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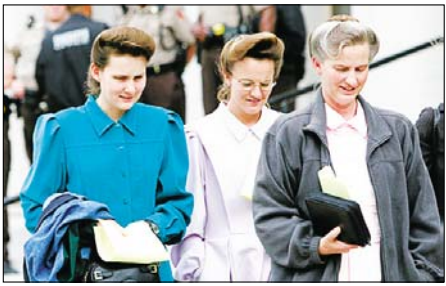
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Jason Segel gets naked in 'Sarah Marshall.' Also, two kung fu masters team up.

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## Pope Celebrates Mass With Plea for Healing



**MESSAGE OF HOPE:** Pope Benedict XVI makes his way from the field after celebrating Mass at Nationals Park on Thursday. The pope, in the U.S. on a six-day visit, asked that the American spirit of hope help heal the pain caused by the clergy sex abuse scandal. **Atonement:** Benedict meets with victims | **Page 3**

## Mental Toll High for Troops

About 300,000 suffer mental health problems, study finds

WASHINGTON | About one in every five U.S. troops who have survived the bombs and other dangers of Iraq and Afghanistan now suffers from major depression or post-traumatic stress, an independent study said Thursday. It estimated the toll at 300,000 or more.

As many or more report possible brain injuries from explosions or other head wounds, according to the study, the first major survey from outside the government.

Only about half of those with mental health problems have sought treatment. Even fewer of those with head injuries have seen doctors.

The researchers said 18.5 percent of current and former service members contacted in a recent survey reported symptoms of depression or post-traumatic stress. Based on Pentagon data that more than 1.6 million have deployed to the two wars, the research-

ers calculated that about 300,000 are suffering mental health problems. Nineteen percent — or an estimated 320,000 — may have suffered head injuries, the study calculated. Those range from mild concussions to severe, penetrating head wounds.

The study, the first large-scale, private assessment of its kind, includes a survey of 1,965 service members across the country, from all branches of the armed forces and including those still in the military as well veterans who have completed their service. (AP)



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**Country Files Restraining Order Against Stalker**

A Romanian man has been fined for making 6,442 profane phone calls to an emergency number. The 24-year-old man, who lives in a village in southern Romania, was identified in February and fined \$223 in April after a checkup showed he was mentally sound, said Daniela Salaoru, police spokeswoman for the Ialomița County police. It was reported that the man's mother said he was a loner and that she saw him talking on the phone a lot but did not know with whom. Romanian authorities say that more than 90 percent of calls to 112 are hoaxes or non-emergencies. In November, the European Union, which Romania joined in 2007, threatened legal action against Romania for deficiencies in its 112 system, mainly the failure to locate callers who use mobile phones. (AP)



**LAW**  
**Not Acquitted by Reason of Inanity**

A flick of the wrist has landed an Austin, Texas, lawyer in jail for contempt of court. A judge sentenced defense attorney Adam Reposa to 90 days in jail on Tuesday for making a lewd gesture and simulating masturbation while standing before a county court-at-law judge in March. At a contempt hearing Monday, Judge Jan Breland said Reposa, 33, rolled his eyes and looked at her while motioning with his right hand. Reposa said the gesture came from near his hip and was aimed at a prosecutor while discussing plea negotiations in a drunken-driving case. Reposa's attorney asked for a sentence of one day in jail. Visiting State Judge Paul Davis, however, said it was his "honor to uphold the integrity of the judicial process" and sentenced Reposa to 90 days. The attorney was led from the courtroom in handcuffs. (AP)



FRANK AUGSTEIN/AP

**ART**  
**How Terribly Literal**

This sculpture, wittily (or not) dubbed "The Eyecatcher" is part of an exhibition of glass art presented by the Museum Kunst Palast in Dusseldorf, Germany. Take the kids and tell them that this is what happens when you roll your eyes at your parents too often. (EXPRESS)

**BORING**  
**Mystery Object Not That Mysterious**

A small metal object crashed through a roof and slammed into the floor of a

house in New Zealand, and officials said Thursday its origin was a mystery. A police officer initially speculated that it fell from a small plane passing over the town of Whakatu on Wednesday, but aviation officials later said it may

have been shot from spinning farm machinery. No one was injured. "It looks like it's probably a brake lining or brake shoe from a small plane," Snr. Sgt. Ross Smith said after checking the house. (AP)

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## Nation



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**AT MASS:** The crowd watches Pope Benedict XVI celebrate Mass on Thursday at Nationals Park, where many in attendance also took Communion. More than 45,000 people attended the religious ceremony in Washington.

