss against Williams. We can't afford to get too confident."

With the tension building up to the weekend, the Jumbos will need to be at their best. With a high-scoring offense and a gritty defense, Sheldon will be prescribing more of the same.

Junior guard Dave Shepherd was the first to highlight the Jumbos' game plan ahead of this Friday's game.

"We aren't going to do anything different or make any drastic changes," Shepherd said. "We

have been successful this season by bringing our up-tempo offense

*However, while its confidence is high, the team is cautious with regards to the winning streak.*

along with our intense effort on defense."

Although the Jumbos have all the necessary tools to sweep their opposition this weekend, execution of their game plan will be imperative, as the two teams facing them have the ability to turn any mistake into a big play.

"[Trinity and Amherst] are just really good," said Shepherd. "They are great offensively and are very dominant in the posts. They shoot the ball well and are extremely solid on defense."

With the pressure looming over the Jumbos' camp, Sheldon's team hopes to turn its seven-game winning streak into a nine-game run

## Editors' Challenge

## The Lowell Spinners vs. The New York Yankees

While we're still a couple months away from starting up the grand-old-machine that is the Red Sox-Yankee grudge match, the Lowell Spinners, the Single A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, decided to start the action off early. In an attempt to truly eliminate all vestiges of the dreaded Big-Y from the region, the Spinners have offered new uniforms and the chance to play on the club's home field to any youth league baseball team that drops the name "Yankees" and replaces it with "Spinners." As crazy as it sounds, the Spinners have actually done research into this and (shockingly) discovered that close to half of the New England youth baseball leagues have a team named "Yankees" on the roster.

The Spinners general manager, Tim Bawmann, claims that the team has made this move for the good of the children.

"It becomes an issue where kids are devastated when they find out they are on the Yankees," Bawmann claims. "Many kids actually pray they will not be on the Yankees when the rosters and teams are announced."

So far teams from Chelmsford, Methuen and Tewksbury have answered the call, and more are sure to follow. So, while it may only be February, it's never too early to take a lead in the East. Running count: Spinners 3, Yankees, 0.

— Andrew Bauld

## Pro Bowl vs. Olympics 2006

Okay, so I know what you want to hear about this weekend. Olympics this, Torino that. Blah, blah, blah. The Winter Olympics are boring. Nobody knows anything about skeleton, cares at all about curling or has the stomach to sit through figure skating. Can't we just watch "Cool Runnings" instead?

The only reasons to watch the Olympics? Lindsey Jacobellis, Apolo Anton Ohno and Team Canada. Moving on.

The Pro Bowl is this weekend. The annual Peyton Manning showcase. I'm hoping for a nugget out of him like the Vanderjagt comment ("idiot kicker"). Maybe he'll pull a Matt Leinart and claim that the Colts are still the better team, despite losing in the playoffs. And maybe he'll throw for 400 yards and 5 touchdowns. Frankly, I'm hoping either Julius Peppers or Jeremiah Trotter "accidentally" roughs him up.

Okay, so it does sound pretty boring. There's not much excitement in pro athletes playing a meaningless touch football game in Hawaii. So you can watch the Olympics if you want. As for me, I'm going to watch the little clock on the screen as I flip through channels and count down the days until pitchers and catchers report. Phillies in '06. Believe it.

— Alex Bloom

## ICE HOCKEY

## Two weeks left in playoff run

### Tufts meets ECAC East foes Salem State, Southern Maine

BY MEGHAN BECQUE  
Contributing Writer

This weekend will be critical for the ice hockey team as it takes on the No. 5 and 6 teams in the ECAC East, Salem State and Southern Maine. With two weeks left in the regular season, the No. 7 Jumbos find themselves in the midst of a heated playoff race.

Because of the interlocking schedules of the NESCAC and the ECAC East, every game from these two conferences counts toward the overall standings in both. Currently, the Jumbos are 6-8-1 in conference play and 9-9-2 overall.

Tufts broke a late-January slump last Saturday, beating Trinity, 5-2, in a conference game. Tufts and Trinity are currently tied in the conference and will spend this weekend fighting to remain in the top eight. Beyond simply making the playoffs, the Jumbos will need to avoid the No. 8 seed in order to steer clear of visiting Middlebury, the No. 2 team in the country, in the first round.

Last winter, the Jumbos came up short against both Salem State and Southern Maine, losing 3-1 and 5-2, respectively.

"We lost to both teams last year," coach Brian Murphy said. "So they're going to be tough games."

Salem State (10-8-3) and Tufts are evenly-matched teams. The Vikings' high scorer, junior Andrew O'Neill, has 6 goals and 8 assists for 14 total points on the season. To counter, the Jumbos will look to their own co-assistant captain senior Matt McCarthy, whose 17 goals and 15 assists are NESCAC-bests in both categories.

Southern Maine, at 8-11-2, have been hot

since mid-season — seven of the Huskies' wins have come in their last 10 games. The team also boasts two ECAC East Players of the Week during January in juniors Mark Carragher and goalie David Beckles, who owns a .891 save percentage and 3.07 goals against average.

Despite the strong players on the opposing lineup, the Jumbos will be taking it one game at a time, focusing on the Vikings.

"We're preparing for Friday's game," Murphy said. "We've had a pretty good week of practice and some rest time, too. I think it's important to get rest this time of year."

The team had a day off on Monday, giving the players the physical and mental rest they needed, but rallied for the rest of the week, infusing practices with a sense of urgency and more competitive edge due to the close proximity of playoffs.

"Practice has looked good," sophomore Greg O'Connell said. "There's been a good tempo every night and guys are really competing."

Injuries and fatigue have forced Murphy to tweak his lineup a bit, but team chemistry, built up over the course of the season, gives him a deep roster of cohesive players.

