

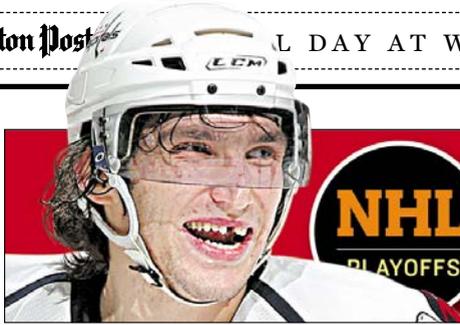
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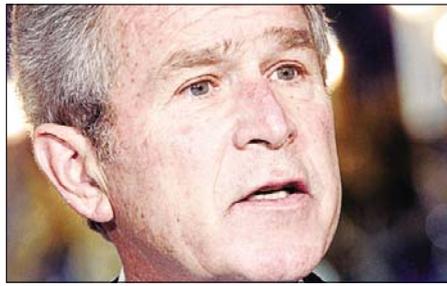
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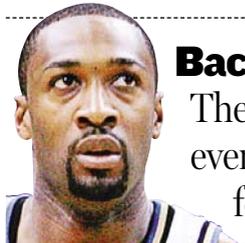


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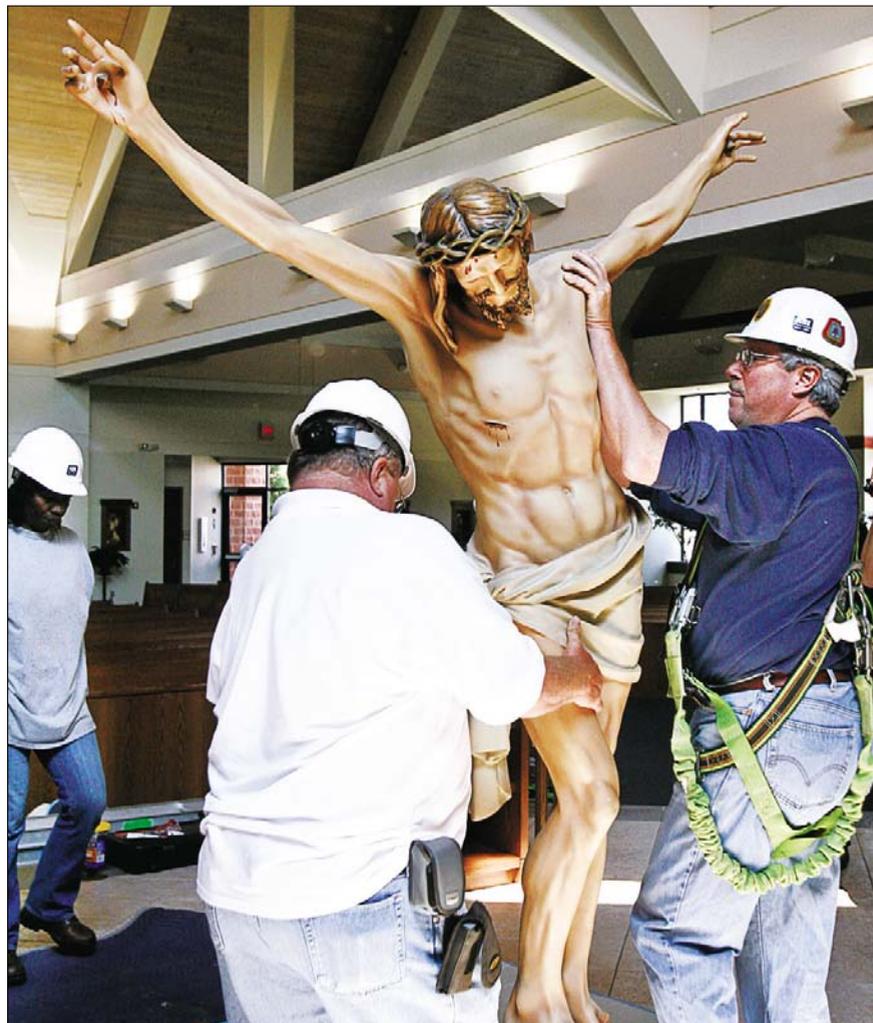
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D.C. Region Readies for Papal Visit

MOVING DAY: Construction workers separate a sculpture of Jesus Christ from a 14-foot-tall cross at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hyattsville, Md., on Thursday. The crucifix is being moved to Nationals Park for Pope Benedict XVI's scheduled Mass on April 17. The pope is set to arrive in Washington on Tuesday for a three-day visit culminating in the Mass.

Va. Tech Families To Settle

Kin of victims agree to deal worth more than \$11 million

ROANOKE, VA. | Most families of victims of the mass shootings at Virginia Tech have agreed to an \$11 million state settlement that will compensate families who lost loved ones, pay survivors' medical costs and avoid a court battle over whether anyone besides the gunman was to blame.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine said Thursday that a "substantial majority" of families of victims of the Virginia Tech shootings agreed to the settlement.

Peter Grenier and Douglas Fierberg, who represent 21 families, said the settlement was worth more than \$11 million, but neither they nor the governor would discuss its terms until final papers are drawn in a few days.

Kaine called the agreement "very positive," but noted that families who have not agreed to it could still sue if they file notice by April 16. Forty families had previously filed notice with the state that they might sue.

Seung-Hui Cho, a mentally disturbed student, killed 32 people and wounded two dozen others at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007, before committing suicide.

SUE LINDSEY (AP)



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BIRTH CONTROL

Parents of Teens Applaud New Method

Massage parlors in an Indonesian town are asking their female masseuses to padlock their skirts and pants to make it clear that sex is not on offer. But the move has been protested by the women's affairs minister of Indonesia, where massage parlors are often a front for prostitution. "It is not the right way to prevent promiscuity," Meutia Swasono was quoted as saying in Thursday's *JakartaPost*. "It insults women... as if they are the ones in the wrong." One parlor in the tourist town of Batu began requiring its masseuses to use the padlocks; others soon followed suit. (AP)



PARANORMAL

Demons Possess Board Members

The Johnson County, Iowa, Board of Supervisors has changed its mind about allowing a paranormal team to look for ghosts at a one-time mental asylum. Board members last month approved an investigation but decided to vote it down in response to negative feedback. The board initially did not oppose a request from the Johnson County Historical Society to have a team conduct a free investigation at the site, which is now a residential care facility for the mentally ill called Chatham Oaks. Among those opposed were Chatham Oaks officials. (AP)



USEFUL

Frog Is So Superficial

A frog that has no lungs and breathes through its skin has been found in a remote part of Indonesia. The aquatic frog *Barbourula kalimantanensis* was found in a remote part of Indonesia's Kalimantan province, said David Bickford, an evolutionary biologist at the National University of Singapore. Bickford said the species is the first frog without lungs known to science and joins a short list of amphibians with this unusual trait. (AP)

THIEVES

With Baby, They Took Candy From It

Police in Cincinnati say a trail of candy and wrappers led them to suspects in

a break-in at a downtown candy store. Four people have been charged with breaking and entering. One of the four also has been charged with child endangerment. Police say 19-year-old Christine Ruther had her 7-week-old

daughter with her when she and three others broke into the Peter Minges & Son candy store Thursday. They are accused of taking about \$400 in candy. The group was arrested a few blocks away. (AP)

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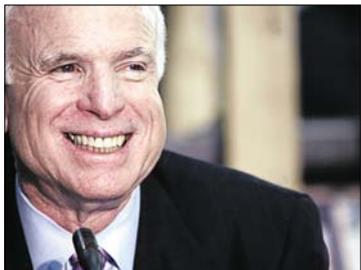


CIRCULAR FILE: An inmate who recently filed more than 60 lawsuits in a day will no longer be able to flood courts in Lancaster County, Neb., with lawsuits. Lancaster County District judges signed an order limiting the inmate to six filings per year. The prisoner has filed 149 lawsuits since January 2007.

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THE ECONOMY

Housing Crisis, Take Two

Two weeks after drawing criticism for saying he favored only a limited federal role to help deal with the home mortgage crisis, Republican presidential candidate John McCain sought to assure Americans he is prepared to use the government where necessary to help ease the fallout from a declining economy.

In an appearance in Brooklyn, McCain addressed the spreading economic downturn with proposals to help families facing foreclosure restructure their mortgages and to give workers who have lost their jobs more flexibility and incentives to seek retraining and a speedier return to the work force.

"Let me make it clear that in these challenging times, I am committed to using all the resources of this government and great nation to create opportunity and make sure that every deserving American has a good job and can achieve their American dream," he said. DAN BALZ

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Source: Cheney, Others OK'd Tactics

White House officials said to have approved harsh interrogations

WASHINGTON | Bush administration officials from Vice President Dick Cheney on down signed off on using harsh interrogation techniques against suspected terrorists after asking the Justice Department to endorse their legality, The Associated Press has learned.

The officials also took care to insulate President Bush from a series of meetings where CIA interrogation methods, including waterboarding, which simulates drowning, were discussed and ultimately approved.

A former senior U.S. intelligence official familiar with the meetings described them Thursday to the AP to confirm details first reported by ABCNews on Wednesday. The intelligence official spoke on condition



MASSOUD HOSSAINI/AP/GETTY IMAGES

A former intelligence official says members of the Bush administration, including Vice President Dick Cheney, signed off on harsh interrogations of terror suspects.

of anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly discuss the issue.

Between 2002 and 2003, the

Justice Department issued several memos from its Office of Legal Counsel that justified using the interrogation tactics, including

ones that critics call torture.

"If you looked at the timing of the meetings and the memos you'd see a correlation," the former intelligence official said. Those who attended the dozens of meetings agreed that "there'd need to be a legal opinion on the legality of these tactics" before using them on al-Qaeda detainees, the former official said.

The meetings were held in the White House Situation Room in the years immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks. Attending the sessions were then-Bush aides Attorney General John Ashcroft, Secretary of State Colin Powell, CIA Director George Tenet and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, the source said.

The White House, Justice and State departments and the CIA refused comment Thursday, as did a spokesman for Tenet. A message for Ashcroft was not immediately returned. LARA JAKES JORDAN (AP)

Anti-Radiation Drug Shows Promise

Medication could help patients recover from cancer treatments

WASHINGTON | Scientists mimicked one of cancer's sneaky tricks to create a drug that promises to prevent a serious side effect of cancer treatment — radiation damage — or serve as an antidote during a

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→ Radiation is a powerful tool to destroy cancer cells. But certain tissues are especially sensitive to it, particularly bone marrow and the gastrointestinal tract. That vulnerability can limit how much radiation physicians are able to give cancer patients.

nuclear emergency.

A single dose of the experimental drug protected both mice and monkeys from what should have been lethal doses of radiation, researchers reported in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*. A study to see whether the compound is safe in people could begin as early as this summer.

It's still early stage research, and

other efforts to create radiation protectants haven't yet panned out. But specialists are closely watching the work — and the government is helping to fund it — because it's a new approach to protecting the body's most radiation-sensitive tissues from being blasted.

"It has important implications for radiation exposure," said Dr. David Kirsch, a Duke University radiation oncologist who wasn't involved in the drug research.

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“None of them are going to have the flexibility of just saying, ‘We’re out of here; turn off the switch; turn off the lights; we’re leaving.’”

—Colin Powell, who says the next president will face limitations on bringing troops out of Iraq

Bush Cuts Tours, Halts Drawdown

President claims that ‘a major strategic shift’ has happened in Iraq

WASHINGTON | President Bush on Thursday ordered an indefinite halt in U.S. troop withdrawals from Iraq after July, embracing the key recommendations of his top war commander. Bush said Gen. David Petraeus will “have all the time he needs” to consider when more American forces could return home.

Bush’s decisions virtually guarantee a major U.S. presence in Iraq throughout his term in office, which ends in January.

The president also announced he will seek to relieve the heavy strain on the Army by reducing the length of combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan to 12 months, down from the current level of 15 months. He said the change would

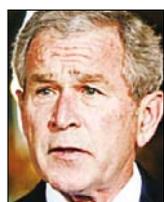
take effect on Aug. 1 and would not affect U.S. forces already deployed on the front lines.

Bush said the United States would proceed with planned drawdowns of U.S. forces, bringing home about 20,000 of the 30,000

troops he sent to Iraq last year to combat sectarian violence. The additional troops were also intended to help restore basic security and provide a sense of calm to allow Iraqi leaders to attempt to achieve political reconciliation.

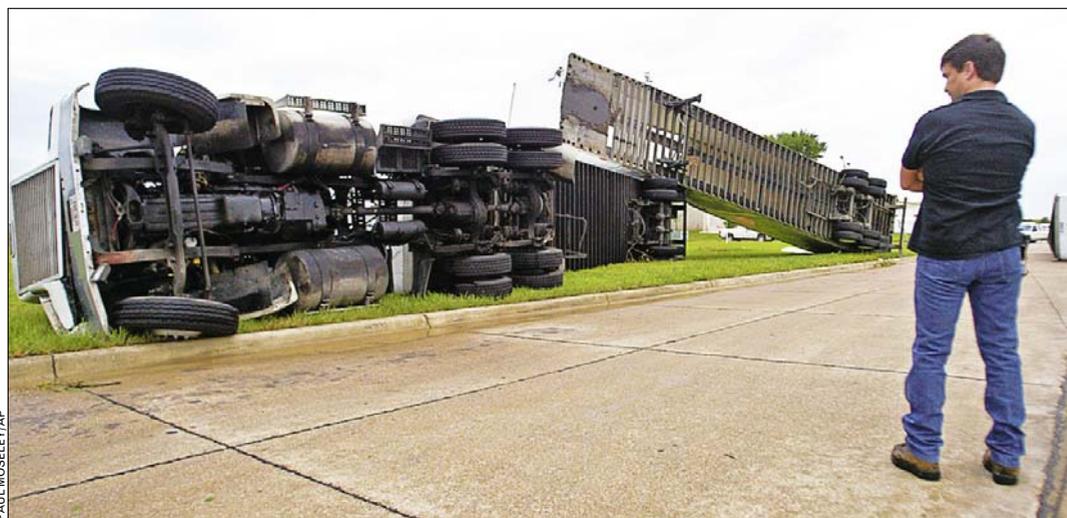
While acknowledging that “serious and complex problems remain in Iraq,” Bush said that “a major strategic shift” has occurred since the buildup. “Today we have the initiative,” the president said.

DEB RIECHMANN (AP)



Bush

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SPRING STORMS: Tim Ellsworth looks at his tractor-trailer, which was flipped on its side by a powerful storm. A band of hail, heavy rain and twisters pounded Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma on Wednesday, damaging hundreds of homes and flooding roads. An apparent tornado with winds of up to 70 mph caused damage throughout west Texas.

WWI Vet to be Buried in Arlington

MORGANTOWN, W.V. | Friends of the last living American-born veteran of World War I have persuaded federal officials to allow the 107-year-old to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery when he dies.

Frank Woodruff Buckles, who met with President Bush in Washington, D.C., last month, had been eligible for cremation and placement in a columbarium at Arlington, but daughter Susannah Flanagan

said Thursday that he preferred a burial.

To be buried underground without the exemption, Buckles would have had to meet a variety of criteria, including earning one of five medals, such as a Purple Heart. Buckles never saw combat. (AP)



ASK BETSY

About Student Loans

This column, contributed by American Student Assistance®, a non-profit that provides student loan borrowers with the education and encouragement they need to successfully manage their debt, is published in *The Express* each month. You can “Ask Betsy” questions about applying for student loans, repaying your loans, or what to do if you’re having trouble paying your loans back. E-mail your questions to askbetsydc@amsa.com.



April is National Financial Literacy Month

Dear Readers, April is National Financial Literacy Month, and it’s a great time to do some financial “spring cleaning.” You may want to take this opportunity to review your credit report for accuracy and check your credit score. Review your credit card statements to make sure you understand your rates and terms. For example, some credit card companies offer great introductory rates, but they may bump those rates up to as much as 29 percent if you are even one day late on your payment! There are some helpful resources out there that can help you get a handle on all your consumer debts and investments, including www.ftc.gov and www.mymoney.gov. So, take a few minutes this month to boost your financial IQ!

Regards,
Betsy

Public Service Degree

Dear Betsy, I have decided to go to school to be a social

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instead of incurring debt. Are there companies in your chosen field that may reimburse you for your loans or classes? Of course you should apply for all the scholarships and grants you can, but in the end you should still make a solid estimation of your anticipated student loan debt, monthly payment, and anticipated salary.

Finally, you should know that Congress has included an economic hardship-based repayment option and public service loan forgiveness program into its recently passed budget reconciliation bill. The details of these programs still have to be worked out, but the idea is that if you make 120 payments on your federal student loans while working for 10 years in a public service job, any remaining balance may be forgiven by the U.S. Department of Education. This is a great program, but buyer beware—after making the 120 payments under this program, your loans will likely already be close to paid in full.

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American Airlines flights are listed at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago Thursday. American canceled more than 900 flights Thursday for inspections.

Plane Groundings Likely to Continue

Safety audits that have canceled thousands of flights only beginning

WASHINGTON | This week's flight cancellations by American Airlines are likely to spread to other U.S. airlines in the weeks ahead as federal regulators step up a by-the-book review of carriers' compliance with maintenance and safety orders issued in recent years.

"If we do uncover any safety issues from these audits, the carriers will have to make a business decision as to how to deal with the issue," Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Les Dorr said.

Midwest Airlines on Thursday became the latest airline to ground planes and cancel flights to re-inspect a wiring harness, the same issue that has forced American to cancel more than 2,400 flights

and Alaska Airlines to cancel about 40 more in recent days.

The first round of safety audits, conducted over a two-week span last month, checked 10 airworthiness directives that apply to each carrier's fleet. Under the second phase, which runs through June 30, individual inspectors will check a random sampling of 10 percent of the orders that apply to each airline's fleet.

Flight delays and cancellations could soon get worse, "particularly for the carriers that have older fleets," said Bob Harrell of New York-based travel and aviation consulting firm Harrell Associates.

FAA spokeswoman Lynn Tierney said the agency is simply doing its job. "We are aware and sympathetic ... 100,000 people being stranded is extraordinary," Tierney said. "But the role is clear, it's a regulator's role and you have to enforce the regulations." DAN CATERINICCHIA (AP)

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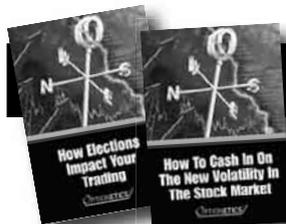
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BIG BEN'S BIG BIRTHDAY: Britain marked the 150th anniversary Thursday of the creation of Big Ben, the massive bell whose bongs sound the hour at the Houses of Parliament. The 15-ton bell was cast on April 10, 1858, at Whitechapel Bell Foundry, although it was another year before it first rang out.

