

Feta-compli

For some, Cheddar is better, for others, brie is the key. Regardless of your taste, you'll have a Gouda time at the first-ever **Seattle Cheese Festival** in Pike Place Market (May 14–15). Free to the public, the event will showcase artisanal cheeses and cheese producers from around the globe: Sample some chevre from Washington state, and a pecorino from Italy, and wash 'em down with some local wine—but not so much wine as to get lost in the cheese maze. At the end of the day, you'll appreciate the “*aah*” in “fromage.” Info: www.seattlecheesefestival.com.



Hub-a, Hub-a!

As in *the Hub*, **Boston**, home to the elegant, swellegant **Hotel Commonwealth**. Situated near Kenmore Square on oh-so-historic Commonwealth Avenue (No. 500, to be precise), the hotel boasts all the usual comforts: Frette linens, check; plush robes, check. And now there's another advantage to staying there: Wi Fi and Pingtel IP phones in every room. Have your room and cell phone calls forwarded to your VoIP, which you can take when you go to the fitness salon or the bar—with no worries about missing that important conversation. Rates from \$269. Info: 866-784-4000, 617-933-5000 or www.hotelcommonwealth.com.



Home Game

SSD'S XAVIXPORT

Finally, video game enthusiasts can give more than just their thumbs a workout. SSD's XaviXPORT—compatible with standard television sets—lets couch potatoes get physical with **simulated sports**. To play, simply swing wireless controllers shaped like bats or rackets. But please, watch your windup around the family pet.

\$ **What It Costs** The system itself will set you back \$79.99, while software cartridges cost a cool \$49.99 each.

i **Where to Find It** Units are available at Best Buy, Radio Shack and Toys “R” Us, or use the store locator at www.xavix.com.

🎁 **Virtual Varsity** Come summer, living room athletes may also choose from the following activities: bass fishing, bowling and golf.