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Tiny Tim. His lyrics are at once hazy and poignant, and his sound is all his own. There's no doubt about it: the immensely talented Banihart is poised for an international breakthrough.

HOT JOBS

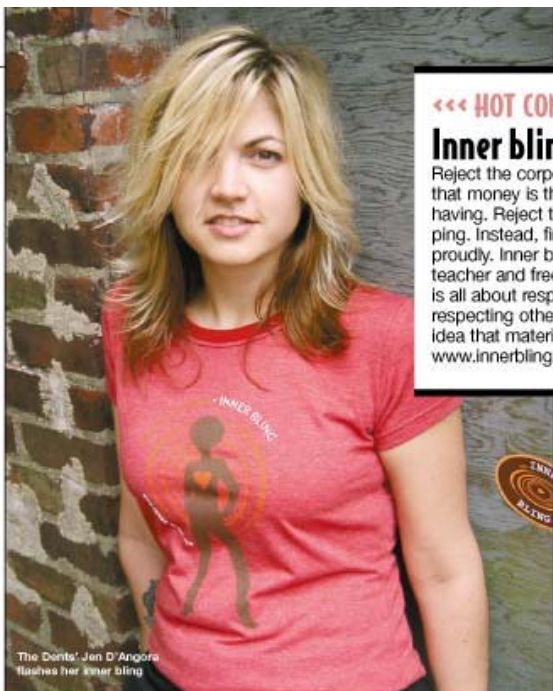
Gay-friendly marriage businesses

Same-sex marriage definitely fired up Massachusetts this year, while also sparking a whole new industry. The **gay-friendly marriage industry** sprang up practically overnight. Provincetown hasn't become the "gay Las Vegas," as our less-than-open-minded governor predicted it would, but the cash registers of caterers, jewelers, photographers, lawyers, travel agencies, justices of the peace, and limousine companies have been ringing as loudly as the chapel bells! National companies like Absolut Vodka and Volvo launched new LGBT-friendly marketing campaigns this year, and a quick Internet search returns hundreds of sites offering queer-wedding expertise. This is great for the nation's \$50 billion marriage biz, but how many more wedding gifts must we buy? Civil rights come at a price, indeed.

HOT SHOW

It's Chappelle, bitch!

Comedian **Dave Chappelle** may not be a fresh face, but the second season of Comedy Central's *Chappelle's Show* has literally exploded, leaving hilarious inside jokes all over pop culture this year. Gone are the *Saturday Night Live* quotes of yesteryear; they've been replaced by "I'm Rick



The Dente' Jen D'Angora flashes her inner bling

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Inner bling

Reject the corporate rat race. Reject the idea that money is the only kind of wealth worth having. Reject the idea of competitive shopping. Instead, find your **inner bling**, and wear it proudly. Inner bling, the brainchild of yoga teacher and freelance writer **Michelle Stewart**, is all about respect: respecting yourself, respecting other people, and respecting the idea that materialism is not where it's at. Visit www.innerbling.com to help find yours.

James, bitch!" and a variety of jobs at Little Jon, R. Kelly, Prince, and ignorant white people — taken straight from Chappelle's smash sketches. He is, quite simply, the funniest dude around.

HOT AND RETRO

New wave returns

Bad perms, stretch pants, and cheesy synthesizers made the 1980s a shameful musi-

cal era, but suddenly it's cool for rock stars to be camp, goths, and questionably fashionable again! After all, America's once again topping governments for dubious reasons, and Ronald Regan made all the headlines this summer, so why shouldn't the Cure, Duran Duran, and Morrissey put out new albums? You're hearing Depeche Mode and New Order on the radio again, and WFNX 101.7's '80s-themed *Leftover Lunch* sounds fresher than ever. Riding high on the **new-wave comeback** are new kids the *Rapture*, the *Killers*, the *Stills*, and Boston's own *Stellastarr*. This is the new new wave, but surf it while you can; nobody forgets the neon sweat bands.

HOT STICK

Sayonara, Sure

The anti-stink stick of the future will dry up your wallet as well as your armpits. Peek into any metrosexual's medicine cabinet, and lo and behold, you will find the latest grooming trend, **high-end deodorants**. Everyone's jumping on the Ban-wagon: Blisslabs, Kiehl's, Dr. Hauschka, RemediX, and Fresh, which has two different formulas. Prices range from \$8 to \$22, but do they work? Let's just say they're worth every scent.

HOT BAUBLES

Got luck?

Box up your Tiffany, because the charm du jour is lucky. There's nothing hotter than good karma, and now you can sport yours on a necklace, bracelet, or key

chain. Thanks to fashion reviver Marc Jacobs, the '50s fetish once embraced by the likes of Coco Chanel, Joan Crawford, and even Jacqueline Kennedy is back in full swing. Celebrities like Madonna and Demi Moore have been **charmed** by zodiac, religious, and other special **good-luck mementos**. Taking a less spiritual route to style-dom, Gwen Stefani and Naomi Watts have opted for the ever-so-swank horseshoes and four-leaf clovers of Brooke Dullen's White Trash Charms. Hey, who can't use a little luck?

HOT DOG

Buy local

Who doesn't love puppies? Sadly, trendy dog breeds come and go as quickly as trendy wines — remember the thousands of kids begging for Dalmatians? Then there was the Lab craze, which was cut short by the realization of the breed's hyper disposition. The people's puppy of the moment is, appropriately enough, the pint-size **Boston terrier**. These amiable dogs are better suited to city living. And they are not only hard to find, they fetch a high price — as well as the occasional stick.

HOT AND SWEET

Candy is in

To hell with weight-watching, because **candy** is in! There's something about a dark-chocolate nugget, wrapped in gold foil, that kills any sort of dieting willpower — especially after these past few low-carb years. Low-energy Atkins victims have turned to Jolly Ranchers and SweetTarts for a little extra umph! **Sugar Heaven** (218 Newbury Street), a retailer of lavishly packaged and hard-to-find items in bright pastels, is having a banner year. If you still have diet scruples, Sugar Heaven offers plenty of sugar-free treats, as well. Even candy books are popping up, like *Candyfreak!*, by local author and self-confessed sugar fiend Steve Almond. We've also seen candy in the **retail displays** of high-end jewelry, furniture, and accessory shops around New York and Boston. Does this mean that dentists are hot too?

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HOT CONTRABAND >>>

Forbidden fruit

Its devotees swoon in loving admiration, proclaiming it nature's most perfect creation. It is a fruit that has inspired long journeys to dangerous lands, and one that cannot be brought legally in the United States. We speak of the **mangosteen**, a lush, tangerine-size fruit popular in Southeast Asia and India. Due to concerns over fruit-fly infestation, it is illegal to import them into the US, and due to the fragility of the mangosteen tree, they don't grow successfully in this country (although farmers in Hawaii are starting to have better luck). Where can you find them? The Chinatowns in Vancouver and Toronto have an abundance of mangosteens, but they aren't terribly fresh. Word on the street is that you can find black-market mangosteens in our very own Chinatown, if you know whom to ask. Hey, buddy, wanna buy some fruit...?

