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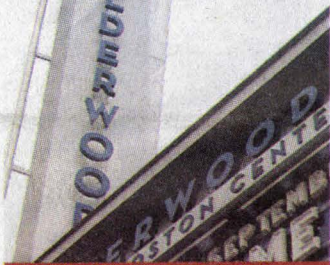


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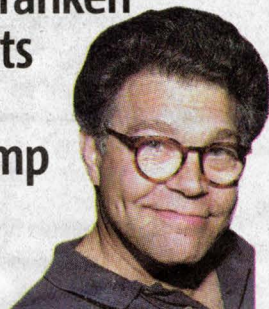


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Alien researcher John Mack, 74, dies

BOSTON Dr. John E. Mack, the Harvard Medical School professor of psychiatry who won a Pulitzer Prize for his biography of Lawrence of Arabia and also conducted research on people who claimed to be abducted by aliens, has died. Mack was struck and killed by an alleged drunken driver in London on Monday while attending the T.E. Lawrence Society Symposium in Oxford, England, according to a release on the John E. Mack Institute Web site. He was 74. AP

Al Franken starts to stump



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EDDIE SPEAKS PEARL JAM PLAYS FLEETCENTER



PEARL JAM and frontman Eddie Vedder, above, rocked the FleetCenter last night, two days before the band joins Bruce Springsteen's "Vote for Change" tour. GLEN COOPER/METRO

Crash leads to body

Victim's former girlfriend found stabbed to death in Brockton

BROCKTON A crash on a Rhode Island highway that critically injured a Brockton man touched off an investigation that led police to the body of the man's former girlfriend.

Pierre Cadet's car rolled over on Interstate 95 around 9 p.m. Sunday. Rhode Island state police discovered a pay stub in his pocket listing an address in Brockton and alerted local police.

An officer went to the address on East Ashland Street Monday morning "to make a notification of the accident and conduct a check of the residence," according to the Plymouth district attorney's office.

Instead, he found the body of Betina J. Francois, 27, who appeared to have died from multiple stab wounds.

No charges yet

Cadet, who was in critical condition yesterday afternoon at Rhode Island Hospital, had not been charged in the killing. An autopsy was performed yesterday, prosecutors said.

The Enterprise of Brockton reported that Cadet had once lived with Francois, but the two were estranged.

Francois took out a restraining order against him on Jan. 18, after telling authorities that he hit her in a jealous, drunken rage. He was convicted of assault and battery.

Cadet was also facing charges he violated the restraining order on Aug. 28 when he allegedly banged on her door and called her when she would not open it. AP

Emotional Finneran bangs last gavel

BOSTON Outgoing House Speaker Thomas Finneran was greeted with a prolonged standing ovation and a bipartisan mob of hugging and hand-shaking colleagues yesterday as he made his way to the rostrum for his last session as speaker.

"We thought that the chamber would be empty," he said. "It shows you what the speaker knows — not much."

Finneran, 54, announced his resignation Monday after eight years

as one of the most powerful and contentious figures in state politics. He will become president of the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council and will continue to serve as a rank-and-file legislator until January.

In thanking colleagues for their friendship, trust — and often their votes — Finneran

said he would most miss the relationships made across party lines.

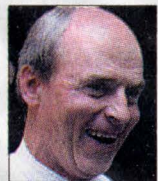
"We all want to make Massachusetts a better place to live, to work, to raise a family, to invest in the hopes and ideas and dreams of a business ... to hope and pray for grandchildren, do all the things that matter to human beings even though we aren't always necessarily united on politics," he said.

As one of his last official acts as speaker, Finneran sponsored an order to bring the House into formal

session today for the sole purpose of electing his successor, Majority Leader Salvatore DiMasi, a 25-year lawmaker from the North End.

"Sal, I don't know how to say this, but I changed my mind," Finneran joked.

As he left the House chamber, Finneran said he would retain rights to his political war chest, valued at \$513,892. He said he'd been told he would make a good mayor of Boston, or perhaps governor. AP



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