World

Olympics Uproar a 'Crisis'

International Olympic Committee head urges China to respect rights

BEIJING | Crisis. Disarray.

Four months before the opening of what was supposed to be the grandest Olympics in history, the head of the International Olympic Committee is using words that convey anything but joyousness.



Rogge

The protest-marred Olympic torch relay and international criticism

ARGENTINA PREPARES FOR NEXT TORCH RELAY

→ Argentine authorities are deploying 1,300 federal police, 1,500 naval police and about 3,000 traffic police and volunteers to ensure security during Friday's torch run in Buenos Aires.

→ Activists were already preparing protests Thursday and warned of a "surprise." (AP)

icism of China's policies on Tibet, Darfur and human rights have turned the Beijing Games into one of the most politically charged in recent history and presented the IOC with one of its toughest tests

since the 1970s and 1980s.

"It is a crisis, there is no doubt about that," IOC President Jacques Rogge said Thursday. "But the IOC has weathered ... bigger storms."

At the same time, Rogge called on China to respect its "moral engagement" to improve human rights and to fulfill promises of greater media freedom. He also reaffirmed the right of free speech for athletes at the Beijing Games.

Meanwhile, the Dalai Lama said he is willing to support the Beijing Olympics, but China cannot suppress protests in Tibet with violence or tell those calling for more freedom in his homeland "to shut up." STEPHEN WILSON (AP)



Iraqi men point at the wreckage of a building damaged by a U.S. airstrike in Baghdad on Thursday. Fighting between Shiite militants and U.S.-Iraqi forces eased.

Iraqi Leader Attempts To Isolate Sadrists

PM receives a show of support during a lull in group clashes

BAGHDAD | Iraq's prime minister received a show of support from political leaders of both Muslim sects on Thursday as he moved to isolate anti-U.S. Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and his followers.

The meeting drew warnings from Sadrist lawmakers that the government's effort against them could backfire even as fighting

between Shiite militants and U.S.-Iraqi forces eased somewhat after days of fierce clashes in Sadr City.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki convened the meeting to discuss the Iraqi-led crackdown on militias that began March 25 in Basra. The Sadrists' absence signaled that al-Maliki was making good on a threat to try to isolate the movement if its Mahdi Army is not disbanded.

The U.S. military announced that an American soldier was killed by a roadside bomb Wednesday in Baghdad. KIM GAMEL (AP)

Immigrants Suffocate in Thai Truck

RANONG, THAILAND | Villagers who discovered a truck abandoned by its driver in the sweltering heat found evidence of the brutal cost of human trafficking: 121 illegal immigrants from Myanmar jammed inside, almost half of them dead.

Police were searching Thursday for the driver and clues to who arranged the ill-fated journey by the desperate job-seekers headed to the Thai resort island of Phuket.

Survivors inside the truck told police the group traveled Wednesday

night by fishing boat to Ranong, Thailand, before they were loaded into a truck normally used to carry seafood, locked inside and forced to ride standing up.

The migrants were on the road for about two hours when passengers started collapsing, survivors said. (AP)

THAILAND | ELEPHANTS SOAK CELEBRANTS



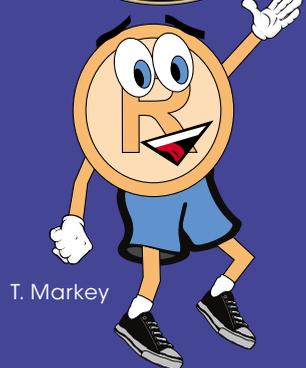
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WATER FIGHT OF MAMMOTH PROPORTIONS: Elephants spray water at people during a celebration for the upcoming Thai New Year in Ayutthaya, Thailand, on Thursday. The three-day holiday includes a water festival.

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World



Women line up to cast ballots in Nepal's election in Katmandu, Nepal, on Thursday. Citizens voted to elect an assembly to rewrite the nation's constitution.

Nepalis Embrace Historic Election

First vote in 9 years meant to secure peace; millions cast ballots

KATMANDU, NEPAL | Nepalis embraced the country's return to democracy Thursday with millions voting in an election meant to secure lasting peace in a land riven by communist insurgents and an autocratic king.

Undeterred by shootings and clashes that killed two people, many voters lined up before sunrise outside polling stations across this Himalayan land. Some even broke into applause when voting began.

With the rebels out of the bush and contesting the vote and the monarch — the world's last Hindu king — likely to soon lose his throne, millions saw Nepal's first election in nine years as a moment too historic to miss. An estimated 60 percent of the 17.6 million voters cast ballots

at 20,000 polling stations.

But the violence — including the slaying of an independent candidate — shows how hard it will be to forge true peace in this often ill-governed and violent country.

The election of a 601-seat Constituent Assembly to write a new constitution has been touted as the cornerstone of a 2006 peace deal with former rebels, known as the Maoists, following weeks of unrest that forced Nepal's king to cede power.

In the two years since, Nepal has seen an armed uprising by ethnic minority groups — unrest that twice delayed the vote.

The election campaign was marked by clashes between rival parties. In the two days before the vote, eight people were killed.

Authorities were forced to postpone balloting until a later date at 33 polling places, an election commissioner said. MATTHEW ROSENBERG (AP)

Israel Cuts off Gaza Fuel Source

JERUSALEM | Israel on Thursday cut off the only source of fuel to Gaza's 1.4 million residents after a deadly Palestinian raid on the Israeli fuel depot, deepening the seaside territory's hardship. The territory's Islamic Hamas rulers warned that more attacks will follow, as resentment grows over a

months-old Israeli blockade.

The cutoff that followed the brazen daylight attack on the only fuel transfer point into Gaza brought charges that Islamic extremists were trying to provoke another round of violence, while putting Israel in the untenable position of appearing to cause a humanitarian crisis. (AP)

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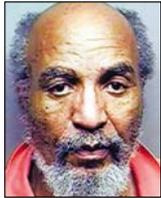
Local

In Brief

LEESBURG, VA.

Jury Convicts Civil Rights Leader on Incest Charge

A jury on Thursday convicted an iconic figure in the civil rights movement of incest, after concluding that he had sex with his teenage daughter 15 years ago. The Rev. James L. Bevel, 71, a top lieutenant to Martin Luther King Jr. who is also credited with helping to conceive and organize the Million Man March, faces up to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced. The four-day trial in Loudoun County Circuit Court included bizarre testimony about Bevel's philosophies for eradicating lust, and parents' duty to "sexually orient" their children. (AP)



Bevel

WASHINGTON

American History Museum Delays Opening to November

The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History is scheduled to reopen in November. The museum, which has been closed since 2006 for major renovations, initially was to reopen this summer. On Wednesday, Acting Smithsonian Secretary Cristian Samper told a congressional committee that unexpected asbestos and lead paint caused setbacks for the project. The museum is being redesigned with a special gallery to showcase the Star-Spangled Banner and a skylight to bring more light into a central atrium. Even with the museum's being closed, the Smithsonian says it counted 24.2 million visitors in 2007. (AP)

6 Charged for Guns in Md. School

20-year-old, 5 Einstein High students gathered to examine stolen guns

KENSINGTON, MD. | Six people have been charged after a gun went off and other weapons were found in a Montgomery County high school, police said Thursday.

Five students at Albert Einstein High School ranging in age from 14 to 17 were charged in connection with Wednesday's incident, along

with a 20-year-old who does not attend the school. The charges include burglary, reckless endangerment and gun infractions.

Police say a handgun went off accidentally in a boy's bathroom where five students had gathered to examine guns they planned to sell. No one was injured, but the school was locked down for several hours.

Three guns were later found during a police search, along with knives and martial arts weapons.

The guns were allegedly stolen from the home of one of those charged, a 15-year-old girl. County police said the girl and her 15-year-old boyfriend took the guns to school in hopes of selling them.

The boyfriend was showing the guns to possible buyers when a 14-year-old boy accidentally pulled a trigger.

Police said a fourth stolen gun was given to Raul Garcia, 20, of Silver Spring, who considered buying the gun. He faces several gun relat-

ed charges.

The 14-year-old and the two 15-year-olds were charged as juveniles. Police also charged Jose Ramos, 16, of Silver Spring and Geovani Lazabara, 17, of Silver Spring as adults.

Authorities do not know what the buyers planned to do with the guns, but said those involved in the sale had ties to two gangs. There was also reportedly "friction" between gangs last week at Einstein, according to police. (AP)

ARLINGTON, VA. | A MEMORABLE FLYOVER



SKY-HIGH: A flyover is held at the U. S. Air Force Memorial in Arlington, Va., in honor of the American Air Museum in Britain on Thursday. A Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress "Fuddy Duddy," left, is followed by a Curtiss Wright P-40 Kittyhawk and a North American P-51D Mustang.

TRACY A. WOODWARD/TWP

Navy Officer Says She Was Palfrey Call Girl

A Navy officer testified in federal court Thursday that she moonlighted as a call girl for Deborah Jeane Palfrey's escort service in 2004, when the military says she was assigned to the Naval Academy as a supply officer.

Lt. Cmdr. Rebecca C. Dickinson, 38, whom the Navy says has been placed on leave "pending further administrative action" by the military, told a jury in U.S. District Court that she used the name "Renee" while having sex for

money with male clients of Palfrey's now-defunct firm, Pamela Martin & Associates.

Dickinson, who joined the Navy as an enlisted sailor in 1986 and was commissioned an officer in 1993, after graduating from Auburn University, was the 13th admitted ex-call girl to testify since Tuesday in the government's case against Palfrey, who is charged with racketeering and money laundering.

PAUL DUGGAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Thursday, April 10

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	8-3-2
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	8-6-5
Mid-day DC 4	8-7-9-0
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	1-3-2-6
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	6-17-18-25-30
Daily 6 (Wed.)	11-19-21-25-29-36 Bonus: 23
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	10-15-17-26-35 (3)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	4-0-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-6-9
Mid-day Pick 4	0-0-9-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-9-2-5
Match 5 (Wed.)	7-13-23-29-37 Bonus: 17
Lotto (Wed.)	1-4-20-26-29-40

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	9-3-4
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-6-4
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	5-1-7-9

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-8-4-1
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	9-11-19-20-27
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	17-19-24-30-32
Win for Life (Wed.)	1-6-14-34-35-40

MULTI-STATE GAMES

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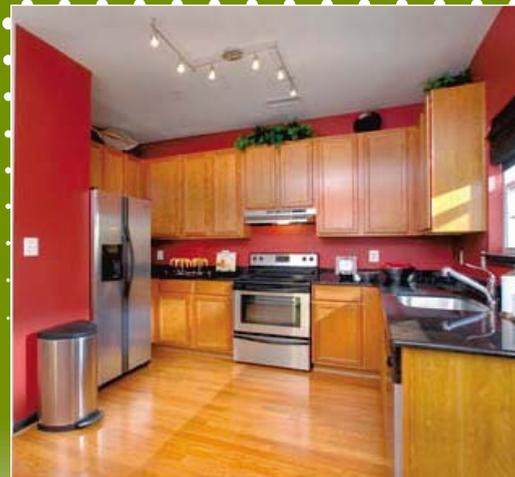
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Money

Ailing Lenders Opting Out of Student Loans

Programs are being abandoned in droves as credit crisis mounts

WASHINGTON | Lenders are dropping out of the federally backed student loan business in droves, fleeing an environment squeezed of cash because of the credit crunch.

The call for government action is getting louder, just as the pile of loan applications gets higher on the desks and kitchen tables of students headed to college next year.

Forty-six student lenders have stopped making federally guaranteed student loans, either temporarily or permanently.

Distress in the \$330 billion market for auction-rate securities

in recent months has rippled into the student loan market, and several states have suspended their college loan programs.

Against the backdrop of the housing and financial market turmoil and the \$30 billion federal rescue of stricken investment bank Bear Stearns Cos., politicians are making the case that access to education, like homeownership, is a vital social goal that deserves protection.

"There is a growing concern in Congress," said Sarah Flanagan, vice president of government relations at the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. "We don't know if we're over the hump or if this is going to be a crisis." MARCY GORDON (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IkonOffSol	9.94	+2.10	+26.8
Xerium	2.09	+0.32	+18.1
ChrisBnk	11.45	+1.61	+16.4
GraphPkg	3.03	+0.34	+12.6
NwstAir n	10.87	+1.22	+12.6

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Tween	17.91	-5.27	-22.7
IrwinFin	4.27	-0.70	-14.1
Tefron	3.58	-0.38	-9.6
Feldman If	2.57	-0.26	-9.2
StageStrs	14.12	-1.32	-8.5

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MillPhar	24.34	+7.99	+48.9
ForcePro	3.33	+0.80	+31.6
FCStone s	36.90	+6.31	+20.6
MMC En n	2.75	+0.43	+18.5
Iomai	2.33	+0.01	+0.4

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Pantry	11.35	-4.85	-29.9
Mod-Pac	4.14	-1.10	-21.0
SuperMicro	7.63	-1.80	-19.1
Globalstar	4.10	-0.80	-16.3
EuroBncsh	4.61	-0.82	-15.1

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5070	.5063	.5072
Canadian Dollar	1.0177	1.0194	1.1475
European Euro	.6352	.6318	.7449
Japanese Yen	102.04	102.04	119.12
Mexican Peso	10.5374	10.5820	11.0010
Taiwanese Dollar	30.40	30.49	33.12

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Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	53.91	+0.04	-4.0
Allergan s	57.96	-0.29	-9.8
AstraZen	40.35	+0.27	-5.8
BarrPhm	51.54	+0.24	-2.9
BrMySq	22.09	+0.58	-15.7
Cephln	64.89	+0.67	-9.6
ForestLab	40.64	+1.00	+11.5
Hospira	42.03	-0.61	-1.4
JohnJn	66.33	+0.04	-6
LillyEli	52.39	+0.62	-1.9
Merck	41.71	+0.77	-28.2
Pfizer	20.92	+0.03	-8.0
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7 P.M. The Orioles try to continue their hot start against the Rays. MASN2

7:35 P.M. John Smoltz takes the mound for the Braves against the Nats. MASN

8 P.M. The Wizards head to Detroit fighting for a good playoff seed. Ch. 8

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1 P.M. Nationals Park hosts its first afternoon game of the year. MASN

7 P.M. The 76ers are just behind the Wizards in the playoff standings heading into the last weekend of the regular season. CSN

7 P.M. Will Daniel Cabrera ever get back on track? He'll try against Tampa Bay. MASN

7 P.M. The NCAA champion will be crowned on Saturday night. Of course, we're talking about college hockey. ESPN

→ sunday

1:35 P.M. Say goodbye to the Nats, who hit the road after Sunday's series finale with the Braves. MASN

1:40 P.M. The Orioles wrap up a six-game road trip with an afternoon game at Tampa Bay. MASN2

2 P.M. Game 2 of the Caps' first-round series against the Flyers is on national TV. NBC

2:30 P.M. The Masters is on all weekend, with Sunday coverage beginning in the early afternoon. CBS



The Capitals celebrate on the bench after beating the Florida Panthers to win the Southeast Division and earn a playoff berth.

The Next Step

Capitals must keep the sense of urgency they used to get here

CAPITALS | The emotion of the Washington Capitals' historic charge to the NHL playoffs has been well documented, told in part by the screaming sellout crowds that filled Verizon Center during the final week of the regular season.

The North American media have caught on and can't seem to get enough of the charismatic young superstar with a flair for the dramatic, the accompanying 'Young Guns,' the unassuming

minor league coach who rescued the league's worst team and the blogging owner who had the foresight to rebuild from scratch. The stories tell themselves.

Friday night, after a league-long six-day wait, the Caps will begin skating for an even happier ending, and they'll find out whether the intensity that captivated the hockey world and carried them to

the 15 wins in 19 games they needed to clinch the Southeast Division title will be sustainable in a best-of-seven against the gritty Philadelphia Flyers.

The Caps couldn't afford a loss during the stretch run — "We had to win seven in a row at the end just to get in and they are all playoff game sevens," coach Bruce Boudreau said — and certainly seemed

thrilled to reach the postseason for the first time since 2003.

Now, they can afford three defeats before facing elimination and again must summon the desperation that carried them to this point.

"It's great, as long as we understand that this is only one phase of what we want to accomplish," Boudreau said.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

→ Bruce Boudreau's first game as the Capitals' coach was a 4-3 overtime win over the Flyers on Nov. 23, one day after Glen Hanlon was fired on Thanksgiving. At that point, he was just an interim coach. But the Caps started out with two straight wins and went 6-3-1 in his first 10 games. Since then, the team has only gotten better, leading Boudreau to coach in his first playoff series — against the Flyers again.

A peek at some of the statistics associated with the Caps' run suggests there may be more than just will and "character" associated with the resurgent club. I

In addition to the league's leading goal and point scorer (Ovechkin), the Caps have boasted a defense whose 2.07 goals against average over the last 30 games would have been the NHL's best for the season. It was 1.85 over the final 20. The team's 37-17-7 record under Boudreau would be equivalent to 109 points over a full season, good for second in the NHL.

GM George McPhee called the Caps run "the greatest thing I've ever been around in hockey." Now they'll have to regroup and top themselves.

"I tell you, this is only one step," Ovechkin said after qualifying. "We don't have to stop. It's just the beginning for our team. We make a new level and get more experience right now." BRIAN STRAUS



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FOOTBALL | **Another thing he's not good at** Former QB Jay Fiedler made his pro beach volleyball debut Thursday and lost in the first round of qualifying for the Miami Open. Fiedler and Marcos Macau, who were seeded 32nd, lost to top-seeded qualifiers Russ Marchewka and



Mike Placek 21-13, 21-14. "I was a little nervous that I would come out here and embarrass myself," Fiedler said. "But I think I made a good showing." Fiedler said he practiced once for the match and otherwise played volleyball only at summer camps and in gym class. (AP)

Slow Climb Back for Hill

Nats' potential ace could rejoin the team as early as next week

NATIONALS | Shawn Hill is coming back — slowly.

The Nationals' would-be ace right-hander pitched five shutout innings in a rehab assignment Tuesday for Class-A Potomac. But Hill, recovering from an elbow injury and lingering forearm discomfort, will miss his targeted season debut date on Sunday. He'll be throwing, but rather than facing the Atlanta



Pitcher Shawn Hill threw five shutout innings for Class-A Potomac on Tuesday.

arm injuries. He hasn't appeared in more than 20 games in a season since 2003, though when healthy he's demonstrated the potential to be a front-line starter. At his best, his sinker has forced hitter after hitter to beat the ball into the ground.

