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## Weekend



Dual bombings rocked Baghdad on Thursday.

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# Bin Laden Warns of Attacks

Al Qaeda leader re-emerges with threat and offer of truce

CAIRO, EGYPT | Osama bin Laden warned in an audiotape aired Thursday that his fighters are preparing new attacks in the United States but offered the American people a "long-term truce" without specifying the conditions.

The tape, portions of which were aired on Al-Jazeera television, was the first from the al Qaeda leader in more than a year. It came only days after a U.S. airstrike in Pakistan that targeted bin Laden's deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri, and reportedly killed four lead-

ing al Qaeda figures, possibly including al-Zawahri's son-in-law.

The CIA has authenticated the voice on the tape as that of bin Laden, an agency official said. The al Qaeda leader is believed to be hiding in the border region between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Beyond confirming that bin Laden remains alive, the tape could be aimed at projecting an image of strength to al Qaeda sympathizers and portraying the group as



Bin Laden

still capable of launching attacks despite blows against it, analysts said.

The White House rejected the truce offer.

"We do not negotiate with terrorists," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. "We

put them out of business."

U.S. counterterrorism officials said they have seen no specific or credible intelligence to indicate an impending al Qaeda attack. (AP)

# Space Probe Bound for Pluto



**LAST PLANET:** NASA's unmanned New Horizons spacecraft blasts off aboard an Atlas V rocket at Cape Canaveral in Florida on Thursday in a spectacular start to a 3-billion-mile, 9 1/2-year journey to Pluto, the solar system's last unexplored planet. ♦ **Weird science:** Pluto: the planetary oddball | **Page 3**

**ENTREPRENEURS | Bean Counter** A Stonehaven, England, man is selling off a tin of baked beans on eBay — one by one, Sky News reported. John Deas wants to set a world record for the most expensive can of beans, and he's off to a good start,



considering the first bean sold for \$10. If he can get similar prices for the other beans, he'll get around \$1,500. Along with the bean, each buyer will receive a certificate of ownership and a photograph of the original can of beans. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | **Page 2**

# eyeOpeners

## PARROTS \*Squawk!\* He'll Never Find Out!

A Leeds, England, computer programmer found out his girlfriend was having an affair when his pet parrot kept repeating her lover's name. The African grey parrot kept squawking "I love you, Gary" as his owner, Chris Taylor, sat with girlfriend Suzy Collins on the sofa of their shared flat. But when Taylor saw Collins's embarrassed reaction, he realized she had been having an affair — meeting her lover in the flat while Ziggy looked on. Ziggy even mimicked Collins's voice each time she answered her telephone, calling out "Hiya, Gary." (AP)



## BURYING Ran the Car Into the Ground

An Akron, Ohio, man facing a big bill because he had blown the engine in his 1997 BMW decided to bury his car instead and collect \$20,000 from his insurance company by claiming it was stolen. Matthew Mueller rented a backhoe in October 2002 and buried the car on property owned by his father. Police received tips last year and excavated the vehicle. Mueller was sentenced Tuesday to a year in prison for insurance fraud, tampering with evidence and receiving stolen property, and paid restitution to Progressive Insurance along with \$15,500 to officials for digging

COSTS. (AP)



JEFF J. MITCHELL/GETTY IMAGES

ELVIS

## Ain't a Hound Dog

He's a husky o' burnin' love. Elvis, a Siberian husky, was an attendee of the Husky Club Sled Dog Rally on Thursday in Aviemore, Scotland. More than 1,500 huskies and mushers — about 200 racing teams total with participants aged 8 to 60 — will gather this week at the annual rally, which is organized by the Siberian Husky Club of Great Britain. The rally is run on tracks around Loch Morlich. (EXPRESS)



## FRAUD Putting the 'Dead' In 'Deadbeat Dad'

Police arrested a Columbia, S.C., man accused of faking his death more than 25 years ago to avoid paying child support. Johnny Sterling Martin had a relative call Family Court in 1979 and report that he died during a bar fight in Alabama, authorities said. That call came a few months after he escaped from a work detail while serving a one-year jail term for failing to pay \$4,120 in support for two children. He was captured Tuesday and jailed, and now owes more than \$30,000 in child support and faces an escape charge, authorities said. (AP)

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## Nation

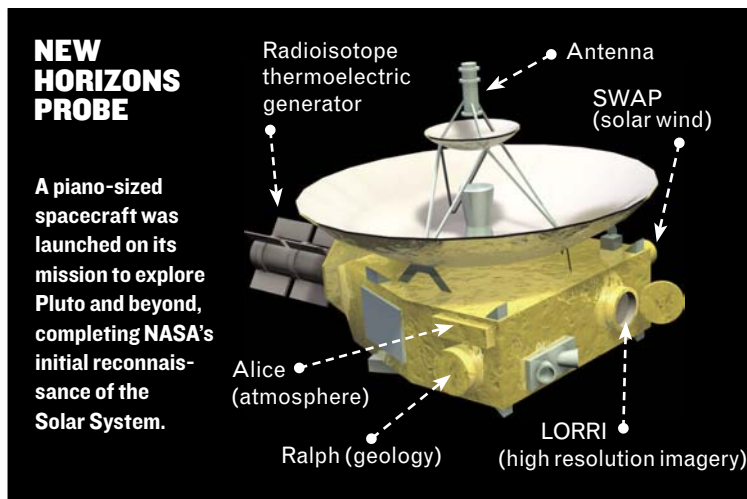
# NASA Probe Hurtles Toward Pluto

Unmanned craft to icy planet launched after weather delays

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. | Pluto is considered a planetary oddball — a tiny, frozen world so unlike the other planets that some astronomers doubt whether it even deserves to be called a planet.

Scientists came a step closer Thursday to understanding Pluto, launching an unmanned spacecraft on a 3-billion-mile journey to the solar system's last unexplored planet.

The New Horizons spacecraft blasted off aboard an Atlas V rocket in a spectacular start to the \$700 million mission. Though it is the fastest spacecraft ever launched, capable



of reaching 36,000 mph, it will take 9 1/2 years to reach Pluto.

The probe, powered by 24 pounds of plutonium, will not land on Pluto

but will photograph it, analyze its atmosphere and send data back across the solar system to Earth.

The launch went off without inci-

dent, to the relief of anti-nuclear activists who had feared an accident could scatter lethal radioactive material.

NASA had postponed the liftoff two days in a row because of wind gusts at the launch pad and a power outage at the spacecraft's control center in Maryland.

Pluto is the solar system's most distant planet and the brightest body in a zone known as the Kuiper Belt, made up of thousands of icy rocks, including tiny planets whose development was stunted for unknown reasons. Scientists say studying those "planetary embryos" can shed light onto how planets were formed.

The spacecraft will use Jupiter's gravity as a sling to shave five years off the trip, allowing it to arrive around July 2015. MIKE SCHNEIDER (AP)

## Cheney: Spy Program Is Vital Tool

Vice president says wiretaps are within president's authority

NEW YORK | Vice President Dick Cheney on Thursday defended the Bush administration's domestic surveillance program, saying it is an essential tool in monitoring al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations.

Cheney stressed that the program was limited and conducted in a way that safeguarded civil liberties.

"A spirit of debate is now under way, and our message to the American people is clear and straightforward: These actions are within the president's authority and responsibility under the Constitution and laws, and these actions are vital to our security," Cheney said.

Four Democrats, in a letter to the vice president, asked that the administration consult with all members of the House and Senate intelligence committees on the program. The administration so far has restricted notification to just eight lawmakers.

Cheney said the surveillance program had addressed a concern of the Sept. 11 commission that the government had difficulty linking the activities of domestic and international terrorists.

BETH FOUHY (AP)

## 'American Taliban' Dad Urges Clemency

SAN FRANCISCO | After years of silence, the father of American-born Taliban soldier John Walker Lindh called on President Bush on Thursday to grant clemency to his son, who he says was wrongly maligned as a traitor and murderer.

Frank Lindh said that although his son had nothing to do with the Sept. 11 attacks, they ended up adding dire consequences to his decision to join the Taliban, targeted by the U.S. after the 2001 attacks for harboring al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

John Walker Lindh, who

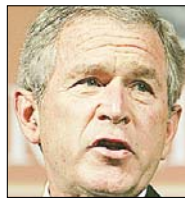
turns 25 next month, was 20 when he was captured by American forces on Nov. 21, 2001, alongside Taliban fighters.

Charged with conspiring to kill Americans and supporting terrorists, the younger Lindh avoided a potential life sentence in 2002 by pleading guilty to lesser charges of supplying services to the Taliban in violation of U.S. economic sanctions and of carrying weapons against U.S. forces.

In exchange, John Walker Lindh agreed to withdraw claims of abuse or torture.

MARTHA MENDOZA (AP)

## HEARSAY | CANDIDATE LAURA BUSH?



"She's not interested in running for office. She's interested in literacy."

— PRESIDENT BUSH ON RUMORS FIRST LADY LAURA BUSH WILL RUN FOR THE U.S. SENATE

## STUDY: MOST COLLEGE KIDS LACK BASIC SKILLS

A recent Pew study on college students' literacy and math skills found:

- **MATH:** Many college students have trouble understanding how to compare credit card offers, balance checkbooks or figure the cost of food per ounce.
- **PROBLEM:** More than 75 percent at two-year colleges couldn't perform complex literacy tasks.
- **GOOD NEWS:** The students still show more aptitude than most adults.

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**HEAR LIKE THE FISHES:** Human ability to hear relies on a structure similar to fish gills, a new study reveals. Scientists at Sweden's Uppsala University are linking bone structures found in ancient fish fossils to modern humans' spiracle bone, a key instrument in hearing.



## Nation

### In Brief



ERIC CABANIS/GETTY IMAGES

R&B singer Wilson Pickett performs "In the Midnight Hour" in July 2000.

RESTON, VA.

#### Soul Singer Wilson Pickett Dies of Heart Attack at 64

Wilson Pickett, the soul pioneer best known for the fiery hits "Mustang Sally" and "In the Midnight Hour," died of a heart attack Thursday, according to his management company. He was 64. Chris Tuthill of the management company Talent Source said Pickett had been suffering from health problems for the past year. (AP)

COLUMBUS, OHIO

#### New DNA Law Links Felon To 1994 Slaying of Student

A man convicted in a child-support case three years ago is now charged with murder after a DNA sample, required under a new state law for convicted felons, was matched to the 1994 killing of a college freshman. The 35-year-old man hadn't been a suspect until the match was discovered last year. Jonathan J. Gravely was jailed Thursday. (AP)

#### Shaking Up the House

→ The campaign by some House Republicans to oust the current GOP leadership has hit a snag — voter apathy. | **Today, A Section**

The Washington Post

# Cisneros Probe Ends in Allegations

## Clinton administration blocked inquiry of HUD secretary, report says

WASHINGTON | The independent counsel who investigated former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros charged in his final report Thursday that the Clinton administration thwarted his work, drawing the curtain on the longest-ever probe under a post-Watergate era reform law.

Officials who worked in the Clinton administration flatly deny

the allegations by prosecutor David M. Barrett, who closed a decade-long probe with a report detailing a behind-the-scenes battle inside the government as he tried to look into possible tax violations by Cisneros.

Cisneros, who was housing secretary during the Clinton administration, pleaded guilty in 1999 to a misdemeanor of lying to the FBI about payments to a former mistress when he was answering questions during his confirmation for the Cabinet-level post. President Clinton eventually pardoned him.

When Barrett went to the Department of Justice seeking



Cisneros

to broaden the probe, Attorney General Janet Reno allowed the prosecutor to look into only a single tax year, according to the report.

"There seems to be no question that Cisneros was given extra consideration and more limited scrutiny because of who he was — an

important political appointee," said the report. "This office received little in the way of cooperation from DOJ, whose purpose should be to protect the public interest and not to circle the wagons in protection of government personnel."

In strongly worded rebuttals, officials from the Justice Department and IRS rejected the allegations.

Allegations about Cisneros's 1991 and 1992 tax returns were based on his failure to include amounts of speaking engagement income.

PETE YOST (AP)

### ALABAMA | TRAIN CRASH TRIGGERS EVACUATION



JOE SONGER/AP

**DERAILED:** A train carrying sodium cyanide continues to burn Thursday in Talladega County, Ala., a day after it crashed into another train. The cyanide leak caused residents in 500 nearby homes to evacuate.

## Mass. Girl in Coma Shows Advances

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. | A comatose girl in Massachusetts who was set to be taken off life support is responding to stimuli.

Department of Social Services

officials say there are slight changes in her condition, but more tests are planned.

Haleigh Poutre, 11, has been in a coma since September when she was hospitalized with a damaged brain stem. Her stepfather is charged with her beating and could face murder charges if she dies. (AP)

# Senate Democrats to Oppose Alito in Vote

## Leahy, Salazar say nominee would allow power imbalance

WASHINGTON | Two Democrats who supported Chief Justice John Roberts said Thursday they would oppose Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito in next week's Senate vote.

The conservative judge is expected to be confirmed, but with fewer votes than the 78 Roberts got in September.

Democratic Sens. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Ken Salazar of Colorado both questioned whether Alito would be independent of President Bush and the executive branch in his future rulings.

"At a time when the president is seizing unprecedented power, the Supreme Court needs to act as a check and to provide balance," Leahy, the ranking Democrat on the

Senate Judiciary Committee, said in a speech at Georgetown University's law school. "Based on the hearing and his record, I have no confidence that Judge Alito would provide that check and balance."



Salazar

Added Salazar in a statement: "Judge Alito would place too much power in the hands of the president of the United States, at the cost of the protective system of checks and balances built into our Constitution."

The Judiciary Committee, which has 10 Republicans and eight Democrats — is expected to approve Alito's nomination Tuesday in a party-line vote.

The full Senate is expected to debate and vote on the nomination that same week.

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## World

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The number of years a British security guard who admitted stealing copies of the latest "Harry Potter" novel before it was released and trying to blackmail the book's publisher with threats to leak it was jailed for Thursday.

## In Brief



Syria's Bashar Assad, left, and Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Damascus.

## DAMASCUS, SYRIA

## Iranian Leader Meets With Assad to Renew Old Alliance

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad began a visit to Syria Thursday to consolidate an old alliance made increasingly crucial as both countries face mounting international pressures. Ahmadinejad and Syrian President Bashar Assad were expected to talk about Iran's standoff with the West over its nuclear program, as well as Syria's own troubles over a U.N. investigation into the death of Lebanon's former prime minister. (AP)

## ABIDJAN, IVORY COAST

## Protests Continue Despite President's Appeal for Calm

Violent street protests shook southern Ivory Coast for a fourth day Thursday as supporters of President Laurent Gbagbo defied his call to return home and demanded the United Nations be punished after a deadly firefight involving U.N. peacekeepers. Shops, schools and banks remained closed in the city center although life began returning to normal in some outlying areas. (AP)

## KATMANDU, NEPAL

## Activists Detained, Curfew Declared in Bid to Stop Rally

Nepal's royalist government detained 78 activists, cut off mobile phone service and declared a daytime curfew in the capital in an attempt to block an anti-government rally scheduled on Friday. A coalition of Nepal's political parties planned to protest King Gyanendra's direct rule over the country and demand that he restore democracy. (AP)

## Deadly Twin Blasts Shake Baghdad

## Bombings targeting busy city center kill more than 12 people

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Two near-simultaneous bombings targeted a crowded downtown Baghdad coffee shop and a nearby restaurant Thursday, killing more than a dozen people. The attacks came as a foreign assessment team reported evidence of fraud in the Dec. 15 elections, but did not endorse calls for a rerun.

The bombings occurred despite government moves to heighten security as the election commission prepares to announce the election results. The announcement, which could come Friday, sets the stage for talks on a new national unity government U.S. officials hope will help calm the insurgency.

The first explosion occurred at a coffee shop in the heart of Baghdad. Seconds later, a blast caused by a planted bomb rocked a restaurant just down the street.

Some officials said the first blast was triggered by a suicide attacker, while others insisted both were caused by bombs detonated by remote control.

Officials variously reported the death toll between 13 and 25. Police Lt. Osama Mohammed blamed the confusion on miscounting of bodies because the blast sites were so close. SAMEER N. YACCOUB (AP)



DESPAIR: The owner of a coffee shop cries in front of the site of one of two near-simultaneous bomb attacks in Baghdad.

## Captors' Deadline Nears for Reporter

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | As a deadline neared for hostage American journalist Jill Carroll, Muslim leaders and her pleading mother appealed Thursday to kidnappers to spare her life and set her free.

Referring to demands from Carroll's abductors that Iraqi women be released from U.S. custody, a senior Iraqi official said six jailed Iraqi women were due to be

freed by the U.S. military.

But the White House said no prisoner release appeared imminent, and a major Sunni Arab clerical group said it could do little to help because it did not know who was holding the



Carroll

28-year-old reporter.

The kidnappers — identified as the "Revenge Brigade" — have set a deadline of Friday evening for all Iraqi female detainees to be freed or they will kill Carroll. However, Iraqi kidnappers have often given such ultimatums only to ignore them and continue holding captives. (AP)

**Kidnapped:** All the latest developments on abducted U.S. journalist Jill Carroll | [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)

## Slovak Military Plane Crashes

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY | A Slovak military plane returning from Kosovo crashed in northeastern Hungary on Thursday, killing at least 16 of the more than 40 people on board, a spokesman for the national disaster service said.

At least one survivor was found at the site of the crash, added spokesman Tibor Dobson. In Kosovo, a NATO officer who was not authorized to speak on the record said the plane carried Slovak soldiers serving in the NATO-led peacekeeping force there, who were returning to Slovakia. (AP)

## Chirac Widens Stance on Nuke Use

L'ILE-LONGUE, FRANCE | President Jacques Chirac on Thursday widened the terms of French deterrence, saying that nuclear arms could be used as a response to a state terrorist attack against France.

The announcement — an apparent first for a nuclear power — mentioned no specific countries, and officials and experts said he was not pointing fingers during his address at a nuclear submarine base.

France's nuclear strike force is "not aimed at dissuading fanatic terrorists," Chirac said, meaning that organizations like al Qaeda would not be a target.



French President Jacques Chirac speaks at a Navy base on Thursday.

But "leaders of states that would use terrorist means against us, just like anyone who would envisage using, in one way or another, arms

of mass destruction, must understand that they would expose themselves to a firm and fitting response from us," Chirac said.

The French president — who has the power to decide whether the nuclear arsenal should be deployed — said there should be no doubt "about our will and our capacity to use nuclear arms" if vital interests are threatened.

Officials close to the president said he was not pointing fingers at any one country. Chirac was explaining France's "strategic posture," they said, not designating an enemy. CHRISTINE OLLIVIER (AP)

**ON GUARD:** A special mass will be held Sunday in the Sistine Chapel to mark the 500th anniversary of the founding of the Vatican's Swiss Guard. The guard dates back to 1506, when Pope Julius II asked for protection from a group of Swiss mercenaries.



## World

# Tel Aviv Suicide Bomber Injures 20

## Palestinian's attack may be attempt to disrupt upcoming vote

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL | A Palestinian suicide bomber posing as a peddler blew himself up in a Tel Aviv fast-food restaurant Thursday and wounded 20 people in an apparent attempt to destabilize the region a week before Palestinian elections.

Islamic Jihad, the only Palestinian faction boycotting the vote, claimed responsibility. Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas accused the group of trying to sabotage the Jan. 25 election.

The Israeli response will be a key

test for acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who took over after Ariel Sharon suffered a massive stroke earlier this month. The bombing came two days after Olmert said he is ready to resume peace talks following Israel's March election, provided Abbas disarms militants.

The bomber, who witnesses said posed as a peddler selling disposable razors, walked into the restaurant and blew himself up even though most of the customers were sitting relatively far away at sidewalk tables, police spokesman Mickey Rosenfeld said.

The explosion wrecked "The Mayor's Shwarma," a fast-food restaurant located in an area of



A wounded Israeli is treated as his wife waits nearby after the blast in Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv that has been hit repeatedly by Palestinian attackers.

Twenty people were wounded, one of them seriously, and the 22-year-old bomber was killed.

