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By Quentin Smith

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By John Markoff
THE NEW YORK TIMES

After years of debate, the Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday declared that food from cloned animals is safe to eat, clearing the way for milk and meat derived from repaired cloned calves to be sold at the grocery store.

The move was built by cloning companies and some farmers, who have been pushing for government approval of cloning as a routine, costly, but still cheaper way to breed, not for producing milk, hamburgers and bacon, but for pets.

"This is a huge milestone," said Mark Walton, president of ViaGen, a leading livestock cloning company in Austin, Texas. ViaGen has long observed a voluntary moratorium on the sale of clones and their offspring into the food supply. The FDA on Tuesday effectively lifted that for cloning for pets.

Speaking to a group of Saudi Arabian business leaders in New York and one in Champaign, Illinois. "By shortening the time required to do a similar thing," he said, "you can genetic pool using clones, you can do a thing.

FDA Approves Clones Is Safe for Humans to Eat
By Andrew Martin and Steven M. Sloan
THE NEW YORK TIMES

While acknowledging that concerns about cloning for religious or ethical reasons, the FDA’s report, saying that the science remains inadequate and that consumers oppose cloning for religious or ethical reasons.

"The scene was inhumane; it was devastating," said Alaa al-Hatil, 35, an Egyptian worker at a nearby shop. "There was blood and Bush everywhere. I could not look."
Letters To The Editor

Open Letter to Prof. Joe Haldeman

Dear Mr. Haldeman,

You're probably going to get plenty of letters, and deservedly so, from angry people at MIT who are religious, but I think it's important that you also get at least one from an atheist. You're right, of course, that MIT is primarily a bastion of scientific reasoning. However, we have a chaplain for the same reason that we have adjunct faculty teaching science fiction writing: there is more to life than science. We have a large resident student population, and it is thus fair to expect the Institute to address, in some manner, the needs of their personal lives. Given the large role of religion in the lives of a good proportion of the MIT community, I respect MIT's decision to add a chaplain, even if it's not a benefit of which I choose to avail myself. Whether or not we grew up in cultures "saturated in religion," I certainly hope that we don't grow up in one that is saturated with mindless contempt for it.

Jonathan R. Binge

Chaplain Position Is Affront to MIT Tradition

In response to Professor Joe Haldeman's comment ("MIT Does Not Need a Chaplain," Jan. 9, 2008), I would just like to reinforce his issues and point out that this appointment is an affront to the MIT tradition and culture of independence and anti-establishment attitude, a bastion of scientific reasoning.

When you walk past Killian Court along Memorial Drive and look up at the McLau...
Movies You May Have Missed

Musical ‘Once’ Is Low-Key, Realistic, Enjoyable

By Alice Macdonald

‘Once’
Written and directed by John Carney
Starring: Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová
Rated R

Movies have enjoyed a lot of a revival lately, partly sparked by Baz Luhrman’s 2001 hit, “Moulin Rouge!” After a series of recent duds such as “Hollywoodland” and “The Producers,” the genre is in need of a fresh perspective. This is exactly what ‘Once’ delivers. I hesitate to even place ‘Once’ in the same category as these other films because it is so much better and completely void of the problems that typically accompany the mere phrase “movie musical.” ‘High School Musical’ (this ‘thank God’ is not)

The movie features Glen Hansard as a thirty-something guy who works in his father’s vacuum repair shop but mostly plays his guitar for tips on the streets of Dublin. He is lonely and in dire need of some inspiration when he chances upon a beautiful Czech girl played by Markéta Irglová. She sells flowers in the street and cleans houses while trying to support her mother and daughter. She is also — conveniently enough — a terrific pianist who dabbles in songwriting herself.

As far as plot, not a lot happens. There isn’t any exhaustive action, fights, or love scenes. It mostly follows the two musicians as they decide to make music together. They assemble a band of street musicians and record a demo tape for Hansard’s character to take to London with the hopes of landing a record deal. ‘Once’ has been lauded as a love story, but I disagree. These two main characters (who are nameless) have a connection and need each other for various reasons, but it is hardly romantic in the conventional sense. This is one of the best things about ‘Once.’ It doesn’t end with the two main characters in each others arms as we expect (or even want). It manages to show something much more realistic.

