

07.10.05

boston uncommon

TAKING OFF

Newshawk

Bill Jensen, 32, associate editor at *The Boston Phoenix*. **READ ALL ABOUT IT:** Last month, the *Phoenix* introduced a new look and a new leader, Jensen, from the *Long Island Press*, who takes over managing news and features for the free alternative weekly in Boston. "I'm so excited to come back to a young city." **HEAVEN CAN WAIT:** Jensen attended Boston University, where he studied classics and religion. "I was on the path to be an academic," he says. He earned a master's degree in religion at the University of Kansas but left academia to take over the family painting business in New York when his father fell ill. **LUCKY PUNCH:** Jensen created *Fight Card*, a zine about the New York Islanders' brawls that he handed out at hockey games. An editor at the *Long Island Voice* read it and hired him to write a story. "I kept hanging around," Jensen says, "and I just turned into a journalist." **TALENTED SCOUT:** At the *Press*, Jensen's headline move was landing "Long Island Lolita" Amy Fisher as a columnist. At the *Phoenix*, he won't look for Humbert Humbert among Boston's college profs. "If I could find Whitey Bulger and have him write a column for us, that would be a coup." — Michael Fitzgerald