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Professors produce documentary on medical marijuana

BY KIMBERLY DELANDE
News Reporter

Jayne Pawasauskas, a pharmacist and professor at the University of Rhode Island, is working alongside Professor Dana Neugent to produce a documentary about medical marijuana, its potential advantages and perceived disadvantages in using it for medical purposes.

According to Pawasauskas, the documentary is "by no means taking a stand" for any side of the medical marijuana debate, but is intended to be used as an educational tool.

Rhode Island currently has laws in place that allow patients to use, grow and consume medical marijuana if their status certifies them as potentially benefiting from it. It is essential, Pawasauskas said, that health care providers have access to information about the substance. While not every state allows the marijuana to be used for medical purposes, Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chaffee has petitioned the federal government to reclass-

sify it from its current status as a Schedule I Controlled Substance (a drug with no medical value whatsoever) to a Schedule II substance (a drug that can be used for medical purposes).

"If this substance is reclassified, it would be able to be dispensed by pharmacies in the same way drugs like morphine and other Schedule II substances are," Pawasauskas said. "If that were to happen, pharmacists would need to have an understanding of this substance, just as we have an understanding of other drugs we are able to dispense."

Even if the drug is not reclassified on a federal level, there are currently laws in place that allow patients to use it legally for medical purposes. According to Pawasauskas, patients who are qualified to take the substance often have questions about using it, the potential side effects of consuming it and how they can obtain it. As a pharmacist, Pawasauskas has looked at the creation of this documentary as an "information gathering mis-

sion."

"The main goal of creating this documentary is not only to educate myself on this subject," Pawasauskas said. "It's also to gather information on the potential impact that this movement has on patients, on health care providers and on society as a whole."

The documentary team has talked to various experts in Rhode Island for the film, including physicians, substance abuse specialists, law enforcement and those with expertise in plant sciences. However, in order to create a "fair and balanced" documentary, Pawasauskas has applied for a grant to cover the costs of talking to experts in other states who have valuable insight on the issue, particularly experts in Calif., a state that has used marijuana for medical purposes for "quite some time."

"Last month, for example, I attended a conference in Calif. hosted by the American Academy of Pain Medicine," Pawasauskas said. "There were experts sharing extensive research on this subject,

and there were others who were strongly opposed to using it, so there was a bit of a debate. That's what we're trying to capture with this documentary."

The pharmacy students working on the documentary will team up with Neugent's film students to capture footage around URI in order to garner what society thinks about the medical marijuana issue, Pawasauskas said. The documentary team will go around campus and interview various students about their knowledge of the issue. Neugent's film students, who have worked a great deal alongside the pharmacy students, play a critical role in the documentary's production.

"Neugent and his students are absolutely essential," Pawasauskas said. "His expertise in creating this type of a medium for an educational purpose has been instrumental. Without him, it wouldn't be possible."

For Pawasauskas, being able to provide this informa-

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Meditation group helps URI students relieve stress

BY FARAH CASALINI
News Editor

A student organization at the University of Rhode Island has dedicated itself to the art of relaxation, meditation and decompression.

The Seekers Meditation Group does just that for URI students every week, providing an outlet for stress relief that seems necessary on a college campus.

"In a world full of distraction, [meditation] is a way to practice focus and get some perspective," club president Daniel Guedes said.

The senior civil engineering and geology major founded the club three years ago after being approached by one of his professors, and has been president of the club ever since. Guedes said it was the first time in 15 years that a meditation club existed on campus.

Guedes said the club differs from other organizations on campus because it strays away from a classroom feel and takes on a more laid back approach.

"It provides a space to practice techniques to de-stress," he said.

The club meets on Tuesdays to practice yoga and Thursdays to practice meditation, giving students an opportunity to learn different forms of stress-relieving techniques and different yoga and meditation practices. At a typical meeting, Guedes said students mingle for approximately 20 minutes so they can become comfortable, and then they go on to learn two to three forms of meditation or yoga.

"[The meetings] are short and sweet," he said. "[Meditation] is something you take home with you. It takes some doing."