‘Once’ is a film that starts out slow but really grows on you until you reach the end and wish that it hadn’t come so soon. At first I was impatient with the film, but it managed to suck me in and make me appreciate even the flaws I could have criticized. As far as the ending, it may leave some viewers unhappy, but this was probably the part that made the film for me. The ending is entirely satisfying without giving into the conventions one expects for the perfect Hollywood happily ever after.

There isn’t much dialogue and instead the music takes center stage. Director John Carney lets the songs unfold without distracting direction. There are no dance numbers, no glitter, and no special effects. Carney also manages to weave the music into the film seamlessly. Early in the film, the two main characters play a song together in a music store where the owner lets Irglová’s character play the piano during lunch. It doesn’t at all seem strange that these two people should play music together, and therefore the audience is able to enjoy the moment without wondering why the hell actors are singing or when the regular movie will start again.

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DVD REVIEW

‘Superbad’ Captures the High School Experience

By Kevin Wang

‘Superbad’
Directed by Greg Mottola
Written by Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg
Starring: Jonah Hill, Michael Cera, and Seth Rogen
Rated R

A seminal moment in the development of the “Superbad” plot (with every pun intended) is the revelation that one of the protagonists is obsessed with drawing male genitalia. The scene progresses through a shameless montage of phallic artistry that effectively sums up the film as a whole: much like watching a car crash between two fertilizer trucks, “Superbad” both shocks and disgusts, yet leaves the audience absolutely essential. Essentially, Carney can’t appreciate the humor and splendor of a picture of a human-sized penis leading a marching band down the street, you should probably not watch this movie.

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Glen Hansard and Markéta Irglová play the main characters in the 2006 film “Once.”
It's a Big, Big World

Welcome to Argenchindia

By Diana Jue

January 16, 2008

Shanghai's explosive growth has fueled the rapid development of tall, architectural marvels.

Brouhaha Rhythm

Zen and the Art of Relaxation

By Michael T. Lin

January 16, 2008

The ancient and revered art of relaxation for relaxation's sake (not to be confused with puttering, relaxation for procrastination's sake) dates back to the dawn of civilization, when free time became more readily available with the advent of agriculture. Before then, slackers generally either starved or were eaten, depending on the native wildlife. The ancient Mesopotamians took the art is certainly not new, having been home-grown for millennia, and the art certainly exists in many forms around the globe. Among the techniques that are commonly practiced are yoga, meditation, and deep breathing exercises. These practices help to calm the mind and reduce stress, allowing the practitioner to focus on the present moment and let go of worries and concerns.

The next stop on our guided tour of the history of relaxation is the late 20th-century American practice of mindfulness meditation. This practice involves sitting in a quiet, comfortable space, closing the eyes, and focusing on the breath. The goal is to become aware of the present moment and let go of thoughts and distractions. The practice is often combined with other techniques, such as deep breathing and visualization, to help the mind and body relax.

The final chapter in the history of relaxation is the modern practice of napping. The practice of napping is common in many cultures around the world and is often referred to as power napping. The practice involves taking a short nap, usually around 10-20 minutes, to help recharge and refresh the mind. The practice is often recommended for people who are experiencing fatigue or burnout.

In summary, the history of relaxation is a long and complex one, with many practices and techniques that have evolved over time. The goal of these practices is to help the mind and body relax and recharge, allowing the individual to perform at their best. By incorporating relaxation practices into our daily lives, we can improve our overall well-being and function more effectively.
Figure 24: The graph shows the ability of different issues to change voter’s preferences according to relevance. The latter is defined as the percentage of the population that is directly affected by a specific issue. As shown, most issues fall far from the theoretical prediction (45-degree line), which illustrates the irrationality that prevails in the election process. For instance, a candidate’s gender is as relevant as his/her choice of ice cream, but affects the outcome of elections considerably more. On the other hand, most voters are comfortable with the government spending more than it collects, so they worry little about federal deficit, even when this issue may turn the economy around. Anecdotal evidence exists for the vote-changing power of “emotional sobbing,” but it has been omitted here for lack of generality.
Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU
Ward Leaves Behind a ‘Robust’ Student Group Finance System

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Sloan Students Hunt for Jobs In California Valley Tech Trek’

By Robert Weissman

The annual mating ritual between elite business schools and the talent-hungry Valley has yielded a record 115 master of business administration (MBA) program graduates from MIT’s Sloan School of Management in Cambridge to the fullfledged campus of Valley elite, to one of Silicon Valley’s hottest companies.