"I ran and saw the terrorist in two pieces," said Shlomo Eliav, 49, who owns a kiosk around the corner. "I'm sick of this. I'm thinking of moving" to another part of town, he said.

Islamic Jihad identified the assailant as 22-year-old Sami Abdel Hafez Antar from Nablus.

The militant group released a video made by the bomber before the attack. He said he was "offering himself to avenge the blood of martyrs." ARON HELLER (AP)

# Battles in Kenya For Cattle Kill 38

LODWAR, KENYA | A battle for live-stock between Ethiopian and Kenyan nomads has left 38 people dead in drought-stricken northern Kenya, an official and aid workers said Thursday.

Dongiro warriors crossed into Kenya last Friday and attacked Turkana herders to steal their animals, said Njenga Miiri, the district commissioner for Turkana. The fighting killed 30 of the Dongiro raiders and eight Kenyans, all of them women and children.

A drought that has impacted some 11.5 million people in the area, most of them nomads, has exacerbated tensions between regional tribes. (AP)



ON THE TRAIL: A woman gives a gift to leading presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador in Metlatonoc, Mexico.

# Mexican Presidential Race Gears Up

METLATONOC, MEXICO | Mexico's top three presidential candidates officially kicked off the five-month campaign season Thursday, pledging to create jobs and halt the stream of migrants heading north.

With poverty shaping up as a key issue in the July 2 election, front-runner Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador spent the first legal day of the campaign traveling by dirt path to one of Mexico's poorest towns, where he promised to govern for the forgotten.

"I'm going to listen to everyone, I'm going to respect everyone," he said in Metlatonoc. "But the poor and forgotten of Mexico will get preferential treatment."

Migration is also a hot topic for all three leading contenders — as is the widely resented U.S. proposal to extend a wall along the border.

Lopez Obrador's two main rivals also focused on fighting poverty Thursday as they began the battle to replace President Vicente Fox, who is prohibited by law from seek-

ing re-election.

Roberto Madrazo of the Institutional Revolutionary Party started his campaign in the impoverished city of Ecatepec.

Felipe Calderon, candidate of Fox's conservative National Action Party, launched his own campaign on a soccer field in the Mexico City borough of Ixtapalapa.

He promised to make Mexico a "world champion" and "to act firmly and with courage against crime."

MARK STEVENSON (AP)

# Japanese Exec Tied to Scandal Dies

TOKYO | The investigation into Internet startup Livedoor Co. that rattled Japan's stock market this week took a morbid turn when the dead body of an executive linked to the company was found in a suspected suicide.

A body believed to be that of Hideaki Noguchi, 38, vice president of H.S. Securities Co., was found in a hotel in the southern state of Okinawa on Wednesday evening in a suspected suicide,

according to local police spokesman Tatsuki Yara.

Noguchi is a former employee of On the Edge, the predecessor of Livedoor, which is at the center of a widening investigation that triggered the so-called "Livedoor shock" — the 6 percent plunge on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The market rebounded Thursday as the Nikkei 225 average rose 2.3 percent. (AP)



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## Money

# Feds Seek Google Records

### Bush administration wants search data in bid to revive porn law

SAN JOSE, CALIF. | The Bush administration, seeking to revive an online pornography law struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court, has subpoenaed Google Inc. for details on what its users have been looking for through its popular search engine.

Google has refused to comply with the subpoena, issued last year, for a broad range of material from its databases, including a request for 1 million random Web addresses and records of all Google searches from any one-week period, lawyers for the U.S. Justice Department said in papers filed Wednesday in federal court in San Jose.

The government contends it needs the data to determine how



NICHOLAS KAMM/AP/GETTY

**SEARCH DENIED:** California-based Internet search giant Google has refused to give the government data on what its users have been looking for on the Web.

often pornography shows up in online searches as part of an effort to revive an Internet child protection law that was struck down two years ago by the U.S. Supreme Court on free-speech grounds.

The matter is now before a fed-

eral court in Pennsylvania.

Google told The San Jose Mercury News that it opposes releasing the information because it would violate the privacy rights of its users and would reveal company trade secrets. (AP)

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## Home Building Hits Dip in December

WASHINGTON | Homebuilding cooled in December, but even with the slowdown, 2005 was a record year.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that construction of single-family homes and apartments totaled 2.065 million units last year. That was an

increase of 5.6 percent over 2004 and pushed total construction to the second-highest level on record, exceeded only by 2.357 million units built in 1972.

Construction of single-family homes hit an all-time high for the third straight year, rising to 1.714

million units.

That performance came despite the fact that housing activity dropped by 8.9 percent in December, the biggest decline in nine months.

Sales of new and existing homes have been at all-time highs in 2005, marking the fifth straight year of record sales. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MidwGm	16.31	+1.80	+12.4
AlliGam If	15.29	+1.48	+10.7
Clarcors	33.26	+3.22	+10.7
IntlGame	35.32	+3.40	+10.7
Amphenol	50.30	+4.81	+10.6

#### Losers

SunComWis	2.33	-.45	-16.2
Modine	28.20	-4.71	-14.3
BrigStrat	34.83	-4.03	-10.4
DanaCorp	4.35	-.49	-10.1
BKF Cap	14.51	-1.33	-8.4

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Dynavax	5.83	+1.48	+34.0
MillicomInt	37.11	+9.25	+33.2
LfelneS	46.94	+7.45	+18.9
Knot Inc n	13.91	+2.10	+17.8
Axcelis	6.77	+.96	+16.5

#### Losers

ExactSci	2.50	-1.36	-35.2
CharlRsse	15.90	-3.60	-18.5
HEI Mn	2.59	-.54	-17.3
PeerlssSys	7.42	-1.30	-14.9
CllctUnv	15.00	-2.12	-12.4

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.25	7.25
Fed Funds close	4.25	4.25
3-month disc	4.27	4.21
2-year	4.37	4.38
10-year	4.38	4.41
30-year	4.55	4.59

### Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5687	.5676	.5349
Canadian Dollar	1.1639	1.1714	1.2283
European Euro	.8269	.8260	.7697
Japanese Yen	115.44	115.20	102.86
Mexican Peso	10.5240	10.5480	11.2210
Taiwanese Dollar	32.13	32.12	31.75

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+25.85	+22.17	+7.11
+0.24	+0.97	+0.56
10880.71	2301.81	1285.04

### Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	113.60	-.49	+5.2
AstraZen	47.02	-.12	-3.3
BarrPhm	65.75	+.38	+5.6
BrMySq	22.56	+.38	-1.8
ForestLab	43.26	+.63	+6.3
Hospira	45.40	+.15	+6.1
IvaxCorp	31.19	+.11	-.4
JohnJn	62.17	-.02	+3.4
LillyEli	57.18	+.22	+1.0
Merck	33.32	+.29	+4.7
MylanLab	20.28	+.02	+1.6
Pfizer	24.97	+.97	+7.1
SchergPl	20.23	+.29	-3.0
Sepracor	52.41	-.55	+1.6
Wyeth	47.98	+.06	+4.1





**KAINE VS. BUSH:** Democrats have selected Virginia's new governor, Tim Kaine, to deliver their party's response to President Bush's upcoming State of the Union address. The speech is scheduled to be delivered on Jan. 31.

## Local

### In Brief

RICHMOND, VA.

#### Panel Kills Birth Certificate Restriction for Gay Couples

A Senate committee narrowly killed legislation barring gay adoptive parents in other states from getting both of their names listed on birth certificates issued by Virginia. The Education and Health Committee voted 8-7 to kill the measure, which Sen. Emmett Hanger filed in response to a ruling by the Virginia Supreme Court in which the court said the state Department of Vital Records must provide new birth certificates for children born in Virginia and adopted by same-sex couples in other states. Three gay couples had filed suit after the state refused to issue new certificates for their adopted children. (AP)

SILVER SPRING, MD.

#### Police Discover Marijuana Plants, Growing Equipment

A home that was converted for marijuana growing has been closed down, Montgomery County police said Thursday. The home in the Forest Glen section of Silver Spring was filled with marijuana plants, growing lights and other indoor growing equipment. (AP)

WASHINGTON

#### D.C. Residents Ask Council To Reject New Parking Plan

Residents asked the D.C. Council on Thursday to reject plans to limit residential parking and increase permit fees. Mayor Anthony A. Williams wants to limit the number of residential permits to three per household. There are currently no limits. Annual permit fees would also increase. (AP)

## Disabled Riders Lash Out

Metro's board gets an earful on botched paratransit service

WASHINGTON | Metro Board members heard Thursday from a handful of angry passengers who rely on MetroAccess, the transit agency's service for disabled people.

Passengers at the board meeting complained of shared rides that took them out of their way. Others said they were never picked up at all.

MV Transportation officially took over management of MetroAccess on Monday, after a gradual phase-in from the previous contractor Logisticare. MV Transportation blamed the rough

#### OUTGOING BOARD CHAIRMAN TO MARYLAND: 'GET ON BOARD'

**PRESIDING OVER HIS LAST** Metro Board meeting, Fairfax County's Dana Kauffman said the region must find a solution to the transit system's funding woes sending a message to the state of Maryland to follow the lead of District and Virginia officials who have proposed a dedicated funding source for public transportation. Kauffman told Maryland lawmakers that "the



Kauffman

District's government, will take the reins of chairing the board. (AP)

train's left the station, find a way to get on board." Gladys Mack, who is the outgoing board vice chair, who represents the

start on bad data acquired from the previous contractor.

Wheelchair-bound Bobby Coward, 42, of Washington, ran into problems Thursday when he tried to book a MetroAccess ride.

"They said I was inactive and

no longer on the list," Coward said, adding he has been a MetroAccess member since 1994 and he took a ride as recently as Jan. 11.

"As we speak today, I am off the MetroAccess list for reasons I don't know why," he said. MYRA LOPEZ (AP)

### The Washington Post | NO ROOM TO ROAM



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**ELEPHANT'S HEALTH WOES:** A noted elephant expert has told the National Zoo that it has exacerbated the problems of an ailing 40-year-old elephant by putting the animal in small quarters with hard surfaces, urging the zoo to provide more space in a natural environment. | Today in Metro

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## Md. Family Gets \$3.7M In Damages

Police brutality case sparked federal probe of Pr. George's force

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. | A Prince George's County jury awarded \$3.7 million Thursday to the family of a Howard University student fatally shot by an undercover county officer in 2000, a case that helped spark a federal probe of the county force. The civil trial jury deliberated over two days before awarding the money to the parents and daughter of Prince Jones Jr. in a wrongful death lawsuit against the county, according to their attorney, Gregory Lattimer.

Jones, 25, was shot eight times on a Fairfax County street by Cpl. Carlton Jones, who is not related to the victim, during a confrontation Sept. 1, 2000, sparked by the mistaken belief he was involved in a gun investigation.

The case, along with other alleged incidents of brutality by Prince George's police, prompted the Justice Department to review the county's police department, which was settled in January 2004. (AP)

## The Lotteries

Thursday, Jan. 19

### DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	0-9-1
Evening Lucky Numbers	3-8-9
Mid-day DC 4	1-3-0-7
Evening DC 4	3-1-1-0
Rolling Cash Five	31-06-03-01-34
Daily 6	02-12-39-16-27-31 Bonus: 21

Hot Lotto (Wed.) 01-09-10-27-29 (07)

### MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	5-9-7
Evening Pick 3	2-3-3
Mid-day Pick 4	8-1-3-0
Evening Pick 4	7-7-6-8
Match 5	01-08-15-18-24 Bonus: 02
Lotto (Wed.)	11-18-29-35-42-47

### VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	6-1-0
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Evening Pick 3 (Wed.) 8-7-4

Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.) 3-0-2-8

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.) 7-5-6-0

Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.) 12-13-15-24-33

Evening Cash 5 (Wed.) 04-10-18-26-29

Lotto South (Wed.) 09-19-22-30-38-46

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# Entertainment Weekend

## TELEVISION

**Bleak Magic:** PBS brings Charles Dickens' sprawling tale of orphans caught up in a tangled legal case to life in a six-hour adaptation | 20



**MORTAL COMBAT:** Styles of warfare clash in the nexus of change that is old Virginia in Terrence Malick's "The New World."

## Rich & Strange

**'The New World' speaks eloquently about our history**

FILM | "The New World" is Terrence Malick's fourth film in 32 years, basically consolidating his position as the least prolific, most interesting director working today. The movie is both a continuation of his work

so far and its culmination, which doesn't make it any easier to talk about. Words, actually, don't have much to do with the effect it has on the senses. Like his previous movies — "Badlands," "Days of Heaven" and "The Thin Red Line" — "The New World" doesn't resist interpretation so much as it wanders away from it in an incandescent brume of wonder, dread and awe.

Captain John Smith (a very good Colin Farrell) travels to Virginia along with 102 other men in search of gold. What they find instead is an unspoiled Eden that inspires exalted philosophical reveries about the possibility of forming a new, enlightened society based on justice, equality and shared prosperity. For their part, the natives' astonished reaction to the Englishmen who are

slowly infiltrating their landscape is laced with concern that has yet to blossom into worry.

Soon conditions worsen, and Smith leads an expedition in search of food. Along the way his group is attacked by the Powhatan tribe. His life is spared when Pocahontas (Q'orianka Kilcher), the beautiful, spirited daughter of the chief, intervenes on his behalf, and Powhatan agrees to let him remain and teach the princess his language.

Smith returns to Jamestown to find the settlement turned feral by hunger and disease. Powhatan orders an attack. Pocahontas betrays her tribe by warning Smith, and she is banished by her father and sold to the settlers. Smith, meanwhile, is called back to England, and tells a friend to tell her he has died.

As the settlement grows, a new arrival, John Rolfe (Christian Bale), asks Pocahontas to marry him, which she agrees to do. But after the birth of her son, Pocahontas learns that Smith is alive, and on a trip to England, Rolfe arranges for them to meet. Kilcher, Farrell and Bale are masterful in difficult, nearly nonverbal roles.

Like the creaky ships slowly shuttling the characters back and forth across the Atlantic, "The New World" is a work of breathtaking imagination, less a movie than a mode of transport, and in every sense a masterpiece. **CARINA CHOCANO** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

## Got Plans?

FOR COMPLETE WEEKEND LISTINGS SEE [WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT](http://WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT)



Alcian Blue is ready to raise the roof — or at least enchant it — at Galaxy Hut.

**Is anything good happening at Galaxy Hut this weekend?**

Locals Alcian Blue will be making some beautiful noise at Galaxy Hut on Saturday night. Sounds like My Bloody Valentine, Jesus & Mary Chain, other British bands from that era.

2711 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-8646. (Clarendon)

**Do you have suggestions where a group of 10 people could go and watch the Super Bowl?**

Places that will guarantee you a seat with a reservation: Mister Days (with Redskins Cheerleaders) and Ventnor Sports Cafe.

Ventnor Sports Cafe, 2411 18th St. NW; 202-234-3070.

Mister Days, 3100 Clarendon Blvd. Arlington; 703-527-1600. (Clarendon)

**I'd like to see the Awakening statue before it is gone. Is it safe or reasonable to walk there from a nearby Metro station?**

That was a rumor. The Awakening is not moving anywhere fast. If you're the hiking type, Smithsonian is the closest, but that's not saying much. Put on your sneaks and be prepared for mud. And definitely go in daylight hours.

Hains Point, Ohio Drive SW off Independence Avenue; 202-426-6841.

The Going Out Gurus think you should get out more. Join the discussion Thursdays at 1 p.m. | [WASHINGTONPOST.COM/liveonline](http://WASHINGTONPOST.COM/liveonline)

## Romantic Refuge in Shanghai

**A great collaboration ends with the dull 'White Countess'**

FILM | Directed by James Ivory, produced by Ismail Merchant and finished shortly before Merchant's death in May, "The White Countess" marks the final work in a collaboration that spanned 40 years.

Ralph Fiennes plays a former legendary diplomat who has lost, among other things, his eyesight, his faith in diplomacy, his social skills and, for much of the film, his sobri-



ety. Todd Jackson runs an elegant Shanghai nightclub — a meticulously designed and orchestrated operation that doubles as a refuge from the world and a controlled microcosm of the chaos brewing outside. There he represses his feelings for a Russian countess living in reduced circumstances.

"The White Countess" is peppered with longueurs and flights of whimsy, capturing its protagonists — Jackson (Fiennes) and the count-

Richardson and Fiennes trudge and float through the film, respectively.

ess Sofia (Natasha Richardson) — in a sort of post-traumatic torpor.

The dreamy, willowy Fiennes makes for a strange not-so-ugly-American, convincing as neither a power-brokering diplomat nor a nightclub impresario. It's a shame because "The White Countess" takes place in a fascinating time and place. But to watch Fiennes float (and Richardson trudge) through it all, absorbed in themselves, is to wish they'd started falling earlier, if only to knock some sense into them. **CARINA CHOCANO** (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

# Entertainment Weekend



**WHERE'S THE YUMMY ICING?** College-rock faves Cake are on an "Unlimited Sunshine Tour" with a roster of odd bands.

## Club Picks

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### FRIDAY

It may surprise you to hear that Gainesville, Fla., pop-punkers **LESS THAN JAKE** survived the late-'90s demise of the regrettable ska revival, but they're still alive, kicking and headlining 9:30 Club tonight with three like-minded openers.

Playing since the 1940s, electric blues guitar innovator and superstar **B.B. KING** is such a legendary musical figure that we sometimes forget that he's still a fantastic performer. King and his guitar Lucille will be joined at DAR Constitution Hall tonight by soul/blues relative newcomer **SHEMEKIA COPELAND**.

Speaking of old-timers, rock 'n' roll pioneer **JERRY LEE LEWIS** takes the stage tonight at the Music Center at Strathmore Hall in Rockville, er, North Bethesda. Rock's first bad boy, the Killer may be 70 years old, but he still packs a mean punch and plays a fevered rock piano.

The Cure's Robert Smith and the Smiths' Morrissey face off against each other tonight at **CRYFEST**, a semi-regular dance party held upstairs at Black Cat. If synth-heavy goth-rock and weepy asexual self-loathing doesn't get your bottom half moving, DJ's Sad and Will Eastman host Oops! ... I Did It

Again, featuring pop hits from the last five years, downstairs in Black Cat's backstage.

### SATURDAY

**CAKE's** "Unlimited Sunshine Tour" features the strangest lineup since, well, Cake's last Unlimited Sunshine Tour. The aging '90s alterna-rockers join forces for a sold-out show at 9:30 Club tonight with Canadian indie-pop twin sisters **TEGAN AND SARA**, gypsy-punk-cabaret group **GOGOL BORDELLO** and Russian-born stand-up comic **EUGENE MIRMAN**.



**SURFACING:** Less Than Jake made it out of the '90s with bleached tips unscathed.

Black Cat hosts two of the hottest local neo-soul acts on its mainstage tonight. Howard alum **ERIC ROBERSON** cut his teeth by penning hits for Dwele and Musiq, then released his own rootsy R&B records. Fellow local crooner W. Ellington Felton warms up the crowd. Backstage is **BLACK CATATONIA**, an '80s, hip-hop, funk, and electronica dance night with turntablist DJ DK.

Local music website BigYawn.net (the best source for late-night musical guest listings) celebrates its second

birthday at DC9 tonight with a fantastic lineup featuring much-buzzed-about Swedish neo-new wave group **ALUMINUM BABE** supported by local Britpop aficionados Cedars (formerly Cartel) and Brooklyn indie-rockers Breaking Laces.