If he's to return to such form, he may have to do it by pitching through discomfort. He's optimistic, however, that he won't have to do that much longer.

"It's been getting better. It's not gone. I still have a little discomfort, a little tightness, but very little of that sharp pain that I had," he said earlier this week.

If all goes well Sunday, Hill is expected to promptly rejoin the Nationals' rotation. And since Acta has said the team won't carry six starters, the Nationals will have a decision to make. Among the candidates to be sent down are left-hander John Lannan, who was originally slated to start the season with Columbus, and left-hander Matt Chico — both of whom are scheduled to pitch this weekend.

Acta, though, is not tipping his hand. He first needs Hill to prove himself fully healthy. Then he'll make the tough call.

"Every decision we make when it involves the guys is difficult," he said. "But we've still got to do it."

DEREK TURNER

PITCHING MATCHUPS



Matt Chico

- Throws: Left
- Fastball: Low 90s
- Best Pitch: Fastball

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'08 NL	11.1	5.56	0	1	14	7	3	9
'07 NL	167.0	4.63	7	9	183	86	74	94



John Smoltz

- Throws: Right
- Fastball: Mid 90s
- Best Pitch: Slider

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'08 NL	5.0	0.00	1	0	2	0	2	6
'07 NL	205.2	3.11	14	8	196	71	47	197

GAME What a difference 16 years makes. Forty-year-old Braves starter John Smoltz was lights-out in his first start, allowing no runs in five innings. Compare that to Matt Chico, 24, who takes the mound opposite Smoltz on Friday. Chico gave up seven earned runs in his first two starts this season.

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Braves at Nationals Park, Hill will be taking on the Charlotte Knights while pitching for the Class AAA Columbus Clippers.

Manager Manny Acta said the club is looking to see that Hill maintains his velocity and that his pitches are sharp.

If the Nationals are acting in an abundance of caution, it's no surprise, considering Hill's history of

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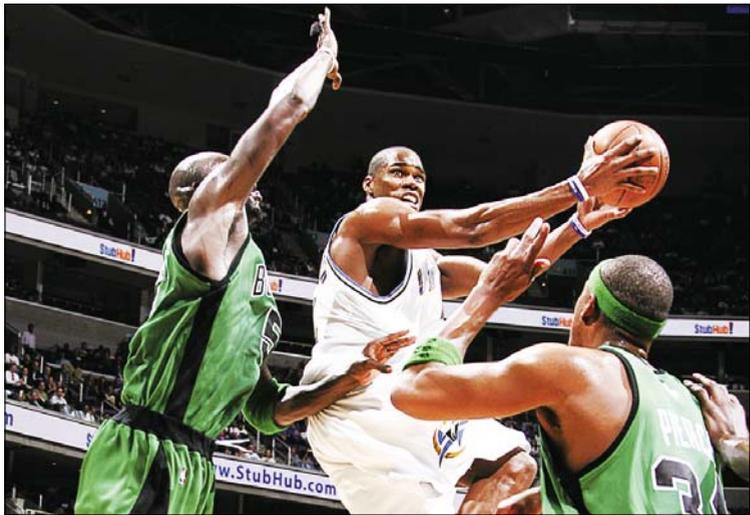
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Antawn Jamison scored 27 points in Washington's win over Boston on Wednesday.

Gang's All Here In Washington

Wizards have everyone healthy, but what will it mean for the team?

WIZARDS | Gilbert Arenas walks diagonally through the room sporting gigantic headphones. Antawn Jamison makes a quick cameo at his locker. Caron Butler is nowhere to be found.

Translation: For the first time since November, the Wizards' Big Three are all back to doing their pre-game routines on the same night. What that will mean for a Wizards team that's survived the season on duct tape and grit is still unclear.

"We still have to get the chemistry part down pat. I don't believe the psychological part [of having everyone healthy] takes you to another level," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said. "If it does, it's only for a little while."

Even though the Big Three are back together, they're still using a little of that duct tape. Butler — who has missed 21 games this season due to a litany of injuries — is playing through some pain. Jamison missed two games after hurting his right shoulder in a loss to Milwaukee last week. Arenas, who missed 66 games after a second surgery on his left knee, sat out the second half of a back-to-back last weekend for precautionary reasons and is still limited to 24 minutes per game.

"The fact that Gilbert's com-

ing off the bench and playing with another group of rotation guys — I like that idea," Jordan said. "I think it's very exciting, and it adds another dimension to the opponent's thinking. Who comes off their bench to match up with a Gilbert Arenas?"

When Arenas slides into the lineup, the tempo is reminiscent of last year's midseason run. Arenas immediately sped up the game entering Wednesday's contest, looking to either dish or penetrate every time he brought the

THE HARD WAY

The Wizards should have a good idea of what the playoffs hold by mid-April, with three of their last four games against potential foes:

- Friday: at the Pistons (55-23)
- Saturday: vs. the 76ers (40-38)
- Monday: vs. the Pacers (34-44)
- Wednesday: vs. the Magic (49-29)

ball up the court in the early going. His behind-the-back bounce pass to Andray Blatche on the break brought the crowd to its feet.

Still, that flash came against Boston's reserves, many of whom won't be seeing significant crunch-time minutes in the playoffs. After all, Boston's Big Three — Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and Paul Pierce — eventually came back and erased Washington's lead.

"We can't go out there saying, 'The gang's all here and it will fall into place,'" Jordan said.

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Wiz Hit Stride Before Playoffs

ADMITTEDLY, WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S game at Verizon Center meant a whole lot more to the Wizards, who are hoping to somehow secure the No. 4 seed in the East, than to the NBA-best Boston Celtics, who are just trying to not get injured.

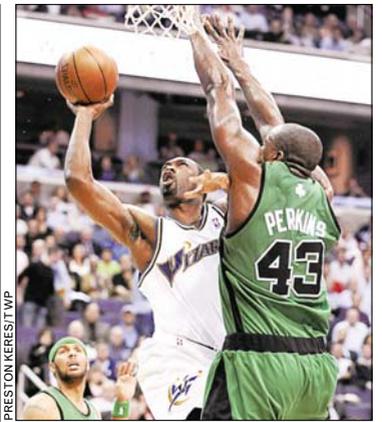
Yet there is no discounting the Wizards' decisive victory as an encouraging sign for a team that limped into the postseason a year ago.

It seems Washington is getting healthy at the right time this season. Curse? What curse?

Gilbert Arenas has adjusted to his part-time role as the league's best sixth man, and Antawn Jamison left little doubt about his bad shoulder, scoring 27 points against Boston.

The Wizards now stand as the only team to beat the Celtics three times this season, a year when Agent Zero had zero impact due to injury until recently.

A rematch with the Cavaliers appears to be Washington's destiny. The big question: Who will get home-court advantage?



Gilbert Arenas, left, came off the bench and scored 13 points against the Celtics.

Certainly, the Wizards are playing better than the Cavs, who apparently miscalculated with their terrible deadline-day trades in February.

Washington exudes confidence that it can exorcise its postseason demons against King James' gang. Revenge may taste sweet, and, given the regular season results, a Wizards-Celtics second-round series should be, at the very least, intriguing.

In the East, anything is possible. Washington's stars may even stay healthy long enough to play a best-of-seven series together.

Self Spurns OK State, Inks Deal With Kansas

COLLEGE HOOPS | Bill Self has reached an agreement on a new contract with Kansas, just days after leading the Jayhawks to their first NCAA basketball title in 20 years.

Self met with athletic director Lew Perkins on Wednesday and Thursday, and they emerged at an afternoon news conference to say they had reached general agreement on a deal that is still being finalized. The deal would replace the contract extension Self signed last year that pays him \$1.375 million annually.

"I don't know what the big deal is, to be honest," Self said, referring to the speculation over his future. "These last three weeks, four weeks, have been an absolute whirlwind.

... I don't know if a guy deserves to have as much fun as I've had."

Self has indicated several times since winning the NCAA championship on Monday night that he was inclined to remain at Kansas. There



Self

has been speculation that Oklahoma State, where he played and coached, might make a mega-bucks offer to lure him away.

Self's new deal is likely to make him one of college basketball's highest-paid coaches. Florida coach Billy Donovan signed a six-year contract worth \$3.5 million per year in 2007. (AP)

Under the Radar

Phil Mickelson has the game to beat Tiger at Augusta National

GOLF | It's easy to get carried away with Tiger Woods at Augusta National, or any other place, for that matter. Will he win a fifth green jacket? Will he get started on a Grand Slam?

But let's not forget another guy who knows his way around Bobby Jones' layout.

Over the last four years, Phil Mickelson has achieved more Masters wins (two) than Woods (one). Lefty, who was 1-under through 15 on Thursday, is certainly on the short list of people with a chance to stop Woods' seemingly inevitable march to a fifth title here. Woods finished even on Thursday, four back of early leader Justin Rose.

Mickelson feels at home at a course where he sank an 18-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole to claim his first major championship in 2004, and followed it up with another green jacket two



CHRIS O'NEAR/AP

Phil Mickelson was 1-under through 15 holes, one shot ahead of Tiger Woods.

years ago.

"I love this tournament," he said, "and I love when I get here, how you don't have to be perfect. You don't have to hit everything well to be able to score well."

He's describing his own game, of course, a perplexing mix of brilliant shots and indefensible gaffes. This

is the guy who will attempt swings in the heat of a tournament that no one else would even try on the practice range. This is also the guy who said this about himself, "I'm such an idiot," after throwing away the 2006 U.S. Open and losing a chance to go for a Grand Slam of his own.

Which brings us to Augusta, as pristine a spot as you'll find on the planet, but pocked with all sorts of idiosyncrasies that reward creativity as much as consistency. Back when he was still the best player never to win a major, Mickelson always felt this would be the tournament where he broke through.

"You have to be able to miss it on the proper sides of the greens, and you have to have a great short game," Mickelson said, describing himself to a T. "You have to get up and down from on and around the greens. Those have always been the areas of my game that I feel the most comfortable with, which is probably why I always believed before I had won a major that this would be my best opportunity to win one."

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Dangerous Game

United hopes to avoid a post-CONCACAF slump this season

UNITED | A year ago, a heartbreaking semifinal loss in the CONCACAF Champions Cup sent D.C. United on a three-game MLS losing streak, its longest of the season. On the surface, Wednesday's elimination by Pachuca had all the right ingredients to knock United for a similar loop — a late comeback falling just short, controversial refereeing, an angry coach and little time to get ready before Saturday's game in Salt Lake City.

"You have to fight through these. It's disappointing, but tomorrow's another day. Saturday is another game," coach Tom Soehn said. "We have to move on, and we have to move on in a hurry."

The 2-1 win over the reigning regional champs wasn't enough to overturn a 2-0 loss in Mexico. Luciano Emilio missed a couple of sitters, an obvious penalty kick foul



Rod Dyachenko scored one of United's two goals, but it was not enough to win.

on Fred went uncalled, and, after blasting the ref in his postgame comments, Soehn took a shot at MLS Commissioner Don Garber, who had lamented United's first-leg performance.

"I want to thank our commissioner for motivating us [with] some slighted comments he had against us," Soehn said, adding that he "appreciate[d]" Garber's "analysis."

But it isn't all bad. In fact, United (1-1-0 in MLS) played very well against the continent's best club and easily could have advanced. A newly organized three-man back line featuring newcomers Gonzalo Martinez and Gonzalo Peralta was brilliant, demonstrating D.C.'s early season versatility, and midfielder Marcelo Gallardo seemed more comfortable than ever directing a United attack that showed it could create chances against a good team, even if it couldn't finish them.

And, that night, they won. "We're still winning," Jaime Moreno said. "We didn't get enough goals to get to the final, but we just continue, and we have to keep working hard because it's a long season. ... I think we have a good team. We have to try to concentrate on MLS and get good results." BRIAN STRAUS

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Sports | Weekend

A Quick Learner

Hoyas recruit Braswell knows he will have to work for playing time

CAPITAL CLASSIC | Months before his freshman year begins, Chris Braswell is already learning from the experienced players at Georgetown.

The former Dematha product, who played at Hargrave Military Academy this year, watched the Hoyas as his former high school teammate Austin Freeman — the school's star recruit last season — sat on the bench, not starting until 11 games into the season. And he watched what happened when Freeman got his chance: By the end of the season, Freeman had started 23 games and finished fifth on the team in minutes.

"Coming in as a freshman, playing time is not guaranteed," Braswell said. "Austin played his role and went from not starting to starting. That's what I plan on doing."

It's a good lesson to learn early because next year's team is filled



Chris Braswell, right, will be reunited with high school teammate Austin Freeman.

with young talent after three straight years of top 25 recruiting classes. Georgetown's incoming class is ranked No. 3 in the country by Rivals.com. It's led by forward Greg Monroe, the No. 1 overall prospect, and rounded out by Braswell (No. 61 overall), center Henry Sims (62) and guard Jason Clark (87).

Braswell and Clark, who have known each other for years, team up against Sims in this weekend's Capital Classic, a local all-star game that

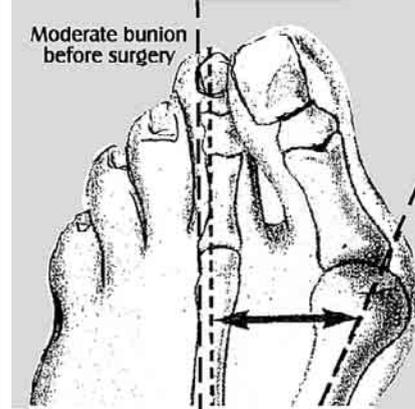
often features some of the game's top stars. Sims is playing for the U.S. All-Stars during Sunday's 2:30 p.m. game at the University of Maryland's Comcast Center, and the other two will take the court for the Capital All-Stars. Next year, they'll all be on the same side.

"I think we can go to the Final Four," Braswell said, perhaps a bit prematurely. "We have a lot of top players who need to come together as one." **IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)**

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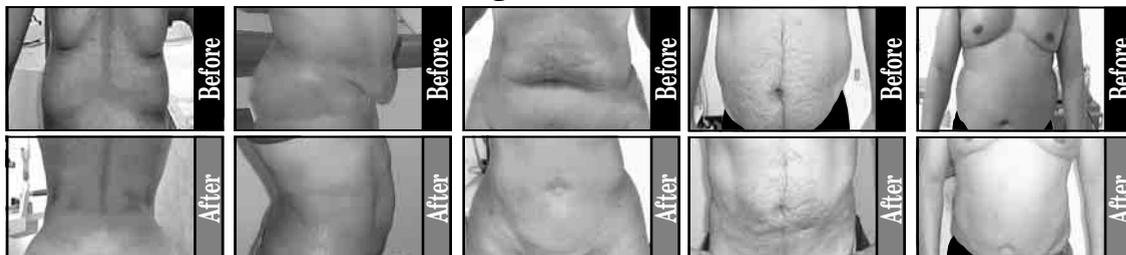


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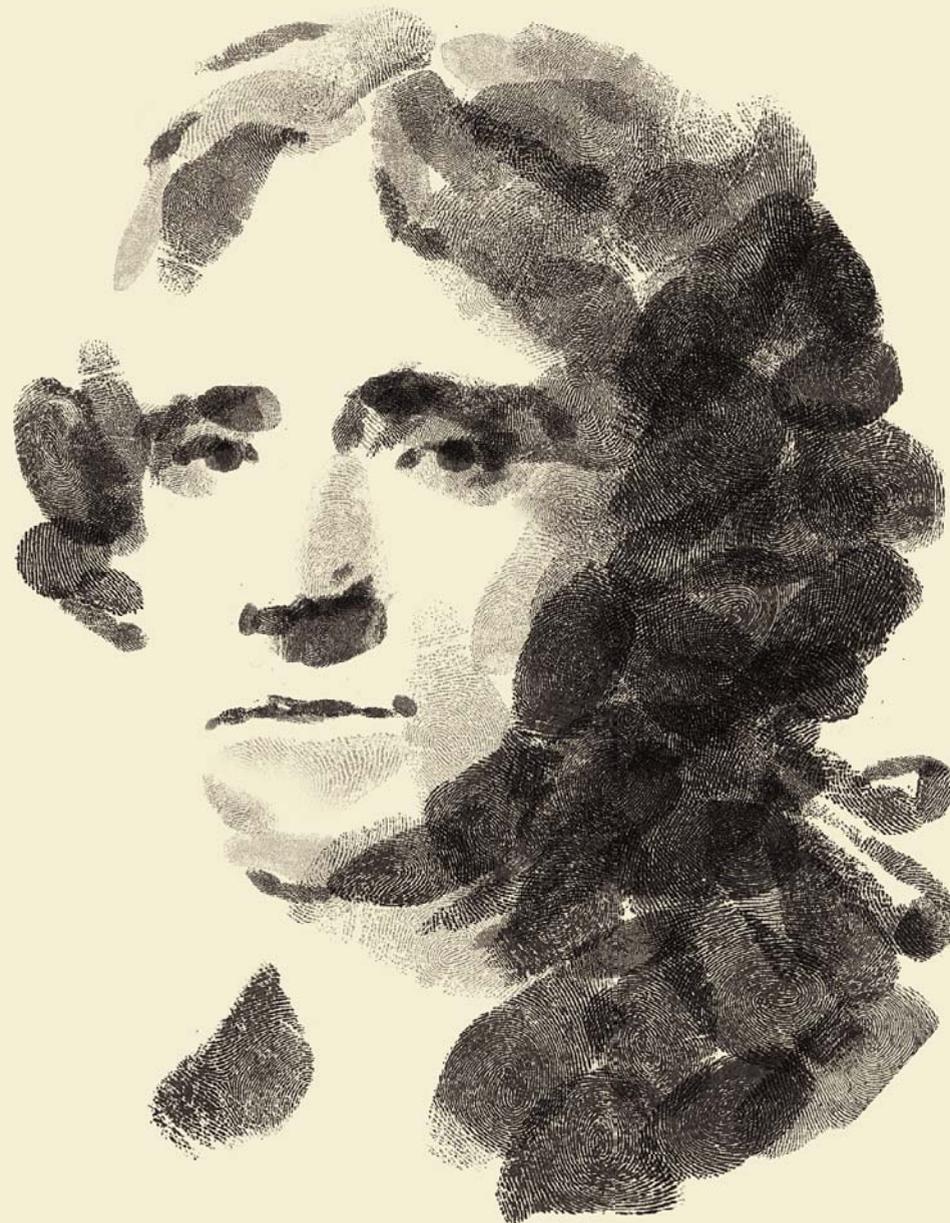
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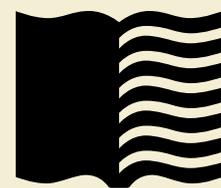
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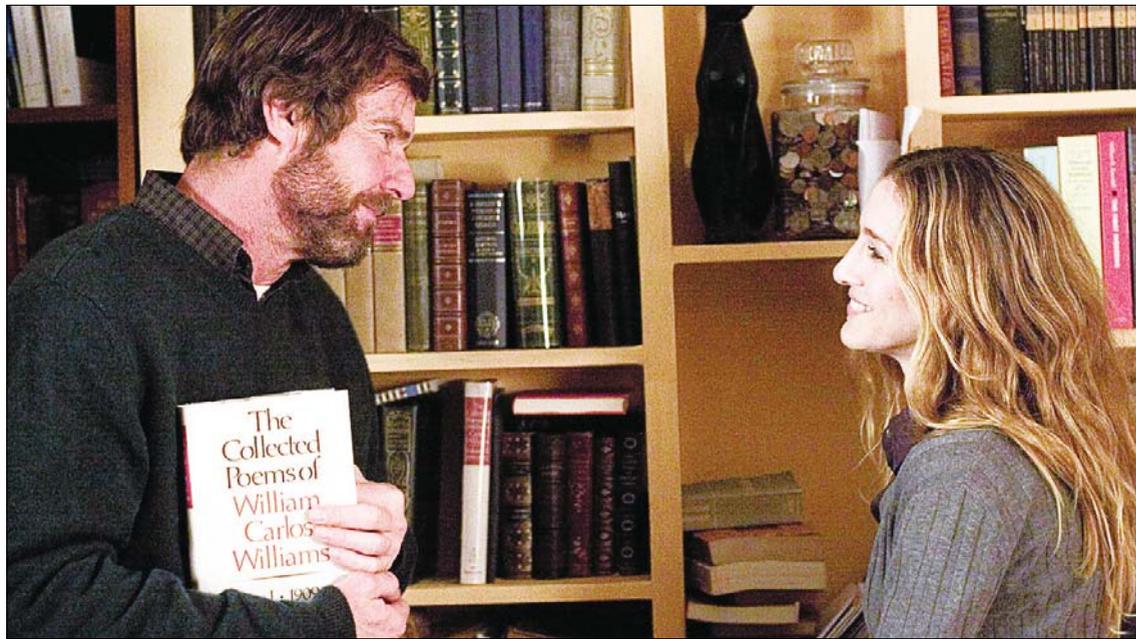


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Entertainment Weekend



THE PERILS OF OVEREDUCATION: Dennis Quaid and Sarah Jessica Parker find semi-dysfunctional love in "Smart People."

