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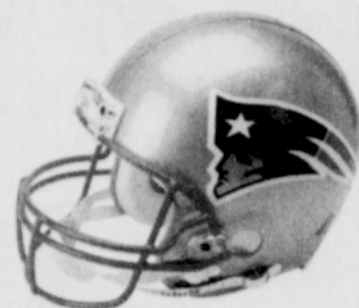
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# SPORTS



## Super Bowl, Super Rivalry



### XLII will be one for the books

(AP) — For the record: the New England Patriots and the New York Giants really hope to beat one another Sunday.

Be it on the field, court, diamond or ice, that's how it is between Beantown and the Big Apple.

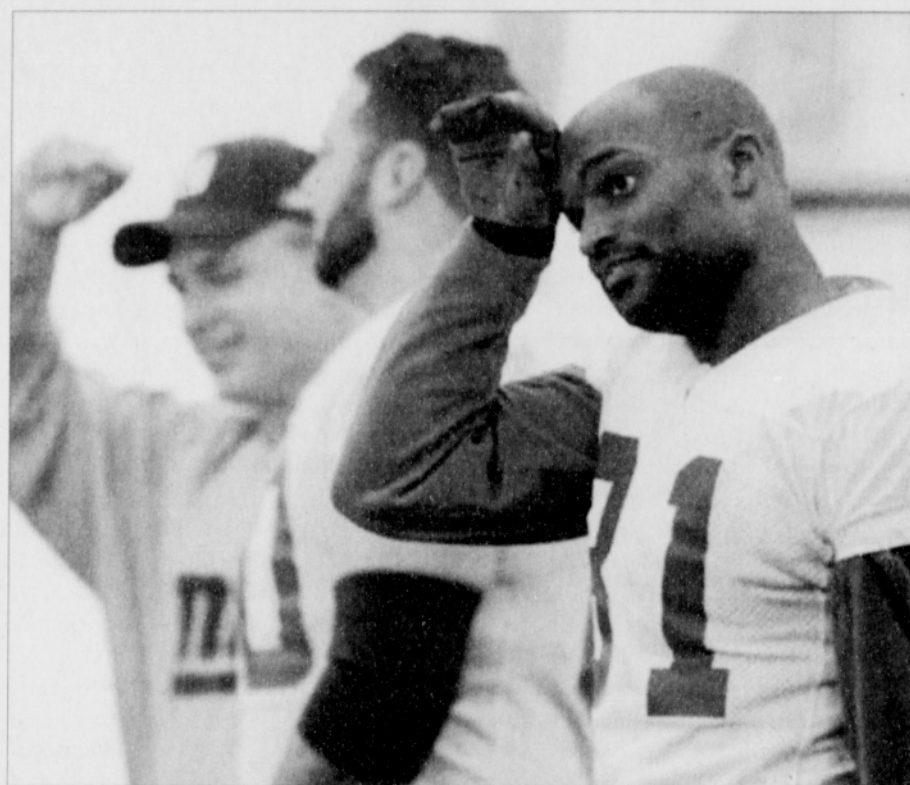
Think of Boston Pops vs. Metropolitan Opera. "Boston Legal" vs. "Law & Order." Boston cream pie vs. New York cheesecake. New England clam chowder vs. Manhattan clam chowder.

Culture or colleges, politicians or players, bring it on. It's a long-running rivalry — say, Boston Marathon vs. New York City Marathon — that dates to the original Patriots and settlers. Maybe Paul Revere vs. Henry Hudson, right up to Mitt Romney vs. Rudy Giuliani.

Now, it's the biggest game in America.

Among the fans was Paul Redmond, wearing a Patriots shirt. "I think of classic good vs. evil, right vs. wrong," he said. "Any stereotype you could use when you pit two people or groups against each other."

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, meanwhile, got his start in the Hub. "I can tell you that when I lived in the



New York Giants wide receiver Amani Toomer wipes his brow during a practice to prepare for Sunday's Super Bowl game against the New England Patriots.



