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## Dan Gross: B.J. 'Office' Novak makes a stop at the Irish Pub

By Dan Gross  
Philadelphia Daily News

WHEN **B.J. NOVAK**, of "The Office," walked into the Irish Pub (20th & Walnut) Saturday night almost everybody in the place recognized him. But not **Josh Derr**, the bar's night manager, who carded the 30-year-old Novak, who plays Ryan Howard on the show. Novak, who also appeared in "Inglourious Basterds" hung out from about 11:30 to 1:15 and was extremely gracious to fans, posing for pictures and talking to anyone who approached.

### Turner rants to mayor about taxis

**Kathleen Turner** took advantage of some recent face time with **Mayor Nutter** to complain about Philadelphia taxis.

Turner ("Body Heat," "Romancing the Stone"), who met Nutter backstage at the Suzanne Roberts Theater after performing as **Molly Ivins** in "Red Hot Patriot," told Nutter that 8 out of 10 times she got into a Philly cab, the driver was holding a cell phone, talking without a hands-free device.

Our spies say that about an hour later Nutter was overheard "politely reading the Riot Act" to someone about it. Nutter's office confirms that he spoke to a high-ranking Philadelphia Parking Authority official after hearing Turner's complaints.

\* Turner wasn't the only actor Nutter met last week. Thursday morning he dropped by the set of "The Dark Fields" at 19th & Wood and met **Bradley Cooper** and director **Neil Burger**. Some girls from Hallahan High yelled out the school window that they loved Nutter and Cooper.

In other "Dark Fields" news, Australian actress **Abbie Cornish** finished her scenes here and left town last weekend for the **Coachella** music festival in **California**.

Early Saturday evening Cooper and a pal sat outside at **Tommy Up's** burger bar P.Y.T. in the Piazza at Schmidt's, where Cooper went for a burger and spiked milkshake.

### Johnny Doc celebrates his 50th

Electricians union leader **John Dougherty**, who turned 50 yesterday, was feted by about 100 friends and associates Friday afternoon at the Local 98 headquarters, at 17th & Spring Garden. The Hon. **Kevin M. Dougherty**, Family Court administrative judge and Dougherty's brother, was among the guests, as were U.S. Rep. **Bob Brady**, former Councilman **Leland Beloff**, state Rep. **Bill Keller** and **Pat Gillespie**, president of the Building Trades Council.

\* Attorney **George Bochetto** was also in the house, and offered us his congratulations to *Daily News* reporters **Barbara Laker** and **Wendy Ruderman** on winning a **Pulitzer Prize** for Investigative Reporting for their series on alleged Philadelphia Police corruption. At the *Daily News* Pulitzer party last week, Laker and Ruderman related how Bochetto, who represented allegedly crooked cop **Jeffrey Cujdik**, once told them that it was a nothing story they were pursuing - "As if it's gonna win you a Pulitzer."

### Pelosi gets a taste of Baver

Berks County Olympic speedskater **Allison Baver** just traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with House Speaker **Nancy Pelosi** and U.S. Rep. **Bart Stupak**. Baver and Olympics medalists **Apolo Anton Ohno** and **Shani Davis**, and Paralympic athlete **Allison Jones**, discussed the recent cut in funds for the **B.J. Stupak** Scholarship, a federally funded program for Olympic athletes.

Baver, who trains in **Utah**, is staying in this area for a while.

### Poker night for Jewish charity

Fox 29's **Mike Jerrick**, CBS Radio market manager **Marc Rayfield** and former Eagle **Hugh Douglas** took part in the Jewish National Fund's 4th Annual Poker Tournament the other night at Del Frisco's (15th & Chestnut). The event, which also drew real-estate moguls **Bart Blatstein**, **Rob Zuritsky**, co-chair **David Dinenberg**, and local attorney and "Apprentice" alum **Erin Elmore**, raised \$100,000. Injured Flyers star **Jeff Carter** wasn't at the party, but dined upstairs at the time.

### Major coup for local film

"Future Weather" just won a \$40,000 **Alfred P. Sloan** grant from the Tribeca Film Institute, which stages the **Tribeca Film Festival** that's running now. The film, from local writer/director **Jenny Deller** and producer **Kristin Fairweather**, is expected to shoot in late summer.



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**Elmi**, on the birth of their first child, a daughter, **Grace Marie Elmi**, on April 20. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces. Mom and baby are well.

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