Anywhere from seven to 30 people attend the weekly meetings, with hundreds of people on the mailing list. Guedes said the meetings are

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AP bureau chief warns against dwindling American press coverage of world news

BY NANCY LAVIN
News Editor

Associated Press New England Bureau Chief William Kole warned students that American press coverage of international affairs is dwindling, with dangerous implications.

"America falls short of its highest values and cripples its own global leadership when we don't pay attention," he said in the 2012 Christiane Amanpour lecture, held on March 21 in Swan Hall Auditorium. "There is a terrible cost when we don't pay attention."

As the former AP bureau chief for Eastern Europe from 2001 to 2010, Kole has experienced first-hand the challenges and rewards of being a foreign correspondent, covering countries like the Balkans and Yugoslavia. However, he said that America's "blasé" approach

to global news coverage is perpetuating an ignorant public.

"There are journalists telling important stories all around the world, but too often...it's like an afterthought. It's not the way journalism is supposed to work," he said.

Kole added that the number of foreign correspondents has decreased significantly in the past 10 years. For example, since 2007, CNN has cut international news coverage in its newscasts in half, and 64 percent of newspaper editors say they have cut space for international news in their papers, according to the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press.

Kole explained that this lack of coverage means that journalists aren't able to act as watchdogs for the public on global issues.

"Newsflash: governments lie, police lie, corporations lie. We

need journalists as the credible fourth estate to keep tabs on this and cut through the bullshit," he said.

Kole also used the Bush administration's information on weapons of mass destruction as another example of when a lack of coverage led to a misinformed public, which, in turn, led to a long-lasting, resource-devastating war.

"If you were paying attention, you would know that things weren't adding up," he said. "And when the drumbeats of war get fast and loud, we need more cowbell. Journalists are the cowbell."

One of the major problems, according to Kole, is that news organizations simply don't have the funding to pay full-time correspondents to be stationed overseas. Instead, news outlets are much more likely to send in reporters when major events

occur, in a "visiting fireman" kind of situation.

The difficulty with this is that reporters aren't usually familiar with the area, and may have a harder time understanding what is going on. Additionally, with events such as the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, there could have been a lot more coverage of the aftermath of event, instead of merely the event itself.

"It makes me wonder what's wrong with us and what's wrong with our news organizations...why we're finding it so hard to keep people overseas to tell us what's going on," said Kole.

The solution, Kole said, is for the public to pay a little money to have access to news.

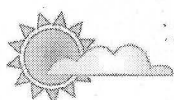
"We need to care enough to be willing to pay a few bucks a

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Check out some of this
spring's hottest fashion
trends.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Spring trends offer something for everyone

BY SARAH-ROSE MARCUS
Contributing Entertainment Writer

The best thing about the trends this spring is that they are ones that we can actually wear. There is a look out there for everyone's taste, ranging from simple and lady-like silhouettes to kooky offbeat prints. In addition, there are tons of affordable options that can be worn by people across college campuses rather than by five-foot-11-inch tall genetic super-freaks on catwalks in Paris.

One trend that everyone can try out this spring is color blocking, starting with bright colored blazers. From Barbie pink to emerald green, there are now no limits to what we can wear. The best part about this is that you don't have to feel guilty on spending your whole paycheck on a highlighter orange blazer that might be out next season; there are plenty of affordable options to experiment with at stores including H&M.

When attempting to color-block, keep in mind certain pairs or trios of colors that would look

nice together. For example, on a nice day for class you could pair a royal blue maxi skirt with a simple white tank and an emerald cardigan on top. If you are getting dressed for a night out on the town (aka to Bobby G.'s) you could play around with the spring trend of neon or pastel skinny jeans. You could pair bold, bubblegum-pink skinny jeans with a white T-shirt and a navy blazer on top and your favorite pair of wedges. There are many awesome, inexpensive options of bright skinny jeans on websites such as ASOS.com, so you won't have to worry about spilling a "tidal wave" all over them.