Last year, 78 VMWare chief executive, herself an MiT graduate, greeted the visitors milling about the glass-floored, glass-walled O’Reilly red wine. “We would love to have you guys galivant around the company,” Greene said. “We’re an incubator. If you’re talented, you’ll move up very quickly.”

The next morning, the group toured VMware’s Silicon Valley offices, peered into a Mountain in Phoenix, where eight newly minted MBAs from Sloan’s class of 2007 are working. After marvelling at tent-like meeting rooms called “yurts,” and “nap pods” where Google employees can snooze, a Google recruiting coordinator, “There should be a microkitchen no more than 100 feet from every workstation at Google.”

Help wanted. That was the mes- sage to the Silicon Valley Tech Trek, an expedition by Sloan’s graduate business students searching for jobs or internships at the nation’s most dynamic companies. But their January hunt took place 3,000 miles away from Sloan’s campus on the Charles River. The students were seeking their fortune in Kendall Square or the Route 128 highway, which have long staked their claims as American high-tech hubs, but in California’s Bay Area.

Boston-area industry figures, while proud of their region’s own technology heritage, are well aware of the appeal of the Valley. “You could have more anchor companies,” said Joyce Plot- kin, president of the Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council, a trade group for software and other technology firms. “Key players often don’t value entrepreneurs the way the West Coast does. Historically, most of our companies are in the business-to-business market, and that’s a tough sell. To somebody who’s 21 years old, it looks more exciting to work at consumer-oriented companies.”

Northern California is home to more than 47 new MBAs, the largest concentration outside Boston, and the number has been rising every year. Another 47新 MBAs — fully 16 percent of Sloan’s graduating class of 2007 — lived or are currently residing in Silicon Valley and San Francisco. This year’s New York City trip to the Bay Area, the largest ever, drew more than twice the number of Sloan students that took part in a similar trek in the Bos- ton area last week.

Yet Sloan students are not the only participants, is that California continues to spout the kinds of innovative technology companies — rare in these days. Wide-eyed Sloan trekkers last week dropped by huge giants such as Google, Apple Inc., Yahoo Inc., eBay Inc., and Netflix Inc., and have captured visitors around the world.

They also called on companies transforming business companies like VMware, whose “virtualization” software lets customers save money by running multiple systems on computer servers, and Salesforce.com, which provide the “software-as-a-service” model that enables businesses to purchase software cheaply and piecemeal over the Internet rather than leasing it in bulk from vendors.

Even those students who want to launch companies or join startups, part of a smaller cohort of Sloan Valley trek from Sloan’s Entre- preneurship & Innovation group, couldn’t pass up the chance to check out the Valley’s iconic technology companies. “Our big group is inter- ested in working here, and the other half just wants to see,” said Joshua G. Miller G, a first-year Sloan stu- dent on the Google tour.

All the technology companies here talked of expansion, even as the U.S. economy struggles with a lack of a “ripening” of its “businesses.” Everybody’s hiring, said Harpreet Singh G, an MBA candi- date, “They’re pulling out all the stops for us.” Based on dis- cussions with the Valley companies they visited, Sloan officials estimated that a dozen of their 2008 graduates will be hired at VMware, perhaps six to eight at Salesforce.com, and sev- eral more at Google and Yahoo.

Others will join some of the hun- dreds of venture-backed startups dotting the Valley, many of them still operating in “stealth” mode before their formal launch. They’re housed in spots like the PlugPlay Tech Center, a Sunnyvale incubator for about 115 technology firms, where a flag bearing the MIT logo hung above a row of cubicles.

“We want our guys,” said Ken- neth P. Morse ’68, managing director of the MIT Entrepreneurship Center, noting Sloan’s focus on preparing students to run high-tech firms. “We produce the kinds of people you need in the rough-and-tumble crucible of Silicon Valley.”

Sloan students wearing dark suits and ties at most stops, on instructions from Morse who “didn’t want to con- vince a parody of Silicon Valley,” are well aware of that culture. But i have a wife, a house, a kid on the way,” said Chester Liu G, a Sloan student who grew up in Winchester, where plans to work in Internet technology. “I think Silicon Valley has almost a mythical image of how exciting it is, and I wanted to come out and experience it myself. Because my career is committed to Boston, I’ll like to bring some of this energy home.”