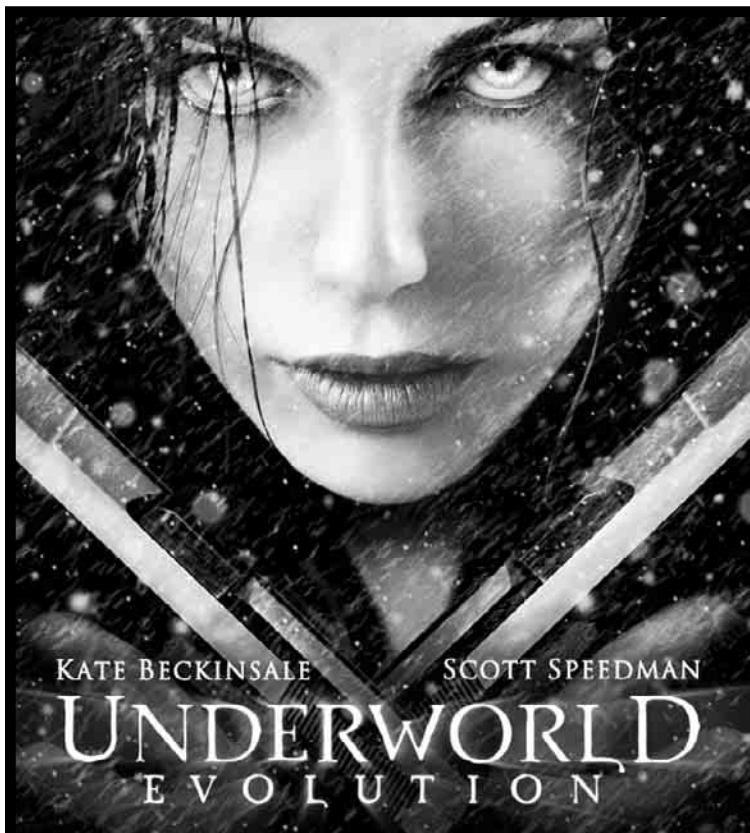
### SUNDAY

Angsty So-Cal rockers **STORY OF THE YEAR** fill in their punishing power chords with paint-by-numbers emo lyrics about spilling your heart, swallowing knives and other

light-hearted teenage dramas. The MTV stars headline the 9:30 Club tonight with emo up-and-comers **EVERY TIME I DIE** and **FROM FIRST TO LAST** in support.

Taking the Wilco and Fiona Apple route to stardom, precocious singer/songwriter **NELLIE MCKAY** recently broke with her label, Columbia Records, over the length of her sophomore release. McKay plays the Birchmere tonight with the always-quirky **TRACHTENBERG FAMILY SLIDESHOW PLAYERS**.

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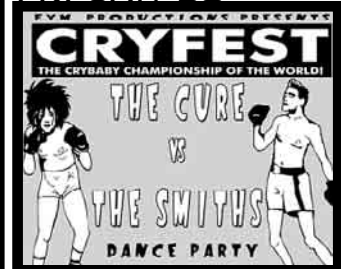
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**BLOODRAYNE** (R, 95 minutes) The

great mystery of this horrible vampire flick, set in 18th-century Romania, is how director Uwe Boll (he of "House of the Dead") conned Sir Ben Kingsley, Geraldine Chaplin, Michael Madsen and Kristanna Loken — in fact, any sentient biped — to appear in this movie (inspired by a video game). It's prime material for an Ed Wood-style camp affair, with atrocious acting, maladroitness and bad hair. (DT)

**BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN** (R, 134 minutes)

From the moment Ennis Del Mar (Heath Ledger) and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal) meet, it's just a matter of when, not if. As a tragic evocation of the costs of homophobia, the film is indeed a watershed. But as a testament to the importance of following one's passion, it's devoid of passion. (AH)

**CAPOTE** (R, 98 minutes) It is a comical

image: mincing, piping little Truman Capote in his cashmere scarf tiptoeing around the bleak wheaty burg of Holcomb, Kan., in the wake of some horrific murders

about which he admits he doesn't really care. As Capote, Philip Seymour Hoffman makes you believe in the man: an artist's personality, ruthless and shrewd; a hysteric's delicate grasp of his emotions; a charmer whose wiles could wear down even wary Kansas lawmen. (SH)

**CASANOVA** (R, 108 minutes) Poor

Casanova — expelled from a seminary, forced out of Rome, exiled from Venice. He was also afflicted with sexual diseases, hounded by the Inquisition and sentenced to five years in a stifling, lead-lined cell. All this retribution, however, was nothing compared with the indignity the 18th-century lothario would suffer three centuries later. (DT)

**CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2** (PG, 100 minutes)

Tom (Steve Martin) persuades his close-knit clan to make a last sentimental trip to Lake Winnetka, where they discover that their dear, old lake house is more decrepit than they remembered, while their rivals, an eight-kid family called the Murtaughs, have installed a McMansion across the water. This is a family trip to skip. (DT)

**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION,**

**THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE** (PG, 140 minutes) Andrew Adamson's sterling version of the perdurable C.S. Lewis classic of children's fantasy is well told, handsome, stirring and loads of fun. For kids, the pleasure will be in some of the

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best special effects of the year. And for both, the overarching endearment will be a narrative, which speeds through its two-hour-plus running time. (SH)

**THE FAMILY STONE** (PG-13, 102 minutes) Braying, self-righteous, predictable, morally superior and, worst of all, loud, the Stones are the subject of this film, which means to celebrate them but only denigrates. There are many ways to define the shrieking awfulness of this movie, from the general lack of wit to the cheap exploitation of cancer to its casual cruelty, but it's the casting that really goes haywire. (SH)

**FUN WITH DICK AND JANE** (PG-13, 90

streets of Detroit, the South Bronx and Gary, Ind., where young black men are playing their own highly expressive, individualized style of basketball. The movie consists of the usual sports movie clichés, but they are executed with terrific assurance. (AH)

**GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK** (PG-13, 93 minutes) George Clooney, who directed and co-wrote, retells the story of crusading journalist Ed Murrow, who stood up to braying political bully Joe McCarthy. The stylizations of '50s TV drama, including black-and-white cinematography, are terrific. David Strathairn as Murrow dominates the movie with furious intelligence, guts, will and nobility. (SH)

**GRANDMA'S BOY** (R, 97 minutes) This is a silly but nonetheless amusing stoner comedy about a 40-ish dude (Allen

interaction, they'll be happy. (DT)

**HOODWINKED** (PG, 81 minutes) The angle taken by this unnecessary variant of the "Little Red Riding Hood" story seems to have more to do with marketing than storytelling: It's to reinvest the Grimm Brothers story in the idiom of the television series "Dragnet." Who will be familiar with these stylizations? The answer: grandparents. And as animation, it's far from state of the art; the creatures seem more like rubber toys, and their faces are without nuance or vividness. (SH)

**HOSTEL** (R, 95 minutes) Three young sex-crazy guys traveling through Europe end up in Amsterdam, where a greasy local flashes some cell phone pics of three-ways with buxom Eastern European chicks and points the way to a youth hostel in Slovakia. We soon learn that

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## 'Underworld' As Outerwear

WHEN A STUDIO refuses to screen a film for critics in advance of the movie's opening, it's usually not a good sign. In the case of Screen Gems' "Underworld: Evolution," however, the parties who didn't bother to roll the film for the mandarins are probably fairly confident. After all, this sequel has a built-in audience, and those people — vampires, werewolves, Goths, doomkids and leatherettes, Kate Beckinsale fans — will seek out the film despite any official thumbs-down. When we last left Selene (Beckinsale), the Death Dealers and Lycans were at war; the world was a dark, shiny, metallic blue; and immortals of all types scorned light, breathable cotton for tight, corseted vinyl. "Underworld: Evolution" goes out directly to you, the fans, so do your part and check it out. You know you're just going to rent it on DVD anyway. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)



A corseted Selene tries to learn the secret of her bloodline.

minutes) This remake of the 1977 comedy stars Jim Carrey and Téa Leoni as Dick and Jane are McMansion millionaires who lose it all. It takes a few months before Dick hits on the idea of stealing. Though instantly forgettable, it lives up to its title: It's fun, and that's fine. (AH)

**GLORY ROAD** (PG, 109 minutes) In 1966, Don Haskins led the first all-black starting lineup to victory in the NCAA basketball championships, along the way becoming a sports legend and a political hero. He wants his team at Texas Western University in El Paso to win, and in order to recruit winners, he goes where the strong players are — on the

Covert, a co-writer of the film) who coasts through life stuck in frat house mode, smoking pot and working as a video-game tester. After he gets evicted, he moves in with his grandmother Lilly (Doris Roberts), who already has two roommates Grace and Bea. Hijinks ensue. (JANE HORWITZ)

**HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE** (PG-13, 160 minutes) This is probably the most engaging Potter film of the series thus far. Readers of the J.K. Rowling novels may be disappointed that many details from the book have been altered or omitted. But as long as those readers appreciate large-scale action and smaller-scale

the management there supplies gullible guys 'n' girls to an "art exhibit" where rich businessmen fork over thousands of dollars to torture and kill the pretty young people. You won't be bored. You will be grossed out. (TERESA WILTZ)

**KING KONG** (PG-13, 187 minutes) The movie is full of mesmerization, astonishment, thrills, chills, spills, kills and ills, a big monkey picture show that's certainly the best popular entertainment of the year. (SH)

**LAST HOLIDAY** (PG-13, 112 minutes) A good-hearted, kind-spirited, if mild pleasure. Queen Latifah plays Georgia

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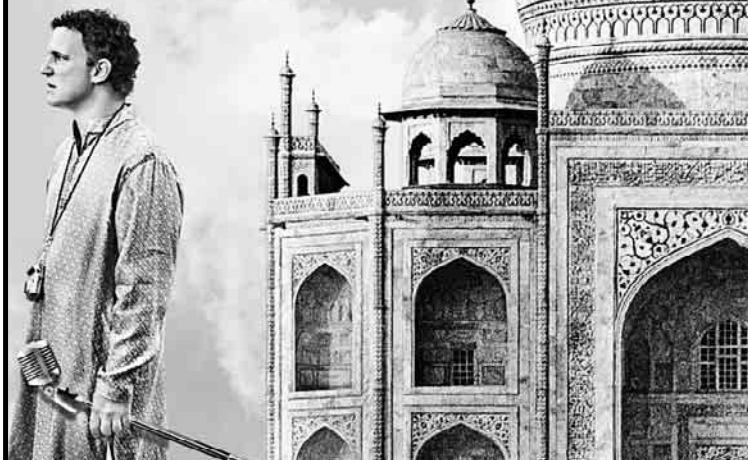
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Byrd, who works in a department store. Then, a CAT scan suggests that she has three weeks to live. She quits, cashes in and heads to the Czech Republic, where she puts in at a five-star joint. Amid the splendors, Georgia's fundamental decency and good sense soon win converts among the rich and famous. The movie is never terribly funny or terribly dramatic, but Latifah's quiet solidity and common sense root it in ways that larger, louder pictures never achieve. (SH)

**THE MATADOR** (R, 96 minutes) Pierce Brosnan plays a middle-age sleaze bag with a gold neck chain, a gut and a pornstar mustache who kills for a living. In a hotel bar in Mexico City, he meets Danny Wright (Greg Kinnear), a traveling sales-

man. Their chance encounter is the beginning of a darkly fascinating relationship. This noirish movie is constantly couched in quotation marks and takes a tentative approach. (DT)

**MATCH POINT** (R, 124 minutes) In Woody Allen's new film, Jonathan Rhys-Meyers plays Chris Wilton, a retired tennis player who has given up the pro circuit to teach the rich and untalented. When one of his students — easygoing Tom Hewett (Matthew Goode) — invites him to the opera, a new world opens before him. But no sooner has Chris started dating Tom's sister Chloe (Emily Mortenson) when he meets Nola (Scarlett Johansson), Tom's sultry fiancée. This British-made film is elegant, uncompromising and oh-so nasty. (DT)

**MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA** (PG-13, 120 minutes) This movie is everything you'd expect it to be: beautiful, mesmerizing, tasteful, Japanese. It's just not very



**COPS — THE FOREST:** Old folks will love the conceit of "Hoodwinked." Too bad this cheaply animated melding of "Dragnet" and the Brothers Grimm is aimed at kids.

hot. It stars three of the world's most beautiful women — Zhang Ziyi, Gong Li and Michelle Yeoh — and it's set in the inner world of the geisha. Yet it just sits there, glorious but never remotely

enticing. (SH)  
**MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS** (R, 102 minutes) From the first few moments, it's clear what this film will be: a whimsical period piece that, despite some qui-

etly bawdy double-entendres and a lovely performance from the always dignified Dame Judi Dench, can't escape being a bit twee. It's based on the true story of Laura Henderson, who as a widow in the early 1930s bought a defunct London theater and made it a smashing success with nonstop vaudeville revues featuring completely naked women. (AH)  
**MUNICH** (R, 140 minutes) Steven Spielberg's film focuses on a small Israeli killing team tasked with hunting and destroying the Palestinian Black September planners of the Munich massacre of 1972 across Europe and the Middle East. Give the movie credit for its rigor in facing the depressing problem of vengeance. But the film uses memories of the Munich Olympics massacre. Those events should be more than just fodder for ginning up tension at the end of a commercial movie. (SH)

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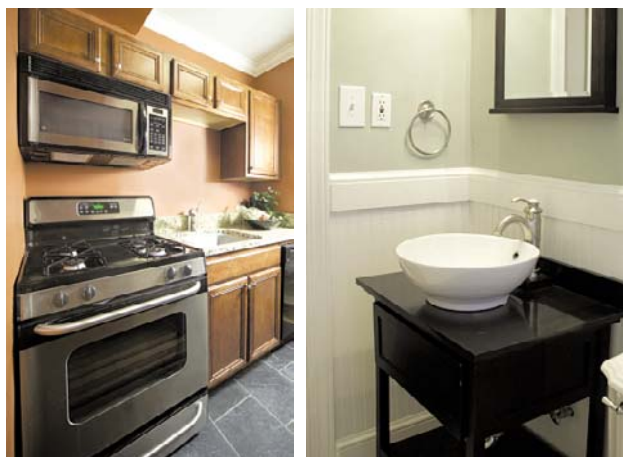
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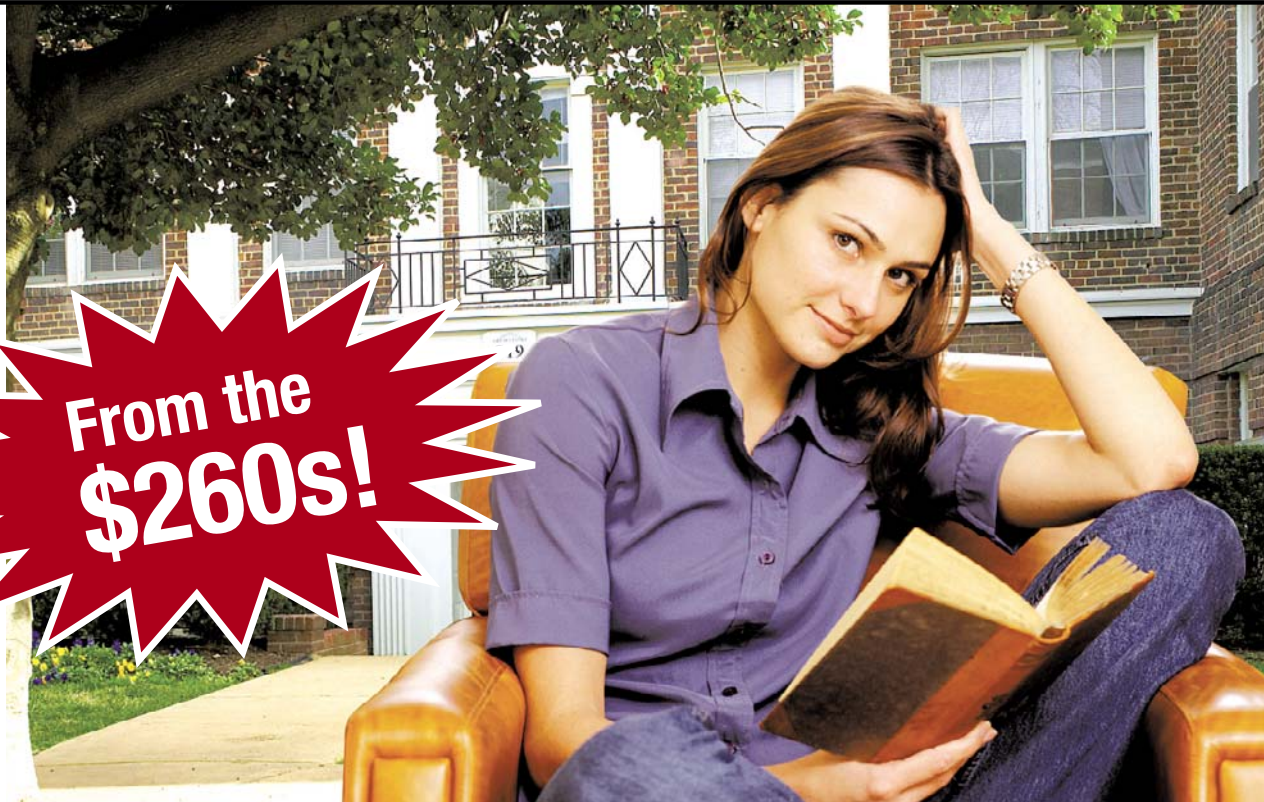
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LAST CHANCE AT LOVE: Or is it? Queen Latifah and L.L. Cool J in "Last Holiday."

## Now Playing

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**PRIDE & PREJUDICE** (PG, 128 minutes) This version of Jane Austen's story, in which Lizzie Bennet and Mr. Darcy begin as fiery opponents and end up as married lovers, is not quite the taming of a shrew, because in Austen's worldview, leading ladies of beauty and wit weren't shrews and never had to be tamed, but merely loved and respected, and good things would follow. Keira Knightley stars as Elizabeth and Matthew MacFadyen is the initially dour, snotty Mr. Darcy. (SH)  
**THE PRODUCERS** (PG-13, 134 minutes) So how good is the movie of the musical of the movie? It's pretty good. It's too long to be great and it's too square to be great and it's too loud to be great and it finds homosexual effeminacy too funny to ever be called great, but no one will come out sadder than they went in. (SH)

**THE RINGER** (PG-13, 99 minutes) On the one hand, the movie wants credit for its audaciousness as it stoops to lampoon the athletes of the Special Olympics and uses that worthy entity in the cruelest and most cynical of ways by postulating a normal fellow faking mental retardation to cop an easy victory. On the other hand, it is terrified of going too far, so even as it advances, it retreats, hastily assuring viewers not to take it seriously. (SH)  
**RUMOR HAS IT** (R, 97 minutes) The fictional Mrs. Robinson, whose affair with 21-year-old Benjamin Braddock is the high point of the 1967 film "The Graduate," would be horrified to watch this lifeless romantic comedy that uses her liaison for its torturous premise. (DT)

**THE SQUID AND THE WHALE** (R, 81 minutes) Set in Brooklyn in 1986, this movie is piercing and forthright. When Bernard (Jeff Daniels) and Joan (Laura Linney) Berkman inform their children they're getting a divorce, it's the beginning of an emotional whirlwind for four very different people. The movie is so brutally honest at times, you can almost sense the

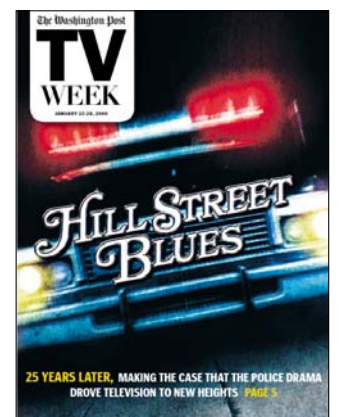
real Baumbachs squirming and maybe even nodding their heads. (DT)

**SYRIANA** (R, 126 minutes) In the 1980s, the Cold War made things morally easy, but the CIA no longer needs seasoned agents like CIA operative Bob Barnes (George Clooney); it's all satellite reconnaissance and missile button pushing these days. What's an ex-agent to do? This is a premium-octane thriller about a society that has become insidiously dependent on oil. (DT)

**TRANSAMERICA** (R, 103 minutes) As Bree Osbourne, a preoperative male-to-female transsexual, Felicity Huffman dives down the rabbit hole as a woman, pulling the challenge off with skill, aplomb and deep compassion. (AH)

**TRISTAN & ISOLDE** James Franco plays

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**Laughs Across A Great Divide**

**IN HIS LATEST** film, "Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World," Albert Brooks stars as himself — albeit a somewhat fictional version of himself. At the outset, Brooks is having a hard time getting an acting job. But his luck changes when he's summoned to Washington, D.C., by former senator, now "Law & Order" star Fred Dalton Thompson, who wants Brooks to spend a month in India and Pakistan to find out what makes 300 Muslims laugh. And they want him to write a 500-page report for the U.S. government. With dreams of earning a Medal of Freedom and better acting assignments, Brooks agrees to help the U.S. in the new diplomatic effort. And he nearly causes a war between India and Pakistan in the process.