If you'd like to take even more of a risk, then you've lucked out this spring with the trend of prints. This season, the runways were flooded with tons of options of printed designs, which allow us to be unique and choose one that fits our personality. One option if you want a glam/rock star look is to go the animal-print route, with tons of options such as snake-skin print

jeans/blouses, leopard blazers/booties etc. If you are more on the casual girl side, you can wear options such as floral cropped jeans or floral maxi dresses (always a crowd pleaser for spring).

For the people who love geometric and psychedelic patterns, there is no holding back this spring in the print department. This can be worn on light silky fabrics such as a blouse, romper or even harem pants. If you are rocking this print in an article of clothing, you should pair it with a solid color to balance it out so that you don't end up looking like a human kaleidoscope across the quad.

If your style is more feminine and girly and you are itching to break free from some of the manlier trends we've experienced these past few seasons, then you are in luck this spring. The runways have been leaning towards the feminine '50s housewife look, with its flattering ruffled peplum skirts, rather

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HBO's 'Game Change' a provocative piece on McCain presidential bid

BY CONOR SIMAO
Entertainment Writer

Tackling cinematic adaptation and political journalism concurrently, HBO's latest original film, "Game Change" proves to be an ambitious, provocative piece. It dramatically recounts the inside, behind-the-scenes story of U.S. Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential bid, focusing its attention primarily on the selection of his running mate, Sarah Palin (and of course, the campaign's subsequent regret).

Expertly casted, the movie doesn't ask too much of its audience in terms of imagination. Julianne Moore, for one, plays a very convincing Sarah Palin (better, anyway, than Tina Fey's iconic, though decidedly comedic, portrayal.) Ed Harris, with the help of some impressive cosmetic support, pulls off McCain visually as well, but his vocal impression could have used some coaching.

Ultimately though, it's Woody Harrelson, playing senior campaign strategist Steven Schmidt, who gets the most air-time alongside Moore's Palin rendition. He and Sarah Paulson playing Nicolle Wallace make the otherwise inaccessible world of high-powered national politics somehow relatable to casual observers and dedicated news junkies alike. Consequently, even the obscenely famous and polarizing Palin becomes real, and more authentic anyway as a person than many of her ide-

ological opponents would perhaps assume.

In "Game Change," McCain's GOP campaign staff, frustrated by their stagnant numbers and the celebrity status of nascent opponent Barack Obama, looks desperately for a vice president candidate with style, sophistication, and a full plate of conservative values. They find and shoddily vet Alaskan Gov. Palin, who agrees to join the ticket in spite of the media firestorm they admit will await her. Initially, the novelty of a woman Republican general election candidate is celebrated, helping McCain secure gains in the national polls.

However, as time goes on, some things become clear about this previously unknown politician. For one, corruption allegations and sketchy associations from Palin's past surface and receive tremendous attention from the new and traditional media. On top of that, her façade of confidence begins to crumble one bad interview and media slip-up at a time, until the Palin brand is one widely seen as a microcosm of political myopia.

The film covers this and the resulting chagrin out of the McCain campaign, whose top advisors stumble to educate their overwhelmed contender. Schmidt and the others, by the film's end, view their selection of Palin as a proverbial nail in the campaign's coffin, and

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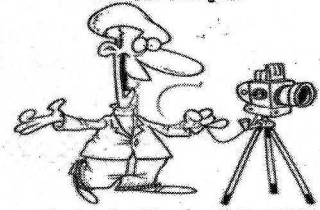
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Marijuana

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tion for other pharmacists like herself, health care providers and patients, is "an essential task." Since pharmacists are one of the few health care disciplines that anyone can talk to without an appointment, free of charge, it is critical that they are educated on this subject, in order to better advise their patients, she said.

"This is certainly not something I was trained to talk about in the 1990s, when I went to pharmacy school," Pawasauskas said. "It wasn't part of the curriculum. [Marijuana] was an illegal, illicit substance that people abused. But now the times are changing, and its being used in a variety of ways now."

Meditation

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open to any students on campus who are interested.

"It provides a place for people to learn," he said.

The group relies on word-of-mouth for new group members, but Guedes said recruiting members isn't the main concern.

"We want to provide [yoga and meditation] to anyone," he said.