Sam B. Isaacit SM ’93, a partner at consulting firm Bain & Co. and a 1993 graduate of the Sloan School, last year relocated from Bain’s of- fice in Boston to Palo Alto office, which hosted Sloan trekkers this month in a manifesto to his visitors, “We’d like to have more Sloan MBAs on the West Coast. I don’t have 3 feet of snow in my yard.”

Grays Steps Down After 12 Years as HST Head

Gray for his entire eight-year term as director, said that Gray has forged a legacy of fierce advocacy for HST’s 400-plus student body. “She’s always been focused on students and what’s best for them and presenting opportu- nities for them,” Bonventre said.

Bonventre said he envisioned further growth to follow in this spirit of in- tegration and collaboration. Among other things, he mentioned increasing real-world experience more available for students by leveraging the pres- ence of HST alumni in place at local hospitals, as well as establishing a relationship with Harvard’s develop- ing bioengineering program.

“There are more challenges ahead — and more opportunities,” Cohen said.
Faculty Meeting, from Page 1

of a box device: MIT issued a widely-quoted press release calling its actions “reckless” (see right for the full statement). It is still not clear who wrote that press release. McCardy said that, at a Committee on Student Life meeting, Chancellor Phillip L. Clay PhD ’75 was asked who wrote it. In an airport as he was on the way home from Simp- son’s arrest, Winston and Professor Kenneth R. Manning introduced a motion expressing their discontent with the press release.

That motion was tabled af- ter about an hour of inconclusive discussion. The November faculty meeting was cancelled because it fell near the Thanksgiving holiday, and the faculty continued discussing the resolution at its next meeting on Dec. 19.

At that meeting, Manning said he was concerned with a resolution passed at Logan as an in an airport as he was on the way back to Boston, and that he was concerned that MIT had called Star’s actions “reckless.” He said that, when MIT’s statement was released, “the mood around me turned uglier ... the public saw Star as reckless in part because MIT had said so.”

Manning said that he was con- cerned MIT’s statement may influ- ence or prejudice the court’s decision on whether Simpson’s actions were reckless.

Winston said at the Dec. 19 meeting that his concern extended beyond Simpson’s arrest to other re- cent events where MIT gave public statements, including the resignation of Martin Jones and the Institute’s lawsuit against architect Frank O. Gehry. “It doesn’t have anything to do with the particular incident or per- son,” Winston said in an interview. “It has to do with observing com- munity values that have been cher- ished at MIT for a very long time, and those community values have to do with leaders taking care of their people with a view towards making MIT a better place than it was when they became leaders. It’s ultimately about how the leaders at every level think about the people who report to them.”

Professor Bish Sanjay, chair of the Faculty Policy Committee, said in the Dec. 19 meeting that the FPC had met with Clay to discuss the fac- ulty’s concerns about MIT’s public statements. Sanjay said he was “ul- timately convinced that the adminis- tration was listening and making an effort.”

But another member of the FPC, Professor Helen Lee, was not satisfied with the administration’s response. She said at the Dec. 19 faculty meeting that “the committee was asked to express the administration’s actions in the Star Simpson case and of Clay’s statement, and she said that she did not think the committee’s “concerns had been allayed.” In a later interview, Lee said that she had not attended the final FPC meeting at which the motion was discussed. She noted that she had been sick that day and that the motion had not been on the meeting’s agenda.

During the discussion, Winston called the meeting an “offensive en- vironment where department chairs ask their faculty to vote in particu- lar ways without a secret ballot.” He likened the meeting’s atmosphere to a “hellacious” meeting atmosphere, and public understanding; make statements that do not characterize individuals — only the actions.

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We offer this resolution to foster mutual trust within the MIT commu- nity and to promote due process for all. October 17, 2007

Supported by Professors Kenneth R. Manning and Patrick H. Winston

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Amended Motion Presented at Dec. 19 Faculty Meeting

In light of the Star Simpson event and in the interest of more effec- tive communication, we, the MIT faculty, request that the MIT ad- ministration consider the following principles when making public state- ments that characterize or otherwise interpret — through news office releas- es, legal agents, or any other means — the behavior and motives of members of the MIT community whose acts are the subject (real or potential) of pending criminal investigation. We offer this resolution to foster mutual trust within the MIT community and to promote due process for all.