SUSAN KING (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



Filmmaker and actor Albert Brooks plays himself — sort of — on a tour of India and Pakistan in "Looking for Comedy."

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this guy Tristan who sees his whole family murdered in England, except it isn't England yet because all the tribes are warring. Anyway, over in Ireland, there's this princess named Isolde (Sophia Myles). So, there's all this fighting and brogues and torch-lit angst and stuff, and Tristan falls in love with Isolde. But even though you can see tragedy coming, the whole thing drags on and on and on. (AH)

**WALK THE LINE** (PG-13, 136 minutes) This Johnny Cash biopic gets off to a promising start, sure to raise goose bumps, at the gates of Folsom Prison in 1968.

Unfortunately, for all its good music and admirable vocal impersonations, the movie slides downhill from there. (AH)

**YOURS, MINE & OURS** (PG, 88 minutes) Dennis Quaid plays a widower and loving

father of eight. At a high school reunion, he meets and falls back in love with former sweetheart Helen North (Rene Russo), who has 10 children and, like Frank, is widowed. The storyline is so familiar, the audience can practically call out scenes ahead of time. (DT)

**ZATHURA** (PG, 102 minutes) Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg, this movie introduces us to 6-year-old Danny (Jonah Bobo) and 10-year-old Walter (Josh Hutcherson). One day, Danny discovers Zathura, an old-fashioned board game with a windup key, a "Go" button and a miniature spaceship that whirs along the game board. The movie has an almost antique charm. (DT)



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# Television



**WORK IT, GIRL:** UPN announced that Tyra Banks and the girls will return for a sixth season of "America's Next Top Model" in March. Squabbling, underfed wannabes hope to rocket to the top of the runway, just like the first five ... anyway, it's back.

## ON TV THIS WEEKEND

### TEENAGE DRAMA

In **HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL** (Fri., 8 p.m., Disney), Troy (Zac Efron) and Gabriella (Vanessa Anne Hudgens) meet on vacation. He's a jock; she'd rather have her lovely nose buried in a book. But when a DJ pushes them onto a karaoke stage, they make beautiful music together. These two wouldn't dare try out for the school musical, would they?

### PERMISSION TO ACTUALIZE

A rescue dog named Buddy terrorizes his fellow canines. Can **THE DOG WHISPERER** (Fri., 8 p.m., National Geographic) save the day and provide Buddy's owner with New Age wisdom along the way? While this fun and fascinating show is essentially about dogs, it's also about Southern Californians who need "permission" to



**NO LIMIT DANCER:** It's a wonder Master P even bothers to stay upright.

"actualize" their "inner handler."

### MASTER OF THE DANCE

The biggest question on **DANCING WITH THE STARS** (Fri., 8 p.m., ABC) is: How does Master P survive? Compared to his diligent competitors, P "performs" with spectacular indifference. Last season, John O'Hurley wowed an audience with his Herculean effort. You sensed he

would win or die trying. Is this the year of the blase champion?

### CATS ARE FROM VENUS, DOGS ARE FROM ... CANADA?

Uma Thurman and Janeane Garofalo star in the 1996 comedy **THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS & DOGS** (Sat., 8 p.m., WE), a modern variation on the tale of *Cyrano de Bergerac*.

### PATRICK SWAYZE, ON THE OTHER HAND, WE DON'T MISS

The late character actor Vincent Schiavelli has a memorable role in the 1990 tearjerker **GHOST** (Fri., 8 p.m., Family).

### THERE SHE IS — ON CMT

**THE MISS AMERICA PAGEANT** (Sat., 8 p.m., CMT) makes its cable debut. The cable station also salutes pageants past with **GREATEST MISS AMERICA MOMENTS** (7 p.m.), a survey history of the competition's early days as an Atlantic City boardwalk attraction; some tawdry and scandal-plagued years; its heyday as a TV event hosted

by the genial Bert Parks and awkward attempts to find the appropriate tone in a post-feminist epoch.

### WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE ARE LAWYERS. LOTS OF THEM, MASTERPIECE THEATRE

(Sun., 9 p.m., PBS) will be must-see through Feb. 26. The new adaptation of "Bleak House," Charles Dickens' sprawling drama of contested wills, legal squabbling, secret passions, indiscreet correspondences and unrequited love is presented in an opulent cinematic style. While too vast to recap here, the story is readily accessible to the casual viewer.

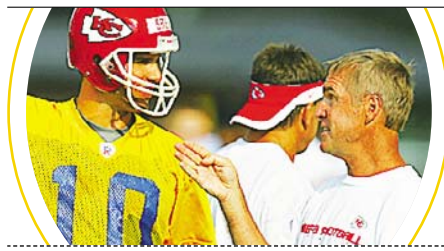
Dickens populated "Bleak House" with a colorful gallery of eccentrics like Miss Flite (Pauline Collins). An older woman who has waited for her case to be resolved for decades, Flite lives in a disheveled garret, accompanied by birds named for the seven deadly sins. There's also the legal gofer Guppy, a proud Cockney

who holds a torch for the kind orphan at the center of the story. Clear your calendars for the next six Sundays. "Bleak House" is that good. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)



**MOTHERLESS CHILD:** Esther (Anna Martin) is the focus of "Bleak House."

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**REDSKINS**

**On the Offensive:** Looking to boost their scoring, the Redskins hire Al Saunders, architect of the Chiefs' high-powered offense | 22

# Sports Weekend

# Deep Impact

## CB Champ Bailey keeps on saving the day for Denver

**AFC CHAMPIONSHIP** | The stat line for Champ Bailey this season should read like this: 74 tackles, nine interceptions, two saves.

With the game and Denver's season in the balance Saturday night, Bailey made the game-changing play against New England, much as he did in Week 2 against San Diego when the Broncos were on the brink.

With Denver trailing, playing poorly and staring at an 0-2 start, Bailey stepped in front of a Drew Brees pass for an interception and touchdown that started a third-quarter rally. It led to a win that kept the Broncos from falling "so far behind the 8-ball, we would've been behind the pool table," in the words of defensive lineman Trevor Pryce.

Similarly, Bailey's interception and 100-yard return against Tom Brady and the Patriots last Saturday was a game-winner. Maybe a season-saver, too.

"You never know what's going to happen, but at that point, they had the opportunity to take the lead or pull within a point," Bailey said this week. "That play definitely stopped some momentum and turned some things around."

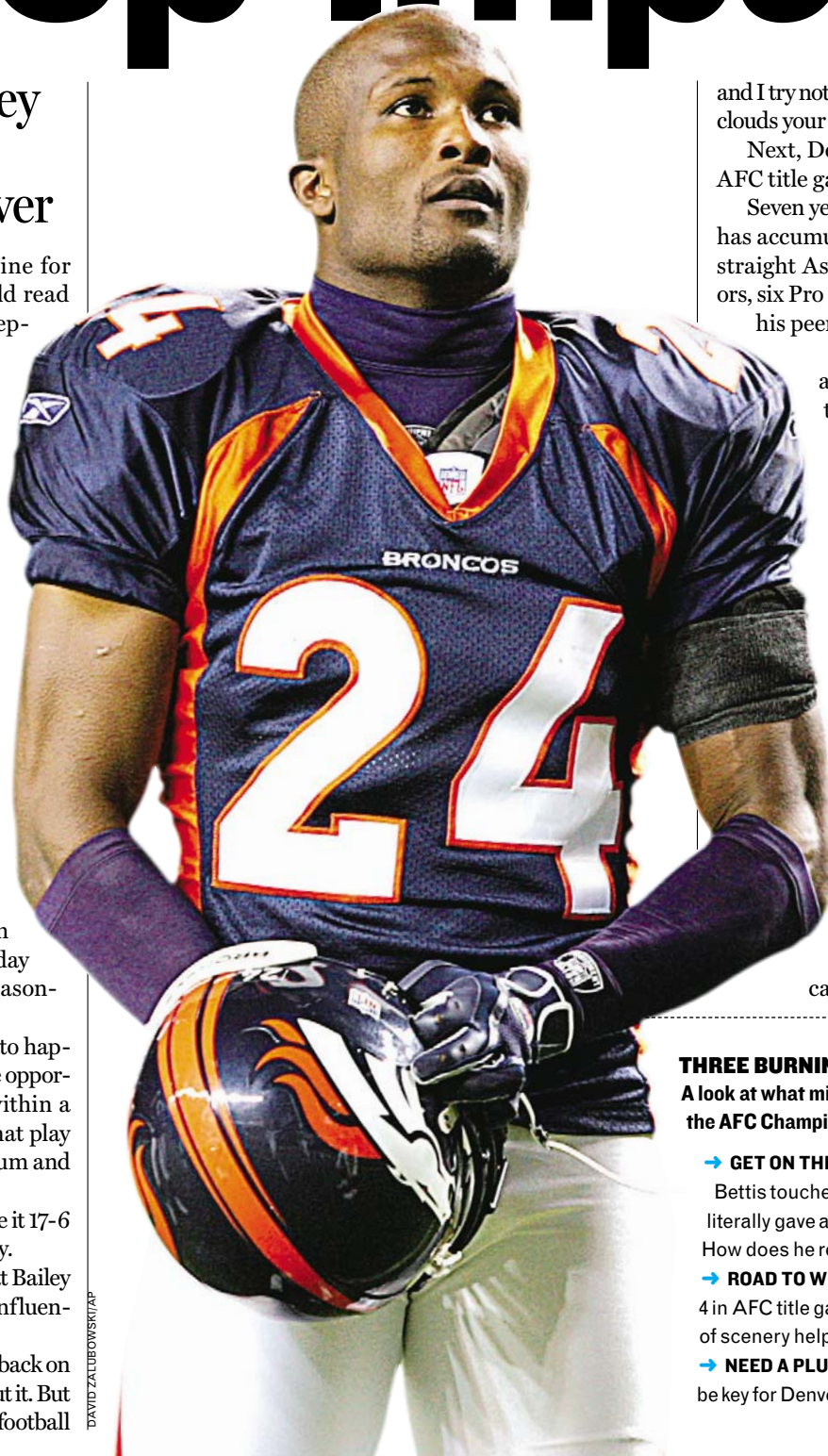
It set up a touchdown that made it 17-6 en route to Denver's 27-13 victory.

And it was further evidence that Bailey is, undoubtedly, one of the most influential impact players in football.

"It's great," Bailey said. "I'll look back on it after the season and I'll think about it. But we're still playing football



**ANGER | Bar Heath** It's a good thing Redskins fans don't hold a grudge. Oh wait, they do. Just ask Heath Shuler, who never won over Washington's fan base during three unsuccessful seasons. The failed NFL quarterback is now eyeing a return to D.C. as a congressman from North Carolina, running as a Democrat. Trying to keep Shuler far, far away, some bitter area fans — who say they don't vote or live in North Carolina — have created stopshuler.com, a Web site created to trying to defeat him in his upcoming election. (EXPRESS)



and I try not to dwell on it because it kind of clouds your vision for the week ahead."

Next, Denver plays Pittsburgh in the AFC title game.

Seven years into his pro career, Bailey has accumulated all the accolades: Two straight Associated Press All-Pro honors, six Pro Bowls, plentiful respect from his peers.

In his prime, but with the end at least somewhere in sight, all that's missing for Bailey is a Super Bowl title.

It's the reason he was happy when he was traded from Washington to Denver before the 2004 season. It's the goal he thought he might finally reach once he arrived to play for Mike Shanahan and the Broncos.

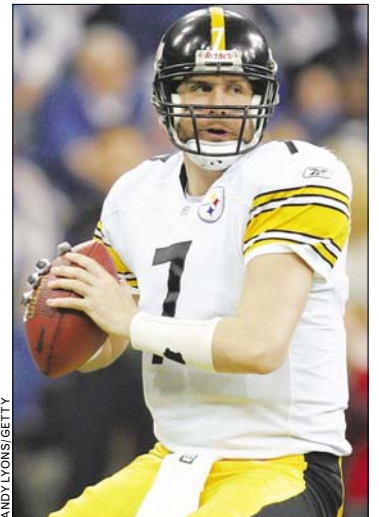
"It's working out," Bailey said. "But it's not my dream to get to the AFC Championship. It's winning the Super Bowl. One game left and we're in, and obviously we've got to win again if we get there. It's definitely the process I wanted to take when I came here." EDDIE PELLIS (AP)

### THREE BURNING QUESTIONS

**A look at what might be the deciding factor in the AFC Championship game in Denver:**

- **GET ON THE BUS?** The last time Jerome Bettis touched the ball for the Steelers, he literally gave a fan a heart attack by fumbling. How does he recover this week?
- **ROAD TO WELLVILLE?** The Steelers are 1-4 in AFC title games at home. Maybe a change of scenery helps them this time.
- **NEED A PLUMMER?** Jake "the Snake" will be key for Denver if the running game is stalled.

## TV Lineup



Ben Roethlisberger and the Steelers are looking for a third-straight road

→ **PLAYOFFS:** Ben Roethlisberger and the Pittsburgh Steelers visit the Denver Broncos in the AFC Championship (3 p.m. on CBS) and then the Seattle Seahawks host the Carolina Panthers in the NFC title game (6 p.m. on Fox).

→ **NO. 1:** Georgetown hosts No. 1 team Duke for a nonconference game on Saturday (1 p.m. on CBS).

→ **HOKIE POKEY:** Maryland looks for its second-straight win in the ACC when hosting Virginia Tech on Saturday (8 p.m. on UPN20).

### → CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT:



Anyone notice that the Caps are starting to win while Alex Ovechkin amazes? Next up is a home game against the Carolina Hurricanes on Saturday (7:30 p.m. on WB50).

→ **GOING SOUTH:** GW continues its quest for an undefeated record in the Atlantic 10 on Saturday when visiting Charlotte (4 p.m. on CSN).

→ **HOOP IT UP:** The Wizards host the Hornets on Friday (7 p.m. on CSN) and the Memphis Grizzlies on Sunday (3:30 p.m. on WB50).

## Lions, Rams Are Latest to Hire 1st-Time Coaches

NFL | The Detroit Lions and St. Louis Rams continued the league-wide trend of hiring assistants with no head coaching experience to fill their vacancies on Thursday.

Rod Marinelli, who spent the past 10 seasons in Tampa Bay as defensive line coach, took over the Detroit Lions, saying he isn't worried about the team's dismal history. "The issue now is what we do at this point."

The St. Louis Rams then hired Miami offensive coordinator Scott Linehan, the sixth first-time NFL head coach to land a job in the last two weeks. The team called a news conference for Friday to introduce the coach. (AP)



Marinelli

# Redskins: Hail to the Chief

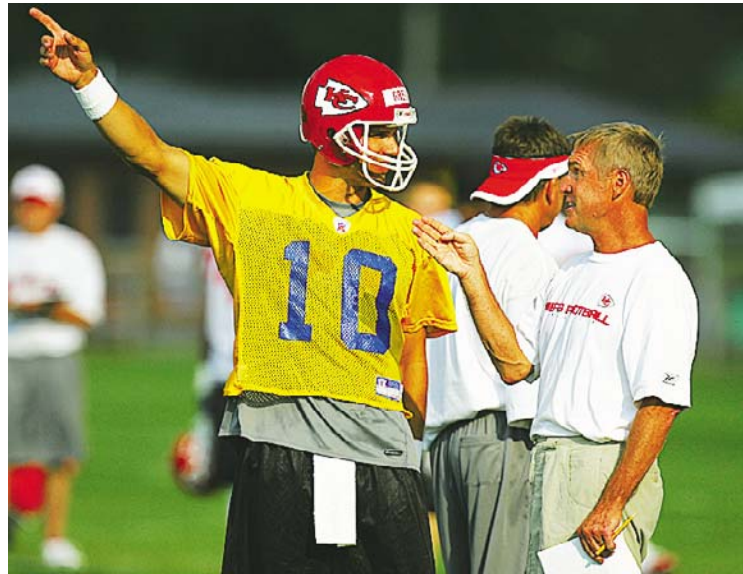
## Washington hires Saunders away from K.C. to boost offense

REDSKINS | Al Saunders, whose Kansas City offense the past five years led the NFL in yards and touchdowns, has agreed to become offensive coordinator for the Washington Redskins.

Chiefs coach Herm Edwards confirmed Thursday that Saunders had agreed to take the job.

Saunders, who turns 59 on Feb. 1, had also interviewed the past two weeks for several head coaching jobs, including Kansas City, Detroit, Houston and Oakland. Saunders was head coach at San Diego in 1986-88, but has been an assistant, mostly with Kansas City, ever since.

He joined Dick Vermeil's staff as offensive coordinator in 2001



Al Saunders, right, guided Trent Green and the Chiefs to the NFL's best offense.

and installed a shifting, motion-laden attack that perfectly suited a host of talented personnel. With

a savvy, accurate quarterback in Trent Green and Pro Bowlers at running back, tight end, guard

and tackle, the Chiefs led the NFL the past five years in total yards (30,470), touchdowns (262) and rushing TDs (131).

The Redskins, who finished 10-6 and won a wild-card spot, improved from 30th to 11th in total offense but struggled in the playoffs. While beating Tampa Bay in the first round, the Redskins had only 120 yards of total offense, a record low for a winning team in a postseason game.

It's the second straight year head coach Joe Gibbs has added a top assistant to help upgrade the offense. Last year he hired quarterback coach Bill Musgrave.

Other assistants heavily involved in the offense were Joe Bugel, assistant head coach/offense, and offensive coordinator Don Breaux. It was unclear what their new roles would be. DOUG TUCKER (AP)



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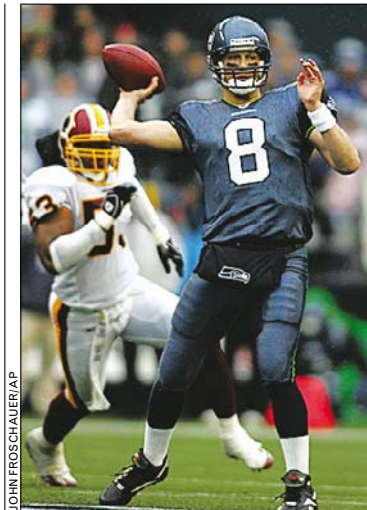
So it's probably not a surprise that two wild-card teams, Pittsburgh and Carolina, are trying to become only the second and third teams ever to win three games on the road and get to the Super Bowl.

→ **PITTSBURGH** (plus 3) at **DENVER**. The Steelers seem to be a much more relaxed bunch on the road than at home, where they are 1-4 in AFC championship games under Bill Cowher.

Last week in Indianapolis, they came out throwing, which helped them jump off to 14-0 and 21-3 leads while their blitzing defense kept Peyton Manning off-balance.

The Broncos prefer to run. If they can get out early, the Steelers aren't built for coming from behind.

