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The ball's in her court

Tennis icon **Billie Jean King** still has a formidable forehand. We know because after her talk at the Simmons Leadership Conference this week, King, winner of 12 Grand Slam singles titles, picked up a racket and hammered a few balls around the auditorium. Other speakers at the annual conference included Hewlett-Packard president and chief executive **Meg Whitman**, Zipcar cofounder **Robin Chase**, and NPR's **Michele Norris**. The Simmons conference is the longest-running women's leadership forum in the country, and annually attracts a global audience of 2,500 business and professional women. The event was held at the Seaport World Trade Center Boston... Word is actors **Tom Sizemore**, **Robert Carradine** ("Revenge of the Nerds"), **Michael Bowen** ("Cabin Fever 2"), and **Jarrold Bunch** ("Don King: Only in America") will join director **Rebekah Chaney** at the April 14 screening of "Slumber Party Slaughter" at the Boston International Film Festival.



BRIAN FEULNER FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE



Mitt makes a splash

Mitt Romney will never be confused with "**Buffalo Bill**" **Cody**, but the buttoned-up former Massachusetts governor and prospective Republican presidential nominee still fancies himself something of an outdoorsman. Romney, a self-described "rodent and rabbit hunter" in his younger days, is a guest on this week's episode of "**Charlie Moore: No Offense**," Moore, known as "the Mad Fisherman," taped the segment with Romney in 2009, but it's just airing now. (The episode airs on the NBC Sports Network Saturday at 1:30 p.m.) On the show, Moore says the rap on Romney is that he's "not a guy's guy," but the pair manage to have some fun, and even do a little water skiing. Most remarkable of all? Romney's hair gets messy.



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James Smith (left), Phil Bennett, and Robin Young at the Shadid tribute.

Friends School and journalists honor Shadid

WBUR's **Robin Young**, "Frontline" managing editor **Phil Bennett**, and the former Globe foreign editor **James Smith** gathered at Cambridge Friends School this week to pay tribute to **Anthony Shadid**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning correspondent for The New York Times who died in February while on assignment in Syria. A believer in Quaker education, Shadid had planned to speak at CFS about his new book, "House of Stone: A Memoir of Home, Family, and a Lost Middle East."

Fashionable gathering

Enduring fashion doyenne **Marilyn Riseman** was among the party people who made the scene at the opening fete for the new Ann Taylor store at the Prudential. The celebratory shindig was held in the 32d floor penthouse at The Clarendon, the **Robert A.M. Stern**-designed condo complex in the Back Bay. Also there were Elements of Style blogger **Erin Gates**, StyleWeek Providence cofounder **Rosanna Ortiz Sinel**, and fashion writer **Erin Souza**.



Marilyn Riseman and Susan Kupelian (right).



JAY CONNOR FOR THE BOSTON GLOBE

Reid Hoffman, cofounder of LinkedIn, talked to students and faculty at Harvard's Institute of Politics.

A lesson in networking

The person responsible for all those annoying LinkedIn requests we get? That'd be **Reid Hoffman**, the venture capitalist cofounder of the social network site for businesspeople. This week, Hoffman spoke to students and faculty at Harvard's Institute of Politics, and suggested that networking is about more than the means to an end. The Harvard Crimson quoted Hoffman as saying: "We should be asking questions like, 'How can we dance together?' rather than, 'How can this person be a useful asset to me?'"

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Bynes arrested

Authorities say actress **Amanda Bynes** was arrested Friday on suspicion of driving under the influence after she grazed a sheriff's patrol car. The 26-year-old actress was arrested at about 3 a.m. in West Hollywood. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department says that Bynes attempted to pass a patrol car making a right turn when she hit it. Deputies say there was paint damage to both cars, but no one was injured. (AP)

Lauer OK with 'Today'

Matt Lauer is sticking with NBC's "Today," ending speculation that the top-rated show might have to face ABC's rising "Good Morning America" without him. Lauer has signed a long-term contract to remain as cohost of the No. 1 morning show, a long-anticipated deal that NBC announced Thursday night but Lauer made public on "Today" Friday. Lauer's decision puts to rest suggestions that he might reunite with his former cohost **Katie Couric** on the syndicated show she's launching this fall. "Today" has remained No. 1 in the weekly ratings since 1995. (AP)

Vedder delays tour

Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam has postponed his 15-city US solo tour because of nerve damage in his right arm stemming from a back injury earlier this year. The dates will be rescheduled for November and December. Tickets will be honored and refunds will be available. (AP)