Oct. 23 in favor and 36 in opposition. Another alternate proposal, offered by Professor Peter A. Diamond PhD ’86, said only that the motion was defeated, he felt the point had been made. “We felt that we had to make a point,” he said. “We made that statement. I felt that it was made in a way that the statement was heard, and now it’s time for us all to start working together to make MIT a bet- ter place.”

Amended Motion Proposed at Dec. 19 Faculty Meeting

In light of the Star Simpson event and in the interest of more effec- tive communication, we, the MIT faculty, wish that the MIT administration refrained from making its statement about her behavior. Sponsored by Professor Peter A. Diamond PhD ’86

SOURCE: FACULTY MEETING

MIT’s Sept. 21, 2007 Press Release

MIT is cooperating fully with the State Police in the investigation of an incident at Logan Airport this morning involving Star Simpson, a sophomore at MIT. As reported to us by authorities, Ms. Simpson’s actions were reckless and understandably created alarm at the airport.

SOURCE: MIT NEWS Office

Police Log

The following incidents were reported to the MIT Police between Dec. 3, 2007 and Jan. 9, 2008. This summary does not include inci- dents such as false alarms, general service calls, larceny or medical assistance.

Dec. 3:

W20 (84 Mass. Ave.), 8:21 a.m., Breaking and entering, re- port of large safe stolen.

Dec. 6:

M10 (122 Memorial Dr.), 8:22 a.m., Breaking and entering, party report theft of jewelry.

W89 (291 Vassar St.), 12:35 p.m., Credit card fraud.

Dec. 7:

W20 (84 Mass. Ave.), 1:09 p.m., Breaking and entering, report of locker in Student Center broken into.

Dec. 8:

M18 (182 Rear Memorial Dr.), 2:07 a.m., Person reported two individuals trying to break into office.

Dec. 10:

W20 (84 Mass. Ave.), 8:46 a.m., Routine check and inquiry.

Dec. 11:

E18 (292 Main St.), 3:37 p.m., Reporting person states two males are posing as DARE officers or magazine salesmen in an attempt to solicit money.

Dec. 12:

M46, 5:24 p.m., Reporting person reports she was verbally abused by bike riders.

M14 (160 Memorial Dr.), 6:57 p.m., Check and inquiry on bicycle.

Dec. 15:

M9 (105 Mass. Ave.), 1:08 p.m., Breaking and entering, larceny of projector.

E19 (400 Main St.), 7:40 p.m., Assist Cambridge Police with a disturbance between a taxi driver and a pedestrian at the corner of Main St. and Ames St.

Dec. 16:

E18 (292 Main St.), 2:47 p.m., Breaking and entering, larceny of chains.

Dec. 20:

M10 (122 Memorial Dr.), 10:37 a.m., Breaking and entering, larceny of two laptops.

Dec. 21:

N32 (265 Mass. Ave.), 12:41 p.m., Caller states that a motor vehicle was broken into in the Windsor Lot and the owner is standing by.

M14 (160 Memorial Dr.), 12:57 p.m., Report of malicious destruction to a vending machine.

Dec. 23:

E23 (25 Carlson St.), 6:05 p.m., Construction worker was as- saulted at E15 west site.

Lot 15 (22 Windsor St.), 1:42 a.m., Reporting person stated that his rear license plate was missing from his motor veh- icle.

M13 (33 Mass. Ave.), 2:22 p.m., Harassing e-mail.

N52 (265 Mass. Ave.), 7:49 a.m., Breaking and entering, computer equipment stolen.

M10 (122 Memorial Dr.), 12:21 p.m., Breaking and entering, larceny of two laptop computers.

N51 (275 Mass. Ave.), 6:07 p.m., Break and entering, re- porting person reports audio equipment stolen from his office.

Jan. 7:

M9 (105 Mass. Ave.), 10:41 a.m., Breaking and entering, re- porting person states that three separate rooms were entered and an iPod stolen.

M12 (68 Rear Vassar St.), 7:26 p.m., Hit and run, reporting person reports his motor vehicle was struck and the person left the area.
By Karen W. Arenson

Yale said Monday that it would sharply increase financial aid for undergraduates, including those from families with annual incomes up to $200,000, in a bid to ease costs for a broad swath of students.

Yale and other universities with large endowments have been under pressure from Congress to spend more and reduce charges for students. Harvard announced a similar aid expansion in December, saying the policy would cut the cost of attending college to 10 percent of income for a typical family making $120,000 to $180,000 a year.