Smart Enough

Parker and Quaid shine in a film that's contrived but likeable

FILM | "Smart People" isn't as smart as it thinks it is, despite some wickedly snappy dialogue. Novelist-turned-screenwriter Mark Poirier gives the capable, eclectic cast some real zingers to play with, but he also loads his script with some

plot contrivances that are simply too hard to accept.

Dennis Quaid plays against type as acerbic, self-absorbed English professor Lawrence Wetherhold, who infamously has forgotten the names of his students at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh for decades.

A bump on the head he suffers while trying to get his car out of the campus impound lot (again)

lands him in the hospital, where the chief emergency room doctor, Janet Hartigan (Sarah Jessica Parker), just happens to be one of his former students. Naturally, he doesn't remember her either, even though she harbored a schoolgirl crush on him. (Inexplicably, she also held onto the freshman essay on which he gave her a "C" several years ago.)

At the same time, his scam-art-

ist adopted brother, Chuck (Thomas Haden Church), just happens to show up and move in with Lawrence and his teenage daughter, Vanessa (Ellen Page), a Young Republican who's obsessed with getting into Stanford. Lawrence also has a son, a Carnegie Mellon student (Ashton Holmes) who lives in the dorms and doesn't get much to do.

Longtime commercial director Noam Murro keeps things moving along at a decent clip in his feature debut, but it's hard to shake the feeling that you've seen this kind of indie dysfunctional-family comedy countless times before.

All these figures will clearly shape Lawrence for the better, but not without some major resistance from this ruffled, middle-aged blowhard. And they're all viciously verbal, so they're up for the challenge of sparring with him — and each other.

Lawrence also inspires some stirrings in the uptight Vanessa, getting her high and drunk when she should be studying. She's a girl whose mantra is: "You should really make your bed; it sets the tone for the whole day." Even though the character is far more politically and socially conservative than Juno MacGuff, the role that earned Page an Oscar nomination and made her an instant star, they're similar enough in terms of quick-witted temperament and deadpan delivery that you wonder what other kinds of characters she's capable of inhabiting.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Got Plans?

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For an unusual treat, give the Latino dim sum brunch at Café Atlantico a whirl.

My mom is coming to D.C. this weekend, and I am looking for a good brunch place for Sunday.

Cashion's Sunday brunch is always a hit. Colorado Kitchen's isn't as fancy but is just as good for typical brunch fare (and delicious doughnuts). For something a little different, try the latino dim sum brunch at Café Atlantico.

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- *Colorado Kitchen*, 5515 Colorado Ave. NW; 202-545-8280.
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Any tips on good trivia nights?

I'd say my favorites are Smart Ass at Nellie's, Bedrock Billiards and Wonderland's.

- *Nellie's Sports Bar*, 900 U St. NW; Wed., 8 & 9 p.m., free; 202-332-6355. (U St.-Cardozo)
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A Senseless Act of Violence

'Street Kings' has a ridiculous script and a whole lot of guns

FILM | The clichés and laughably hammy dialogue are scattered about just as liberally as the spent bullet casings in "Street Kings," an ultraviolent but tired bad-cop yarn — and that's surprising and disappointing given that it comes from a story by "L.A. Confidential" writer James Ellroy, who also co-

wrote the script.

Director David Ayer pretty much remakes "Training Day," which he also wrote, complete with a rogue Los Angeles police detective (Keanu Reeves), an idealistic sidekick (Chris Evans) and cameos from various rappers (Common and The Game).

Reeves stars as Tom Ludlow, who has long carried out dirty deeds for his dirty boss, Capt. Jack Wander (Forest Whitaker, channeling Idi Amin once more). This is a guy who shoots first and then never both-



Keanu Reeves in the ultraviolent and ultimately uninteresting "Street Kings."

ers to ask questions later, and his captain has always been there to back him up.

Ludlow slugs vodka to make his way through each day; it's how he copes with his wife's death (though Reeves is so typically low-key, you'd never know his character is supposed to be drunk the whole time). But when he's implicated in the murder of his former partner, he must do some investigating of his own to defend himself.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

Weekend Entertainment

Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

If you missed out on tickets for Hot Chip at the **9:30 CLUB** tonight, well, good luck on Craigslist, friend. Hot Chip makes irresistibly funky electro-pop — most indie-minded DJs in this town have spun “Ready for the Floor” at least once — in the vein of LCD Soundsystem or New Order’s synth-poppier moments. Anyway, if you’re missing out on hearing songs from the new “Made in the Dark” CD, make your way over to the **BLACK CAT** for the monthly Sorted night. Hot Chip’s coming over to spin a few records after the concert wraps up, and it’ll be joined by Baltimore’s exquisite Taxlo DJs, who run a killer party at Sonar, and

resident DJ Stereo Faith. We fully expect this to be crammed, so make a beeline for the backstage. Admission is a mere \$5.

SATURDAY

There’s a daylong Bhangra Blowout block party at **GW** on H Street NW between 20th and 21st streets. DJs Rekha (a frequent Black Cat headliner), Bikram Keith, B. Dosanjah and G-Deep spin bhangra and hits from noon to 4 p.m. A celebration of Vaisakhi Mela, an ancient Punjabi festival, it features, food, drink, music and carnival games for the whole family. The Blowout itself is at **CONSTITUTION HALL** at 7 p.m., but the fun doesn’t stop there. **HERITAGE INDIA** is the site of one of the largest annual after-parties, with live dhol drummers and a half-dozen DJs from New York, D.C. and Baltimore spinning bhangra remixes. Tickets for the 18-and-over party are \$20 at officialblowout.com.

When black music in America started leaving tailored suits and then Afros behind for Jheri curls



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REKHA THE HOUSE: DJ Rekha will spin at GW’s Bhangra Blowout Block Party.

and synthesizers, European music fiends hoarded their 45s and hunkered down in an effort to stop time from marching on. For those who love dancing to the infectious soul of records recorded direct-to-tape in one take with fewer than five microphones for the whole band, check

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SUNDAY

It’s a homecoming show for These United States, which wraps up a five-week nationwide tour with tonight’s headlining show on the **BLACK CAT**’s mainstage. The band’s absurdly long-titled “A Picture of the Three of Us at the Gate to the Garden of Eden” (they must have some sort of contest going with Le Loup) has made good impressions all over. It’s a very warm album that goes beyond simple folk with some electronic flourishes and full-band arrangements.

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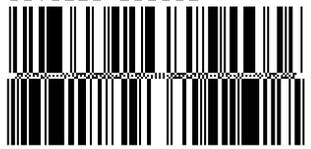
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Now Playing

THE BAND'S VISIT (PG-13, 89 minutes) Israeli filmmaker Eran Kolirin's comedy was disqualified as a nominee for the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar because it contained too much English. Audiences can see for themselves that this little film was robbed. It begins just as eight men arrive at an unnamed Israeli airport. They're on their way to a performance, but between their Arabic, broken English and nonexistent Hebrew, they wind up in a dusty desert backwater. Kolirin lets scenes unfold with few words and a multitude of gestures, resulting in a small masterpiece of quiet, physical comedy. What ultimately makes the movie a pleasure to watch is the unforced way Kolirin brings the journey to its natural but deeply affecting end. (AH)

THE BANK JOB (R, 110 minutes) In the early 1970s, Terry (Jason Statham), owner of an unsuccessful car dealership in London, gets a tip from an old friend (Saffron Burrows) about a bank vault whose alarm system is temporarily disabled. But as he recruits a team to steal the valuables, he is unaware of the

Machiavellian hands at play. He is soon embroiled in a tragicomedy of errors that includes black militants, MI5 operatives, sexually licentious aristocrats and one sleazy crime lord (David Suchet) hellbent on saving his skin. (DT)

COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G, 86 minutes) This movie ran out of ideas just after they came up with the title. Martin Lawrence's James wants his daughter (Raven-Symoné) unscathed by any of it. She wants to par-tay. Dad wants her to go to Northwestern; she wants to go to Georgetown. Eventually, however, he relents and agrees to drive her to Washington. Perhaps there will be people who do laugh at Lawrence and Raven-Symoné screaming in tandem, or mugging their way along every tortured mile of their road trip. (JA)

THE COUNTERFEITERS (R, 94 minutes) Salomon Sorowitsch (Karl Markovics) finds himself in a concentration camp where his credo of self-preservation takes on starker tones. Sorowitsch and other Jewish prisoners with expertise in banking and printing become central to the Nazi plan to devastate the English and American financial markets with a flood of forged currency. The degree to which they assist forms the moral core of director Stefan Ruzowitzky's film.

ADAM BERNSTEIN

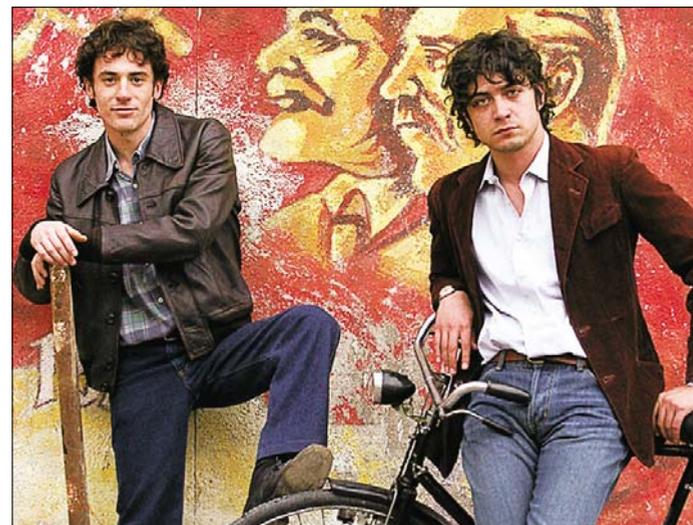
DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G, 88 minutes) A computer-animated

feature that strikes an amiable balance between honoring the text and the dictates of contemporary animation, the film is as good as one could hope for in this era of post-literate impatience. It does honor the book's flavor and spirit with a bright, funny treatment. Voice performers Jim Carrey (as Horton) and Steve Carell (the Mayor) play their roles just right, without making the movie about them. (DT)

DRILLBIT TAYLOR (PG-13, 102 minutes) When the three geeks are threatened by a psychotic bully (Alex Frost), they hire Drillbit (Owen Wilson) to coach them in self-defense; what they don't know is that he's a homeless drifter who's stealing them blind. With the formula firmly in place, the film goes through all the motions, culminating not in the mother of all high school rumbles. And like most of those fights, there's nothing to see here, folks. Best to move along. (AH)

FLAWLESS (PG-13, 108 minutes) Playing a mysterious janitor and an unpredictable force, Michael Caine is the emotional center of this darkly told tale of diamond theft, tight-lipped secrets and moral payback. Demi Moore stars as Laura Quinn, the highest-ranking female executive of a diamond concern that has a monopoly on the market. All hell breaks loose when their trove of gems is suddenly missing from the vault. Recently denied promotion

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to a top spot in the firm, Laura may have motivation for the deed — or so thinks insurance investigator Finch (Lambert Wilson), who's determined to find the culprit. Is Laura part of it? And what does the janitor know? We have knowledge of what's truly going on as it unfolds. But the joy of this movie is in the gradual revelation of intrigue. (DT)

IN BRUGES (R, 107 minutes) Writer-director Martin McDonagh's first feature film is a dry, wine-dark comedy,

powered by Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson, who play two wry Irish hit men named Ray and Ken. The pair find themselves in Bruges, the Flemish port city known for its medieval architecture and bell tower. Ken (Gleeson) is willing to make the best of it. Ray (Farrell), not so much. Ray may be restless, but it's his fault they're here: They have been remanded to Bruges by their boss, Harry (Ralph Fiennes), because when Ray murdered a priest outside a confessional he also put a bullet in the head of a little boy at prayer. (JA)

LEATHERHEADS (PG-13, 114 minutes) George Clooney plays Dodge Connelly, a World War I vet and pioneer in the

doomed sport of professional football. No one in 1925 thinks the enterprise will last, until Dodge has a brain-storm: Lure war-hero-turned-Princeton-gridiron-star Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski) away from law school to help spearhead pro football's drive into the American imagination. Rah! Ace reporter Lexie Littleton (Renée Zellweger) has been assigned to get the goods on Carter, whose exploits in the trenches may not have been as glorious as the nation has been led to believe. There's a flatness about the whole enterprise. (JA)

MARRIED LIFE (PG-13, 90 minutes) Set in 1949, this movie stars Chris Cooper as Harry, a middle-aged husband hav-

ing an affair with a kept, much younger woman, Kay (Rachel McAdams). His wife, Pat (Patricia Clarkson), is oblivious and seemingly devoted to him. When he confides his secret to playboy-pal Richard (Pierce Brosnan), Harry creates more problems: Richard starts falling in love with Kay, too. (DT)

MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG-13, 101 minutes) Set in 1930s London, the story of a dowdy governess who finds adventure and love when she works as a starlet's personal assistant for 24 hours is just the tonic for filmgoers eager for a film that celebrates the bearable lightness of being. Frances McDormand plays Guinevere Pettigrew, who, as the

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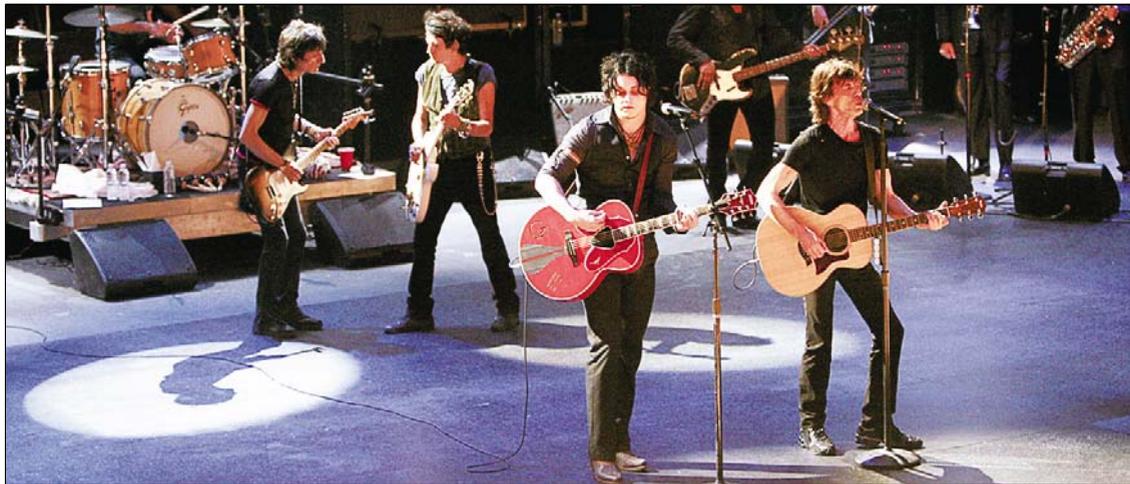
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movie opens, is being summarily sacked. Director Bharat Nalluri jumps right into the action, sending Miss Pettigrew from firing to employment agency to the posh apartment of aspiring actress Delysia Lafosse (Amy Adams) within scant minutes. For the rest of the film, Adams flirts, froths, simpers and sings her way into our hearts as a round-heeled woman with a heart of only-just-slightly-tarnished gold. (AH)

NIM'S ISLAND (PG, 95 minutes) The plucky heroine at the center of this



PAINT IT BLACK. AGAIN: Martin Scorsese trods old ground in "Shine a Light," a rockumentary of a 2006 Stones concert.

film is an 11-year-old girl named Nim (Abigail Breslin), who, since her mother died at sea, has lived with her scientist father, Jack (Gerard Butler). When Jack goes plankton hunting and leaves Nim behind, mayhem breaks loose. As luck would have it, her favorite author, the world explorer Alex Rover, e-mails her dad for research information, resulting in the world-famous writer's making a trip to Fiji to come to Nim's aid. Jodie Foster comes in, and she gamely hits her mark. Kids will no doubt vicariously enjoy Nim's adventures and Edenic existence. And how refreshing to see a girl embark on a derring-do that, in Nim's