**BRONCOS, 20-19.**

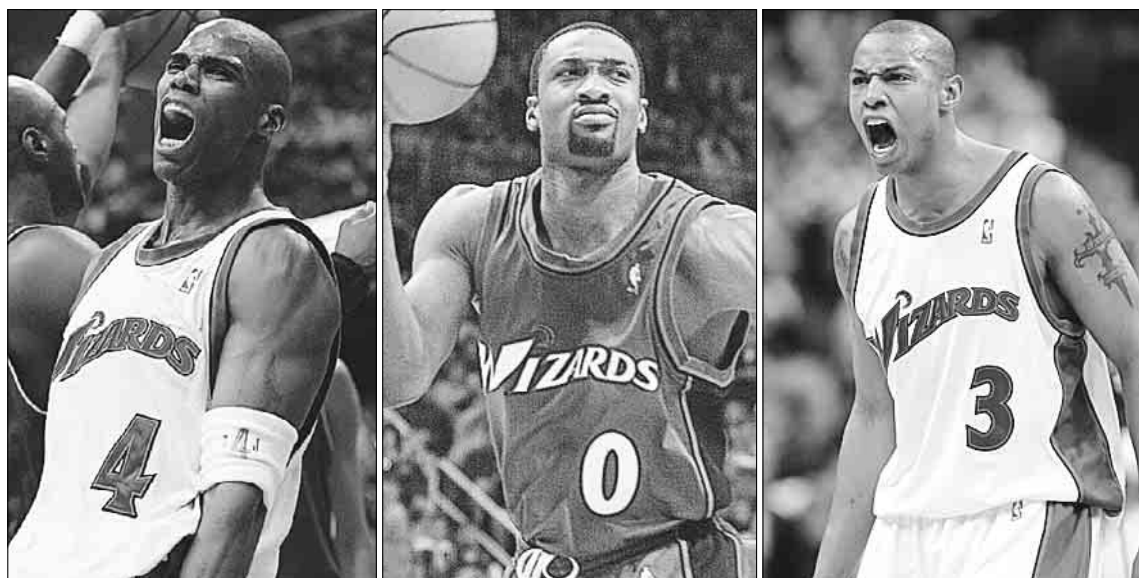


Matt Hasselbeck and the Seahawks have yet to lose in Seattle this season.

→ **CAROLINA** (plus 3 1/2) at **SEATTLE**. There are a lot of similarities between the Panthers and Steelers, right up to their 8-2 record on the road: 6-2 in the regular season and two wins in the playoffs.

Carolina's running back will be third-stringer Nick Goings, and DE Julius Peppers will play with a sore shoulder. League MVP Shaun Alexander left Seattle's win over Washington last week with a concussion but will start at running back. Home-field advantage usually holds in these games. **SEAHAWKS, 24-23.** DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)

# Sports | Weekend



**COMING UP HUGHES:** The Wizards' offense hasn't missed Larry Hughes thanks to Jamison, left, Arenas, center and Butler.

# A New Big Three

## Arenas, Jamison and Butler making their points with Wizards

**WIZARDS** | With all the attention given to the Wizards' eighth-worst defense, it's surprising that the team is still only three games back from a .500 record. What's keeping them in it? The league's third-best offense.

Never mind losing Larry Hughes — the Wizards have actually improved upon last year's offensive output. And the addition of small forward Caron Butler meant the team can still claim a "Big Three" even without Hughes.

While not as prolific as last year's

trio of point guard Gilbert Arenas, power forward Antawn Jamison and Hughes — which averaged 67.1 points a game between them — Arenas, Jamison and Butler come into Friday's game against the New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets (19-19) as the third-highest scoring threesome in the NBA this year, behind the 76ers' Allen Iverson, Chris Webber and Andre Iguodala, and the Clippers' Elton Brand, Corey Maggette (who is currently injured) and Sam Cassell.

"We really are hard to cover, and we use our versatility as our strength, putting the ball on the floor and taking guys in the post-up," Butler said. "I wouldn't want to match up against us."

The Wizards (17-20), who have scored more than 100 points in 15 of their last 28 games, say the key now is learning to share the ball more in order to pick up the speed of the game.

"Our balance comes into play. We've adjusted, in that we're really looking at moving the basketball. It's not that there are one or two guys that are taking all the shots all the time," shooting guard Antonio Daniels said.

That balance isn't a characteristic of Washington's Gilbert-heavy offense, but, for now, it doesn't look like it needs to be. "I'm going to get my shots. I'm comfortable," Arenas said. "I don't need to go score 30 every night." CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)

# NBA Takes a Stand

**NBA** | New York Knicks forward Antonio Davis was suspended for five games by the NBA on Thursday for entering the stands during a game at Chicago to confront a fan he thought was harassing his wife.

While the ruling by NBA vice president of basketball operations Stu Jackson showed the league accepted Davis' argument that he believed his wife was in trouble during Wednesday's game, it also made clear that entering the stands would not be tolerated.

"We have made it plain to our



Antonio Davis was suspended 5 games for entering the stands on Wednesday.

players and our fans that players may not enter the spectator stands, no matter the provocation," Jackson said in a statement.

But 22-year-old Michael Axelrod said Kendra Davis tried to scratch him after he protested a call. Axelrod said he never laid a hand on Davis' wife and said he was not drunk. "It's a lie," he said.

Davis' suspension will start with Thursday night's home game against Detroit. Ironically, the Pistons were the home team the last time players went into the stands — when Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson started an ugly brawl with fans in November 2004. BRIAN MAHONEY (AP)

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# It's 'Showtime' for Terrapins

Mike Jones turns into a shooting star off the bench for Maryland

**TERPS HOOPS** | At the end of the long silver chain that dangled from Mike Jones' neck after Maryland's victory over Wake Forest on Sunday was a jewel-encrusted dog tag.

On the tag was the number 23 and a single word: Showtime.

It was indeed "Showtime" for the junior guard on Sunday, with Jones scoring a season-high 22 points — 16 in the first half — and shaking the No. 22 Terrapins from a stupor following two consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference losses.



CHRIS GARDNER/AP

The onslaught began almost immediately after Jones entered the game. He erased an early Wake Forest lead with back-to-back 3-pointers from the left wing.

The Comcast Center crowd enthusiastically answered the announcer's recitation of his name with "Who?" in a nod to both Jones and the hip-hop star of the same name.

"I know once I step on the court I can bring energy to the team," Jones said. "I hit the first 3 and I knew I was on a roll."

Jones entered the season a

The Terps' Mike Jones provided a spark in a win over Wake Forest last weekend.

37 percent 3-point shooter, but is hitting at a 45 percent clip through 16 games this season. Still, he's averaging just 8.1 points and 18 minutes per game coming off the bench for Maryland (12-4, 2-2 in the ACC).

With back-to-back losses to Miami and Duke, and the one-game suspension of forward Travis Garrison — he was charged second-degree assault and a fourth-degree sex offense stemming from an October incident — coach Gary Williams knew he needed Jones to play a bigger role. He likely will continue to see an expanded role Saturday against Virginia Tech (8-6, 2-2).

"I just told him whenever he was open, to shoot it. And if he misses, keep shooting," Williams said. "That's what a shooter wants to hear." **DEREK TURNER**

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## Hoyas Get A Shot at No. 1 Duke

Georgetown looks to improve offense ahead of nonconference game

**HOYAS HOOPS** | After dropping two straight games to ranked teams, Tuesday's at-home match-up with conference-catfish University of South Florida was supposed to be a confidence-booster for Georgetown before facing Duke on Saturday.

Instead, the 50-47 scraper of a win has fans wondering if the team's offense can get it together to pose any threat to the No. 1 team in the nation. "Whoever you just played — you just have to get past it, move on," coach John Thompson III said.

It's going to take more than 50 points to beat the Blue Devils, whose top three scorers alone average more than that.

It's a tough task for the Hoyas, who have only two players — center Roy Hibbert and forward Brendan Bowman — averaging more than 10 points a game. Their 23.1 points a game together still don't average as many points as Duke star guard J.J. Redick's 26.4. Along with forward Sheldon Williams, averaging 18.2 points a game, the two form a so-



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Ashanti Cook and the Hoyas could only muster 50 points on Tuesday.

far unstoppable combo that has led the team to a 16-0 record.

"They're very aggressive," Thompson said. "They take pride in that and they do a good job."

One thing that Georgetown has going for it is depth. Each starter is averaging at least 9 points a game and that sharing of the ball between all players has posed preparation problems for opponents.

The Hoyas also won't be star-struck — besides Illinois, the team has also faced No. 12-ranked West Virginia and No. 3-ranked Connecticut. Although they've lost all those games, each game against a ranked opponent has been closer than the previous one. "We have a resilient group," Thompson said. **CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)**



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## Ovechkin Is Already a Hit

WHO KNEW SCORING IN PHOENIX could lead to so many Internet hits?

Maybe Paris Hilton.

Alexander Ovechkin's crazy goal has taken on a life of its own this week. As of 6 a.m. Thursday, the Capitals said they were just shy of 50,000 downloads of a video clip of the goal — that's 10 times more than any other highlight posted by the team this year.

Remember — this is hockey we're talking about, where a .4 TV rating on OLN is considered good.

More impressively, the 20-year-old Russian got people talking about the NHL for the first time since the 2004-05 season was cancelled.

It's pretty apparent that Ovechkin isn't just the best rookie in the NHL; he's one of the five best players in the league.

Unfortunately, he happens to be on one of the worst teams.

Caps owner Ted Leonsis is going to have to open his wallet in the off-

season to surround Ovechkin with some sidekicks. A youth movement won't do with a superstar already in place.

Not only does Leonsis owe that to Washington fans, he also owes it to the NHL.

Ovechkin's youth, ability and charisma make him a solid build-

## No sport needs a star like Ovechkin more than hockey.

ing block for a league that generates about as much buzz as a bottle of O'Doul's.

Put him on a competitive team and Ovechkin will draw viewers to the playoffs, when every sport's top stars are supposed to be showcased. And no sport needs a bright young star like Ovechkin more than hockey.

Maybe he'll even become famous enough to date Paris Hilton.

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# Hewitt Bounced at Open

## Australian's defeat appears to clear the path for No. 1 Federer

TENNIS | Adios, Lleyton. G'day, Juan.

Third-seeded Lleyton Hewitt was upset 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (8), 6-2 by Argentine Juan Ignacio Chela in the second round of the Australian Open on Thursday, reversing the outcome of their spiteful previous encounter at Melbourne Park.

"This will hurt for a few days," said the Aussie. And he wasn't talking about his ankle strain. "I was giving everything I had out there — I just wasn't up to it."

A finalist here in 2005, Hewitt has lost to the eventual champion in his last seven majors.

But unless unseeded Chela makes a startling run, Hewitt's shocking loss has opened a potentially easier road for top-ranked Roger Federer.

Unlike the third-round tussle in 2005, when Hewitt overcame Chela in four sets, with a boisterous crowd in his corner, the Rod



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Lleyton Hewitt has lost to the eventual champion at seven-straight major events.

Laver Arena was almost muted for the first two sets.

With injuries forcing defending champion Marat Safin, No. 2-ranked Rafael Nadal and four-time winner Andre Agassi out — and Hewitt now eliminated — Federer is the overwhelming favorite.

Hewitt, for one, can't see anybody beating Federer here.

"No, I can't. It's very hard to back against him," he said. "Obviously his score lines are convincing and when he's playing with that much confidence, I can't see anyone beating him." JOHN PYE (AP)

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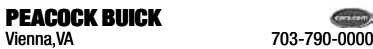
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## Diets

### Researcher says key to losing pounds is eating the same thing

Forget counting carbs and calories. Obesity researcher Dr. David Katz says the way to lose weight is to limit flavors.

Katz, director of Yale University's Prevention Research Center, says people stop eating when the brain's appetite center registers "full." But eating lots of flavors promotes over-eating because different sensors must register full for appetite to subside, Katz says.

The typical American diet "is a mad cacophony of flavors," Katz said.

Instead, Katz advocates flavor-themed meals — an "apple day," for example, or a "sesame day," even an occasional "chocolate day."

The idea is perhaps less boring than it sounds. For example, pineapple day features pineapple juice

and cereal for breakfast; pineapple-walnut chicken salad and crackers for lunch; pineapple shrimp, bulgur, sauteed peas and tossed salad for dinner; and caramelized pineapple rings for dessert.

The theory and practice are detailed in Katz's new book, "The Flavor Point Diet," based on a little-publicized phenomenon called sensory-specific satiety. That is the term used to describe the way food becomes less palatable when enough of it is eaten. Adding a new flavor renews the process, numerous studies have shown.

Katz tested the diet on 20 people for 12 weeks and said they lost an average of more than 16 pounds.

Jonathan Link, an information services specialist from New Milford, Conn., was one of them. Link — who was 5 feet 9 inches and 183 pounds, with high cholesterol — was skeptical at first.

"I thought, 'Oh, that's disgusting, you have to eat peaches all day,'" Link said.

But Link said the diet was surprisingly varied. He lost about 20 pounds early last year and has kept

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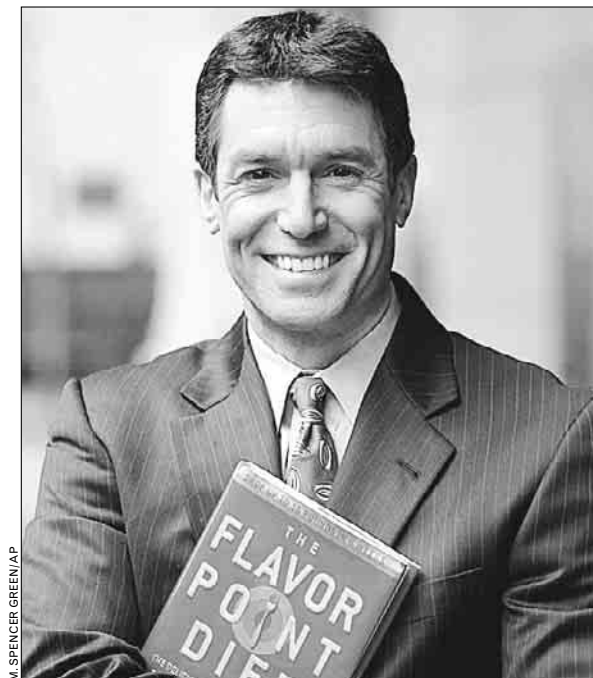
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## Fixed Flavor Fitness

"By week two, I started getting stuffed. I couldn't even finish dinner because I was feeling so full."

JONATHAN LINK

PARTICIPANT IN A STUDY OF 'THE FLAVOR POINT DIET'



Katz's diet also, of course, stresses eating healthy and exercise.

it off by permanently changing his eating habits.

"By week two, I started getting stuffed. I couldn't even finish dinner because I was feeling so full," Link said.

Katz recommends 30 minutes of moderate exercise most days. His flavor theme builds on the diets many nutritionists advocate — lots of fruits and vegetables, whole grains and nuts; fish and

poultry for protein; limited fat; and healthy snacks.

Brown University researcher Hollie Raynor, who has studied sensory-specific satiety, said many diets are based on a more extreme interpretation of the concept, including ice cream diets, soup diets and diets that severely restrict carbohydrates.

Whether Katz's diet works because it limits flavors, or because

it promotes healthy eating and exercise, is unclear, Raynor said. "If you're eating healthy and exercising, you're going to lose weight," she said.

Susan Burke, chief nutritionist for ediets.com, a weight-management Web site, said there is some validity to Katz's flavor theory. "Jumbling flavors at any one meal can trigger you to eat more," Burke said. LINDSEY TANNER (AP)

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## Voices

### Capture in Iraq

### Jackie Spinner

The Post's **JACKIE SPINNER** was online Thursday to discuss the capture of Christian Science Monitor journalist Jill Carroll in Iraq | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

**Do you think that Jill Carroll's knowledge of Arabic could be helpful in this situation? Also is anything known about the group that is claiming this?**

I have to believe that it is helpful. Jill would be able to understand and communicate with her captors, to humanize herself. We know very little about the group, which calls itself the "Revenge Brigade." The insurgency in Iraq is very fractured and splintered, which is one of the reasons it has been very effective. Often, kidnappers target people for money, hoping to sell them to the highest bidder. I don't know what the reason was for Jill's kidnapping.

**What do you think of her decision to prearrange an interview in a Sunni section of town? What light can you shed on the circumstances of her kidnapping, and the likelihood of her survival?**

The fact that Jill was reaching out to an influential Sunni political leader shows what kind of reporter she is. She was obviously interested in hearing what he had to say, to listening. In my estimation, she is not a risk-taker. She is a careful reporter.

**Is there any particular reason that**

**I am seeing so many journalists in Iraq who are women and who are by and large young? Or is that not the case?**

I don't have statistics but feel fairly confident in saying that the press pool in Iraq is not dominated by young women.

**I feel horrible for Jill's family. Do you believe her captors have committed this kidnapping for attention or retribution? How much leverage can this group gain?**

We just don't know the reason at this point. American journalists are targets. In Iraq, we have no immunity. We are considered infidels by some in the insurgency, part of the "occupation" and not independent observers.

And in some respects, the insurgents must feel as if they don't need us to "tell their side." The Internet has provided a powerful outlet in getting their message out.

#### Today on Live Online

**10 A.M.:** Neil Bernstein takes your questions on parenting and depression.

**NOON:** Anthony DeCurtis, contributing editor for Rolling Stone magazine, will be online to discuss the life and music career of soul music legend Wilson Pickett.

we should be fighting.

—TIMOTHY RIKER  
Washington, D.C.

**Alito Is Right for High Court SPEAKING FOR MYSELF** and tens of thousands of American citizens, I'm sure, I protest Mr. Dill's statement [in Thursday's letters section] that "everyone" views Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito as a "dangerous choice." Appointing someone to the Supreme Court who does not have the character of a Samuel Alito is a dangerous choice and a step in the wrong (extreme left) direction for the highest court in the land.

—PAULA FRICKEY  
Silver Spring, Md.

### Letters

#### AIDS Fight Needs Funds, Too

**ALTHOUGH IT IS GREAT** to read news about donors pledging funds to fight global diseases like "Funding to Fight Bird Flu Jumps," I am angered at the lack of funding and support for the global fight against HIV/AIDS. Right now, 6 million people in developing countries need antiretroviral treatment and only 8 percent are actually getting it. Too many people are making empty promises to help in the fight but are not taking the necessary actions. This is the real epidemic

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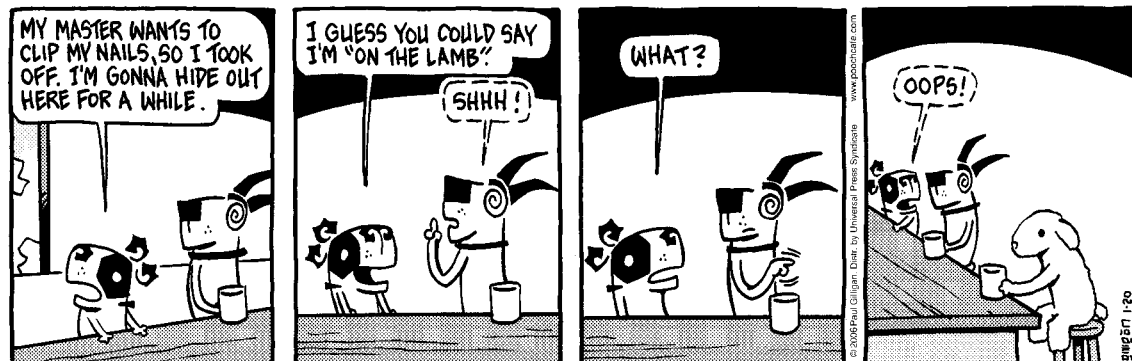


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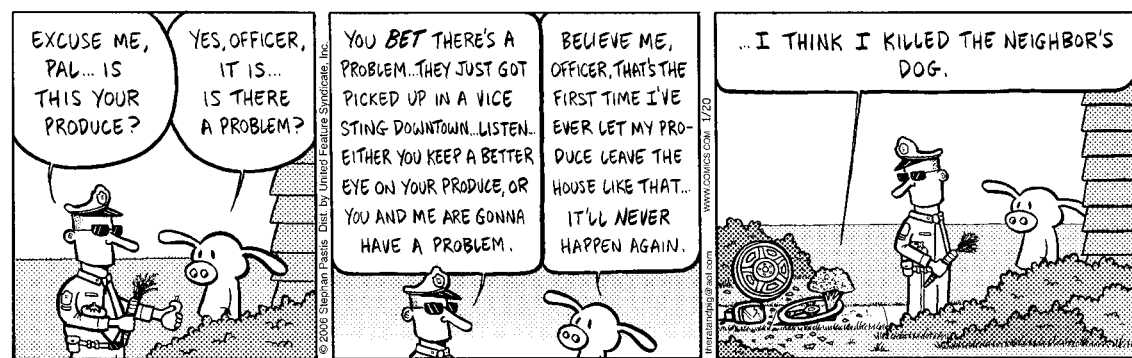


"Still can't decide? Gee, why doesn't that surprise me?"