Last week, Yale said that it would increase its annual spending from its $22.5 billion endowment, freeing up money for more aid.

The president of Yale, Richard C. Levin, said Monday in an interview, “I hope this will send a strong message to people with incomes between $22.5 billion endowment, freeing up $45,000 and $200,000, some of whom at the high end perceive our sticker price as very daunting, that Yale does offer help at that range.”

On average, students who receive financial aid will see their charges drop in half, Levin said. A family with two children in college, $180,000 in income and $200,000 in assets will see its Yale bill drop, to $11,650 from $22,300. Full tuition, room and board this year costs $45,000.

Students will still be expected to contribute in addition to parental pay — but the bill will drop to $2,500 next year, down from their $4,400 share of the $45,000 total. Despite other efforts to increase the aid and outreach to low- and middle-income students, Levin said, “we are still believed in many parts of the country to be inaccessible and too expensive.”

Yale said its changes, to take effect in the fall and apply to all undergraduates, would raise spending on undergraduate aid by $24 million, to more than $80 million. Yale also said it would limit the increase in tuition, room, and board next year to 2.2 percent, raising total costs to $46,000.

The association’s fund raising this year costs $45,000. But Grassley questioned why other colleges with endowments of more than $1 billion had not followed suit. Other well-heeled colleges have also taken steps to assist low- and middle-income students by replacing loans with grants in aid packages.

Not everybody welcomes the trend. Critics say it could lead less-well-off colleges to reduce aid for lower-income students as they try to compete for upper-income students.

“We encourage colleges to fully fund the neediest students before extending financial aid pledges up the income scale,” said Robert Shireman, executive director of the Project on Student Debt, a group that focuses on financial aid.

FACING MORE STUDENT CENTER THEFTS THAN EVER, CAC WORKS ON SECURITY

Theft, from Page 1

A genetic anomaly allows a young man to teleport himself anywhere. He discovers this gift has existed for centuries and finds he is not alone — he says that he thought the chain had been taken to dormitory rooms or had been taken by professional thieves. Walsh said that although keeping the Student Center secure is important, he did not want to implement certain security measures — like security cameras — that could hurt MIT’s open-campus nature or its unique culture of openness and respect. “I want students to view this place as theirs,” he said.

Angeline Wang contributed to the reporting of this article.

This Wednesday, LSC Presents a Free Sneak Preview!

Wednesday 16 January at 8:00 pm in 26-100

Passes available in Lobby 16 from 6:00 pm.

A genetic anomaly allows a young man to teleport himself anywhere. He discovers this gift has existed for centuries and finds himself in a war that has been raging for thousands of years between “jumpers” and those who have sworn to kill them.

See selections from the movie followed by a dreamy discussion docket:

See (left to right) director Doug Liman, MIT Physics Professors Max Tegmark and Edward Farhi, and leading actor Hayden Christensen!

Visit http://lsc.mit.edu for more information. The Sci-Fi Marathon is Saturday 26 January 7pm-3am!
Pantsless on the Train

Commuters rode pantsless on the MBTA during the Boston No Pants ride this past Saturday.

(clockwise from right)
Michael J. Snively '11 works on a One Laptop Per Child XO laptop in his boxer shorts.
Adam Sablich, organizer of the ride, addresses the crowd of subway riders and media at the Alewife train station. The riders divided up into groups and removed their pants after boarding a train.

Participants in the Boston No Pants subway ride read the Boston Phoenix in their boxer shorts while waiting for a train at the Park Street station.

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Men’s Varsity Wins Final 4x200 Meter Relay to Clinch Meet Win

The lead-off legs of Bradshaw and Adeline L. Kuo ‘03 then put in a gutsy effort and closed the gap behind varsity’s Hwang. With the relay close entering the final leg, Veldhuis pulled away from Silberman in the anchor position to cap off the varsity team’s effort.

On the men’s side, the meet came down to the final 50 meters of the final race, a close 4x200-meter relay battle. Anthony D. Teixiera ‘08 led off against Zachary J. Traina ‘05. With the race still neck and neck, Matthew F. Bieniosek ‘09 and Thaddeus J. Wozniak ‘06 fought to give their anchor legs the lead. In the end, the race was close before Stephen W. Oney took the lead against Matthew A. Lehman ‘04 and refused to look back.