# Pope Offers Hope to Abuse Victims

Benedict XVI holds historic meeting after Mass at Nationals Park

WASHINGTON | Pope Benedict XVI prayed with tearful victims of clergy sex abuse in a chapel Thursday, an extraordinary and likely unprecedented gesture from a pontiff who has made atoning for the great shame of the U.S. church the cornerstone of his first papal trip to America.

Benedict's third day in the United States began with a packed open-air Mass celebrated in 10 languages

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at Nationals Park, and it included a speech to Roman Catholic college and university presidents.



Archbishop of Washington Donald Wuerl kisses Pope Benedict XVI's ring.

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But the real drama happened privately, in the chapel of the papal embassy between events. The Rev. Federico Lombardi, a papal spokesman, said Benedict and Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley met with a group of five or six clergy sex abuse victims for about 25 minutes, offering encouragement and hope.

"They prayed together. Also, each of them had their own individual time with the Holy Father," Lombardi said. "Some were in tears."

Lombardi said it was believed to be the first-ever such session between a pope and abuse victims.

The session came just hours after the pope celebrated the first public Mass of his U.S. pilgrimage.

More than 45,000 people filled Nationals Park as the pope led the service from an altar erected in centerfield. Benedict called the United States a land of opportunity and hope but decried that the nation's promise has been left unfulfilled for some. He said he detected anger and alienation, increasing violence and a "growing forgetfulness of God."

VICTOR L. SIMPSON (AP)

**Thrill of a lifetime:** The crowd at Nationals Park revels in the chance to see the pope, plus more on Benedict's visit to the U.S. | Today's Washington Post, A1

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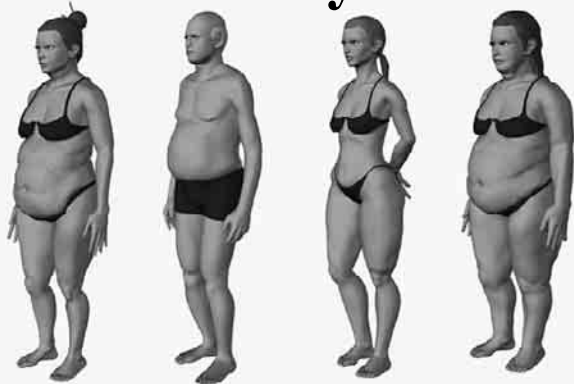


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The number of votes for, and the number of votes against, allowing restaurants to put beer and wine on the menu in a split vote in Tisbury, Mass. A tie keeps the town dry.

# Methadone Deaths Spike

Prescription drug is rising in reports of fatal overdoses in U.S.

LACONIA, N.H. | When her 20-year-old son stumbled home one night last October, Gail DeLuca told him to go to bed and sleep it off. "I love you, Ray," she called up the stairs, figuring she would wait until morning to lecture him about drinking. But it wasn't alcohol that made her son so woozy. It was methadone, and it killed him.

Raymond DeLuca was one of 168 people to die of drug overdoses in New Hampshire last year. That was more than the number killed in car crashes. More than half the

#### RIISING DEATH RATE

Methadone deaths are increasing at a faster rate than any other drug-related U.S. death.

→ The death toll rose from 786 in 1999 to 4,462 in 2005, a sixfold increase, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

→ By comparison, fatal cocaine overdoses rose 63 percent, from 3,832 to 6,228, in the same span.

drug deaths involved methadone, and an alarming eight of them happened in Laconia, a city of about 17,000.