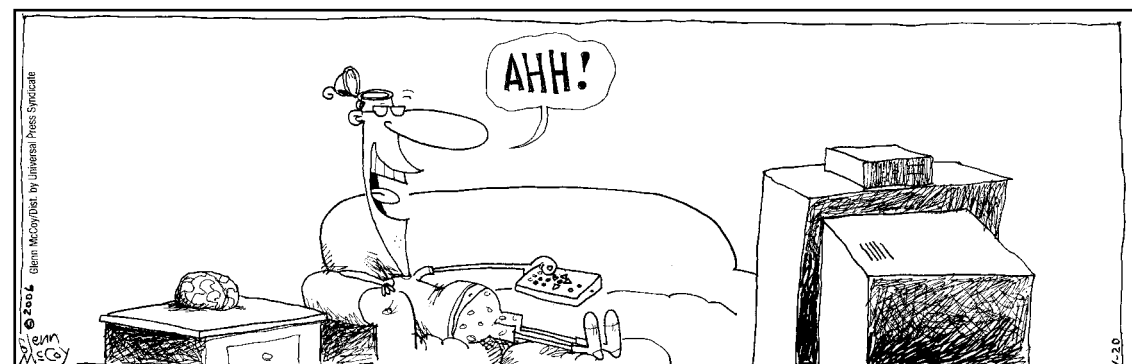
#### Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



#### Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



#### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy







PROSPECTS OF A TRUCE

What would the political and cultural landscape look like under a truce with al Qaeda? ... What would we be willing to compromise away to al Qaeda?"

**BRUISEDORANGE.BLOGSPOT.COM** PONDERES THE POSSIBILITY OF A TRUCE WITH AL QAEDA AS PROPOSED BY OSAMA BIN LADEN IN A NEW AUDIO RECORDING. SOMETHING THE WHITE HOUSE SAYS IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

## THE Blog LOG

**CASHED OUT?**

"We do know every celeb who announces their retirement while they're swimming in cash soon learns that ego withdrawals are a bitch and comebacks are always sad."

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**GODZILLA JELLYFISH**

**"Now, I can safely say I will never go swimming anywhere near Japan. Ever. Holy God. Would you look at that?"**

GIANT SUMO-WRESTLER-SIZED JELLYFISH HAVE BEEN ATTACKING FISHING NETS NEAR JAPAN, AND THEY'RE GROWING IN NUMBER. **BLOGSTK.BLOGSPOT.COM** IS SCARED.

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"I, for one, admire Duncan's urinary fortitude and expect he will pose a strong challenge to O'Malley."

**HELLOMOCO.BLOGSPOT.COM** NOTES THAT ALTHOUGH MARYLAND GUBERNATORIAL HOPEFUL DOUG DUNCAN TRAILS HIS DEMOCRATIC FRONT-RUNNER, BALTIMORE MAYOR MARTIN O'MALLEY, IN CAMPAIGN CASH, THAT'S OK BECAUSE DUNCAN "LEARNED TO LIVE WITHOUT" MUCH, GROWING UP IN A HOUSE WITH 12 BROTHERS AND SISTERS — AND ONE BATHROOM.

## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Added responsibilities may be yours before the day is out. Stay calm, and be sure to get along well with those who have to answer to you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** An emotional tug-of-war may develop between you and a highly charged Scorpio native. Read on for any further warnings.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Doing someone else a favor at the wrong time and in the wrong way may be worse than not lending a hand at all. Do the right thing.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Don't be so conservative that you fail to take advantage of a sure thing simply because it appears new and untried. It's for you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** That which someone offers you may be more than you had bargained on — but you're in a position to deal with even more than that.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Try to hold off

on any important decisions until you feel more at ease. Morning insecurity should pass quickly once you recognize it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Don't let a petty jealousy grown suddenly into something you cannot easily control. You can't afford to take things personally.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** That which seems completely out of place to others will appear wholly routine and appropriate to you. Matters of taste abound.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You are nearing a junction that will find you pitting your emotions against your intellect. However, balance can be maintained.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You'll learn before the day is out whether you're dealing with the real thing — and the answer may surprise you. Get in touch with a friend.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You're in the mood for a little adventure. There you go. You're back on track and feeling more like yourself than you have recently.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Your compatibility with another may become an issue before the day is out — and you may not even know it. Personal power will increase.

**DO** change for the better. Got buckets of coins around the house? Sure, you could take 'em to one of those machines that gives you back money. Or, you could stack them up in bizarrely difficult structures and send the photos to Fincher.org. Your choice. Site includes how-to tips and a picture gallery.

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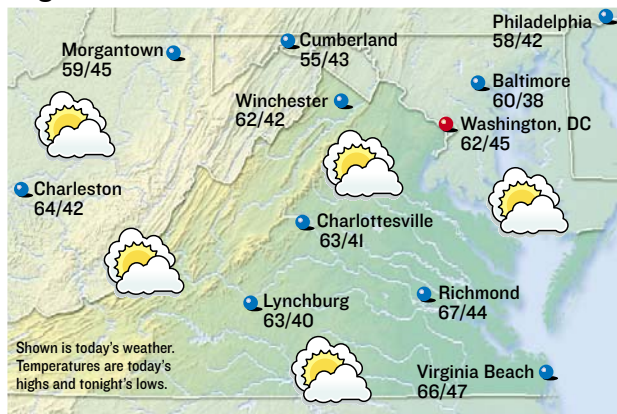
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### Regional Weather



### Almanac

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### Regional Forecast

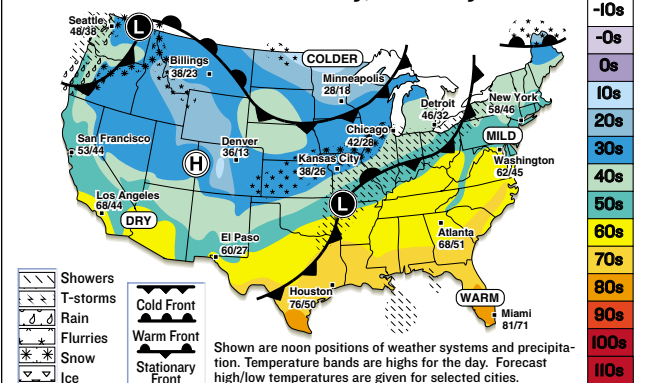
**D.C. Metro:** Today, mostly sunny, warm. High 62. Wind south-southwest 8-14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, mild. Low 45. Wind southwest 6-12 mph.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 7:23 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 5:16 p.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 11:21 p.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 10:27 a.m.



### National Weather for Friday, January 20



### National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	68/51/pc	62/51/sh
Boston	56/42/pc	52/30/sh
Chicago	42/28/sh	40/24/pc
Dallas	70/37/pc	57/38/pc
Denver	36/13/pc	40/13/s
Honolulu	80/70/pc	81/68/sh
Los Angeles	68/44/s	66/46/s
Miami	81/71/sh	82/70/pc
New York City	58/46/pc	58/35/sh
Orlando	80/60/pc	80/62/sh
Seattle	48/38/sh	46/34/pc

### World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	48/39/r	46/39/sh
Athens	55/41/pc	59/46/pc
Berlin	36/34/sh	36/25/sf
Buenos Aires	83/63/t	75/59/pc
Calgary	28/11/c	27/11/pc
Dublin	46/37/r	46/39/pc
Geneva	43/32/pc	40/22/pc
Moscow	-11/-17/sn	-6/-9/sn
Rome	57/39/pc	57/43/s
Sydney	77/66/pc	84/68/s
Tokyo	45/34/pc	39/32/sn

# LOOK out People



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Danielle gazed into her bright future.

## INDOCTRINATION France Wants to Catch Them While They're Young

**RUSSELL CROWE** and wife Danielle Spencer are reportedly expecting their second child. The fetus already has honorary citizenship in the French town of Bonniex, where the actor shot parts of "A Good Year" this fall. The mayor was delighted to hear reports that the baby was conceived in France. (AP)

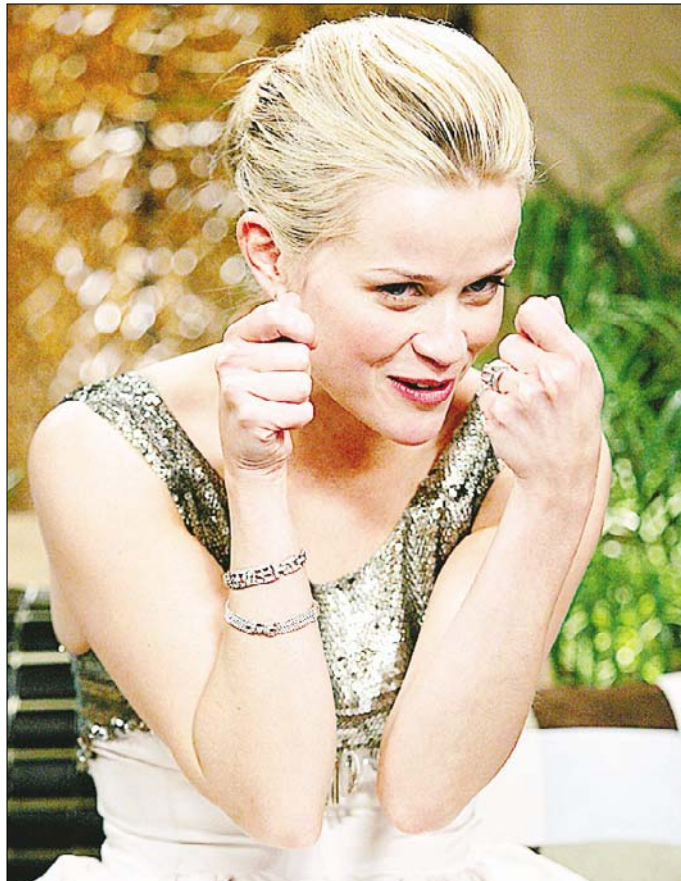
## BIRTHS Too Old for Plum Hollywood Roles, but Not for Babies

**HOLLY HUNTER** has given birth to twins, *People* magazine reported Tuesday, citing Hunter's publicist.



People reported that the children are the first for Hunter and her partner, British actor Gordon MacDonald.

The pair met in 2004 while performing in the same London play, "By the Bog of Cats." The 47-year-old Hunter won a lead actress Oscar in 1993 for her role in "The Piano." (AP)



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## WORST NIGHTMARES

# 'You Will Pay for This, My Pretty'

Photos published this week showed **REESE WITHERSPOON** wearing the same Chanel cocktail dress that Kirsten Dunst had worn to the Golden Globes in 2003. Witherspoon, who won a best actress award for "Walk the Line," was seen asking Chanel President Maureen Chiquet at an after-party why she wasn't told the gown already had a public outing. A spokesperson for Chanel said the fashion house was unaware that Dunst had worn the dress. Chanel has apologized for the oversight. (AP)



Kelly's not as mean as she looks singing.

## OOPS A Little Bad Publicity Heals All Wounds

Former "American Idol" winner **KELLY CLARKSON**, who was scolded by Simon Cowell for not letting her songs be used on the show, has agreed to do so, a spokesman said Wednesday. Roger Widynowski, from Clarkson's Sony BMG record label, said Clarkson's management was negotiating with

the show over which songs will be used. A day earlier, he said Clarkson was not allowing any of her songs to be licensed. He said on Wednesday he had not been informed by her management that negotiations were under way, and that Clarkson would allow it on a "case-by-case basis." (AP)



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"Mom, make the mohawk go bye-bye."

## CHILDREN Maddox Asks for Name To Be Changed to 'Jamie'

A Santa Monica, Calif., judge granted a request Thursday by actress **ANGELINA JOLIE** to change the names of her two children to reflect that actor Brad Pitt intends to become their adoptive father. Neither Jolie nor Pitt attended the hearing. The names of the adopted children will become Zahara Marley Jolie-Pitt and Maddox Chivan Jolie-Pitt. Zahara celebrated her first birthday on Jan. 8. **MADDOX** is 4. (AP)

## LAWSUITS Personal Assistants Are So Darned Touchy

**LAURENCE FISHBURNE's** former personal assistant is suing him for allegedly firing her because she was pregnant and single, her lawyer said Wednesday. Kristal Crews filed the lawsuit against the actor in Los Angeles Superior Court on Tuesday, seeking unspecified damages. (AP)



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Laurence denied Crews' allegations.

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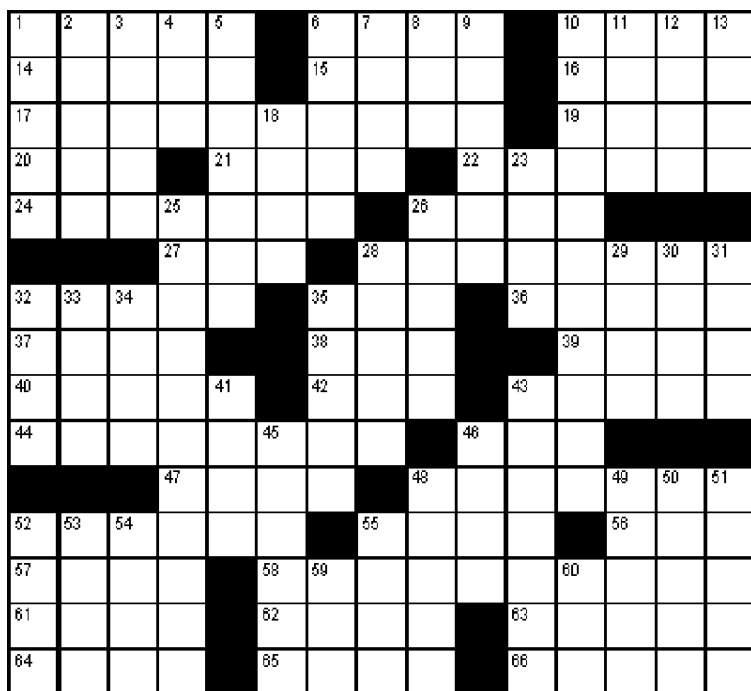
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- 20 Barely achieve (with "out")
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- 37 Keystone State port
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- 39 Fax function
- 40 Some freshwater fishes
- 42 Cross or crow finale
- 43 Tent post
- 44 From a poor plan
- 46 It could start 17, 58-Across and 10, 25-Down
- 47 Give it \_\_\_ (make an attempt)
- 48 Nail and tooth coverings
- 52 Jack Lemmon film
- 55 "Take \_\_\_ from me" (follow my advice)
- 56 My \_\_\_, Vietnam
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- 58 It may hold your book
- 61 Oppositionist
- 62 Befuddled
- 63 It takes two to do it
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- 65 "Afterward ..."
- 66 City near Great Salt Lake

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- 2 Draw forth \_\_\_ up
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- 4 Not so well
- 5 American botanist
- 6 Bad way to be held
- 7 Part of some hats
- 8 Feel malaise
- 9 Convinced of
- 10 Governmental form in Britain
- 11 Crossword feature
- 12 Turn partner
- 13 Editor's override
- 18 Hindquarters
- 23 Partner of odds
- 25 Highwayman with a weapon
- 26 News follower
- 28 Display displeasure to a performer, in a way



- 29 Floor measure
- 30 Playful signal
- 31 Marquis de \_\_\_
- 32 Earth bank
- 33 Wild African sheep
- 34 They're blown in anger
- 35 Expression of delight
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- 43 Gets the quarterback the ball, in a way
- 45 Show pleasure toward
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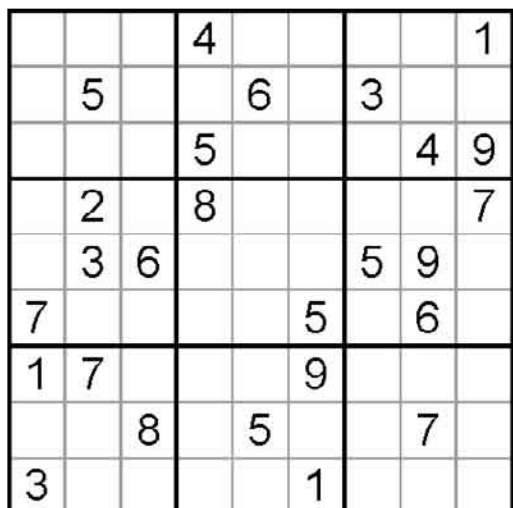
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### Yesterday's Solution



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## QUEST FOR ADVENTURE

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- Feb 2 **BEING CARIBOU** with Karsten Heuer – 7:30 PM
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- Feb 23 **GEISHA: BEYOND THE PAINTED SMILE** with Andrew Maske – 7:30 PM  
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- Mar 23 **THE JUNGLE BEAT** with Adrian Cowell – 7 PM  
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- Feb 10 **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GENGHIS KHAN** with Gordon Wiltsie – 7:30 PM  
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- Feb 15 **CHASING THE TORNADO** with Tim Samaras – 7:30 PM  
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- Feb 21 **SHADES OF GLORY: THE NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUES** with Lawrence Hogan & Stanley Glenn – 7:30 PM  
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- Apr 27 **THE CHEESES OF ITALY** with Steven Jenkins – 7 PM  
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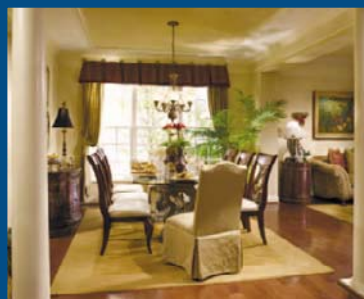
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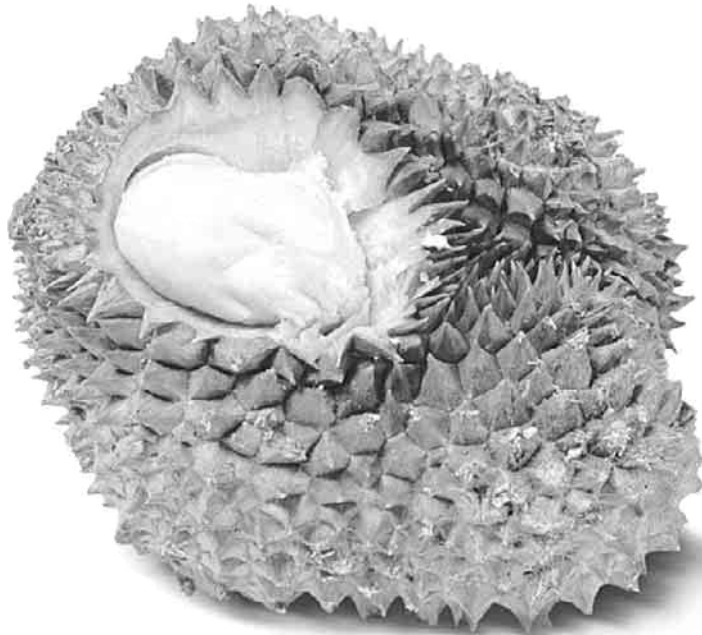
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### ③ Retro SUVs

Toyota's new FJ Cruiser could be the bastard cousin of the recent Chevy HHR, which itself looked like the unholy spawn of a PT Cruiser and an old-school Suburban. This baby looks more like a Mini Cooper crossed with a big honkin' Hummer H3, which is like breeding an Irish Wolfhound with a teacup Chihuahua. It appears to be aimed at young buyers who find the boxy Scion xB intolerably hideous.



### ⑤ Washington's Official Fruit

Dear D.C. Council: We heard you are considering the cherry as Washington's official fruit. We think that is too pedestrian for an entity as unique as D.C., which is so special it doesn't even get a star on the flag. We suggest the durian instead. It's spikey on the outside, like the fence around the White House. And inside are what look like brains. But it stinks to high heaven, like the Anacostia River or Jack Abramoff's accounting practices. Love, Express.



### ④ Surliness and Apathy Simulator

Does Kinko's deserve its reputation as the chain where customer service goes to die? Don't judge until you've been on the other side of the counter. In *Disaffected!*, a freebie from Persuasivegames.com, players move employees around a copystore at excruciatingly slow speeds, grunt at people and flub orders. Or, ignore the customers so they'll eventually leave. It's painful.




