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AGAINST THE GRAYIN'  
TODAY: Fog early, then sunny.  
High 78-83. Low 59-64.  
TOMORROW: Mostly sunny, delightful.  
High 75-80. Low 60-65.  
HIGH TIDE: 6:07 a.m. 6:18 p.m.  
SUNRISE: 6:29 a.m. SUNSET: 6:46 p.m.  
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007

## In the news

**The Boston Redevelopment Authority reins were passed** to John F. Palmieri, a veteran of undertakings in Providence, Charlotte, and Hartford. **D1.**

**An attempt fell short to regulate leave between combat tours in Iraq**, the second time that Senate Democrats were unable to advance the bill. **A2.**

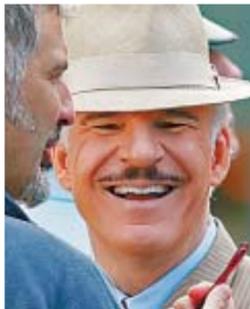
**The Mashpee Wampanoag want a state casino license** but hope to build in Middleborough while the governor favors a facility in New Bedford. **B1.**

**A powerful bomb killed** an anti-Syria lawmaker in Lebanon, and Israel declared the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip hostile territory as tensions heated up in the Mideast. **A3, A9.**

**Dan Rather sued CBS for \$70 million**, saying his former bosses made him a scapegoat for a discredited 2004 story about President Bush's military service. **A2.**

**A Harvard medical student will get no extra break** to pump breast milk when she takes an exam to become a doctor, a judge ruled. **B1.**

**Married people have a less than 50 percent chance** of still being married 25 years later, a Census survey reported. **A20.**



**Boston played the part of Paris** as Steve Martin and fellow stars began filming scenes in town for "Pink Panther 2." **B10.**

**A judge held up talk-show host Howie Carr's move** to a new station, ruling that a contract clause allows WRKO to match the offer from WTKK. **D1.**

**Reality television did no good turn to children** in the debut of the much-discussed "Kid Nation" on CBS. **E1.**

**POINT OF VIEW:**  
JOAN VENNOCHI

"The prospect of jail and a promising future derailed is frightening. But it is also scary to hear a parent equate an allegation of breaking and entering into a school for the purpose of stealing exams as 'one little mistake.' This is, at minimum, a very big mistake."

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Cyclists now squeezed on Massachusetts Avenue would get their own lane in a network the mayor envisions.

## PEDAL PUSHING

Menino mounting bid to make city a bicyclist's dream

By Matt Viser  
GLOBE STAFF

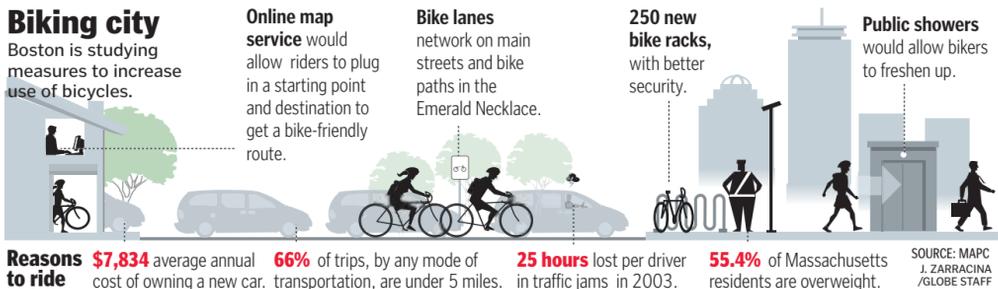
Potholes, narrow roads, mean drivers. Riding a bicycle in Boston is something akin to combat. Cyclists routinely rank the city America's worst. Stung by national criticism and hoping to take a bite out of traffic and air pollution, Mayor Thomas M. Menino is vowing to change that. A newly converted cyclist himself, Menino will announce today the hiring of a bike czar, former Olympic cyclist Nicole Freedman, and a first phase of improvements to include 250 new bike racks across Boston and an online map system.