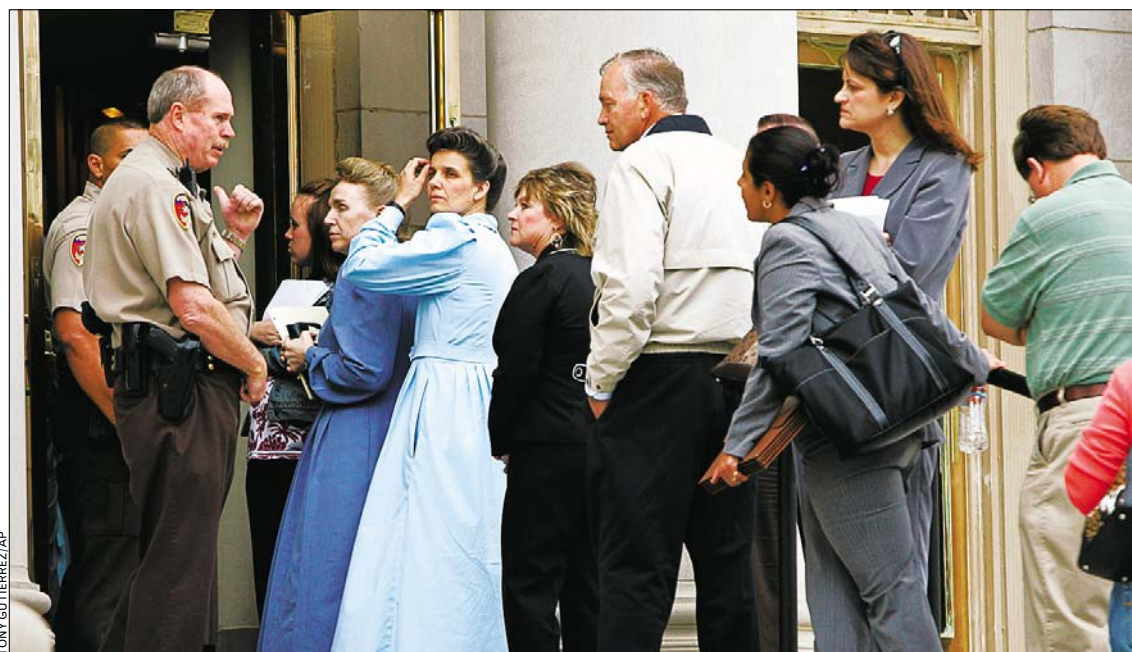
Though it is best known as a prescription drug that curbs heroin addiction, methadone has

been increasingly prescribed as a pain medication, and officials say it is those pills that have led to the increase in deaths.

In many cases, the drug is being stolen in transit between manufacturers and pharmacies. Also, patients with methadone prescriptions are selling or sharing their pills.

In Vermont, a woman was charged last month with giving methadone to a friend, who slipped into a coma and died. In New Hampshire, four people have been charged in connection with DeLuca's death, and a task force is investigating Laconia's seven other deaths in hopes of bringing charges.

HOLLY RAMER (AP)



Members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and others wait to enter the hearing Thursday.

# Chaos Erupts at Polygamist Hearing

The process to decide fate of sect's children descends into a farce

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS | A court hearing to decide the fate of the 416 children swept up in a raid on a west Texas polygamist sect descended into farce Thursday, with hundreds of lawyers in two packed buildings shouting objections and the judge struggling to maintain order.

The case — one of the biggest, most convoluted child-custody hearings in U.S. history — presented an extraordinary tableau: big-city lawyers in suits and mothers in 19th-century, pioneer-style dresses, all packed into a courtroom and a nearby auditorium connected by video.

At issue was an attempt by the state of Texas to strip the parents of custody and place the children in foster homes because of evidence they were being physically and sex-

ually abused by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a Mormon splinter group suspected of forcing underage girls into marriage with older men.