### ② Future Pizza

Papa John's latest breakthrough in pizza technology is advance online ordering (up to three weeks ahead) for Super Bowl Sunday. Could direct matter transference from pan to digestive tract be far behind?



### ① Collaboration

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**BUMP AND GRIND:** Star and then-future husband Al Reynolds went out dirty dancing four nights in a row after they first met.

# She's Star Lite

A skinnier Jones talks D.C. fashion and bacon

**ONE DOWNSIDE OF CELEBRITY:** You can get fat. When Star Jones Reynolds, the attorney-cum-talk show personality, turned 41, she was obese and mean. So she vowed to change her life. Star's been hush on her techniques, but in "Shine: An Emotional and Spiritual Journey to Finding Love," she dishes out tips on nutrition, shopping, money and God, so other gals can drop weight and find a man with "legs of a stallion." Packed with quizzes ("Choose the creature you think you most resemble") and factoids about her life (she did undergrad at American University), it's a revealing look into Star's world. She chatted with Express' Vicky Hallett, and you can meet her this Saturday in Bowie (see page 8).

**What brought you here for school?**

I was interested specifically in the School of Justice at American University. So I thought, let's hit the ground running. I pledged a sorority, Kappa Alpha, and I was the chapter president and the national vice president.

**Do you have a favorite AU moment?**

We used to go trick-or-treating on Embassy Row. The embassies would give out designer chocolate before anyone knew about it.

**What do you do when you're in town visiting your family?**

I'm a big Wal-Mart, Kmart shopper. We go to Waldorf and eat at the Red Lobster.

**“You can be proud without makeup, but I don't know anyone who doesn't do something to enhance their natural looks.”**

**Have you been to all 36 outlet malls and stores listed in the book?**

Except the Japanese outlet. Woodbury Commons [outside of New York] is my favorite.

**So one of the reasons you changed**

**your life was because you couldn't shop anymore?**

I didn't enjoy shopping. You heard me — the thought that I would not enjoy shopping was bad. I couldn't stand and go through the racks. My knees hurt. It wasn't that I tried and failed. I simply couldn't do it. I pretended I wanted to have a car take me from place to place.

**Your makeup artist said you were being "un-Christ-like." Why?**

Because I was unhappy. When you're unhappy, you make other people miserable. It manifests itself in every part of your life. I didn't turn to God and she called me on it.

**You say full-figured women should be proud of their bodies. But you also say all women need makeup?**

You need to put something on your face. I'm not telling you that you have to do what I do with the lashes and the whole nine yards. That's me. People say they want the girl next door, but the girl next door at least wears lip gloss. If you're the kind of person who rolls out of bed, doesn't brush her hair, doesn't use anti-perspirant, and wears a baggy shirt, you're not going to attract anyone, unless you're trying to attract someone who looks like that. I'm not going to lie to you.

**So D.C. isn't known for being the best-dressed town.**

I disagree. D.C.'s more conservative. That's the nature of the beast. But I learned a lot about fashion in D.C. I learned what a professional looked like. There are uniforms for what you do and D.C. gets that. I wish I could throw a few sexy blouses at the women in Congress, though.

**Your favorite food is bacon. Why?**

It's comfort food. It reminds me of home. It takes me to a safe place. Isn't that silly?

**And you can still eat it?**

I can't have six pieces anymore. For breakfast this morning, I had two strips of bacon, one egg and three spoonfuls of grits.

**And you'll be visiting the Red Lobster when you come to town?**

Yes. I called my mom and asked, "Are you cooking or are we going to Red Lobster," and she said Red Lobster. So I said, "Kool and the Gang. That's where I'll be."

**> The Manolo**

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOELOGGER

**Is it appropriate to wear slingbacks to a job interview? Also, can I wear black shoes with a navy suit? — K**

Manolo says, black shoes with the navy suit? Yes! As for the slingbacks, they are the compromise between the full pump and the too-sexy-and-frivolous-for-the-interview mule, and because of this, the answer it is the qualified maybe. If your job interview is with the art gallery, or the house of publishing, or one of the other creative industries, then the slingback, it is indeed most appropriate, as one would wish to display some indication of mild relaxation.



However, if your interview it is for the job in the house of investment banking, or the office of the federal prosecutor, then perhaps it would be best to appear conservative, so as not to frighten the natives with your wanton display of the heel skin.

Of the course, either way, you still would wish your shoes to be very attractive, and so the Manolo he would suggest that you look for the black pump. But, you do not yet have the job, and you are not made of the moneys, and so you need the shoe at the reasonable price. Thus, the Manolo he would recommend to you the Destiny 2 from the Circa by the Joan and the David (\$99, zappos.com). Not only does it have the name of great portent, but it is both stylish and attractively priced.

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**On the Cover**

Clare Farrell and Ashley Deavers are U.S. National Junior Ice Dancers. They train at SkateQuest in Reston. Clare is wearing a silk Milly dress with a pleated bodice and skirt (\$505, Saks Fifth Avenue). See page 4 for Ashley's clothing. Photo by Michelle Repiso.



# Nice Ice, Baby

**>** True love lets you fall on your butt once in a while, which is why ice skating is the ideal romantic activity. Plus, with Sasha Cohen on “Project Runway” and “Skating With Celebrities” on the tube, you can test your date’s pop culture knowledge — and that’s what’s really important. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS) WITH LYNN THORNE

**← I DREAM OF SKATERS:** Let’s be brutally honest — a lot of chicks read this page. So let’s talk. You have fantasies of triple Axels with Scott Hamilton? Men’s winter clothing is galloping out of stores, so now’s a fine time to stock up on metrosexualwear suitable for a skate date. “Look, sweetie! This **LEISURE SHIRT** was on sale for \$59 at French Connection! (1229 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-965-4690) And look, these **VELVE-TEEN PANTS** were, too! For \$77! Yes, you WILL wear them to the National Gallery rink!”



**← LEG WARMERS? PLEASE:** These **FIONA** boots (ALSO IN BROWN AND WHITE, \$67, CHINESELAUNDRY.COM) put little sweaters on your calves. A mod boot like the **DEFENDERS** (ALSO IN BROWN, \$80, SKECHERS.COM) maintains the ankle-warrior look for guys, with slightly less chance of breaking a leg.

**↑ NATIONALLY RANKED JUNIOR ICE DANCERS** Clare Farrell and Ashley Deavers typically hit the ice in sequined skirts and tight pants. That may be a bit much for your local rink, unless you’re into being pointed at or possibly beaten up. The key to looking cool on the ice is to incorporate elements from skating costumes without appearing completely insane. We’ve updated the look with a cashmere and silk ruffled sweater by **PRADA** (\$1,065, NEIMAN MARCUS), a swooshy chiffon **DIANE VON FURSTENBERG** skirt (\$375, SAKS FIFTH AVENUE) and nude fishnet tights (\$5, TARGET) for that subtly kinky vibe. A sterling silver and Swarovski crystal **ASHLEY ANDREWS** necklace, (\$18, TARGET) adds some frosty sparkle on the cheap.



# Styles | LOOKout

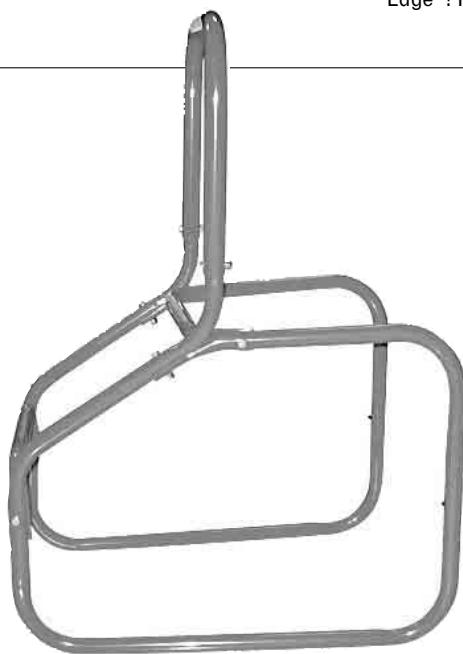


**← WATCH YOUR TOES:** You can't do jumps in recreational skates, but you can cut a mean streak across the rink. The **MEN'S SOFTEC 1802** have a steel runner and cushy foam lining for maximum comfort. (**\$80, FIGURESKATINGDEALS.COM**)

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**↑ FALLING ISN'T THAT CUTE:** Before any hot ice-date, practice a little so you don't completely suck. The **ICE N' GO SKATING COACH** is like a walker for beginning skaters. You lean on it until you get your balance. (**\$50, SPORTSAUTHORITY.COM**)



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## SMALLTALK



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## Michael Weiss

D.C.'s most super skater, this 29-year-old two-time Olympian had planned to make Torino his last competition — until he placed fourth at Nationals this past weekend and was bumped to alternate. Whether he medals or not, he'll retire in March, after the World Championships. **VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)**

### What do you do off the ice?

Hockey is what I'm going to start doing more of now that I don't need to worry about getting hurt. I'm going to try to join a local team and hope nobody recognizes me.

### How do you decide what to wear?

I try to steer clear of too many sequins. I know with the way the lights shine, it can be nice to have sequins, but I don't like too many. Last year I skated to Led Zeppelin and I had a tattoo shirt. It was see-through and it looked like my body was covered in these tattoos.

### How bad does it hurt to fall?

For pair lifts, the girl is eight to 10 feet up and moving at 20 mph, so that can be extremely dangerous. I've seen broken bones and serious concussions. It makes spectators respect the sport. I got stitches once when I did a jump and put my hands down on the ice for balance and ended up hitting my chin.

### What are your thoughts on "Skating With Celebrities"?

It's great. I watched that dancing one and it's entertaining to watch bad dancers. But anyone can be a bad dancer. If you're a bad skater, you get hurt. What's better reality television than having the possibility of people getting injuries?

## SKATE DATES: PUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP ON ICE



DISNEY ON ICE

You might not look like Cinderella and Prince Charming, but you'll feel like 'em.

### Downtown Duo

Romantics simply adore Pershing Park Ice Rink. It's intimate and directly across the street from the Willard Hotel. After the twirling, stop in for a sip at the Willard's Round Robin Bar, where Henry Clay introduced the mint julep to Washington. **→ 14th Street and Pennsylvania Ave. NW; \$5.50-\$6.50, \$2.50 for skates; 202-737-6938. (Metro Center)**

### Mall Madness

Hark back to your high-school days by asking your SO to hang with you at Pentagon Row. The ice rink is smack dab between of DSW and Hudson Trail Outfitters, and a Maggie Moos helps continue the ice theme. **→ Pentagon Row Plaza, Army Navy Drive and South Joyce Street, Arlington, \$6-\$7; \$3 for skates, 703-418-6666. (Pentagon City)**

### Old School

The Herbert Wells Ice Rink boasts special theme nights — Sun., Jan 29 is Chinese New Year Skating, for example. After, fly retro at 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant: The faux-French farmhouse provides a prime view of the College Park Airport runway. **→ 5211 and 5240 Paint Branch Pkwy, College Park; \$4-\$5, \$2 for skates, 301-277-3717.**

### Fairy Tale

You still have to wait a wee bit, but then Belle, Ariel, Sleeping Beauty, Mulan, Snow White, Jasmine and Cinderella will all skate into town courtesy of Disney on Ice Princess Classics. And you can't fall and make a fool of yourself — on the ice at least. **→ MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Feb. 15-20, \$15-\$27; 202-397-7328; disneyonice.com. (Gallery Place-Chinatown)**

# LOOK out | At Home



The Luau (\$250) can match the light of 30 candles, which would be such a hassle to keep lit at a windy, outdoor soiree.

## Candle's Tricks

There's no fire in the hole with these fakers

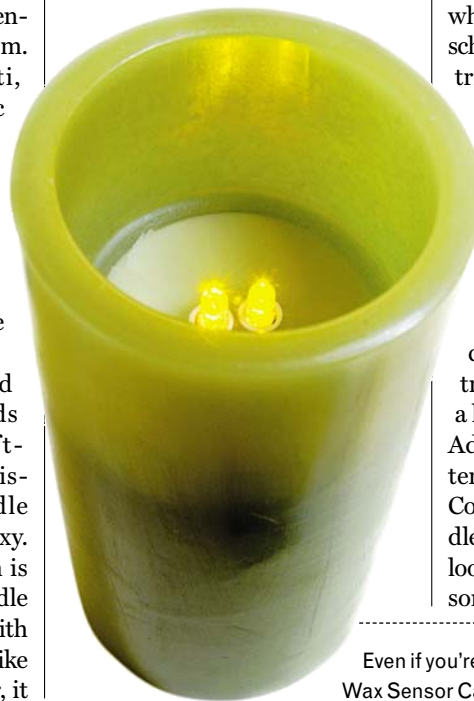
Nothing sets the mood like a candle, flickering through the night, gradually sinking into a pool of wax. But nothing destroys said mood like a candle tipped over, engulfing a curtain and threatening to incinerate your living room. According to Judy Comoletti, assistant vice president of public education for the National Fire Protection Association, 18,000 home fires a year are started by a beguiling candle, the majority in December. But she notes there is a solution to these woes: "With an electric candle you eliminate that open flame."

A few years ago, that would have meant tacky plastic rods topped with lightbulbs, often seen in Christmas window displays. Now, an electric candle can be something way more sexy. Brookstone's latest innovation is the Flameless Wax Sensor Candle (\$20, brookstone.com). Made with real wax and scented with odors like blueberry, vanilla and lavender, it

looks like the regular columnar variety — except it has two LED lights instead of a wick. They mimic the candle flicker alright, though they're not going to fool anyone. But they best the real deal by adding a motion sensor. By waving your hand over the fake flame, you can turn it on and off. It's better than the Clapper and will impress all kids.

Other classy candle wannabes include Smart Candles (\$26, momastore.org) and Tanfoglio Flameless Candles (\$30, hammacher.com). Both are attractive, waxless and scent-less, but only come in white. Aesthetes instead go gaga over Vessel's Candela products, rechargeable lanterns with the same luminosity as candles. Designer Stephane Barbeau, who came up with the idea in art school, doesn't think of them as electric candles. "Everyone is trying to simulate a candle. We try to be a portable light rather than try to fool you," he said.

In April, Candela will introduce the Luau (\$250), a pear-shaped orb that radiates 30 times the light of a candle. It tapers to a handle, so you can carry it poolside or hang it on a tree branch. And that sounds like a lovely idea to local designer Lisa Adams, who lives by Candela lanterns when she summers in Cape Cod: "Nothing really replaces a candle, but these are useful and great-looking." And ashes are so last season. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



Even if you're not peeking into the Flameless Wax Sensor Candle, you'll know it's faking.



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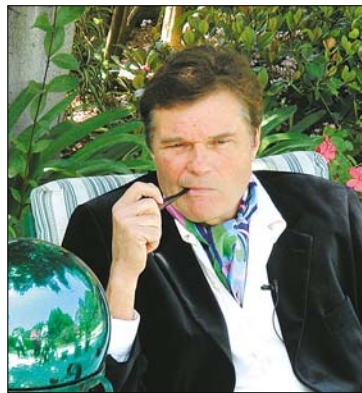
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What unbelievably sick depravity lurks behind Fred Willard's benign visage?

## DVDS

### THE ARISTOCRATS (\$30)

If ever a movie was made for two full hours of extra features, it's this one, which gathered together about 50 comics to tell their version of story about a family visiting a talent agent's office. The film doesn't always tell the joke all the way through, instead cutting frenetically between different comics' filthy tellings. But the DVD offers the mostly uncut footage. Kevin Pollack's dead-on impression of Albert Brooks (the film had his Christopher Walken bit) is here, as is porn star Ron Jeremy's entire Aristocrats rap.

**NOTABLE EXTRA:** If you were wondering how the wife loses all her teeth, watch Bob Saget's nearly 10-minute version of the joke.

**IF YOU LIKE:** Scatological humor. JOSHUA DAVIDOVICH

### SARABAND (\$30)



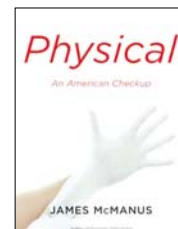
Ingmar Bergman's self-professed last film is a sequel to 1973's "Scenes From a Marriage." Yes, this is the "Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights" of the Bergman oeuvre! Thirty years after they part, Marianne (Liv Ullmann) visits her ex. She meets

his granddaughter, who has an inappropriately close relationship with her tortured, widowed dad. They talk a lot and they emote a lot. It's boring (sorry!), but damn, can that man paint with light.

**ONLY FEATURE:** An all-Ingmar making-of short. He's quite the micro-manager, as evinced by a visit to the costume "designer," who explains that Ingmar had his little heart dead set on a particular burgundy coat. **IF YOU LIKE:** Silence, existential angst. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

## BOOKS

**PHYSICAL** by James McManus (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, \$24)



McManus' brother died at 41, his father at 61, and his father at 35. One of his daughters has Type 1 diabetes and his schizophrenic son died at age 22. With this stacked deck in mind, the "Positively Fifth Street" author heads to the Mayo Clinic for an exhaustive physical. From there he's off on a free-associative rant about marriage, sick kids and President Bush's resistance to stem-cell research. The take-home message, or rather, question, is: How much is a guy willing to give up — wine? steak? smokes? — for a few more years on earth.

**FIRST LINE:** "The truth is, I don't think I'm going to die."



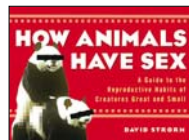
## Before MTV, 'Whistle'

In a concept barely comprehensible today, music TV once consisted of people performing on a stage. The camera, which didn't have much to do, would rest for long seconds on hands twiddling with synthesizers or hitting cowbells. Such was the genre pioneered by the BBC's **THE OLD GREY WHISTLE TEST** (Vol. 2, \$25), which ran from 1971 to 1986. The early performances are the most fun: Take Roxy Music's "Ladytron," an endearing exercise in pre-synthpop and green lamé. Each song is introduced by a nostalgic middle-aged man, like The Who's Roger Daltrey, above, who says the show taped too early — at 10 a.m., he'd be "shagging a bird." H.J.M.

**IF YOU LIKE:** Poker talk, Bruce Springsteen-style manliness. **IF YOU DON'T LIKE:** Genteel writer-docs like Jerome Groopman. H.J.M.

### HOW ANIMALS HAVE SEX

by David Storm (Gotham, \$15)



Sure, the book starts off with Butterstick-makin' panda porn, but it quickly progresses to the mating habits of some of the weirder members of the animal kingdom. Like an Eli Roth movie, sex and violence go hand in hand in the world of animals, especially insects. Take the female praying mantis, please. She

eats her "husband" while she mates with him. Or the mite, which helps his mother give birth to his sister, and then immediately begins to mate with her, ignoring the fact THAT SHE IS HIS SISTER and TWO SECONDS OLD! Storm recounts it all, in horrifyingly amusing detail, with big colorful pictures to match.

**FIRST LINE:** "When 99 percent of your diet is bamboo — which has slightly less nutritional value than a Happy Meal — it's not really surprising that you can't get up enough energy to start winking suggestively at other pandas."

**IF YOU LIKE:** The Discovery Channel, explaining sex to kids. J.D.



P.O.D. lede singer Sonny Sandoval can fling a head of dreads like no one else.

## CDS

**TESTIFY** by P.O.D. (Atlantic, \$19)

A So-Cal metal band that embraces Christian values, reggae and hip-hop, P.O.D. continues to stretch on its fourth CD, with mixed results. Two throwdowns with Hasidic rapper Matisyahu rank high, though the chaotic "Roots in Stereo" is more interesting than reggae softball "Strength of My Life." A more awkward mash is "On The Grind" with hip-hop duo the Psycho Realm. While hit producer Glen Ballard seems the most unlikely match, it works, especially his smoothly sculpted buildup of "If You Could See Me Now." Some heavy songs suggest Rage Against the Machine-style retreads, but "Mistakes & Glories" stands out with its anthemic, stand-for-something message.