Last spring, the club held a slam poetry reading called "Poetry for Peace," where different local slam poets came to the Galanti Lounge to read their work. While Guedes said the event was successful, he doesn't believe hosting events to be the most important aspect of the group.

"Events I've seen on campus are sometimes discouraging," he said. "They lack a sense of community, a sense of cohesiveness."

The true focus of the group is the personal aspect, Guedes said, where students can learn one-on-one how to "live in the moment" and practice their "well-being."

"We want to bring a positive light to life instead of a stressful, dark environment," he said.

Guedes said a meditation-specific space for students is currently in the making, but he hasn't received any updates on its progress.

The group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Church Center and Thursdays at 5 p.m. at the Watson House.

AP Chief

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month for a subscription to the Providence Journal," he said. "Most of us don't even blink...at a tall grande mocha 'crapuccino', but we won't spent a few dollars on the news organizations we trust to bring us information. That's wrong. That's blasé."

However, Kole said this lack of international coverage is largely isolated to America, and that other countries are much better at providing coverage of foreign affairs.

"There's really an intense interest in what's going on around the world, but the intense interest is outside of this country," he said.

Of his own experiences abroad, Kole said they were challenging, but also very rewarding.

"You really are a witness to history," he said. "I'm blown away at the stories I was able to be on the scene to cover."

Trends

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than some of the shapeless pre-pubescent boy looks we have seen these past few seasons. This look is perfect for a nice night out to dinner as it can instantly transform you into looking like a classy and sophisticated woman. It should be paired with heels, such as neutral nude pumps or strappy sandals. For hair and makeup, I would suggest a bold lip in a red or a pink and a simple hairstyle such as an elegant bun.

As a college student, it can be taxing (quite literally) to buy a completely new wardrobe each season. However, this spring it looks like there are some looks that can carry over from winter to spring. One popular look on the runway has been sequins, so you can revisit your New Years Eve stash that you are saving for 2013. If the dresses you wore did not have enough photos on Facebook, you can re-wear them again without tights or a jacket. If you are eager to get your summer started, you can also start now with the trend of all-white dresses and skirts- you no longer need to wait for after Memorial Day.

The trends this spring are very exciting as it breaks the limit for exciting colors or patterns that we were previously restricted to. There is something for everyone's taste and price range, so there is a lot of room for expression that we should take advantage of here at URI—now there is no excuse!

HBO

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come to terms with the consequences of their historically irresponsible move. Palin, on the other hand, enjoys her new spotlight and despite early homesickness, eventually concedes that her objective is national influence. She goes "rouge," so to speak, and no sequel is necessary to explain what happens next.

It's unclear how much of the film is dramatization, nevertheless. It portrays Palin as near-hopelessly ignorant on foreign policy and domestic affairs, rendering the decision to cast her as a vice presidential candidate seemingly unrealistic—often to a darkly, comical extent. But it's this incredulity that made 2008 historic and capturing it, understandably, must have been a top priority for "Game Change."

It was, after all, the year that a major candidate for vice president of the United States of America was unable to name one favorite newspaper or magazine. That much was real, as an awkward Katie Couric interview stands to prove. In the film, we're lead to believe that Palin also lacked knowledge of the Federal Reserve and couldn't explain why North and South Korea are two separate countries.

So maybe creative license was taken in exaggerating her inexperience, but regardless, filmmakers and the authors of the book on which "Game Change" is based promise to have conducted thorough research on the subject, so maybe there's more truth to the debauchery than we, as American optimists, would like to believe. Anyway, while the movie is based on real events, nobody should take it as an exact narrative.

It's rather an interesting, though fairly long, cinematographic exploration of an inside world that many at home will find utterly fascinating. "Game Change" parts the curtains and invites us all to take a peek behind the train wreck, revealing the dysfunction within the camp to those only familiar with its public manifestation. Subtle, dramatic, and historical, this film perpetuates the legacy and function of its 2011 predecessor "Too Big To Fail," another HBO original movie, based on a book, based on a juicy news cycle catastrophe. This time, though, it's all about the politics, and there's no political race in modern history quite like the one "Game Change" makes its centerpiece.