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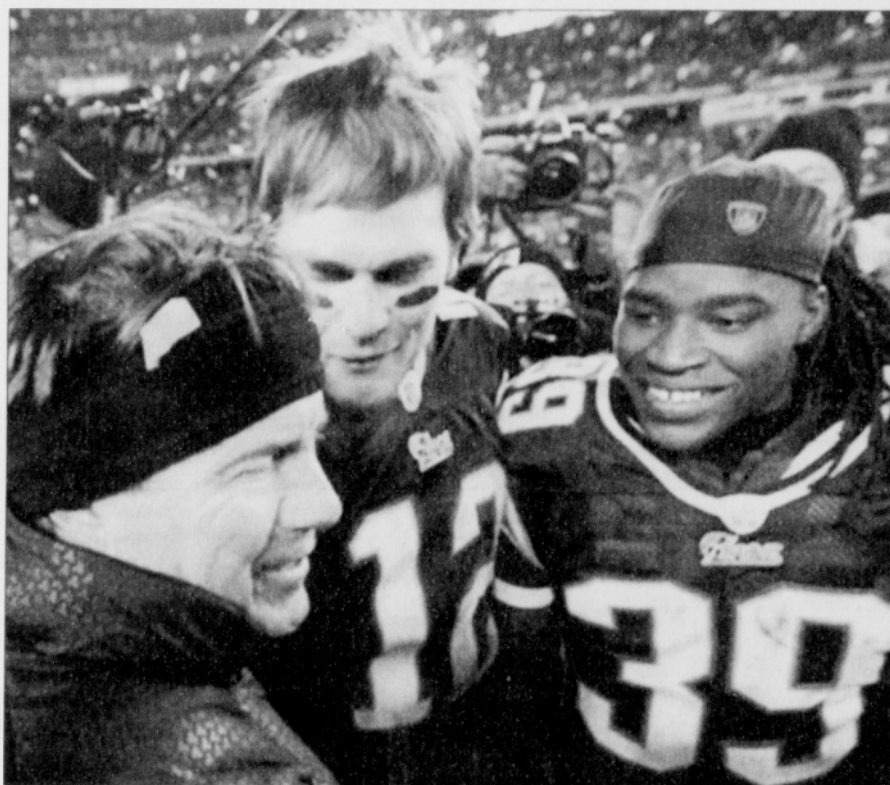
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New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick (from left), quarterback Tom Brady and running back Laurence Maroney celebrate after winning against the San Diego Chargers to advance to the Super Bowl.

Boston metropolitan area, they did not have a football team. So nobody can accuse me of having been a Patriot fan. I am a New York fan," he said.

The most intense matchups between Boston and New York came in other sports.

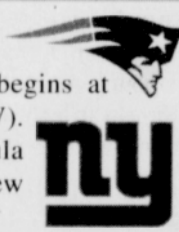
The Yankees-Red Sox rivalry might be the most charged in sports, heightened by what's happened in October. New York beat Boston in Game 7 of the 2003 American League championship series. The next year, the Red Sox became the only team in baseball history to rally from a 3-0 deficit in the postseason.

After all those years of watching the Yankees win, the Red Sox and their fans can float with a pair of World Series titles in four seasons. Their success carries over into other sports.

"Right now the competition between the Red Sox and Yankees kind of parlays into the Rangers and Bruins," Boston defenseman Aaron Ward said. "It's always fun to beat New York. And when I was in New York, it was always fun to beat Boston."

**Watch the Game**

Kickoff to Super Bowl XLII begins at 3 p.m. on channel 12 (Fox, KPTV). The pre-game show, with Paula Abdul planning to debut her new video, will begin at 11 a.m.



**Dear Deanna!**

I dated my boyfriend for exactly 10 years and I issued an ultimatum that we become engaged or married and he said no. It hurt but I took action. I packed his clothes, changed the locks and disconnected the phone. I took a chance because we were apart for almost a year and then he came back. However, while separated he got someone else pregnant and now he wants me to accept this and a marriage proposal. What should I do? -- *Angry Clarice; Mission Viejo, Calif.*

**Dear Clarice:**

The way you handled the situation was childish and immature. You

**Ask Deanna!**



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not the man for me. He has verbally abused me, had affairs and I've let him stay. His bad finances are another story. I see the excuses I've made and I've acknowledged my blame in this relationship. Am I being selfish and am I wrong to break up with him? -- *Ready to Start Over; Baltimore, Md.*

**Dear Ready to Start Over:**

There's nothing worse than settling for less when you have options to wait for the right thing. You've exhausted your time, your patience and personal self for a few years. You're rightly justified in wanting to clean up this mess and start a clean slate. He's not attached on a deep emotional level so it shouldn't surprise or shock him when you let him know it's over. Yes, you should file for divorce, take the lead on the separation, say goodbye and keep it moving.

**Dear Deanna!**

I became friends with a co-worker and now I see this was a mistake. We went to a few parties, had dinners and visited some clubs on the weekend. Things turned sour when

I started dating a guy that she had her eyes on. He wasn't interested but she couldn't see it. Now she's turned on me and is putting all of my personal business in the office and it's embarrassing. Do I have valid reasons to file a complaint with Human Resources or should I let it rest? -- *Anonymous; On-Line Reader*

**Dear Anonymous:**

You set yourself up with this one and now you can either cause more problems by filing a complaint or let her play it. Your best bet is to let her know there were two of you out there and you could do the same to her but you're more mature. Politely ask her to stop and let her know that you don't plan to quit nor lose your job behind her games. In the long run, don't make the same mistake and keep your dirty laundry at home.

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