In the next several years, Menino said, he plans to create a network of bike lanes on roads such as Massachusetts Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue in the Back Bay and the Fenway. Paths could also be constructed to

► In Calendar, a guide to biking in Boston

connect the Emerald Necklace system of parks, and the mayor is looking at facilities like showers, bike storage areas, and automated bike rental systems that make wheels instantly available to anyone with a credit card.

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## WAFFLE STYLE

The storm grate that injured a driver on Route 128 was designed for bicycle traffic and shouldn't have been installed on a highway, the lawsuit contended.

The grates, which have openings in the pattern of a waffle iron, are designed so that bicycle wheels won't get stuck in them and should be used "only... where bicycle travel is legally allowed," according to excerpts from the construction rules provided by Norton. Swierczynski, a 39-year-old father of two, remains hospitalized with brain and spinal injuries from the July 27 crash in which a tractor-trailer drove over a loose grate, launching it through the air at his 2003 Toyota Corolla. His family alleges that the crash was at least the third significant accident that week involving grates in the northbound lane of Route 128 in Westwood, where SPS New England was carrying out a construction project and had diverted traffic onto the shoulder. The drivers in the other accidents were not hurt, but their vehicles were badly damaged.

"My concern is that [the waffle-style grates] are still out there," said Norton, though he

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## Romney takes aim at GOP leadership in new TV ad

By Lisa Wangsness  
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Mitt Romney gives the Republican Party some tough love in his latest ad, chastising the GOP for spending too much, turning a blind eye to illegal immigration, and allowing its ethical standards to plummet to the point where it has become "a punch line on Jay Leno."

Romney has tried to position himself as an outsider who would change Washington as president. But in the ad, which began airing yesterday in New Hampshire and will appear in Iowa later this week, he overtly disapproves of his party's leadership in Washington in the strongest terms he has used so far — and urges the party to clean up its act.

"If we're going to change Washington, Republicans have to put our own house in order," Romney says in the ad, speaking directly to the camera, ticking off a list of transgressions. "When Republicans act like Democrats, America loses. It's time for Republicans to start acting like Republicans. It's time for a change, and change begins with us."

The ad is the most vivid illustration yet of the balance Romney is trying to strike between condemning his party's mistakes while embracing its principles. Conservatives across the country, political specialists said yesterday, are hungry for a leader who

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## Amid housing slump, high-end boom

Homes for \$1m and up selling briskly in state

By Kimberly Blanton  
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While most of the Massachusetts housing market is slumping, one sliver is booming: million-dollar properties. Sales of single-family homes priced at \$1

million and above have surged 9.6 percent so far this year, compared with a 5 percent decline in sales of homes under \$1 million, according to Warren Group, a Boston publisher of real estate data and news.

"People worth \$5 million or \$10 million are buying houses," said Dan Kaplan, editor of New England Home magazine, which will highlight the luxury-home trend in an article planned for the November issue.

"They are not letting little market blips bother them," he said.

Once such buyer was Trudy Sullivan, the new chief executive of Talbots Inc., whose house hunting this summer came down to location, not price. Relocating from Manhattan, where she was president of Liz Claiborne Inc., she and her husband, Michael Sullivan, a private art dealer, wrestled

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## Many colleges ignore SAT writing test

By Linda K. Wertheimer  
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Hundreds of universities, including several top schools, ignore or pay little heed to students' scores on the writing section of the SAT in admissions decisions, skeptical about how well the essay reflects writing skills.

Reservations about the validity of the essay portion of the writing exam frustrate students who spend hours and sometimes thousands of dollars preparing for it and raise questions about the test's future.

Criticism about the essay has been building for more than a year since an MIT professor's experiment indicated that students could get high scores simply by writing longer and throwing in big words.

Georgetown University, Smith College, and MIT are among the schools that ignore the writing score altogether, while Wellesley College, Tufts University, and Harvard take varying approaches, with none placing high importance on the score.



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**SAT, Page A20** A student prepared for the essay portion of the SAT at a center in Newton.