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The Shide Lines: The most wonderful time of the year

BY JONATHAN SHIDELER
Sports Reporter

Well, it's one of the best times of the year; the days are getting longer, the grass is getting greener, all while the sun shines brighter and gets warmer each day.

But who cares about all that stuff?

It's March, people. That means NFL free agency is at its highest buzz and Major League Baseball's opening day is just around the corner. Meanwhile, teams that want to make the playoffs in the NBA and NHL are in the midst of a key stretch.

Oh yeah, and how can I forget the insanity that is March Madness?

March is the one month of the year that seems to be dominated by college basketball. The only time of the year where a college of 3,000 students has the opportunity to take down a university with an enrollment of 30,000 or more.

It's one of the few times of the year when something as simple as a free throw can decide if you go home or not. A time where players we have never heard blow up overnight and become national headlines because of a buzzer beater.

Although there has not been any legitimate buzzer beaters in this year's NCAA tournament, the madness has still ensued. For the first time in the history of the tournament not one, but two No. 15 seeds beat No. 2 seeds in the tournament, a textbook David-and-Goliath match-up.

Lehigh University, which has an enrollment of approximately 8,000 students, upset Duke University, a school that has over an enrollment of more than 15,000. Meanwhile, Norfolk State University, a small school in Norfolk, Va., which has approximately 6,000 students, took down the University of Missouri, one of the country's largest schools, with a total enrollment of

33,000 graduate and undergraduate students.

The NFL free agent market takes over during the days when the tournament is not being played. Peyton Manning finalized a deal to go to the Denver Broncos, which resulted in the sending of one of the leagues holiest of players, Tim Tebow, to one of the most unholy places: the New York Jets.

While this month may be dominated by basketball, it is nearly impossible to ignore the fact that baseball season is here. There is nothing quite like the smell of light dew covering the grass on an early morning while the sun is shining bright, the birds are chirping and the bees are slowly beginning to buzz.

So let's take advantage of the month that comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. Not only for its weather, but also for its large number of sport happenings across the board.

Women's tennis team wins against Bucknell University

BY NIKITA DUKE
Sports Reporter

After suffering a six game losing streak to Southern Illinois University (6-1), Coastal Carolina University (7-0), Bethune Cookman University (4-3), University of Massachusetts (7-0), Brown University (7-0) and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (7-0), the University of Rhode Island snapped that streak with a 6-1 win over Bucknell University last Friday afternoon.

The Rams played some of their best tennis all season, especially with their singles play, which had been struggling during the six game losing streak.

Rhody swept all six singles matches with a win from seniors Pam Emery, Kristen Leikem and Tristany Leikem, as well as freshmen Kathleen Uy, Karolina Wojciak and Nithila Asokaraj.

Both Leikems sisters

teamed up in doubles to beat their Bucknell opponents, 8-5, while Uy and Asokaraj fell just short, losing 9-8 (6).

"It was good for us to finally get a win after that frustrating losing streak," head coach Val Villucci said. "I am proud of our team. They really came out strong today and played some good tennis. It is one thing to win a match, but when you win one 6-1, it helps give your team some momentum."

The Rams will need all the momentum they can get as they head into the rest of their season. The girls will need to put some wins together to help pick up their record after the six losses.

"I have the utmost confidence in our players to step up and turn this season around. We have so much talent in this program," Villucci said.

The team will return to the court on Sunday, March 25, when it will host Marist College at 1 p.m.

Ohio quadruplets lead their high school basketball teams to record-setting seasons

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — In an extreme case of sibling rivalry, a teenage basketball player who's the only boy among a set of quadruplets was hoping to match the feat pulled off last week by his three sisters, who led their high school to its first state championship.

But there was no Hollywood ending for the basketball-playing quadruplets.

Arlington High School, led by Thayne Recker, lost Thursday 46-37 in a state semifinal game to Berlin Hiland. Recker was the team's leading scorer all season — and in the loss, finishing with 14 points.

Nonetheless, the quadruplets had already made history at their small, rural school in northwest Ohio.