As many feared, the proceedings turned into a circus — and a painfully slow one. By midafternoon, only two witnesses had testified, and both only to lay the foundation for documents to be admitted later. No decisions were made on the fate of any of the youngsters. MICHELLE ROBERTS (AP)

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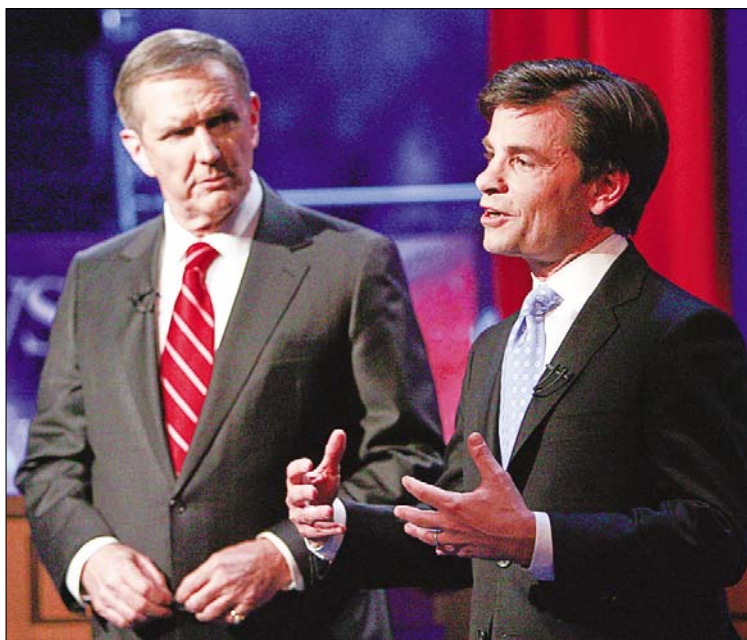
# ABC Debate Draws Heavy Criticism

Moderators panned in thousands of posts on network's Web site

NEW YORK | ABC News drew both record ratings and a heap of complaints about how Charles Gibson and George Stephanopoulos moderated the Democratic presidential debate, criticism that Stephanopoulos on Thursday called a sign of how much people care.

By midafternoon Thursday, more than 15,600 comments were posted on ABC News' Web site, the tone overwhelmingly negative. A prominent TV critic, Tom Shales of The Washington Post, said Gibson and Stephanopoulos "turned in shoddy, despicable performances."

Wednesday's debate was seen by 10.7 million people, according



ABC moderators Charles Gibson and George Stephanopoulos received poor reviews for the debate, which drew 10.7 million viewers, a record for this election cycle.

to Nielsen Media Research, the most of any debate this election cycle.

Early, the moderators asked for a pledge that the nomination fight's loser would be the vice presidential candidate (they wouldn't) and whether each thought the other could beat John McCain (they did).

Comments made by Obama's former pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright; comments Obama made about the draw of guns and religion to some rural Americans; and Clinton's claim that she'd faced sniper fire in Bosnia as first lady were all raised before Iraq and the economy.

"The questions were tough and fair and appropriate and relevant," Stephanopoulos said. "We wanted to focus at first on the issues that were not focused on during the last debates." DAVID BAUDER (AP)

## AP Poll: McCain Making Inroads With GOP Voters

WASHINGTON | Republicans are no longer underdogs in the race for the White House. To pull that off, John McCain has attracted disgruntled GOP voters, independents and even some moderate Democrats who shunned his party last fall.

Partly thanks to an increasingly likable image, the Republican presidential candidate has pulled even with the two Democrats still brawling for their party's nomination, according to an Associated Press-Yahoo news poll released Thursday.

Of those who have moved toward McCain, about two-thirds voted for President Bush in 2004 but are now unhappy with him, including many independents who lean Republican. The remaining one-third usually support Democrats but like McCain. (AP)

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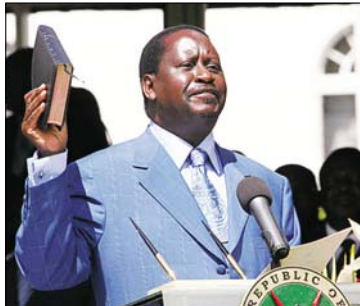
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## NAIROBI, KENYA

### Opposition Leader Odinga Is Sworn in as Prime Minister

Kenya's opposition leader was sworn into office as the country's prime minister Thursday, fulfilling a key step in a power-sharing deal aimed at ending a deadly political crisis in the East African nation. Within hours, a feared gang promised to heed new Prime Minister Raila Odinga's call to stop its campaign of terror in the capital — one small sign that resolving Kenya's political crisis could help return peace and stability to the fragile nation. (AP)

## KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

### 16 Killed in Suicide Bomb Attack in Front of Mosque

A suicide bomb attack in front of a mosque in southwestern Afghanistan killed 16 people and wounded more than 30 others Thursday, a provincial governor said. The attack took place as men were getting ready for the evening prayer at the central mosque in Zaranj, the capital of Nimroz province, said Nimroz Gov. Ghulam Dastagir Azad. He said that a district police chief and border reserve police commander were among the dead. (AP)

## GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP

### Israeli-Palestinian Clash Near Gaza Border Kills One

Israeli troops fended off Palestinian gunmen who assaulted a crossing on the Gaza border Thursday, thwarting the third attempt by militants to infiltrate Israel in a week. One Palestinian was reported killed in the clash, which followed a day of fighting between Israeli forces and Gaza militants that killed three Israeli soldiers and 21 Palestinians. (AP)

# Iraq Suicide Bombing Kills Dozens

## 55 slain at funeral service for 2 fighters who battled al-Qaeda

BAGHDAD | A suicide bombing killed 55 people at a funeral service Thursday in a village 90 miles north of Baghdad, police said, the latest in a string of deadly attacks this week attributed to Sunni insurgents.

Witnesses said an assailant wearing traditional Arab robes detonated an explosive vest while mourners were gathering for lunch in the village of Albu Mohammed in Diyala province.

Col. Jasim Khalaf al-Ubaidi, in the nearby town of al-Edhaim, said the funeral service was for two members of the local Sunni Awakening councils, one of several groups of fighters who have joined with the U.S. military and Iraqi security forces to battle al-Qaeda in Iraq.

The campaign to mobilize Sunnis against al-Qaeda in Iraq is one reason why levels of violence have declined in recent months. But the latest attacks appeared to be part of a stepped-up campaign of violence



Iraqi security forces survey the site of a suicide bomb attack at a funeral in a Sunni Arab village in Diyala province Thursday.

against the Awakening fighters and Iraq's Shiite-led government.

Ubaidi said Albu Mohammed village is near where al-Qaeda in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi was shown shooting a rifle in video footage taken before he was killed in an American airstrike in June

2006. Ubaidi called the area the "last escape for al-Qaeda."

Abdullah Mahmood Khalaf al-Azzawi, a cousin of one of the two men who were being mourned at the funeral Thursday, said he was preparing coffee while other cousins were in the main funeral tent.

"I heard a loud explosion and screaming, so we ran toward the main tent and saw the fire was eating the tent," Azzawi said. "My cousins were on the ground, either dead or wounded, and blood stained the dishdashas they were wearing." SHOLNN FREEMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

# S. Africa: Zimbabwe Situation 'Dire'

## Government issues strong call for Mugabe to release vote tallies

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA | South Africa, which has been reluctant to criticize Zimbabwe publicly, made a strong call Thursday for the release of the African nation's presidential vote tallies.

Government spokesman Them-

ba Maseko warned that "the situation is dire," and criticized the failure of President Robert Mugabe's government to release the results of the March 29 elections.

South African President Thabo Mbeki was widely criticized for saying last weekend that Zimbabwe was not in crisis.

At a summit, Mbeki and other regional leaders issued a weak declaration that failed to criticize Zim-

babwean President Mugabe. Mbeki, appointed last year to mediate between Zimbabwe's government and opposition, has said Mugabe will not respond to a confrontational approach.

On Thursday, Zimbabwean opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai called on Mbeki to step aside as mediator for Zimbabwe in favor of Zambia's president, who has taken a tougher stance toward Mugabe.

President Bush criticized Zimbabwe's neighbors on Thursday for failing to try to stop violence and misrule in the country.

Other South African countries and international organizations, including the African Union, need to join the few who have come forward, Bush said.

Earlier, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice used more forceful language, calling the past few years of Mugabe's presidency an "abomination" and urging his African neighbors to "step up." CLARE NULLIS (AP)

# Vast Fires Disrupt Travel in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA | Fires allegedly set by farmers sent clouds of smoke across the Argentine capital on Thursday, disrupting air and highway travel and choking millions of Argentines.