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own words, makes her the hero of her own story. (AH)

THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG-13, 114 minutes) This movie is half a notch above a shameless bodiceripper, starring Scarlett Johansson as Mary Boleyn, the "other" of the title, and Natalie Portman as her more famous sister. This Anne stops at nothing to secure that snug spot in His Majesty Henry VIII's (Eric Bana) four-poster bed. Her modus operandi includes sib-on-sib back-stabbing and even attempted incest with brother George (Jim Sturgess). All this to produce a male heir. There's a guilty pleasure to these and other soap-opera shenanigans, visually ennobled by the costumes and royal lifestyles. (DT)

PRICELESS (PG-13, 104 minutes) The irrepressibly effervescent Audrey Tautou plays a modern courtesan. Moving from sugar daddy to sugar daddy, her existence amounts to a barter economy, and the girl likes her clothes and her fancy hotel



DON'T PLAY WITH MATCHES, YOUNG LADY: Abigail Breslin earns her Girl Scout Incinerator Badge in "Nim's Island."

rooms. She mistakes hotel waiter Jean (Gad Elmaleh) for another wealthy prospect and we're off and away on a continuing Gallic farce of misunderstandings. He's so flattered, he pretends she's right — while also trying to fulfill his obligations as a waiter. The routines may have been done a thousand times, but somehow they seem funny all over again. (DT)

THE RUINS (R, 101 minutes) This horror-thriller with an overdeveloped sense of gore and an underdeveloped story follows the classic formula: A few callow young American tourists find themselves in mortal danger and must show courage and ingenuity when cell phones, credit cards and whining don't work. At a Mexican beach resort, four Americans (Jonathan Tucker, Jena Malone, Shawn Ashmore and Laura Ramsey) and a German acquaintance (Joe Anderson) trek out to see a little-known Mayan pyramid. At its base, they're surrounded by heavily armed villagers who won't follow them up the ruin but won't let them off it, either. Plenty of bloody violence and gory injuries follow. JANE HORWITZ

RUN FAT BOY RUN (PG-13, 100 minutes) Simon Pegg plays Dennis, a scrawny pot-

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bellied Londoner who made the mistake of his life by running out on a wedding with Libby (Thandie Newton) when she was pregnant. Realizing his mistake five years later, when a new slick suitor (Hank Azaria) threatens to marry Libby and become stepdaddy to young Jake, Dennis decides to try to get her back. Somehow he thinks that running a charity marathon in London is going to do the trick. Rather like the faltering way Dennis runs the race, Pegg the performer insists that we keep watching, ever hopeful for a decent gag. (OT)

SHINE A LIGHT (PG-13, 122 minutes) Captured in two 2006 performances at

the Beacon Theatre in New York during the group's "A Bigger Bang" tour, the Rolling Stones demonstrate why they never left pop music's forefront. Despite the increasingly gargoyled quality of their aging faces, the sameness of their ritual, they simply believe in themselves. Judging by the ecstatic enthusiasm of their audiences, old and young, the fans believe, too. There is great footage of the Stones in previous times, but for the most part, Martin Scorsese lets the Stones be the Stones. (DT)

SHUTTER (PG-13, 85 minutes.) There's scarcely a plot twist in this remake of a Thai horror film that one couldn't predict before it happens. Yet because the acting is strong, this ghostly revenge thriller is intriguing. Newlyweds Ben (Joshua Jackson) and Jane (Rachael Taylor)

move to Japan, where Ben works as a photographer. Jane becomes obsessed with odd, blurry images in their wedding photos and in shots Ben takes at work. She learns they are "spirit photos" and discovers why she and Ben are being haunted. (JH)

STOP-LOSS (R, 112 minutes) Brandon King is an Army sergeant played by Ryan Phillippe who has spent his time in Iraq alongside his best friends, Steve (Channing Tatum) and Tommy (Joseph Gordon-Levitt). Though Steve yearns to leave Texas and even his girlfriend, Michele (Abbie Cornish), it's Brandon who's told he has to go back. Phillippe deftly translates the unspeakable anger of a soldier into action. He has been told by his senator that if there's anything he needs, just ask. So Brandon decides to go

to Washington and ask not to go to Iraq. When Brandon hits the road, Michele is indignant enough, and maternal enough, to go with him. (JA)

SUPERHERO MOVIE (PG-13, 85 minutes) A revolutionary comedy in 1980, "Airplane!" now seems to have been more like a virus. In this movie, Leslie Nielsen plays Uncle Albert, whose nephew, Rick Riker (Drake Bell), has been bitten by a radioactive dragonfly. Rick then becomes ... Dragonfly, a conflicted, wall-scaling superhero who needs to learn that with great power comes great responsibility. It turns out to be a "Spider-Man" clone accessorized with toilet jokes. (JA)

10,000 BC (PG-13, 109 minutes) Director Roland Emmerich takes the time-honored Hollywood tradition of spectacle, overkill and narrative absurdity and man-

ages to zap almost all the fun out of it. When D'Leh (Steven Strait) manages to fell the biggest mammoth of 'em all, he wins the hand of Evolet (Camilla Belle), a blue-eyed beauty. When a band of warlords invades their settlement, making off with Evolet and a boy named Baku (Nathanael Baring), D'Leh and master hunter Tic Tic (Cliff Curtis) set off on an epic journey. (AH)

21 (PG-13, 123 minutes) Micky Rosa (Kevin Spacey), is an MIT professor by day, gambling entrepreneur by night, who recruits six of his best and brightest students to fly to Sin City on weekends and cheat themselves rich. It's hard to throw them a high-five. Yes, Ben Campbell (Sturgess) is a sweet, lower-middle-class kid who has dreamed all his life

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of going from MIT to Harvard med and accepts Micky's invitation into the circle only to put himself through school. Unfortunately, this characterization feels too saintly, too schematic. (DT)

TYLER PERRY'S MEET THE BROWNS (PG-13, 100 minutes) Angela Bassett stars as Brenda, a single mother who lives a tough life in the Chicago projects with a teenage son, Michael (Lance Gross), and two younger daughters. She has just lost her job, her son's deadbeat father won't pay her child support and the power company has shut off her electricity. She gets a temporary reprieve when she travels to rural Georgia to attend the funeral of the father she never knew. This means meeting country kin, including the kind of spirited characters audiences know to expect in a Tyler Perry movie. (DT)

UNDER THE SAME MOON (PG-13, 109 minutes) Rosario (Kate del Castillo) has been living in Los Angeles for five years, working as a maid and sending money back to her 9-year-old son, Carlitos (Adrian Alonso), who lives with his grandmother in Mexico. A sudden turn of events inspires the resourceful Carlitos to travel to California to find Rosario, even though he possesses only a mailing address and a vague notion of where she calls him every week from a pay phone. The tone never succumbs to unremitting grimness. Instead, the filmmakers regularly leaven their story with little unexpected grace notes of humor and tender irony. (AH)

VANTAGE POINT (PG-13, 90 minutes) The president of the United States (William Hurt) has come to Spain to make an announcement about the war on terror. Shots are fired. And then a huge explosion occurs in a city square, killing virtually no one — no one with a name in the credits, anyway — which allows the director to rewind the story's first 23 minutes and lay out the same scenario from a different point of view. And to do this multiple times. Conceivably, it might have worked. In reality, however, during the third or fourth reprise of the assassination attempt and bombing, a member of my audience let out an involuntary "Oh, God ..." and the rest of the house erupted in sympathetic laughter. (JA)

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21 (PG-13)
12:45, 4:15, 7:05, 10:05

SUPERHERO MOVIE (PG-13)
12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 8:05, 10:45

MEET THE BROWNS (PG-13)
1:00, 4:30, 8:00, 10:30

SHUTTER (PG-13)
12:55, 4:40, 7:55, 10:40

HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G)
12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:35

COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)
12:40, 7:45

10,000 BC (PG-13)
12:35, 4:20, 7:35, 10:20

THE BANK JOB (R)
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2:20, 4:35, 7:10, 9:30

SMART PEOPLE (R)
2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:15

UNDER THE SAME MOON (PG-13)
1:55, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

COUNTERFEITERS (R)
2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35

CHAOS THEORY (PG-13)
1:10, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 9:55

PRICELESS (PG-13)
2:15, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

THE BAND'S VISIT (PG-13)
2:25, 4:55, 7:05, 9:25

MARRIED LIFE (PG-13)
2:35, 5:00, 7:35

STOP-LOSS (R)
9:45 PM

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***SMART PEOPLE (R)**
11:25, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

21 (PG-13)
12:35, 1:35, 3:25, 4:25, 6:20, 7:25, 9:15, 10:15

***THE RUINS (R)**
1:25, 3:45, 6:05, 8:25, 10:40

MEET THE BROWNS (PG-13)
12:15, 2:45, 5:25, 7:55, 10:30

SUPERHERO MOVIE (PG-13)
12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 9:25

HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G)
12:05, 2:20, 4:45, 6:55, 9:10

***NIM'S ISLAND (PG)**
11:00, 1:20, 3:50, 6:40, 9:05

***LEATHERHEADS (PG-13)**
11:05, 12:50, 1:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:35, 9:20, 10:20

THE BANK JOB (R)
11:20, 1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:50

SHUTTER (PG-13)
12:30, 3:10, 5:40, 7:50, 10:05

COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)
11:55, 2:05, 4:10, 6:45, 9:00

10,000 BC (PG-13)
11:45, 2:25, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG-13)
12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:25, 9:40

SHINE A LIGHT (PG-13)
1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 9:55

RUN, FATBOY, RUN (PG-13)
11:35, 4:35, 9:45

STOP-LOSS (R)
3:40, 7:20

NEVER BACK DOWN (PG-13)
12:40, 10:10 PM

DRILLBIT TAYLOR (PG-13)
2:10, 7:15 PM

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SUPERHERO MOVIE (PG-13)
11:10, 1:25, 3:40, 5:50, 8:10, 10:20

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4:30, 7:10, 9:25

THE RUINS (R)
4:35, 7:15, 9:15

NIM'S ISLAND (PG)
4:40, 7:20, 9:20

MEET THE BROWNS (PG-13)
4:45, 7:05, 9:30

HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G)
4:50, 7:00, 9:10

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5:00, 9:30

STOP-LOSS (R)
7:30

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SMART PEOPLE (R)
10:05, 12:05, 2:10, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30

LEATHERHEADS (PG-13)
9:50, 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:50, 10:00

PRICELESS (PG-13)
9:55, 12:10, 2:30, 4:55, 7:40, 9:55

MARRIED LIFE (PG-13)
10:00, 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:05

COUNTERFEITERS (R)
10:10, 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:20

MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG-13)
10:15, 12:25, 2:25, 4:45, 7:10, 9:10

IN BRUGES (R)
9:20

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DRILLBIT TAYLOR (PG-13)
12:25, 3:45, 6:50, 9:35

VANTAGE POINT (PG-13)
1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:55, 10:10

THE BANK JOB (R)
12:10, 4:15, 7:45, 10:25

MEET THE BROWNS (PG-13)
12:40, 9:10

SHUTTER (PG-13)
3:05, 6:35

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MY BROTHER IS AN ONLY CHILD (NR)
2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45

COUNTERFEITERS (R)
1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40

THE GRAND (R)
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55

MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG-13)
1:40, 4:00, 6:50

BODY OF WAR (NR)
9:15 PM

FLAWLESS (PG-13)
1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50

UNDER THE SAME MOON (PG-13)
1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50

ALICE'S HOUSE (NR)
2:30, 7:40, 10:00

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OR YOU COULD JUST STAY 39: TV Land is premiering a new series called "The Big 4-0" on Wednesday that covers real people preparing for their 40th birthdays. Supposedly, the stories are uplifting. After all, 40 is the new 25! Right?

Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

HERE SHE IS, MISS ... USA

Can you name the reigning Miss America? The current Miss USA? Who is Miss Universe, and where is her throne? If you can answer even one of these questions, you're way ahead of the game and likely to care about tonight's **2008 MISS USA PAGEANT** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.). The judging panel includes Heather Mills, Joey Fatone, Ken Paves and Christian Siriano.

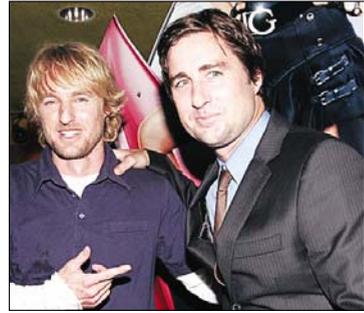
WOW, AWKWARD

"Today" correspondent Tiki Barber hosts **MEETING DAVID WILSON** (9 p.m., MSNBC, Fri.), a documentary about two very different men with the same name and a connection that many would find uncomfortable, if not unspeakable. The older Wilson's family used to own slaves that included ancestors of the young-

er Wilson. "Meeting David Wilson" chronicles their first meeting. The two men share stories about the paths of the Wilson families since the days of slavery.

BROTHERLY LOVE

TRUE HOLLYWOOD STORY (9 p.m., E!, Fri.) tells the story of a very different Wilson family, that of actor brothers Luke



LOOK AT HIM!: Owen Wilson points to his less-famous brother, Luke Wilson.

and Owen Wilson.

BEAM ME UP, LENO

Jay Leno hosts William Shatner, Tricia Helfer and Ryan Bingham on **THE TONIGHT SHOW** (11:35 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

GOD'S WARRIORS

A group of 700 youth prepare to become missionaries on **48 HOURS SPECIAL: THE LORD'S BOOT CAMP** (8 p.m., CBS, Sat.).

...DOGS HAVE STYLISTS?

Jai Rodriguez ("Queer Eye for the Straight Guy") hosts **GROOMER HAS IT** (9 p.m., Animal Planet, Sat.), a weekly competition between America's 13 best dog stylists, who will shampoo, rinse, clip and shear their way to the title of Groomer of the Year.

STUDYING ABROAD IS RISKY

Scheduled on **48 HOURS MYSTERY** (10 p.m., CBS, Sat.): An American student becomes an infamous Italian murder suspect.

HOMECOMING

Lurleen Lumpkin (Beverly D'Angelo), a country star Homer discovered many seasons ago, returns to Springfield to face tax troubles on **THE SIMPSONS** (8 p.m., Fox, Sun.).

THE 700TH DEBATE

Candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton discuss faith (8 p.m., CNN, Sun.).

FIGHTING AUTISM

Jon Stewart hosts **NIGHT OF TOO MANY STARS** (8 p.m., Comedy Central, Sun.), a benefit concert for autism education.

HAPPY ENDING?

Wedding bells ring on **THE TUDORS** (9 p.m., Showtime, Sun.).

FRAGILE PLANET

Elizabeth Vargas hosts **HUMAN FOOTPRINT** (9 p.m., National Geographic, Sun.), an ambitious special that spells out the environmental impact of Americans' eating



THE FOUNDING COUPLE: Paul Giamatti and Laura Linney in "John Adams."

and buying habits.

FOUNDING FATHERS

John Adams wrestles with the Alien and Sedition acts and his son's wayward ways on **JOHN ADAMS** (9 p.m., HBO, Sun.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4 News (N) [6]	WJLA 7 News (N) [6]	WUSA 9 News (N) [6]	WDCA 20 Judge Judy (N) [1]	WMPT 22 The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	WHUT 32 White House	WDCW 50 My Wife and Kids	WRC 4 News (N) [6]	WJLA 7 News (N) [6]	WUSA 9 News (N) [6]	WDCA 20 Judge Judy (N) [1]	WMPT 22 The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	WHUT 32 White House	WDCW 50 My Wife and Kids										
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SPORTS	ESPN Golf The Masters -- Second Round.	ESPN2 Rome-Burning	CSN SportsNite [6]	SportsCenter (Live) [6]	Golf The Masters -- Second Round. From Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga.	(:45) NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Bashas' Supermarkets 200. (Live)	SportsCenter (Live) [6]																	
NEWS	CNN (4:00) The Situation Room	FNC Special Report [6]	MSNBC Race for White House-David Gregory	Lou Dobbs Tonight [6]	CNN Election Center	Larry King Live [6]	Anderson Cooper 360 [6]																	
MUSIC	AMC (5:30) ** "The Karate Kid" (1984, Action) Ralph Macchio. 'PG' [6]	TCM (5:30) ** "The Hawaiians" (1970, Drama) Charlton Heston. 'PG'	HBO John Adams	MAX (4:30) Hot Fuzz 'R'	SHOW Madea's Family	TMC (5:45) ** "Tai-Pan" (1986, Historical Drama) Bryan Brown. [1] 'R' [6]	STARZ! (5:20) ** "Catch and Release" [6]	ENCORE (:10) * "Houseguest" (1995, Comedy) Sinbad, Phil Hartman. [1] 'PG' [6]																

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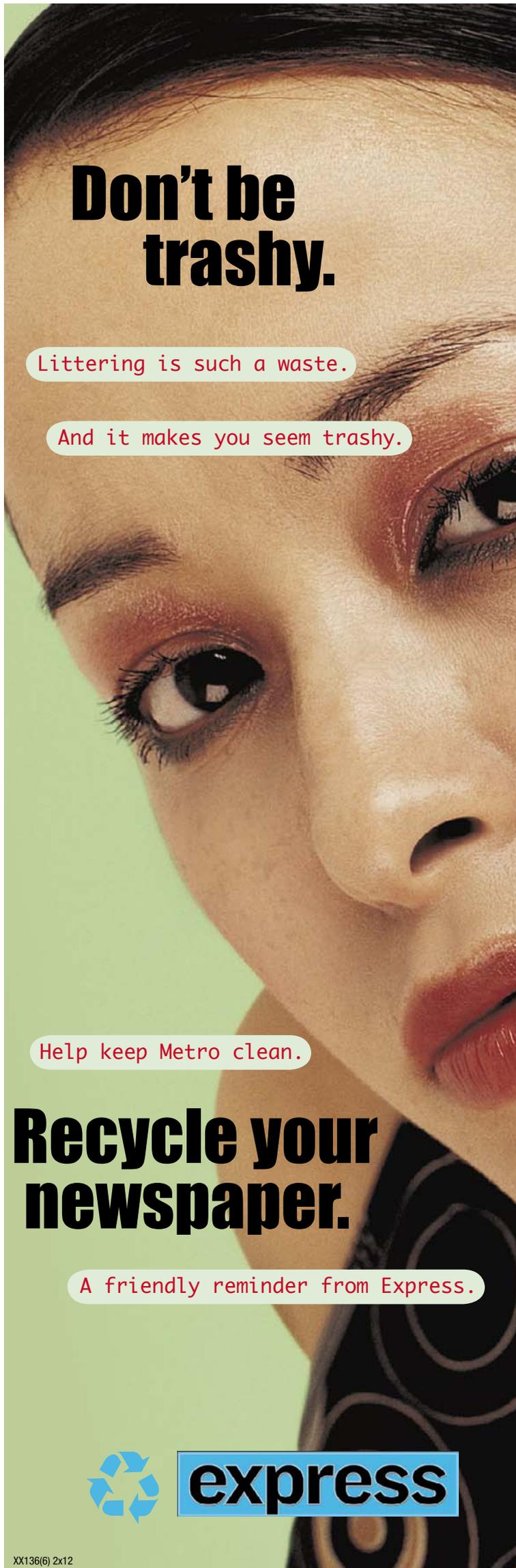
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When Aaron Jones walks Gozer, his Rottweiler-hound mix, people cross the street to avoid them. Mothers scoop up their children. A lost motorist once rolled up the windows and drove off after spotting the dog. One woman screamed.

