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**SO...
WHAT ELSE IS NEW?**
By Bob Weiss

NOW COACHING - Larry Moulter, known for his work in getting The TD Banknorth Garden up and running, is coming on board to be president of Boston Coach, an affiliate of Fidelity Investments. Their headquarters moved a year ago to Boston's Seaport District. Moulter ran a consulting business and played a major part in the expansion of Commonwealth Limousine.

ASTA VICTORY - The New England Chapter of the American Society of Travel Agents pulled off a major victory last month when Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick signed the Fiscal 2009 Budget Bill that did not include a tax on travel agents for online hotel bookings.

BIKE ROUTES - Now that gas prices are high, the low-tech bicycle is getting plenty of press and you see more riders all over the place. We'll see what happens in the cold winter months, but bikes are hot. In an ad for Trek, it was noted that 40 percent of all car trips are two miles or less and you don't get exercise behind that wheel.

WALKING ROUTES - This fall, elementary students in Brockton, Newton, Stoneham and Watertown will be getting to school by the old-fashion method of walking in a test organized by WalkBoston called Safe Routes to School. The Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation, The Mass. Department of Public Health and the State Department of Transportation are all involved. Forty years ago, 50 percent of children walked or biked to school. Today, that figure is less than 15 percent.

SPECULATION ROUTE - Last month saw a dozen airline CEOs signing off on a letter asking their passengers to get after Congress to stop oil speculation causing the run-up in the price of oil. Could it be that the airlines wanted to take the heat off higher fares and new fees during the peak travel season?

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