About 270 square miles have burned in recent days, according to Interior Minister Florencio



People and birds are silhouetted against thick smoke in Buenos Aires Thursday.

Randazzo. "We are facing a disaster caused by the hand of man," he said Thursday.

The smoke forced air traffic controllers to cancel landings at airports in Buenos Aires and led police to close some major highways.

Randazzo and other officials accuse private farmers of setting the blazes to cheaply clear scrub from grazing land. (AP)

## HEARSAY | CRITICS

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## World



**HUNG UP OVER CELL PHONES:** Taking a cue from France's national railway, which offers phone-free "Zen zones" on some trains, the city of Graz, Austria, this week began ordering public transit commuters to keep their phones silent. The crackdown has triggered a debate between free speech advocates and people who say they're sick of listening to others' chats.

# Thousands Protest Torch in India

## 15,000 police enforce security in capital to protect Olympic relay

NEW DELHI | Authorities sealed off the center of their normally frenetic capital Thursday with 15,000 police to protect the Olympic torch relay from anti-China protesters who held their pro-Tibet demonstrations elsewhere in India.

By the time the torchbearers had traversed the shortened New Delhi route of the round-the-world relay, protesters had come nowhere near the Olympic flame — and only a few hundred selected guests had managed to see it at all.

Security was among the tightest ever in central New Delhi, with rings of protection — first, Chinese; then, Indians — surrounding torch-



A Tibetan activist waves a flag as he is driven away by Indian police in New Delhi Thursday. Thousands of police officers were on hand to protect the Olympic torch.

bearers as they ran from the presidential palace to the India Gate monument.

India has the world's largest community of Tibetan exiles, many of whom see the torch relay ahead

of this summer's Beijing Olympics as an important stage to protest Chinese rule over Tibet.

Thousands held a peaceful mock torch relay earlier Thursday elsewhere in New Delhi.

Protests also were held in other Indian cities, including Mumbai, where 25 people were detained after trying to storm the Chinese consulate.

Much of New Delhi's leafy British colonial-era center was closed to traffic and pedestrians. Streets were sealed for blocks around the route, which had been sharply reduced to about two miles.

The route left the 70 runners, who ranged from athletes like tennis star Leander Paes to Bollywood celebrities, able to jog for just a few seconds before handing the flame to the next person. TIM SULLIVAN (AP)

## China Snubs CNN Over Its Apology

BEIJING | China on Thursday snubbed an apology from CNN over remarks by one of its commentators as a wave of verbal assaults on foreign media raised concerns over coverage at this summer's Beijing Olympics.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Jiang Yu rejected CNN's explanation that commentator Jack Cafferty was referring to China's leaders — not the Chinese people — when he described them as "goons and thugs." CNN said it apologized to anyone who thought otherwise.

But Jiang said at a regularly scheduled news conference that the CNN statement lacked sincerity and instead "turned its attack on the Chinese government to try to sow division between the Chinese government and the people."

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**ODD MAN OUT:** A 32-year-old mother from Belcamp, Md., is celebrating the birth of her quadruplets — but only three of the four boys are identical. There are fewer than 100 documented cases of “identical triplets plus one” in the United States, hospital officials said.

## Local

# Diplomat Pleads Guilty in Porn Case

## Deal does not include admission to coercing visa applicants into sex

ALEXANDRIA, VA. | A former U.S. diplomat pleaded guilty Thursday to possession of child pornography in a case that also included allegations that he pressured visa applicants in Brazil for sex.

Gons Gutierrez Nachman, 42,

admitted during a plea hearing in U.S. District Court that he had sex with girls ranging in age from 14 to 17 while serving as a consular officer in Brazil and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and that he documented the encounters in pictures and videos.

According to court documents, Nachman extensively documented his sexual activities from at least 2004 through 2006. One videotape

was labeled “2004 Congo Sexual Adventures.”

The plea deal includes no admission, however, to allegations that Nachman pressured attractive Brazilian visa applicants for sex. In a court affidavit, a State Department investigator said she interviewed several visa applicants in Brazil who had sex with Nachman after being aggressively pursued by him. One of the women told agents that Nach-

man “took advantage of her.”