"He's the nicest dog I know," said Jones, 33, of Oakland, Calif. "It's hard to understand all the fear."

Gozer isn't aggressive and doesn't look mean or bark, Jones insists — people are afraid of the dog purely because it's big and black. As a puppy, Gozer was passed over for

at least a month before Jones took him home.

According to animal shelter officials, big, black dogs like Gozer have more trouble finding a happy home than do other dogs. Some shelters even have a name for it: "Big black dog syndrome."

Nobody tracks the problem nationally, and local shelters often keep only limited data on the sizes, breeds and colors of the dogs that are adopted or put down, according to the Humane Society and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"But anecdotally," said Stephen Musso, executive vice president of the ASPCA, "that's what we hear from shelter after shelter: Big black dogs just don't get adopted."

At the city animal shelter in Rogers, Ark., big, black dogs almost always make up the bulk of the

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BOWWOW BLUES: Female pit bull Duchess is a big, black dog awaiting adoption.

animals put to sleep each month. Last month, 13 of the 14 dogs killed by the city were large and black — mostly Labs, shepherd mixes, pit bull mixes and Rottweilers, said Rhonda Dibasilio, the manager of

the city's Animal Services.

It's not just that large dogs can be frightening; animal shelters say black dogs of all sizes are difficult to photograph for online listings and are hard to spot against the

shadows of their crates and cages in dimly lighted kennels.

Older black dogs with a little white in their muzzles can look elderly. Bigger breeds like German shepherds or Chows aren't as fashionable as small lap dogs.

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Then there's the reputation. The idea of a big black dog unleashing destruction is a common theme in books, movies and folklore as diverse as "The Hound of the Baskervilles," the "Harry Potter" series and "The Omen."

Even the common sign "Beware of Dog" depicts a big, black dog, teeth bared and gums dripping. The notion that the animals are menacing is so pervasive that Winston Churchill famously called depression "the black dog."

Blackpearldogs.com, a resource devoted to increasing awareness of the "big black dog phenomenon," offers some lighthearted reasons to adopt a big, black dog: Their color doesn't clash with clothing, it hides dirt well, and it is easy to accessorize. In other words, black dogs could be the new black. EMILY ZEUGNER (AP)

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Leave it to "American Idol" to fire somebody after he/she worked a ton of overtime. After singing Tuesday and answering phones for "Idol Gives Back" on Wednesday, one contestant got the heave-ho. Was it the right call? Greg Barber has a recap. | COMING UP



comment board

“I haven't bought

a home in the past three years, don't have any consumer debts, and have a savings account that will get me past the rough patches.”

COMMENTER AUA, WHO ADDED, “[I] FEEL BAD FOR EVERYONE WHO ISN'T IN THOSE CATEGORIES.”

“Consumer prices

are rising. Gas is rising, as is public transportation. Utilities and rent are rising. Plus, federal budget cuts are forcing state taxes to rise.”

COMMENTER PMMJ, WHO ADDED, “SO, YES, I EXPECT THINGS TO BE WORSE NEXT YEAR. THANKS, MR. BUSH! THANKS, CONGRESS!”

“Odd as it sounds, I'm actually saving more money this year than ever. The slumping economy, [and rising] gas prices have curbed my spending.”

COMMENTER POCHO, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “DO YOU EXPECT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION TO GET BETTER OR WORSE THIS YEAR?”



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53% BETTER **47%** WORSE

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Blog LOG

“What if [Obama] would have said ‘If the phone rings at 3 a.m. in the White House, I’ll actually answer it’?”

WHITEANDPARTNERS.BLOGSPOT.COM NOTICED AFTER FURTHER REVIEW THAT IN HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON'S INFAMOUS “3 A.M.” COMMERCIAL, THE PHONE RINGS SIX TIMES, AND NOBODY ANSWERS IT.



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“Shannon's Law of Fashion: If you wore it the first time it was in style, you're too old to wear it the second time.”



SHANNONSTAMEY.BLOGSPOT.COM WAS STUNNED BY THE “BEVERLY HILLS, 90210”-LIKE FASHIONS AT URBAN OUTFITTERS, SO SHE “WENT HOME AND ADDED A BUNCH OF ‘90210’ EPISODES TO [HER] NETFLIX.”

Discussions

American Airlines

CAROL SOTTILI of the Washington Post Travel section was online Thursday to offer practical advice to travelers who are confronted with the nationwide airline cancellations.

Reading between the lines, if I have a nonstop American flight this weekend, should I be OK? And if I had a short flight tomorrow, I might not be? Who is at risk of being canceled, and who is not?

American says that everything will be back to normal by Saturday. But, even if there are no more

cancellations this weekend, it's not going to be a done deal. Hundreds of thousands of travelers have been stranded, and they have to be placed on other flights. My educated guess is that planes will be packed this weekend.

We have a LOT of miles with American. Should we burn them at a faster pace? In other words, with the closing of the smaller airlines, should we be concerned about the stability of American?

I don't think you need to be concerned that American is going to go belly-up anytime soon. But I'd use those miles. Airlines keep changing the rules about miles, and they get less valuable all the time.

Could this whole safety inspection thing have been handled better, or does anyone think that doing hundreds of canceled flights is a way of perhaps the airlines making a statement about the inconvenience to passengers if they have to follow all of the rules?

There are lots of theories floating around about this. It all started with the disclosure last month that the FAA was giving Southwest lots of leeway in following safety directives. So, now, all the airlines are trying to make sure they're up to code.

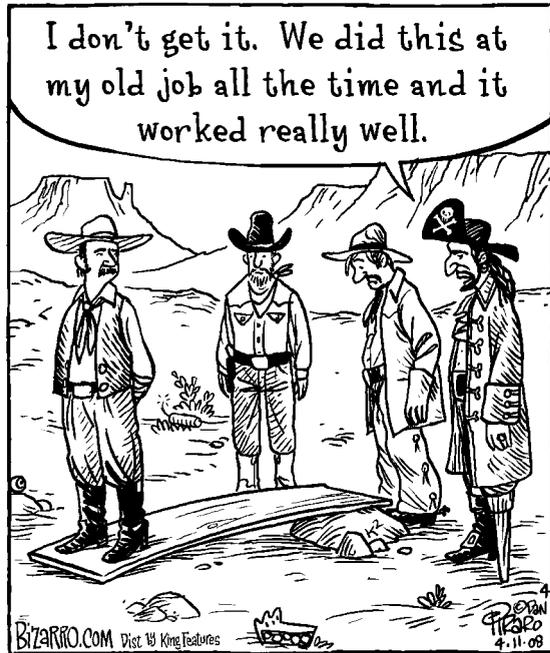
TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Archbishop Donald Wuerl takes your questions about Pope Benedict XVI's upcoming D.C. visit at noon. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

DO

GET 'ONE CARD'. D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty announced Thursday the Office of the Chief Technology Officer has created a new picture ID called "One Card," a consolidated credential designed to give residents access to D.C. libraries and recreation centers. For more info visit Octo.dc.gov.

LOOK out

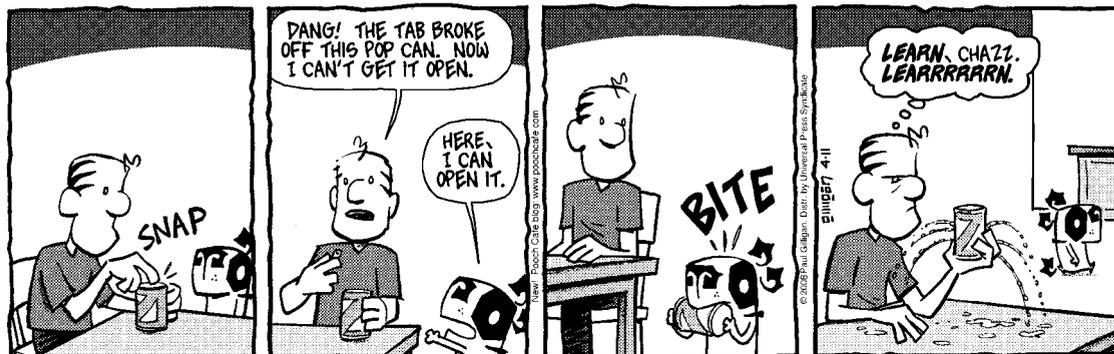
Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Cornered | Mike Baldwin



Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Surround yourself with like-minded individuals and you can surely achieve more together than anyone could accomplish on his or her own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The healing process is important to you, for you are recovering from a blow dealt quite some time ago. Take things slowly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is a good day to make a few important personal discoveries. You may not be presenting yourself in the best possible light.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll be fighting fatigue throughout much of the day, but the demands on you will be outweighed by your sense of duty—and sense of completion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you're looking for a thrill, then there are plenty to choose from—but you must use care even while subjecting yourself to risks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There is no

reason for you to repeat yourself in any respect; once you've finished one thing, it's time to move on to the next.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can learn to respect those who, at this time, may not even have your wholehearted attention. Consider an opposing view.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may be unusually sentimental, and it will be difficult to shake certain memories from the fore. You have a lesson to learn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may not want to budge when someone gives you a little shove in a certain direction, but you may have no real choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You should be able to handle the demands of others, even while tending to more than one impulse of your own.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You will have an opportunity to act on the behalf of those who have been looking to you for help during the past. The time has come.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your professional skills are in need of a little attention. You are highly capable, but a little refining may be necessary.



Dave Evans, Collin Finnerty and Reade Seligmann were cleared in the Duke case.

Today in History

1814 Napoleon Bonaparte abdicates as emperor of the French and is banished to the island of Elba.

1968 President Lyndon B. Johnson signs into law the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which included the Fair Housing Act, a week after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

1979 Idi Amin is deposed as president of Uganda as

rebels and exiles backed by Tanzanian forces seize control.

2007 North Carolina's top prosecutor drops all charges against three former Duke University lacrosse players accused of sexually assaulting a stripper at a party, saying the athletes were innocent victims of a "tragic rush to accuse."

Correction:

On Thursday's Online page, a photo of director Tsai Ming-Liang was run with an item about chef Ming Tsai.

LOOK out People



She hated Sean's aviator glasses. Hated.

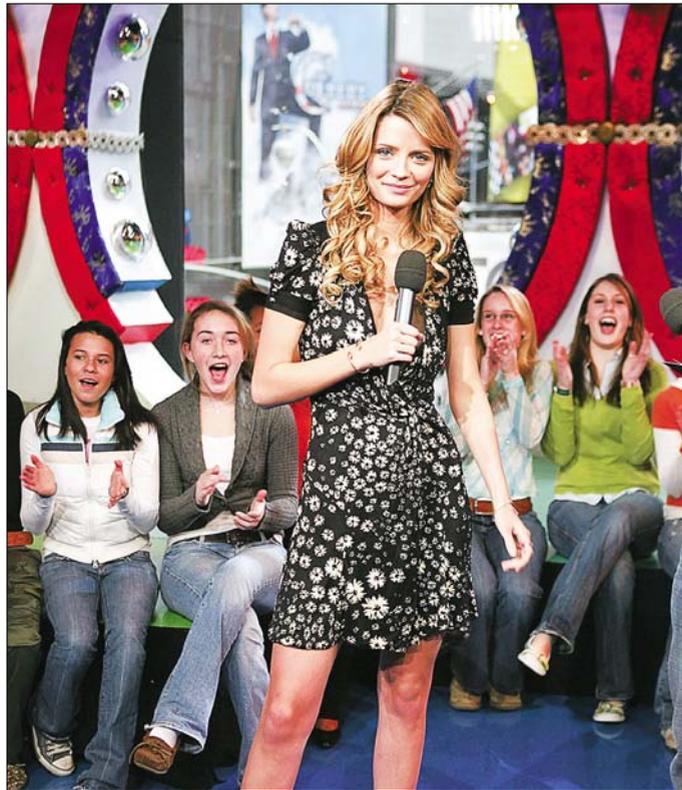
SECRETS Eddie Vedder Equivalent to Years of Couples Counseling

SEAN PENN and his wife, **ROBIN WRIGHT PENN**, have withdrawn their divorce petition. The dismissal came a day after they attended an Eddie Vedder concert, where the actor reportedly went onstage to dedicate a song to Wright Penn. (AP)

FIRSTS Star Pulled Over, Yet Not Drunk or Stoned



DAVID BECKHAM got a traffic ticket when he was pulled over Tuesday in Hollywood, spokesman Glenn Lehrman said. "It was a minor offense, and David complied with the officer." No one else was in his car. (AP)



SCOTT GRIES/GETTY IMAGES

PUNISHMENTS

Pretty Plea?

MISCHA BARTON has pleaded no contest to drunken driving for a December arrest in West Hollywood. The former "O.C." star wasn't present Thursday as her lawyer entered no-contest pleas to misdemeanor driving under the influence and driving without a license. Barton will be fined and placed on three years' probation, and must attend an alcohol education program. (AP)

WHINE Star Irritably Nibbles the Hand That Feeds Him

If **NEIL PATRICK HARRIS** had his way, Britney Spears would be banned from the set of "How I Met Your Mother." "I'm in the minority that our show does not need stunt casting in order to succeed," Harris declared during a break from taping the Monday



It's a dirty business, and Britney makes it dirtier.

night CBS sitcom. "I worry that if they start 'Will and Grace'-ing us too much, that the show will suffer. And we're all really proud of the content of the show. I mean, viewership is not our game. It's the network and the studio's game." (AP)

TRANSLATION Dad Simpson 'So Excited' To View Iron-Clad Pre-Nup

ASHLEE SIMPSON and Pete Wentz are engaged. "We know there has been a lot of speculation recently about Pete and I, and we wanted our fans to be the first to know, because you guys are the best," Simpson said in



a statement. "Yes, we are thrilled to share that we are happily engaged." Simpson's manager-father, Joe Simpson, said he's "so excited to have Pete as part of [our] family." (AP)

WILDLIFE Bird Finds Freedom Bosomy, Fringed and Overly Made-Up

DOLLY PARTON visited the woods overlooking Tennessee's Douglas Lake in 4-inch heels. But the star was a bald eagle, blown from its nest several weeks ago in Florida. On Thursday, it was returned to the wild by the American Eagle Foundation, which is based at Dollywood. (AP)

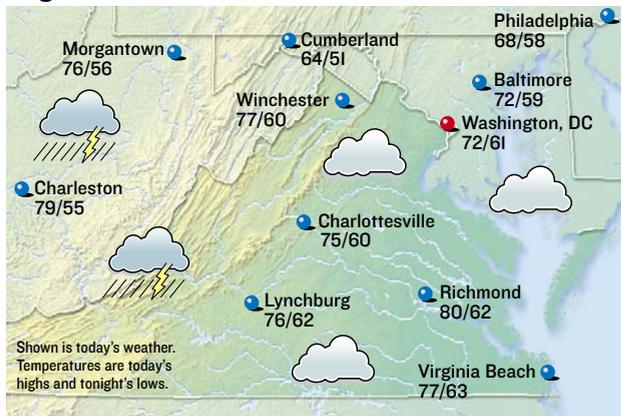


They admired each other's talons.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Variably cloudy, warm 72°	Partly cloudy, a thunderstorm 61°	Mostly cloudy, showers, t-storm 72° / 47°	Mostly cloudy, breezy, cooler 61° / 38°	Mostly cloudy, cool, a shower 54° / 38°	Partly cloudy, cool 51° / 37°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.
Temperature
 High 74°
 Low 52°
 Normal high 65°
 Normal low 44°
 Average humidity 71%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 1.23"
 Normal month to date 0.93"
 Year to date 9.57"
 Last year to date 8.26"
 Normal year to date 10.48"

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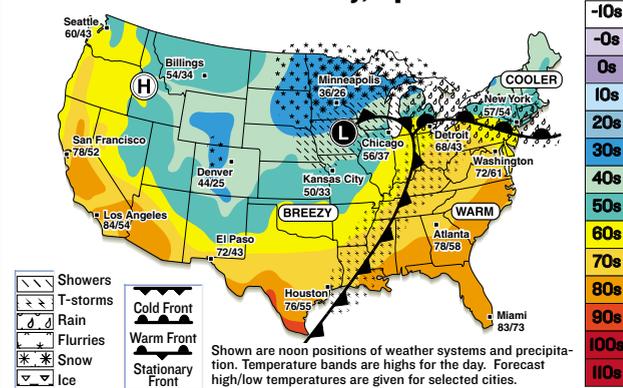
D.C. Metro: Today, variably cloudy. High 72. Wind southwest 8-16 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, thunderstorm. Low 61. Wind southwest 8-16 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:37 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 7:42 p.m.
 Moonrise today 10:44 a.m.
 Moonset today 1:37 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, April 11

