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Kansas theater seeks return of the Jedi — An armed gunman held an Overland park, Kan., movie projectionist hostage for two hours Tuesday as he stole the Glenwood Theatres print of "Return of the Jedi." A band of Ewoks is reportedly mounting a rescue operation to retrieve the third film in the "Star Wars" trilogy.

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And you wondered why it's called the Harvard Bridge — The two outer lanes of the Harvard Bridge have been closed to all traffic, and the remaining lanes to trucks and buses, after Metropolitan District Commission inspectors discovered cracks in steel pins supporting the structure. MBTA buses running on Massachusetts Avenue are being rerouted over the Boston University bridge.

Urban campers brave 98-degree heat for fireworks show — Dozens of patriots camped for as long as three nights on Boston's Charles River Esplanade last weekend to ensure choice seats for the annual Independence Day festivities. John Williams and the Boston Pops Orchestra performed a rather generous sampling of Williams' movie music, as well as the traditional sing-alongs and 1812 Overture at the Hatch Shell, then the over 150,000 onlookers watched the rockets' red — and white and blue and yellow and green — glare over the river.