The plea bargain prohibits the government from bringing more serious charges against Nachman, including production of child pornography, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years.

Nachman’s attorney, Lorilee Gates, said Nachman likely faces nine to 11 years in prison under federal sentencing guidelines. (AP)

# O’Malley Sets Election Date to Replace Wynn

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Gov. Martin O’Malley said Thursday he will set a June 17 special election to replace Rep. Albert Wynn, who is stepping down in June after losing the Democratic primary.

The election date was announced after O’Malley signed emergency legislation that enables him to call for a special general election without holding a special primary, as the law had required.

The General Assembly approved the bill at O’Malley’s request in order to save the roughly \$1 mil-

lion that a primary would cost.

O’Malley said finding a replacement is important, because nearly a quarter of Wynn’s two-year term remains.

“We’re signing this legislation today for the simple reason that every citizen of our country deserves to be represented in our national government — in the halls of Congress,” O’Malley said at a bill signing.

O’Malley either had to call for a special election or leave the seat vacant until the term expires in January 2009. BRIAN WITTE (AP)

## WASHINGTON | WEARING THEIR FAITH ON THEIR SHIRTS



**SCHOOL SPIRIT:** Students wearing T-shirts that together spell out “Pope Benedict XVI” await the pope’s arrival Thursday at the Catholic University of America in Northeast, where Benedict addressed Catholic educators.

## The Lotteries

### Thursday, April 17

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	<b>4-6-0</b>
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	<b>9-2-4</b>
Mid-day DC 4	<b>9-2-8-4</b>
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	<b>0-2-1-0</b>
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	<b>7-9-15-26-31</b>
Daily 6 (Wed.)	<b>4-9-10-25-33-34 Bonus: 3</b>
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	<b>19-20-32-36-38 (3)</b>

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	<b>6-5-7</b>
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	<b>2-2-9</b>
Mid-day Pick 4	<b>2-0-2-6</b>
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	<b>2-3-4-8</b>
Match 5 (Wed.)	<b>8-21-22-35-36 Bonus: 15</b>
Lotto (Wed.)	<b>3-9-18-19-31-43</b>

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	<b>2-1-4</b>
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	<b>6-6-5</b>
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	<b>4-6-4-8</b>
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	<b>7-4-4-2</b>
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	<b>3-4-11-12-16</b>
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	<b>11-14-25-27-31</b>
Win for Life (Wed.)	<b>1-17-20-30-32-35</b>

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
Powerball (Wed.)	<b>11-16-18-21-51 (16)</b>
Power Play	<b>10X</b>
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## Local



Montpelier Elementary School fourth-graders play a game in the Hall of Nations at the Kennedy Center before a National Symphony Orchestra concert Thursday.

# Pr. George's Kids Take Time for Art

## 8,000 4th-graders visit Kennedy Center for orchestra concerts

If music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, as the English dramatist William Congreve wrote about three centuries ago, yesterday it did something even more remarkable: It quieted a concert hall packed with 2,500 fourth-graders.

The young students, literally vibrating with energy, were from Prince George's County. For the first time, the county has sent all of its 8,000 fourth-graders to a series of concerts at the Kennedy Center this week in a partnership with the National Symphony Orchestra.

Before the concert began, the students were making music of their own. After leaving scores of school buses waiting outside in the parking lot, the students marveled at the center's flag-draped Hall of Nations. One group of seven singing girls from Port Towns Elementary School in Bladensburg, holding hands in a circle, played a clapping game in time with a ditty about "The Simpsons."

Derick Johnson, 10, was there with the girls. He likes dancing, he said, and his favorite music is hip-hop. But he has a soft spot in his heart for classical, too.

"I really like Beethoven," Derick said. Part of the appeal was how the young composer overcame difficult circumstances. "His dad was an alcoholic. He would always get punched, kicked, beat, if he messed up" while playing the piano, Derick said gravely.

When asked whether he had heard of Mozart, Derick shook his head in the negative.