**IF YOU LIKE:** Intelligent rap-metal, Deftones. PAUL ROBICHEAU

**THE GREATEST** by Cat Power (Matador, \$15)



Named for a song about a would-be boxer, this disc also hits great heights for singer-songwriter Chan

Marshall. Working with Memphis soul veterans that once backed Al Green, the indie-rock diva molds them into her melancholy to find new warmth and accessibility. Beauty lies in faint details, like the whistling that chases "After It All" like a Mayberry-inspired ghost. "Where is My Love" haunts as a delicate piano ballad etched by strings, while a wheezy fiddle gives country undertones to "Empty Shell." Gentle alto Marshall instills everything with a casual grace that makes her band name misleading.

**IF YOU LIKE:** Muted stylistic blends, Beth Orton. P.R.

## Final Chapter

The third and final installment of Taylor Branch's epic biography of Martin Luther King, Jr., **AT CANAAN'S EDGE** (Simon and Schuster, \$35), begins after King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 and follows his struggle to keep his movement together despite internal disagreements. Branch, who won the Pulitzer Prize for the first book in the best-selling series, will be discussing the definitive work at Politics and Prose on Wednesday. (5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919; politics-prose.com) VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



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The Axelrod Quartet hits the Renwick.

## ... Listen

### On Stage With the Smithsonian

**Chamber Music Society.** The Axelrod Quartet will perform Mozart with a pre-concert lecture on the composer. Renwick Gallery, 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Sat., 7 p.m.; 202-252-0012; residentassociates.org. (Farragut West.)

**Mozart on the Mall.** Celebrate the master composer's 250th birthday with the National Gallery Orchestra and violinist Jung-min Amy Lee. National Gallery of Art, West Building, 6th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; Sun., 6:30 p.m., free; 202-842-6941; nga.gov/programs/music.shtm. (Archives-Navy Memorial.)

**Undying Words.** Monday Night at the National resumes with Guillermo Silveira's musical celebration of playwright Federico Garcia Lorca. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Mon., 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., free; 202-783-3372; nationaltheatre.org. (Metro Center)

**Rhythms & Harmonies.** Gil, Cartas & Tuey perform a blend of flamenco, bluegrass, Mexican folk, gypsy-jazz, American Songbook, blues and classical music. Cultural Institute of Mexico, 2829 16th St. NW; Thu., 7:30 p.m., free; 202-728-1675. (Columbia Heights)



THEATER OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT

The high-flying world premiere of "Lift: Icarus and Me" will take you back.

... SEE THE OLD IN A NEW WAY

## Reimagine That

Maybe it's because we're running out of story lines, but three modern reinterpretations of classic tales are on stage this month. Take flight with "**LIFT: ICARUS AND ME**," a musical inspired by mythological father-son duo Icarus and Daedalus and set in Texas to the music of swing and rodeo. (GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax; through Feb. 5, \$25-30; 703-218-6500.) "**THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO: THE LAS VEGAS VERSION**" is an all-glitz interpretation of Mozart's opera, updated for 1960s Sin City. (Tivoli Theatre, 3303 14th St. NW; Sat. through Jan. 28, \$36; 202-234-7174.) A modern satire that speaks to the masses — and was written in the 16th century? Shakespeare's "**MEASURE FOR MEASURE**" addresses issues of morality among leaders. (Folger Theatre, 201 East Capitol St. SE; through Feb. 26, \$25-\$49; 202-544-7077.)

## ... Gaze

**Living Dream in a Dying Village.** This poignant exhibit takes you through the lives of Chinese AIDS orphans with paintings and drawings created by the kids themselves. Next to each telling piece is the child's dream in both Chinese and English. Gallery I23, GMU's George W. Johnson Center, Fairfax campus; Mon.-Fri., free; 703-993-2787; gmu.edu/cfa. (Vienna/Fairfax)

**Water & Ice.** It's not often that art co-ops remain vibrant after 40 years, but ringing in Spectrum Gallery's anniversary season is the work of co-founder June Carlough. Running through the exhibit are varying ideas of water — from rivers to glaciers she's seen on her travels. 1132 29th St. NW; through Feb. 12 with artist reception Sat., 3 p.m., free; 202-333-0954; spectrumgallery.org.

**Remembering Marc and Komei.** Old-time D.C.ists will remember the days of Gallery K, where H. Marc Moyon and Komei Wachi displayed surrealistic images for three decades. This is the first exhibit of their collection since their deaths in 2003. Katzen Arts Center, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; through Mar. 12, free; 202-885-1300; american.edu/



COURTESY OF ARTIST

From June Carlough's "Water & Ice."

## ... Learn

### The Kabbalah of Parenting Teens.

Can Jewish mysticism ease your relationship with your teenager? Shaare Torah (Jones Lane Elementary School), 15110 Jones Lane, North Potomac; Sun., 10:15 a.m., free; 301-816-2628.

### Extreme Etiquette: A Manners Makeover.

Have doubts about your tact in high-impact situations? Learn the top 12 etiquette sins. 1726 20th St. NW; Thu., 6:30 p.m., \$39; 202-797-5102; takeaclass.org. (Dupont Circle)

### Caterpillar Combat.

Caterpillars are a staple of various birds' and insects' diets, but are they always helpless? The Washington Area Butterfly Club hosts a discussion on larval defense strategies. Long Branch Nature Center, 625 South Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington; Thu., 7:30 p.m., free; 703-228-6535; users.sitestar.net/butterfly.



"Charlie Chan" at Films on the Hill.

## ... Date

**Charlie Chan in Paris.** Charlie Chan is on the case in this 1935 suspense film projected on 16mm film and preceded by "The Laurel-Hardy Murder Case" (1930). Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 Seventh St. SE; Fri., 7 p.m., \$5; 202-547-6839; filmsonthehill.com. (Eastern Market)

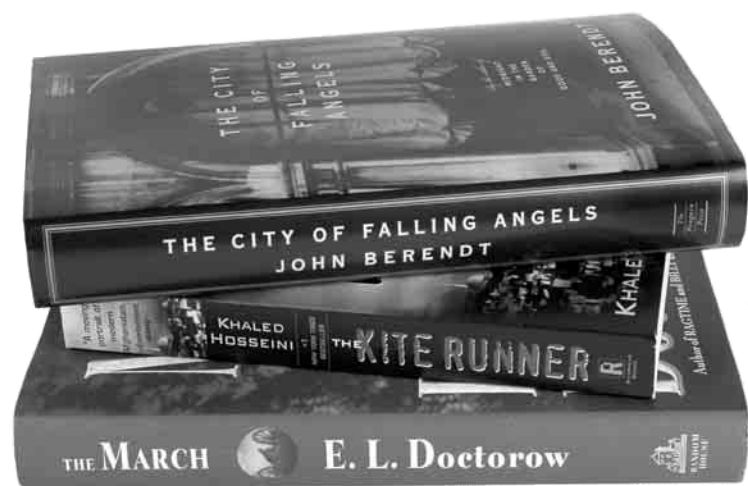
**Washington Car Show.** The annual showcase of over 800 new domestic and foreign automobiles is back. Expect concept vehicles, Redskins players and a 9-foot robot. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place NW; Thu. through Jan. 29, \$10; seniors \$8; children (6-12) \$5; under age 6 free; 866-WASH-AUTO; washingtonautoshow.com. (Mt. Vernon Square)

**Star Jones.** This might be better if you don't have a date and would like one, because the newly slimmed Payless spokesmodel is talking about her book "Shine." It's all about how she was able to change herself to land that hunk of a man Al Reynolds. We know you're jealous. Bowie Town Center, 15624 Emerald Way, Bowie; Sat., 2 p.m., free; 301-352-4110.

... TALK ABOUT LITERATURE

## The Good Books

Here's a novel idea. The new **CORCORAN BOOK CLUB** will be led each month by whoever reviewed the selection for the New York Times, so indie scribe Adam Goodheart will be giving his take on "The City of Falling Angels," about the 1996 Fenice Opera House fire. Get ready for February and March by devouring "The March" and "The Kite Runner." (500 17th St. NW; Mon., 7 p.m., \$30; 202-639-1770.) The **ASIAN BOOK CLUB** at Chapters: A Literary Bookstore will next read "Narrow Road to the North." (445 11th St. NW; Feb. 11, 11 a.m., free; 202-737-5553.) **POLITICS AND PROSE** boasts 16 free discussion groups, ranging from "Dialogue for Peace" to "Women's Biography." The books discussed are 20 percent off for attendees. (5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-364-1919.)



## ... Watch

**An Empty Plate in the Cafe du Grand Boeuf.** When you own a restaurant and your biggest clientele is yourself there may be problems. The story just gets better when Victor decides to starve himself to death. Washington Stage Guild, 1901 14th St. NW; through Feb. 5, \$25-\$35; 240-582-0050; stageguild.org. (U St.-Cardozo)

**Trying.** James Whitmore (remember him from "The Shawshank Redemption"?) tells the true tale of Judge Francis Biddle's final days. This is the Washington-area premiere. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; through Feb. 19, \$25-\$39; 202-347-4833; fordstheatre.org. (Metro Center)

**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.** It may be a trek, but it's worth it to take a rainbow ride through biblical Egypt with Patrick Cassidy and "American Idol's" Amy Adams. Hippodrome Theatre, 12 North Eutaw St., Baltimore; Tue. through Feb. 5, \$24-\$64; 410-752-7444; france-merrickpac.com.



TROIKA ENTERTAINMENT

Amy Adams finds life after "Idol."

**Grandchildren of the Buffalo Soldiers.**

This new play by William S. Yellow Robe Jr. explores the issues of racial identity and prejudice experienced by descendants of a Native American grandmother and an African-American grandfather. Round House Theatre, 8641 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Thu. through Jan. 28, \$15-\$40; 240-644-1100; roundhousetheatre.org.



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... FIXATE ON ORCHIDS

## Sweet Petal Love

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Once you catch orchid fever and crave petals of your own, head to **WOODSTREAM ORCHIDS**, which boasts a packed nursery (5810 Huntingtown Rd., Huntingtown; open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri.-Sun. by appointment only; 410-286-2664; woodstreamorchids.com.) If you can wait until March, **HILLWOOD MUSEUM AND GARDENS** is going orchid crazy with daily orchid repotting demonstrations, along with lectures and workshops. (4155 Linnean Ave. NW; 202-686-5807; hillwoodmuseum.org.)

## ... Take the Kids

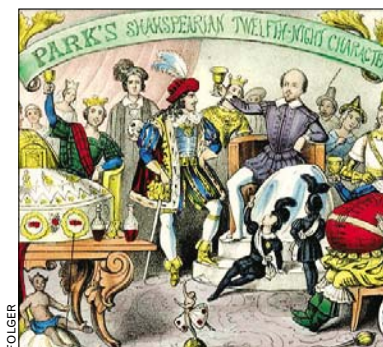
**Ring Around a Fable.** Aesop's whole crew — fox, crow, tortoise and hare — are on board to teach morals with humor and song. From Marilyn Shockey, author of "What's A Wolf To Do?" Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo; through Feb. 26, \$7; 301-320-5331; adventuretheater.org.

**Golden Lads and Lasses.**

Enjoy a scavenger hunt complete with magic islands, fairies and lost princesses, then share cake with the Bard's Queen, Elizabeth I, at Folger's newest offering. The exhibit depicts the colorful

ways in which Shakespeare has been presented to children over the years. Folger, 201 East Capitol St. SE; Sat., 2 p.m., free; 202-544-7077; folger.edu. (Capitol South)

**Ralph's World.** Toddlers and adults alike can enjoy the rock 'n' roll stylings of Ralph Covert, children's music's rising star. His most recent album: "Green Gorilla, Monster & Me." Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna; Sun., 12 p.m and 3 p.m., \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door; 703-255-1566; jamminjava.com.



An 1830 hand-colored print at the Folger.

## ... Dance



**Bustin' Loose.**

This three-night dance extravaganza at The Barns at Wolf Trap brings music legends to make you move.

First, Washington's own go-go godfather Chuck Brown (Wed., 8 p.m., \$30) takes the stage with his band. Zydeco is to Louisiana as go-go is to D.C., and Nathan and the Zydeco Cha Chas (Thu., 8 p.m., \$18) bring the rhythm and soul that is New Orleans. Local pan-global musicians Cravin' Dogs, above, (Fri., 8 p.m., \$16) celebrate 20 years and the release of their ninth CD. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Rd., Vienna; 877-965-3872; wolftrap.org.

## ... Get Fit

**Results The Gym Open House.** Non-members can sweat all over the equipment at both locations, while food and DJs make working out a little less painless. 1612 U St. NW; Thu., 5 a.m.-11 p.m., free; 202-518-0001; resultsthegym.com (U St.-Cardozo); 315 G St. SE; Thu., 5 a.m.-11 p.m., free; 202-234-5678. (Eastern Market)

**Developing a Home Practice.** No, it's not about starting a doctor's office in your apartment. Gayle Flemming shows how to do yoga in your living room, your office and even your car when you don't have time to get your stressed body to a studio. The session includes a lecture along with handouts and an asana practice. Boundless Yoga, 1522 U St. NW; Sat., 2 p.m.-5 p.m., \$45; 202-234-9642; boundlessyoga.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

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# B.I.O.

✦ BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS



## Bruce Chen, Michaela Muranova

Bruce, 29, is a portfolio manager for CharterMac Mortgage Capital. Michelle, 24, is the international and government affairs coordinator for the Telecommunications Industry Association. They live in Washington.

**WEDDING:** A black-tie optional affair for about 75 people in Bratislava, Slovakia, on May 27. They plan for the reception to run until 5 a.m.

**HONEYMOON:** The Sandals resort in St. Lucia.

**HOW THEY MET:** When Bruce's ex-girlfriend, who was also Michelle's work supervisor at the time, set them up. "That was a great lesson to never burn your bridges!"

**FIRST DATE:** A romantic dinner at Two Quail in the District.

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** At sunset, during an early evening stroll along a Miami beach.

**THEIR SONG:** "Work It" by Missy Elliot.

**PET NAMES:** "Michelle makes up names that kind of make sense only in Slovak, like Bruceko or Chenko." Bruce calls Michelle "Mishka."

**FAMILY TRADITIONS:** One Slovak tradition is that during the reception, the bride gets "kidnapped" by her friends and the groom has to

“We met

when Bruce's ex-girlfriend introduced us and slyly set us up.”

## Patrick Apple, Lettie Nocera

Lettie, 24, is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker. Patrick, 36, is a senior loan consultant with Mortgage Shares. They live in Alexandria.

**WEDDING:** Close to 100 guests will join them for a black-tie ceremony on May 6 on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. They'll make their vows outdoors, overlooking the water.

**HONEYMOON:** The Bahamas.

**HOW THEY MET:**

While working together at Chadwick's in Old Town Alexandria.

**FIRST DATE:** Patrick cooked dinner — pasta with a Pernod dill-cream sauce. "I absolutely hate the taste of black licorice, which I

didn't tell him until about six months later," said Lettie.

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** Lettie was just



waking up on a Monday morning when Patrick said, "I have a question for you." She rolled over in bed and saw the ring. "I couldn't breathe for

about 30 seconds," she said.

**THEIR SONG:** "Breathe" by Faith Hill. "Pat had a dream one night that I was laying next to him in bed and he could feel my breath in his ear. He said when he woke up and I wasn't there, he realized that he never wanted to wake up without me again."

**MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM:** Patrick's soccer warm-up pants, which Lettie finds very MC Hammer.

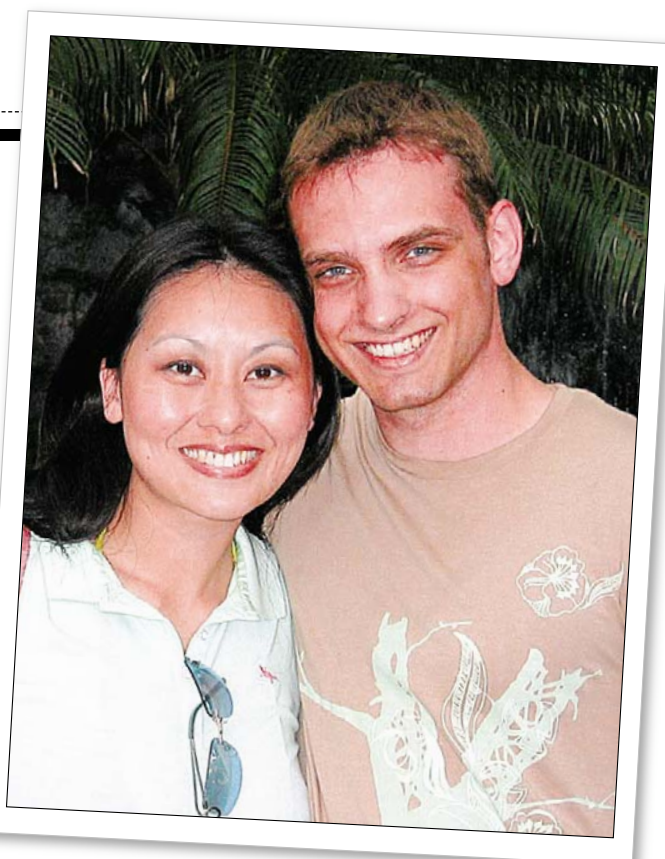
**STUPIDEST FIGHT:** "Probably when I suggested that Bill Cowher (the Pittsburgh Steelers' head coach) should be fired," said Patrick.

## Bar None, It's You

Say what you will about the Tom Tom Club, but it holds a special place in the history of one local couple. **LILLY VUE** was visiting her two best friends in Washington when she met **ROBERT SIMMERING** at the rowdy Adams Morgan bar. Robert's friend (and future best man) approached her and asked, "Do you dance with guys?" Later that evening, Lilly "observed Robert's pathetic attempt at being a wingman and decided to relieve him of the pain." She thought, "What the heck, it's not like I'm ever gonna see him again," then told him he was far too cute for the girls he'd been talking to.

That night two years ago was the beginning of their long-distance romance, with Lilly in California and Robert here. They packed a lot into their first date: The driving range, a wine-tasting in Middleburg, dinner. Trips back and forth followed — Lilly met Robert's parents in D.C., he met hers in Fresno. He proposed, however, in Hawaii, after lining up a photographer to catch it on camera. They'll marry May 27.

Robert, 25, is a software engineer for Number Six. Lilly, 27, is a contract attorney with O'Melveny & Myers. They live in Fairfax.



## Jami Bryan, Jimmy DeGenova

Jami, 25, works for Van Scoyoc Associates. Jimmy, 28, is senior consultant with The Reznick Group. They live in Bethesda.

**WEDDING:** At sunset on April 17 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

**HOW THEY MET:** For two years, they'd seen each other everywhere — in bars, on the beach, at the gym. One day, Jimmy finally introduced himself.

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS:** "Oh my God ... it's the cute guy from the gym!"

**FIRST DATE:** Eleventh in Arlington on St. Patrick's Day. On hearing Jimmy's astronomical sign, a very bitter bartender warned Jami that all Geminis are, to paraphrase,

“We like to

talk to each other too much to ever sit through movies.”

dirtbags.

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** "Even though I had told Jami I would never propose over dinner, I took her out to a nice little Italian restaurant and told her I had a present for her." Jimmy gave Jami a photo album chronicling all the places they'd been together. The last page popped the question.

**WEDDING STYLE:** Pink, pink, and more pink, said Jami, who'll be wearing hot-pink shoes. "That's how I know I have a keeper — who else would surround himself in pink for months and months if he didn't really love me?"

## Getting Married?

If you'd like to see your wedding or commitment ceremony in B.I.O., send your favorite informal photo (wacky is fine, but please don't send a formal engagement shot), plus your names, contact info and the ceremony date to [weddings@readexpress.com](mailto:weddings@readexpress.com). We'll contact you with some questions as your big day approaches. Our space is limited, but we'll do our best to include as many as we can.



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### Last Week's Solution

9	6	2	4	3	5	1	8	7					7	3	8	9	2	6	5	4	1
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### How to Play

The rules of Samurai Sudoku are the same as in the popular Sudoku puzzles that appear in Express and The Washington Post.

As with standard Sudoku, the Samurai version requires no math, just logic, reasoning ... and an iron will. The goal is to fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles.

A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another. As always, there's only one solution, which will appear in next week's edition of LookOut Weekend.

**Can't get enough Sudoku?** Find a standard Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section every Monday through Saturday.

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