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The Adams family, revisited

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Aerosmith bassist **Tom Hamilton** will be John Adams to Pulitzer-winning historian **Doris Kearns Goodwin's** Abigail at this weekend's "Banned in Boston." The duo gave photographers a sneak peek yesterday of their skit that is part of the annual spoofy variety show held to raise money for Urban Improv, a violence prevention program for children and teenagers. Because Avalon, the revue's traditional spot, is closed for renovations, the show has been moved to MIT's Kresge Auditorium. Joining a traditional cast of local boldface names will be two new actors, MIT president Dr. **Susan Hockfield** and Harvard president **Drew Gilpin Faust**.

A place to kick back

Dropkick Murphys frontman **Ken Casey** swears he never counted owning a Boston bar among his life's goals. "I've got enough friends who I freeload off of," Casey told us yesterday. "So, no, I never really felt the need to own a bar." But there he was behind the bar Monday for the soft opening of McGreevy's 3rd Base Saloon, a Boylston Street watering hole that takes its name from a Boston pub owner who is memorialized in the DKM's song "Tessie." Named for Michael "Nuf Ced" McGreevy, who started Boston's Royal Rooters in the 1910s, the new incarnation is filled with memorabilia from baseball collector **Pete Nash** and got some official blessings on Patriots Day. After the Sox' win, **Sean Casey** (no relation to the Celtic rocker) stopped by with a signed game shirt, and later **Clay Buchholz** showed up at the same time as McGreevy's great-grand niece **Mary Canario**. "Things are looking good for the place," Casey said. "Just like the Sox season."

Beware of fun in the sun

With Earth Day as a backdrop, **Shonda Schilling** and Mayor **Tom Menino**, both skin cancer survivors, were at Puopolo/Langone Park yesterday to draw attention to the need for children and adults to use caution while enjoying the sun this summer. Joining the duo were the city's energy czar, **Jim Hunt**, and **Stephen Johnson** of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Underdog comes to the rescue

"Underdog" co-creator **Buck Biggers** brought his iconic 1960s Saturday morning cartoon character to life last night at a reception to benefit Victory Over Violence, a nonprofit organization he started with his longtime partner **Nancy Purbeck**. The duo, who split their time between Boston and Plymouth, hosted a reception at the Hampshire House to raise money for their charity's Positive People Day, which will be held again this year in October. Biggers, a former ad exec who also is a composer and author, confided that he wrote a special mini-episode for last night's gathering that featured Biggers as Underdog and Purbeck as Sweet Polly Purebred.

Exceptional women

Michelle Phillips, a founding member of the Mamas & the Papas, and state Attorney General **Martha Coakley** (inset) are among the women who will be honored at this year's Magic 106.7 Exceptional Women Awards. The May 16 gathering also will recognize the work of **Brittany Bergquist**, who with her brother **Robbie** started Cell Phones for Soldiers; **Sheila Marcelo**, Care.com CEO; Original Healing Threads founder **Peg Feodoroff**; Partners in Health co-founder **Ophelia Dahl**; and **Brecken Chinn Swartz**, who helped a severely burned young girl she met in China get treatment in Boston. The 11th annual luncheon will benefit the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Day-after rundown

Boston Marathon women's champ **Dire Tune** and four-time Boston Marathon winner **Robert Cheruiyot** didn't have far to travel to celebrate their victory Monday night. First the duo bowled at the official John Hancock-sponsored after-party at Kings Lanes. Later, when Cheruiyot had finished dinner with friends and got up to leave Grill 23, the quiet Kenyan champ was met with a spontaneous standing ovation and thunderous applause from patrons of the Berkeley Street eatery. And yesterday Boston Police Commissioner **Ed Davis** (reluctantly) handed over the Commissioners' Cup to Los Angeles Police Chief **Bill Bratton** after a team of runners from LAPD out-paced their Boston counterparts in the Marathon. (Of all the runners on both teams,