At the end of the meet, both varsity teams walked away with the victory and are poised to break records this season.

Packers Will Rely on Favre, Young Offense

offensive production, particularly with injury sapping effectiveness.

Pick: Patriots over Chargers

New York Giants
at Green Bay Packers

Who would have guessed that Eli would be the Manning to emerge from the divisional playoffs? Unfortunately for the younger Manning, the Giants’ Cinderella story ends in the National Football Conference championship.

The Giants suffered an embarrassing 35-13 defeat to the Packers in their regular-season meeting, but that too was on Sept. 16, and may as well have occurred 10 years ago. The Giants, Version 2.0, look more confident on defense under defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo. After leading the league with 53 sacks during the regular season, the Giants will try to put pressure on Green Bay’s veteran quarterback Brett Favre.

The Packers too look like a new team compared to their Week 2 version. Starting in the backfield is Ryan Grant, who ironically was released by the Giants before the season began. Grant took all of two minutes last week to rid himself of the playoff jitters (granted they were a costly two minutes), and played in perhaps his best game of the year.

Favre too is a different man than he was at the beginning of the season. His numbers this year are more consistent than in the past, undoubtedly due to the greater restraint he’s shown in the passing game. Playing high-percentage ball with his young receivers, Favre has inspired confidence in his young corps, developing one of the most prolific passing attacks in the NFC.

In the end, a football team is only as good as its quarterback. Honestly, do you trust Eli Manning? Brett Favre has been a man on a mission since he decided to return this season, and he’s not going to let the Giants stand in his way.

Pick: Packers over Giants
Patriots and Packers Predicted to Face Off In NFL Championship

By Caroline Huang and Shreyas Seshadri

This weekend’s divisional championships feature a cast of characters that would make Hollywood jealous (or at least ready to pitch a screen play).

Column

The grizzled fan faithful won’t see too many “old” for football — seeking his first Super Bowl appearance in over 10 years. The younger brother — constantly compared to his Super Bowl-winning, end zone-delivering older sibling — reveling in his newfound ability to throw field under pressure.

The erratic trash-talking — known more for his tendency to jaw with opponents than for his skills — attempting to legitimate himself as a star quarterback.

The respected winner — rapidly accelerating into discussions of the best quarterback in football ever — concentrating on only one trend, another Super Bowl ring.

And those are just the starting quarterbacks, to say nothing of the supporting cast.

But before Speegle calls, we again offer our picks.

San Diego Chargers at New England Patriots

The 17-0 New England Patriots welcome their West Coast counterparts to Gillette Stadium for the American Football Championship championship, a rematch of the Sept. 16 regular-season game that ended in a lopsided 36-14 Pats victory.

The Chargers are confident that this game will be far closer, but much of that depends on the health of their two top players. Running back LaDainian Tomlinson and quarterback Drew Brees suffered injuries last week in the Chargers’ upset win over the Indianapolis Colts.

An MRI showed Rivers sprained his right medial collateral ligament in addition to his previously sprained left knee. For a quarterback whose mobility is questionable at full strength, having two gimpy knees could be devastating. Billy Volek showed some promise as a replacement against the Colts, but if Brady and Co. jump ahead early, asking him to throw accurately on a consistent basis will be asking too much.

The outlook is brighter for LT, who expects to play Sunday because his knee is only hyperextended. It will be interesting to see whether his trademark explosiveness is intact. If it is, the Patriots defense — which has given up opening-drive touchdowns in the previous two games — will have to worry about LT’s rushing and receiving. If it isn’t, the Chargers offense will see plenty of onlookers, particularly if tight end Antonio Gates continues to show all effects of his knee injury.

With an unconscious offense that cannot match the Patriots’ touch for touch downs, the Chargers’ defense will have to find a way to stop Brady’s passing attack. One switch from the Sept. 16 blowout is comeback Antonio Cramariotis starting in the secondary, which could help the Chargers create turnovers.

However, we say “could” for a reason: once again, the Patriots have too many weapons. Wide receiver Randy Moss is capable of causing teams many weapons. Wide receiver Randy Moss is capable of causing teams many weapons. Wide receiver Randy Moss is capable of causing teams many weapons. Wide receiver Randy Moss is capable of causing teams many weapons. Wide receiver Randy Moss is capable of causing teams many weapons. Wide receiver Randy Moss is capable of causing teams many weapons.