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# Reporters on the Job

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# Putin's Russia: better and worse

The mysterious poisoning of an ex-KGB spy has heightened debate over the nation's direction.

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# China to relax press limits ahead of 2008 Games

But a police training manual teaches English phrases needed to detain foreigners for reporting on Falun Gong.

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# **Trials spotlight Japanese business values**

The Enron-like trials of two high-roller executives signal disdain for the 'Americanization' of business.

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# Lebanon again at the brink

Are Syria and Iran behind Hizbullah's latest gambit to bring down the Lebanese government?

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# Tehran court judgment could turn over US embassy to plaintiff

The US has been ordered to pay an Iranian businessman damages, or present a list of assets for seizure.

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# Conditions for Philadelphia, PA at 5:54 pm EST



## **Current Conditions:**

Mostly Cloudy, 39 F

## **Forecast:**

Sun - Mostly Cloudy. High: 48 Low: 34

Mon - Mostly Sunny. High: 39 Low: 27

[Full Forecast at Yahoo! Weather](#)

(provided by The Weather Channel)

# **New England Patriots - Topix.net**

New England Patriots news continually updated from thousands of sources around the net.

# Dillon Touchdown Puts Pats Ahead For Win

FOXBORO Corey Dillon's touchdown with nearly 2 1/2 minutes to play propelled the New England Patriots to a 28-21 come-from-behind win over the Detroit Lions at Gillette Stadium.

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# Patriots rookie RB leaves game

Patriots rookie running back Laurence Maroney left early in the second half after the wind was knocked out of him against the Lions.

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# Saidel abandons mayoral bid

Former City Controller Jonathan Saidel is abandoning his mayoral bid, he said today. "As I thought about the race, what it would take to win, and the impact it would have on my ability to earn a living and take care of my family, I realized that I could not be as committed to the race as I would need to be," he said in a statement to the Inquirer.

# CONNECT TOP 10

1, Next by Michael Crichton, 2, Running with Scissors by Augusten Burroughs, 3, A Short History of Nearly Everything by Bill Bryson, 4, The Collectors by David Baldacci, 5, Eragon by Christopher Paolini, 6, The World is Flat by Thomas L. Friedman, 7, Freakonomics Rev Ed by Steven D. Levitt, Steph..., 8, Echo Park by Michael Connelly, 9, Nature Girl by Carl Hiaasen, 10, The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire (VOLUME I) by Edward Gibbon



# **NE Wal-Mart heist nets \$300,000**

Armed robbers stole roughly \$300,000 from a Wal-Mart in the city's Crescentville section during an early morning holdup, police said.

# Pats' Brady still proving himself

There are good things about being Tom Brady. Sitting in First Lady Laura Bush's box during the president's State of the Union address.

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# **Dolphins promote Cobbs; Brown likely to sit Sunday**

The Miami Dolphins have promoted running back Patrick Cobbs from the practice squad to the active roster in anticipation of Ronnie Brown's absence from Sunday's game against Jacksonville.

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# Keys to victory

About the only bona fide offensive threat the 18th-ranked Detroit Lions offense has is packaged in the hands and feet of WR Roy Williams.

Comment

# **Abu-Jamal case still stirs anger**

Google "Mumia Abu-Jamal" and you'll get more than 1 million hits for sites containing his name. For "Police Officer Daniel Faulkner," it's only 22,800.

# Verizon set to take on Comcast

Comcast Corp., which has been snatching Philadelphia-area phone customers from Verizon Communications Inc. for more than a year, is about to get a big taste of its own medicine.

# On the DHS front lines

Paula Soloman parallel-parked her hulking city-issued van into a tight space in front of the weathered white house. Finally, she thought, she was going to meet the elusive Nakesha Bridges.

# **Business as usual for A.C. prostitutes**

On a brisk night along Pacific Avenue last week, Zandra Keisel huddled in the doorway of a long-abandoned Italian restaurant and described her life:



# Newspapers, union split on key issues

Negotiators for The Inquirer and Philadelphia Daily News bargained all day yesterday with leaders of their largest labor union, but the two sides have not yet closed the gap on key issues, including layoff seniority and the pension plan.

# How T. Milton Street came under suspicion

His brother the mayor had just taken away a chunk of his income, announcing to reporters that T. Milton Street would be denied an airport subcontract worth up to \$4.8 million because it smacked of "an inside deal."

# Community college recruiting goes global

The Community College of Philadelphia is extending its reach for students - right across the Pacific Ocean, putting a new global spin on the definition of a "community" college.

# **Papers, union still talking as key issues remain unsettled**

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# Much-traveled Poteat has found home with Jets

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. -- Hank Poteat believes he set the record around the time of the Jets' preseason finale against the Eagles Shortest stay with an NFL team.

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# Seau's Arm Injury Puts Future in Limbo

Junior Seau didn't leave the NFL the way he wanted, despite his 12 Pro Bowls. So he went back.

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# Patriots Linebacker Junior Seau Out For Season

The Patriots placed linebacker Junior Seau on the injured reserve list Monday, ending his season with the team - and possibly his career.

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# Pats Overcome Miscues to Top Bears 17-13

The New England Patriots finally quit stopping themselves. After New England turned the ball over three times inside the Chicago 20-yard line, tight end Benjamin Watson hung onto Tom Brady's 2-yard pass in the ...

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