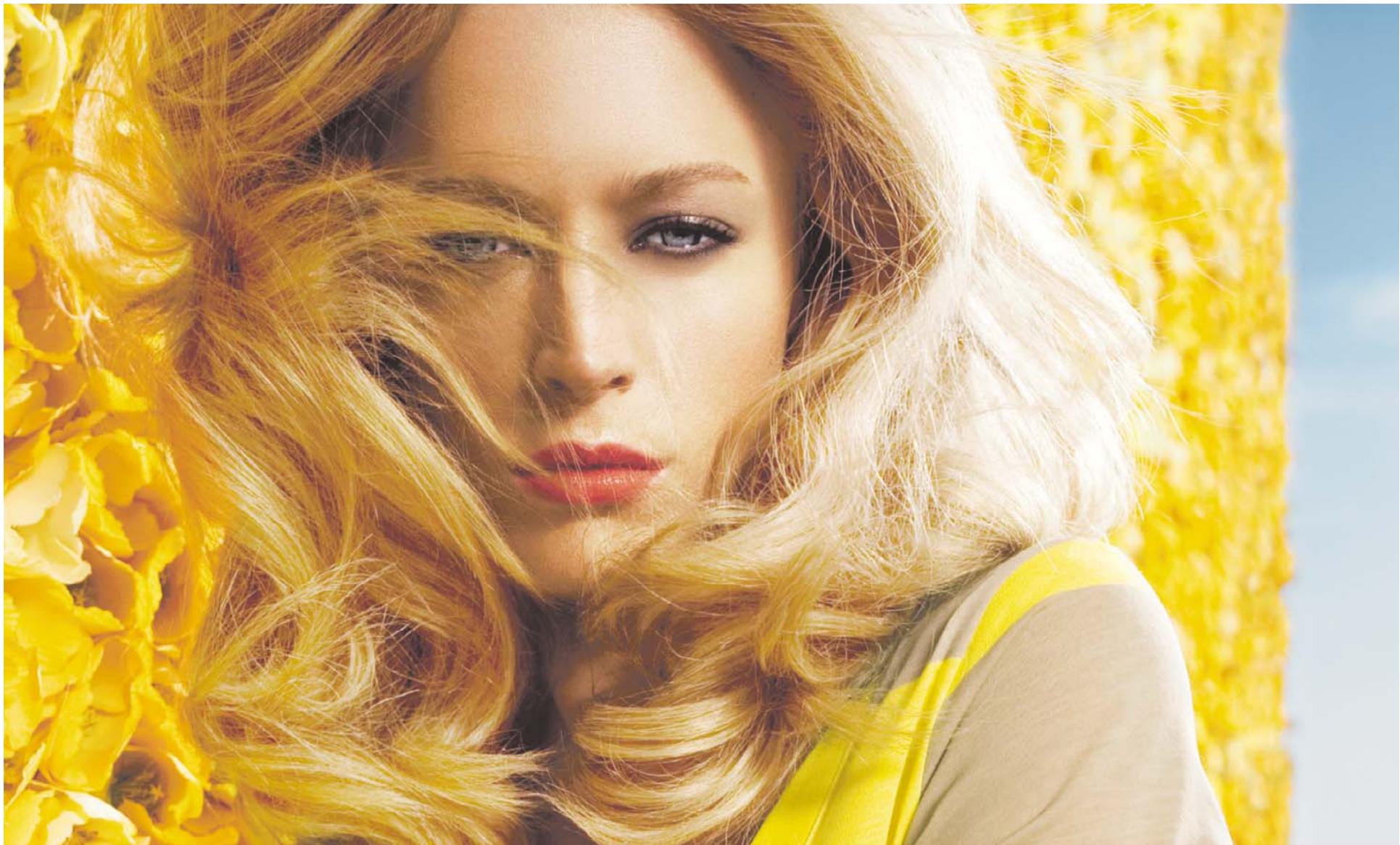


National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	78/58/t	65/42/t
Boston	56/41/r	53/39/sh
Chicago	56/37/sh	43/32/sf
Dallas	69/46/s	68/46/s
Denver	44/25/c	56/34/c
Honolulu	83/72/sh	84/71/sh
Los Angeles	84/54/s	92/58/s
Miami	83/73/s	84/70/s
New York City	57/54/c	70/48/t
Orlando	86/65/pc	87/63/s
Seattle	60/43/pc	65/47/s

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	54/39/pc	50/39/pc
Athens	72/61/pc	73/59/pc
Berlin	52/39/sh	48/37/r
Buenos Aires	70/54/r	66/50/pc
Calgary	53/33/pc	67/38/s
Dublin	50/39/r	48/41/r
Geneva	57/48/r	49/40/c
Moscow	64/48/pc	68/50/pc
Rome	68/55/c	64/48/pc
Sydney	72/61/pc	74/61/pc
Tokyo	59/51/pc	64/52/pc



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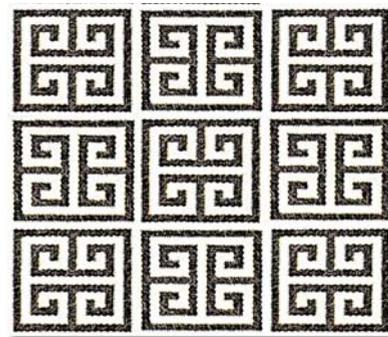
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➔ PLUS: New dry shampoos mean you can postpone water-wasting washes for days **E8**

face QA time

■ **Evil robots** are always trying to kill Jamie Bamber's bomber pilot character, Lee "Apollo" Adama, on the Sci Fi Channel's "Battlestar Galactica" (Fri., 10 p.m.). It's unclear whether Bamber and his co-stars will finally escape the scheming cyborgs in the cult hit's final season, which just began. But one thing is clear: The English actor has won a galaxy of fans as the hunky, troubled hero.

"Battlestar" has been a huge hit with critics. Why?

I think they like the cultural and political relevance. It's like a window on the world. And I think critics like to feel like they've got a cause, because not everyone watches the show.

What do you hope happens to Apollo and his crewmates this season? They've been on the run for so long. I think viewers really want resolution. I think the "Sopranos" ending was elegant, but it was really disappointing for fans.

So, Lee's in a suit, not a pilot uniform this season. What gives? He's kind of done with that. He's going to try being a politician.

Is it a relief to not wear a uniform?

Now I have another one — a suit. But I'm glad not to be wearing that jacket with a Nehru collar, thank God. It was really tight and fitted, and it's nice to get out of it!

The show has these moody, dark sets and costumes. What's it like to inhabit that world?

The show is very blue and gray. I'm aware that's kind of a depressing thing to look at. But it contributes to the edgy, great tone of the show. It's all very designed.

You get props for shirtless scenes. How do you stay in shape?

By staying out of New York! I've been here for a week, and all I've done is eat. But, really, I'm just



TRAE PATTON/SCI FI CHANNEL

Jamie Bamber

"BATTLESTAR GALACTICA" STAR, BOOKWORM

sort of healthy-minded. I try to be physically active at least once a day. I used to play rugby, but now I play tennis. And I try to eat good food but not overindulge.

Does fighting robots every week make you wary of technology?

In an environmental sense, yes. I realize we're our own worst enemy, and that we'll cause Armageddon

eventually. We'll transform the environment until it's comfortable and then ruin it. Doing "Battlestar" has really piqued my sense of responsible consumerism. It's made me a firm believer we should live in local communities and eat rural.

I understand you're a big reader.

What books are you into now? Well, I'm not a sci-fi fan at all. I tend

"My house is covered in toys and Barbie paraphernalia. It's all very, very pink."

to read a lot of nonfiction. I like history, getting people's life experiences.

You're from London but live in L.A. now. How are they different?

London still has an idea of community, and I miss that. In L.A., it's each family for themselves in a survive-or-die existence.

What do you do when you're homesick?

I speak to my family, and I read BBC News online.

What's your L.A. pad like?

My house isn't big. It's covered in toys and Barbie paraphernalia, since I've got three daughters. It's all very, very pink. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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Weekend

Newseum: Read All About It

In today's Weekend section, get an insider's guide to what not to miss at DC's newest attraction.

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1 Time in a Bottle

YEAH, LIFE IS passing you by. Really quickly. And pretty soon, all the good years will be over, and you'll be sitting in your apartment at Leisure World, lamenting the time you didn't go surfing in Bali or kiss that cute girl. If you'd like to dwell on this in a hip, well-designed way, pick up one of Roost's two-tone glass hourglasses (\$32, Velocityartanddesign.com), then tip it over, watching the white sand fall all too fast. Then repeat until you feel better or worse.

4 Barking Modern

DOGS ARE color-blind, which is really sad for them, because they can't see the cool hue combos — brown and blue, red and black — Bella uses to make soft-as-a-puppy fabric pet beds (\$85-\$217, Greenergrassdesigns.com). Made of a high-tech fiber that holds warmth exceptionally well, the comfy, cave-like puffs come in size Chihuahua to Great Dane. If you buy one to nap in yourself, no one needs to know, really.



2

That's Some Hair Stuff

WE LOVE THE NAMES of the Grooming Lounge's new Hair Care Solutions line. "You Need Conditioner" — well, sure. "The Best Shampoo" — yeah! "Some Hair Cream," "Some Hair Goop" and "Some Hair Stuff" kind of get shafted. But there's nothing generic about these Somes — they style and sculpt without looking greasy or shellac-y. And the mouthwatering minty shampoo is pretty darn great. (\$18-\$20, to purchase or find store locations, see Groominglounge.com)



3 Brown Sugar

CAFFEINE WORKS MIRACLES, but sometimes only chocolate will do. So, Starbucks has expanded its addiction empire with beverage-inspired truffles (like milk-chocolate caramel macchiato, \$10), coffee beans smothered in chocolate (\$5), chocolate tasting squares infused with tea flavors (\$5) and good old chocolate bars (\$3). The best part (other than the yumminess)? They're probably lower in calories than your usual grande.



Grab Bag



5 From Treads To Threads

WOODLEY PARK shoe den Carbon (2643 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-6645) has been selling cool men's and women's shoes for years. Owner Kevin Powers just added a smattering of stylin' women's clothing to the mix. Moderately priced designers like Chan Luu, Zoa and Molly New York make the comfy, funky tops, skirts and dresses. Finds include Mon Petit Oiseau's birdie blouse (\$198) and workday-to-wild-night-out knit dresses and crinkly silk skirts.

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ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I am a graduate student, and I will be on the teaching staff for a course taught in Rome this summer that will involve walking up to six hours each day. The professor leading the course strongly recommends not wearing open-toed sandals. — LAUREN

■ Manolo says, frankly, the Manolo is somewhat perplexed by the professional injunction against the sandals of open-toedness. Is the professor perhaps worried about foot comfort



while walking? Respectable professional appearance for the teaching? The possibility that young Italian men will importune the assistant because she has exposed her alluring graduate student toes? Whatever the reason, this restriction seems odd, for after all, did not the Romans themselves wear the sandals? And, as the saying goes, when in Rome, do as if the Romans did, especially if the gladiator sandals are super-hot this season. But, graduate students must generally heed the wishes of their professors, and so the Manolo would recommend these, the Stefany 05 from Geox (\$114, Zappos.com), the exceedingly comfortable shoe that has the technology that "breathes" the sweat away from the foot.

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Courtney wears a reversible Fabucci suit that untwists to become a strapless tankini (\$184, Shopbop.com). Model, CIMA Talent Management. Hair and makeup by Richard Bernal, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Marge Ely.

bash in a flash



Put Your Pals To Good Use

■ The wrangling with the broker is over, the contracts are signed and the bank loan has finally gone through. Hurrah! You have your own rad pad. Now how to make it purdy? Lure some good buddies over for a painting party with the promise of food and camaraderie—and perhaps a promise of future household favors. But how does one throw a successful bash without making too much of a splash?

First off, Logan Hardware co-owner Gina Schaefer recommends assigning one guest per wall. “You don’t want them running into each other,” she says. “Also, people tend to get bored fairly quickly.” Even if pals brag about their no-mess painting prowess, take the time to cover furniture with drop cloths, remove outlet covers and tape around windowsills and baseboards before they arrive. It’s also worth springing for one roller and tray per person, says Schaefer — that way, there’s less of a chance of stray paint drops hitting the floor.

Spring is ideal, as windows and doors can be left open for cross-ventilation, getting rid of fumes and speeding up drying. Start early enough in the day (noon-ish, perhaps) to let each coat dry before sunlight runs scarce. Since that can take one to two hours, take a lunch break and order pizza. “By the time everyone is done goofing off and cleaning up, it would be OK to start again.” Save blasting Bon Jovi tunes and brew for later, though — if people aren’t seasoned painters, loud music “might throw off their concentration.” And while a cooler of Coors might be tempting, Schaefer learned the hard way when a friend had a few too many: “Our white blinds ended up with blue polka dots.” KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)



◀ **Gold Medal**
As much a sculpture as a seat, a brass-plated chair brings a little “Opa!” to a living room or boudoir. (\$995, Wshome.com)



▲ **Floor Score:** A wool rug customized with an initial — like Z for Zeus — feels positively god-like under bare feet. It would add a personal touch to a entryway or a bedroom. (\$600, Jonathanadler.com)



◀ **Soft Landing**
Just the thing to lounge on while eating grapes or souvlaki, silk pillows wear sleek key designs. (\$225-\$300, And Beige, 1781 Florida Ave. NW; 202-234-1557)

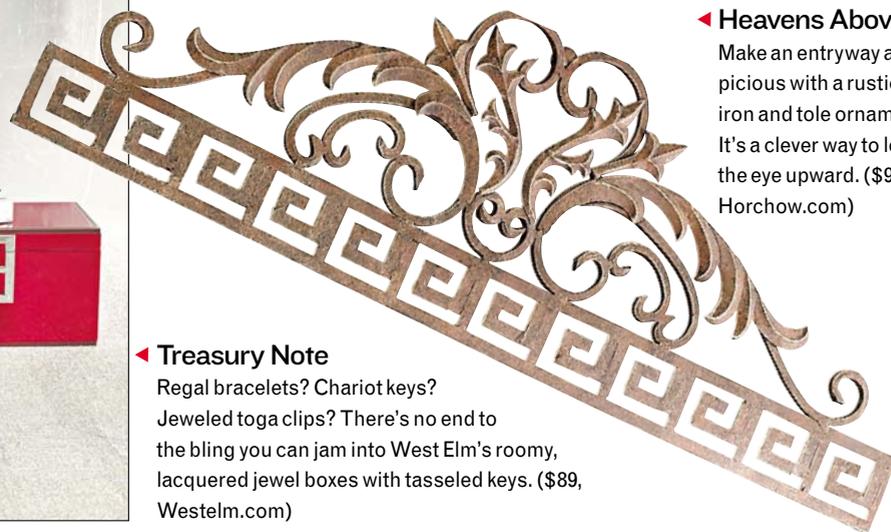
THE GREEKEST LINK

Found on cobblestones in ancient Rhodes and hems of frat-party togas, the chain pattern known as Greek key has been around since Socrates was a tot. Now, the meandering lines decorate pillows, rugs and even chairs. “It’s pleasing, symmetrical and a strong graphic,” says D.C. interior designer Sally Steponkus. A few key pieces can give even a plain pad an Acropolis-goes-mod edge. JANET BENNETT



◀ **Treasury Note**
Regal bracelets? Chariot keys? Jeweled toga clips? There’s no end to the bling you can jam into West Elm’s roomy, lacquered jewel boxes with tasseled keys. (\$89, Westelm.com)

◀ **Heavens Above**
Make an entryway auspicious with a rustic iron and tole ornament. It’s a clever way to lead the eye upward. (\$99, Horchow.com)



Garment Redistricting

A clothes and closet pro tells how to tame your wardrobe

Armoires crammed with dresses that haven't been in style since the Clinton era. Guys who don rumpled shirts for work because they've never heard of the dry cleaner. As the owner of wardrobe-organizing company Closette, Melanie Charlton Fascitelli deals with people's clothes wearing — and storing — troubles every day. She reveals her secrets on everything from buying butt-flattering jeans to keeping moths out of sweaters in "Shop Your Closet: The Ultimate Guide to Organizing Your Closet With Style" (\$20, Collins). We chatted with her about making clothes encounters less traumatic.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Q+A

Why are we all such pack rats?
I think the American public, we're both big consumers and people who are very nostalgic and sentimental. We consume too many clothes, and then we don't edit them enough.

How do we choose clothing right the first time?

Read fashion magazines, first of all, and look for people who have a similar body type. Then think of them when you're out shopping.

Which celebs do you use for style inspiration?

Some moments I'm into Jessica Simpson, and then I go back to liking Annette Bening and Michelle Pfeiffer. You don't have to be all Audrey Hepburn all the time. Think of style icons as little dolls you can take out to decide what to or what not to wear.

What's the best way to edit your wardrobe?



COLOR ME ORGANIZED: Group similar hues together to make finding clothes easy.

Don't buy a ton of things and then try to edit your wardrobe down. It's important to shop smart the first time. You don't really even need that much clothing, just the right pieces.

OK, what are those right pieces for women this spring?

I think a pretty floral frock — forget the little black dress. And you can find one everywhere from Banana Republic to Carolina Herrera. And then it's all about a pair of open-toed heels and a pair of high-waist-

ed jeans. And for accessories, I'm all about a big, beautiful, chunky necklace.

What's the dumbest shopping mistake people make?

People buy things without trying them on. It's really hard to know if it fits when you do that. And while you have to somewhat follow the trends and fashions, you also really have to remember what the classics are and what feels good on you. If you know what your personal style is, then you don't have to take in every trend.

How do you figure out what your style is?

I always think one way to find your style is to concentrate on what makes you feel good and confident. Think of what other people compliment you on. What you're drawn to on the racks is one thing, but what people think you look good in is what'll really make you feel confident.

You don't really even need that much clothing, just the right pieces.

What's the biggest challenge people have with their closets?

People try to pack too much in. They also use all different hangers, which makes things sloppy. That's the numero uno thing to change — having the same hangers makes everything neater.

You're also a big fan of grouping like colors together, right?

The eye follows color, so doing that will help you put things together. You'll think in outfits.

Are men's closets different from women's?

I think men generally have a lot fewer clothes. They just don't have as many pieces. So, I think having less volume, it's easier for them to get dressed.

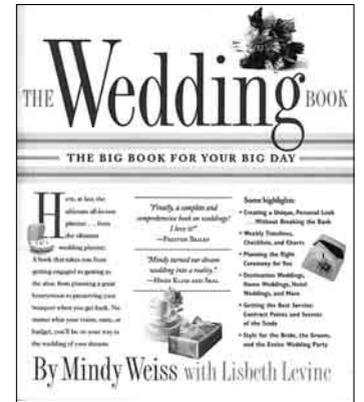
Which closet organizing gizmos do you think are not worth the bucks?

The stupidest things ever made are those shelf dividers that clip on. They end up scratching the shelves they hook on, and they don't really work.

Any tips for storing winter clothes away for the summer?

Lavender! It's the be-all, end-all to keep bugs away. Cedar closets are bull[expletive].

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BOOKS

Big Day, Big Book

■ Perhaps the cheapest thing to sneak into your wedding budget could wind up being the most valuable—**THE WEDDING BOOK** by Mindy Weiss (\$20, Workman), event planner for the likes of Heidi Klum and Eva Longoria. Despite her star status, the advice is rather down-to-earth: serve cava to keep champagne costs down, save a print-out of your guest list in case of computer crashes, and think about mingling to iPod tunes during the cocktail hour to save some cash. The hefty tome dives into every little detail, from porta-potties to a glossary of gown fabrics (shantung: "like a lightweight version of douppioni"). And, of course, the back is filled with checklists, notes pages and sticky tabs.

VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

BOOKS

Net Earth

■ Composting and recycling aren't the only ways to green up the world. You can also put your money where your eco views are, says

BIG GREEN PURSE by Diane MacEachern (\$18, Avery). Since gals spend 85 cents of every dollar, MacEachern claims they can be like Al Gore by using their Mastercards. That means buying fair-trade coffee, looking for Energy Star appliances and maybe even nudging the CEO of their fave lipstick brand to make greener gloss. A section on Earth-friendly fashion decor seemed particularly useful, with its long list of Web sites that sell recycled wood flooring, low-VOC paints and other high-style, low-carbon goods. DANIELLE PARNASS



Suit Yourself

About that fabled itsy-bitsy, teeny-weeny ... well, you know. It had its moment in the sun, but now that low-rise jeans are out and hemlines skim the knee, it's only natural that our swimwear is headed in a more demure direction. Designers are rediscovering the subtle sexiness of a little more fabric, and one-pieces and boyish bottoms are becoming a more common ocean-side occurrence. But if your swimsuit-season goal is to flaunt every freckle, don't fret — strapless suits and cut-out silhouettes counteract any extra coverage. And if it doesn't feel like summer without a tiny triangle top, leave something to the imagination with a sarong, a floppy hat and your biggest pair of shades. MAURA JUDKIS



Scared of strapless-suit wardrobe malfunctions? Eres' one-piece has a no-slip strip to stay put. (\$555, Jaryam, 1631 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-6886)

← American Apparel's one-piece dares to dip low, and its open back is ideal for sunbathing. (\$45, American Apparel, 555 11th St. NW; 202-628-0438 or Americanapparel.net)



A Greek-inspired print with anchor-embossed buttons make this baby ideal for sailing the Mediterranean — or in Annapolis. (Shoshanna, \$120 top, \$69 bottom, Urban Chic, 1626 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5398)

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Juicy Couture's retro swim dress flatters stomachs and hips with ruching and a flirty skirt, while a hint of gold shimmer in the cloth emphasizes sun-kissed skin. (\$168, South Moon Under, 2700 Clarendon Blvd.; 703-807-4083)

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Shoshanna's bandeau top is a sturdy choice — boning and an underwire provide invisible support. (\$125 top, \$75 bottom, Urban Chic)





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This floral print by Zimmerman boasts so many hues that accessorizing in a flash is easy — grab a colorful sarong and metallic gladiator sandals, then hit the shore. (\$207, Shopbop.com)

A corset swimsuit is as slimming as real corset, but Eres left out the Victorian-era boning so that once sunbathers lace up its can't-miss oversized grommets, they'll still have the ability to breathe. (\$515, Jaryam)



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Zimmerman's take on the classic black bikini makes unique décolletage pop with a unique strap over a ruched bandeau. (\$184, Shopbop.com)



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Whether you're Caribbean-bound or just daydreaming of beach cabanas from your apartment's rooftop pool, Sylvie Cachay's Sylva seashell suit (say that five times fast!) will remind you of childhood beachcombing and sand castles. (\$242, Shopbop.com)



8



Evoking wee running shorts, these sans-strings bottoms will give you peace of mind at your next beach volleyball game. (\$25 top, \$28 bottom, American Apparel)



10

Jovich-Hawk's sporty triangle top screams water polo, yet it's definitely relaxed enough for lounging with a cold drink and the latest best-seller. (\$11.89 top, \$11.89 bottom, Target)



11

Wear Modern Amusement's rope-string model with button-front sailor shorts and a bucket hat for a 21st-century nautical look. (\$198, South Moon Under)



12

Pink flowers and black lace make this suit the stepsister to your favorite lingerie. Its flirtatious cutouts provide plenty of opportunities for unfortunate tan lines, so use a powerful SPF. (Betsey Johnson, \$150, South Moon Under)



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Styles | beauty

↓ FOUR DAYS POST-SHOWER
For a peppermint and citrus-y treat, try Rene Furterer Naturia Dry Shampoo. A few spritzes lasted longer than all the other products we tested. (\$24, Sephora)

↑ TWO DAYS POST-SHOWER
Bumble and Bumble Hair Powder comes in a variety of hues, so it soaks up oil while also enhancing your dye job. (\$19, Drugstore.com)

→ THREE DAYS POST-SHOWER
Oscar Blandi Pronto Dry Shampoo is so lemony fresh you'll think you mistook the spray for your Lysol scrubber. (\$11-\$21, Sephora)



Head Into Dry Ideas

For those concerned with the increasingly problematic water shortage, dry shampoo is all the rage. These sprays absorb oil, dirt and old products, all without wasting H₂O. Most are simple (i.e. they don't require disrobing): spray, let sit for a few minutes and brush out. Our completely unscientific formula tracks the number of days you can go sans rinse and repeat for each spray before becoming socially offensive. Now, if only they made this for the body. Oh, wait — they do. It's called deodorant. DANIELLE PARNASS

← TWO DAYS POST-SHOWER
Klorane Oat Extract Shampoo was the most fragrance-neutral of our batch. And you know what they say — if oats are good enough for horses, they'll do wonders for your hair. Wait — who says that? (\$16, Folica.com)

← THREE DAYS POST-SHOWER
Ojon Rub-Out Cleanser uses ingredients from the presumably well-coiffed "Central America's Tawira tribe" to erase all your impurities. Too bad it's for only hair. (\$24, Sephora)

HOW TO AVOID STAINED LIPS

Don't Whine About Wine

■ Merlot mouth. Cabernet kisser. You know — those tell-tale purple stains that result when dry or chapped lips meet a good glass of red (and its tannins). We understand how hard it is to be a vinophile, so we set out to find a cure for this problematic discoloration.

Our first goal was prevention. With Kiehl's Lip Balm (\$9.50, Kiehls.com) in one hand and a glass of shiraz in the other, we spent the evening applying the slippery, clear formula between refills. With constant application, it certainly mitigated the staining. Tarte's FRXtion (\$11, Sephora), with a sugar-based exfoliant on one end of the stick and balm on the other, didn't perform as well. However, its handy pop-up mirror at least kept us aware of our darkening pout.

Not fully satisfied with our preventative measures (funny how it becomes increasingly difficult to remember to reapply lip balm after a few glasses), we turned to



morning-after damage control. We were disappointed that Philosophy's Kiss Me Exfoliating Lip Scrub (\$15, Sephora) worked no better than regular toothpaste. Finally, we tried a solvent that had been lurking in our first-aid kit all along: hydrogen peroxide. Gently rubbing a soaked cotton swab on our lips proved an effective method of de-purpling. Followed by our favorite daily balm (Blistex Herbal Answer, \$2.29, CVS), we attained supple, naturally colored lips, our wine-smearing mouth only a slightly blurry memory. ERIN CLEMENTS RUSHING

event horizon

Lauren Conrad must be irate. "Hills" archdiva Heidi Montag launches a clothing line, "Heidi for Anchor Blue" (Anchorblue.com), on April 15. Yet if Heidi's frocks and jeans are like her dance moves, Lo needn't stress.

Don't feel like fighting hordes desperately hounding a reality star's designs? Head to Shecky's Girls Night Out (\$10, Girlsnightout.shecky.com) at D.A.R. Constitution Hall April 15-17, 5-10 p.m., for cocktails and deals on fashion merch.



RAMP OUT: Springtime offers the chance to cook with fresh vegetables and herbs—even some you have never heard of.

Ramp Up Your Dinner

Last weekend, one of our favorite farmers at our local farmers market had ramps! And, well, now we don't know what to do with them. Any suggestions for a quick weeknight meal that will make great use of our fresh ramps?

Ramps are really versatile. This recipe is from an article we ran a decade ago about hunting for ramps in West Virginia:

Time-honored West Virginia recipes number in the thousands, no doubt, and vary from savory ramps to ramp wine, for heaven's sake. But according to Aunt Gertrude of the Maxson family of West Virginia, this is the right way to do it.

Clean fresh ramps, cutting off the root, leaving the plants intact. Bring a soup pot of water to a boil; immerse the ramps and boil until tender. Slice the ramps, green parts and all, then fry in hot bacon grease for a few minutes. (Bacon bits are a tasty addition.) Serve warm. And never mind about the cholesterol.

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Another West Virginia recipe for ramps: Saute ramps with sliced potatoes and add eggs when potatoes and ramps are tender, scrambling all together. Yum.

I picked up some beetroot from Whole Foods, and I would like to make my own pickled beets for a salad. My mom said to boil them but not to mush them. But she wasn't sure how long to boil them. Do I peel them first or after the boil? Can I use the liquid from a jar of beets to pickle my own beets, or would that be gross, since it was already used?

Not gross, but not necessary. For pickled beets, you don't really need to boil. Peel them before cooking. Just cook over medium heat to medium-low heat until they can be pierced with a fork. For a half-dozen medium-size beets, try cooking them in 2 cups of apple juice or cider, along with 1.5 cups of sherry vinegar and a sachet filled with pickling spice, allspice berries and some whole peppercorns. Cool the liquid and beets before refrigerating them in that cooking liquid. Easy.

I grow and use usual herbs, and I've recently started growing lemon balm, which I enjoy, but I'm not sure how to use it other than in tea. Does it mix well with fruits? Would it do well in an orange salad? I'm

not sure how to put that together, but it sounds like a good idea. Any suggestions?

Your lemon balm is slightly minty, right? It will be good in salads with fruit and also good as a finely chopped herb with chicken. Please check back with us once it's going strong and tell us how you're using it. By the way: What made you get it in the first place—did you taste it somewhere, or did its aroma in the garden shop win you over?

I've only cooked with fava beans once (and didn't realize that you have to remove the husks from each seed!), so I want to give them another whirl. Do you have any ideas (or recipes) for simple ways to prepare them?

Fava beans are my favorite spring food. I always joke that when I win the lottery I will have someone dedicated full time to shelling favas for me so I can eat them all the time.

I do very little with them: I steam them and toss them with pasta, ricotta and mint. I also once made a recipe, I think it was from Martha Stewart, where you tossed them with toasted, chopped almonds, Parmesan, and a simple oil and lemon vinaigrette. Delicious!



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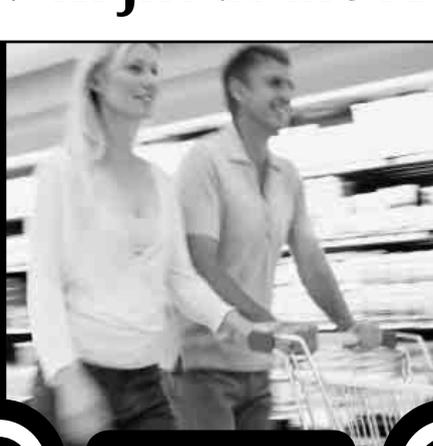
1. "Show no mercy on the Metro escalator," Megan Mueller, left. "Know the nearest Metro and bus stop, because you're going to get asked that a lot," Liz Westbrook. **2.** "Send 'em to Philly," Pete Murphy. **3.** "Stand left, walk right," Brian Gist. "If someone asks you for directions, pretend you're a tourist, too," Melissa DeCew. **4.** "I would tell them to not take up the entire sidewalk," Kristen Sutara. **5.** "Go to the monuments on weekdays," Serene Zlatin, left. "Drink heavily," Shana Owens. **6.** "Give them directions and they won't be in your way," Alexia Brown. BRYN LANSDOWNE



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Joanne Elsner, Randy Messing

Joanne, 27, works at Georgetown University. Randy, 27, is a sales engineer. They live in Silver Spring.

- **The Main Event:** A destination wedding in Key Largo on May 3. They'll exchange vows in a Catholic ceremony before heading to a formal reception.
- **Honeymoon:** Costa Rica. "We'll be zip-lining, white-water rafting and deep-sea fishing," says Joanne.
- **How They Met:** In high school while living in Hollywood, Fla.

■ **First Date:** Dinner at Hooters. "We were supposed to see a movie after, but I had a curfew," says Randy. "I was the only one I knew in high school with a curfew." Really? "I thought our first date was junior homecoming," says Joanne.

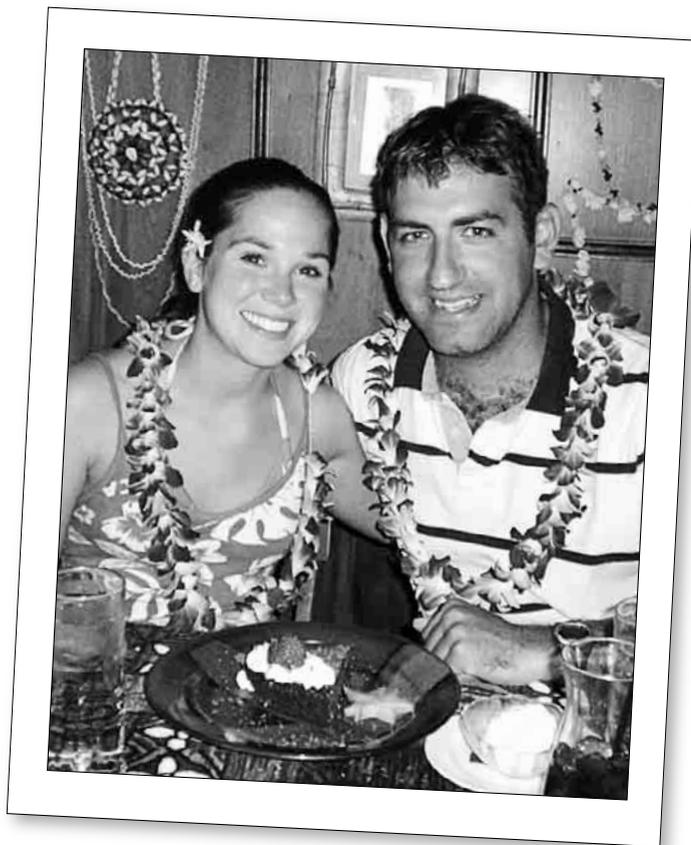
■ **How He Proposed:** After napping before heading out to catch a flight to see her fam in Peru, Joanne opened her eyes to see Randy get down on one knee.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "She has a pair of white sunglasses that make her look like Willy Wonka." "All of his Guy Harvey T-shirts that have holes in them from his many fishing trips."

■ **Making It Unique:** In addition to the beer pong at the rehearsal dinner? The reception will be carnival-style, complete with hats, wigs and instruments for all guests. At the end of the night, the bridal party will compete in a dance-off.

■ **Wedding Jitters:** Joanne's worried about "nudity. My Uncle Guillermo seems to take off his shirt at every wedding."

"I told my friends I knew I'd marry him someday."



Now That's the Spirit

Call it creeped out at first sight: When **KIMBERLY KROZNER** met **MARK BASSOTTI**, her feelings were more distrustful than amorous. The former Boston University dancer knew him as "the guy who mysteriously knows everyone on the dance team." Only when he showed up at summer dance camp did she learn he was the school mascot. Saying goodbye on the last day, Mark jokingly yelled, "Have you ever made it with a mascot?" He didn't see Kimberly's dad waiting to drive his daughter home. Smooth.

Yet the way Mark proposed seven years later was guaranteed to win over any skeptical future father-in-law. After surprising Kimberly at work with an overnight bag, they flew to Boston, where he proposed on their collegiate stomping grounds. The next day, Mark shocked her once more: He rented a car for a drive to Albany, N.Y., where their folks waited to celebrate. "I can't believe I pulled it all off!" he said. They will wed July 26 in New Seabury, Mass.

Mark, 26, is an engineer. Kimberly, 25, is an economist. They live in Arlington.



Genaye Channel, Jeremy Gadarowski

Genaye, 23, is a TV production assistant. Jeremy, 26, is a PR program coordinator. They live in Rockville.

■ **The Main Event:** A traditional "yet fun and youthful" wedding in Philadelphia on Aug. 31. Genaye will walk down the aisle to Kenny Lattimore's "For You," sung by one of her pals with a live band.

■ **Honeymoon:** Jeremy says a tropical island, but the rest is "a secret!"

■ **How They Met:** A mutual friend introduced them in college.

■ **First Impressions:** "She was beautiful and stunning." "He's going to be mine and he is HAWT!"

■ **First Date:** Dinner at Ruby Tuesday.

■ **How He Proposed:** While spending Christmas Day with her family, Jeremy

"I knew after the first year of dating Genaye." She knew "after the first week."

says, he saved one last gift. When she opened an empty box, "I said some sweet words. Another box magically appeared with a ring."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "Over who was right when we were lost while driving," says Genaye. "We didn't know where we were going, but just wanted to sound right. In the end, we were still lost."

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Nike swishy pants that I have tried to throw away ever since I met him!"

■ **Pet Names:** Genaye is "Boo Boo Girl" and Jeremy is "Mookie Mouse."

Matthew Easley, Katherine Heckert

Matt, 25, is a marketing coordinator. Katie, 24, is a law student. They live in D.C.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal ceremony and reception in a downtown loft in Kansas City, Mo., on May 10. A family friend will officiate, and Katie will walk to "Canon in D."

■ **Honeymoon:** "We were planning on traveling up and down the East Coast this summer — until my car got stolen

last week" says Katie. "Summer of weekend trips," suggests Matt. "No car thief can tie these free birds down."

■ **How They Met:** A football-watching party hosted by a mutual friend. "I couldn't figure out how to get the ice

cubes out of his ice cube tray," says Katie. "I had to get Matt to help me!"

■ **First Date:** A showing of "Garden State" at the movie theater.



■ **How He Proposed:** The day after Matt bought the ring, it was burning a hole in his pocket. So, "he made me breakfast and then brought out the ring for

dessert," says Katie. "I was still in bed. ... It was very sweet."

■ **Their Song:** "Proud Mary" by Creedence Clearwater Revival. Katie claims she caught Matt's eye by singing a karaoke version that "knocked his socks off!" Matt is proud their "song isn't a drippy ballad, but a peppy rocker."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "Sometimes when you've both had a couple of drinks, you get mad at the other person for not being as tipsy," confesses Matt.

■ **Making It Unique:** Despite the Missouri locale, the reception will have tropical music, seashell candles on tables and a sand castle wedding cake.

Getting Married? If you'd like to see your wedding or commitment ceremony in B.I.O., send your favorite informal photograph (wacky is fine, but please don't send a formal engagement shot), plus your names and ceremony date to weddings@readexpress.com. Please contact us at least one month before your wedding. We'll get back to you with some questions as your big day approaches.





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