"We have been hindered by injuries so there's been a lot of line-shuffling these past couple of weeks," O'Connell said. "But we've been playing so long together that the dynamics of the team haven't changed much at all."

Despite the injuries and recent history against the Vikings and Huskies, the Jumbos enter this weekend prepared and optimistic, hoping to put a recent slump behind them and enter the playoffs with momentum and a more comfortable seed.



MIKE CONROY/TUFTS DAILY

Sophomore Ross Gimbel is tied for fourth on the team with nine goals. He will look to net another as the Jumbos race towards the postseason.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Jumbos ready for crucial NESCAC weekend against Trinity, Amherst

BY WILL KARAS  
Senior Staff Writer

As the men's basketball season begins to come to a close, the Jumbos enter their most crucial part of the season, a two game road-trip against NESCAC foes Trinity and Amherst.

As of Feb. 8, the NESCAC rankings have Tufts plotted at the No. 4 spot, with Trinity one ahead at No. 3 and Amherst atop the conference standings at the No. 1 spot. No spot is secure, however, as a Jumbo sweep this weekend could very put them in the top spot, assuring home-court advantage throughout the playoffs, an advantage which would definitely come as a huge boost to the team's confidence.

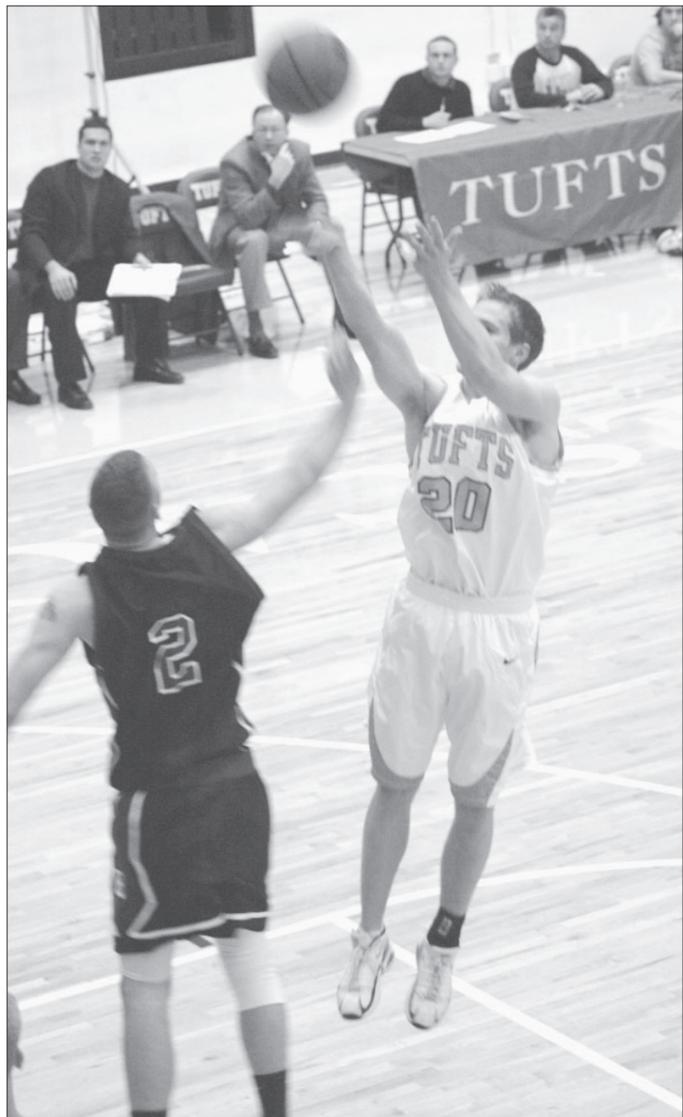
Having played five games in the last two weeks, the Jumbos have had to carefully monitor their health, and with two games left in the season the last thing coach Bob Sheldon needs are injuries or fatigue.

"At the start of the season we played with an 11- or 12-man roster," coach Sheldon said. "Now we have tightened it up to about 9, but I think that playing that 11- to 12-man roster in the middle of the season helped save some energy so the guys aren't tired now."

Senior tri-captain Brian Fitzgerald said that fatigue had no place in a weekend with so much at stake.

"This weekend is so big for us," Fitzgerald said. "We simply have to suck it up and go all out for this weekend."

While fatigue is a possible see **MEN'S BASKETBALL**, page 15



MIKE CONROY/TUFTS DAILY

Riding his 21-point performance on Saturday over Bates, sophomore Ryan O'Keefe and the Jumbos take on NESCAC rivals Trinity and Amherst this weekend.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



MIKE CONROY/TUFTS DAILY

Jessica Powers scored a season-high 24 points in the Jumbos' 55-50 win on Tuesday over non-conference Salve Regina. The Jumbos will need more games like that from their senior tri-captain this weekend.

## Strong play this weekend will secure playoff spot for Jumbos

BY RACHEL DOLIN  
Daily Editorial Board

Anything is possible in NESCAC this weekend, as all 10 teams lace up their sneakers and charge the floor to try to ensure themselves the best position possible heading into the playoffs next weekend.

With back-to-back home games for the first time in nearly a month, the women's basketball team hopes the home-court will give it the advantage it needs to win the last two competitions on its regular-season schedule and finish the season at .500.

The Jumbos will complete their

regular season with matchups against NESCAC rivals Trinity this evening and Amherst on Saturday afternoon. Currently tied for sixth place with Trinity and Middlebury, the team desperately needs a strong showing to guarantee itself a spot in the NESCAC tournament, which begins on Feb. 18.

Only eight of the 10 teams in the league will qualify for the postseason, and with everyone competing in at least one game this weekend, a few upsets could certainly shake up the standings.

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