Last week, Amelia, Alivia and Anessa Recker led Arlington High to its first state championship in basketball. It was also the first time the boys had gone that far.

Mom Deidre Recker — who also has basketball in her bones — and her husband had jokingly suggested to their son that he needed to win a state title just to keep peace in the family.

"For the next 50 years, we don't want to hear at Christmas and Thanksgiving from the girls that we won state and you didn't," Deidre Recker said she told her son.

But they're taking the boys' loss in stride.

"They're just so happy they made it; just to go to state is a big accomplishment," said Deidre Recker, who played college basketball at Heidelberg University in Ohio.

The quads grew up playing basketball together in Arlington, a town about 50 miles south of Toledo. They were hooked on hoops at an early age.

"They've always been in the backyard pounding on each other," their mother said Wednesday. "I've seen them draw blood and hit each other. One would come in the house crying. But at the end of the day, they've always had each other's backs."

The rivalry among the siblings has taken a backseat their senior year as the four have pulled for one another to get to the state tournament in Columbus. Earlier this season, Amelia scored her 1,000th career point, and three weeks

later her brother scored his 1,000th.

Amelia was the state's Division IV co-player of the year this season, while Thayne was second-team All-Ohio.

"On the outside there's that rivalry there, but deep down they're all really pulling for each other," their father, Scott Recker, said before Thursday's outcome. "The girls are probably more excited than anybody that the boys made it."

Alivia, who scored 11 points in the girls' state title victory Saturday, said years of playing with her siblings made for a natural rivalry.

"I remember the bloody noses and cut lips," she said. "It made us better."

The girls rarely miss one of their brother's games, so it was especially tough last week for them when they were at the state tournament and he was playing for a chance to get there. They ended up listening to the game on their coach's laptop at a hotel.

"I was more nervous for him listening on the radio, and even during the whole tournament, than I was before my games," Alivia said.

Tim Tebow signing with New York Jets no big deal

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Well, two days ago I found out that last year's Denver Broncos quarterback sensation, Tim Tebow, was traded to the New York Jets. The team I do not like at all seems to be imploding this off-season and I could not be happier. It seems as though the Jets have finally admitted that they have no strong vote of confidence in their starting quarterback, Mark Sanchez.

There was a headline on the back of the New York Times yesterday that read, "Tebow joins no-ring circus; Jets are clowns for picking him up." As a dedicated Patriots fan, I could not have been happier to see that even New York has lost faith in their Jets.

I feel like I should clarify a few things for those who aren't football fans. The Jets' season fell apart last year after their loud-mouth head coach Rex Ryan promised a Superbowl winning season before it started. That was a huge letdown and it showed that Ryan might not know what he is talking about, ever.

I do not like Rex Ryan at all and that is mostly because he called the New England Patriots' head coach Bill Belichick the moment he arrived in New York, which, in my opinion, is just rude. Even if Ryan doesn't like Belichick, or even if he wants to keep the rivalry between the two divisional

opponents alive, he should've respected Belichick for what he has done as head coach for the Patriots.

With the ever-struggling Sanchez under center, Tebow fans will likely start screaming for him to be placed as the starter, just like they did when Tebow was backing up Kyle Orton in Denver. Anyone who thinks otherwise is a fool.

The way I see it, the Jets are going to have more distractions and less answers for their fans as the season begins and progresses, so I am not really worried that Tebow is going to take over the Jets and somehow retake the AFC East Division from the Patriots. There is just no way that can happen.

The Jets might find a suitable way to plug Tebow into their offense, whether it is through the wildcat offense or some other crazy scheme, but by the end of the year, I am strongly sensing that Rex Ryan will be out of a job, and a rebuilding phase will begin in New York.

Even if Sanchez performs well and Tebow drama never ends up happening, this move does not really hurt the Patriots in any way. They have proven that they can shut down both a Sanchez and Tebow-lead offense, even with a supposedly lack luster defense. So in the end, I couldn't really be any happier with Tebow's decision to go to the Jets because it'll only cause problems before it yields any solutions.

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