Derick's was not a unique response. With an increasing national focus on passing tests in reading and math, the amount of time spent studying the arts, as well as science and social studies, has often declined. So, Emil de Cou, the associate conductor for the National Symphony Orchestra, was understandably enthusiastic about the opportunity to expose young people to the arts.

"I have yet to meet a teacher who thinks excluding the arts is a good idea," de Cou said. "If you just memorize facts and figures and numbers, you're not contributing to society. You're a maker of widgets." The arts, he said, "can be a divine spark that grows."

"I thought it was extraordinary," said Janice White, a teacher at Thomas Stone Elementary School. "Our kids don't have the opportunity to do things like this."

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# Money

## Market Action

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McMo pfM	173.00	+23.04	+15.4
LeggPlat	16.45	+2.10	+14.6
McMoRn	25.86	+2.98	+13.0
Venoco	15.32	+1.72	+12.6

### Losers

HorizLns	14.70	-3.53	-19.4
FstMarblhd	3.37	-.68	-16.8
Talbots	7.83	-1.33	-14.5
BrigStrat	14.82	-2.46	-14.2
FairchildS	12.12	-1.88	-13.4

### NASDAQ Stock Market

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AspectMed	6.52	+1.02	+18.5
AvocrtCp	18.38	+2.65	+16.8
lomai	2.11	+.05	+2.4

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	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
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Japanese Yen	103.09	102.04	118.95
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Taiwanese Dollar	30.34	30.30	33.23

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AstraZen	41.37	-.79	-3.4
BarrPhm	49.56	-.69	-6.7
BrMySq	21.59	-.39	-17.6
Cephln	62.45	-.47	-13.0
ForestLab	35.88	-.64	-1.6
Hospira	40.61	-.18	-4.8
JohnJn	65.76	+.06	-1.4
LillyEli	51.39	-1.16	-3.7
Merck	39.22	-1.09	-32.5
Pfizer	20.40	-.70	-10.3
SchergPl	16.48	+.10	-38.1
WarnerChil	17.71	-.05	-1
Wyeth	43.81	-.42	-9

# Teens Seek Deals In Weak Economy

Once recession-proof, young demographic is learning to be thrifty

NEW YORK | The souring job market and rising costs of the usual teenage indulgences — a slice of pizza, a drive to the mall, the hottest new jeans — are causing teens to do something they rarely do: be thrifty.

It's a far cry from the freewheeling spending of recent years, when teens splurged on \$100 Coach wristlet handbags, \$60 Juicy Couture T-shirts and \$80 skinny jeans from Abercrombie & Fitch.

Now jobs for teens are less plentiful, and parents who supply the allowances are feeling the econom-

ic pinch themselves. The stalwart retailers of teen apparel, such as Abercrombie and American Eagle Outfitters Inc., are reporting sluggish sales, defying the myth that teen spending is recession-proof.

It's even becoming cool to be frugal. Last week, Ellegirl.com, the teen offshoot of Elle magazine, launched a new video fixture called Self-Made Girl, which shows teens how to make clothes and accessories. The first video offers tips on how to create a prom clutch.

"It's a little tacky in the economic unrest to tote a big logo bag," said Holly Siegel, the site's senior editor. She said it's no longer about teens "one-upping each other," but rather where they can get it for less. (AP)

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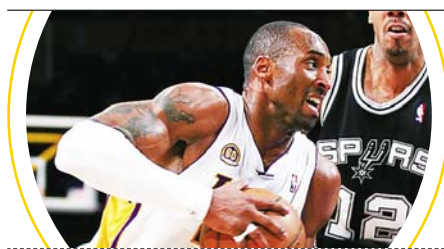
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**NBA**  
**Bryant Is Best:** The race for MVP is close, but Kobe Bryant should get the nod for winning the West, Swengali says. | 17

# Sports Weekend

## D.C.'s Super Sub

Wizards' Arenas hopes to be the man behind the curtain in playoffs

**WIZARDS** | Gilbert Arenas feels the time isn't right to talk to the media. We all know that because he told the world on his blog.

Arenas' teammates have taken away some of the spotlight this week talking up their quest for revenge against Cleveland in their first round Eastern Conference showdown.

And though the low-lying (ahem) Arenas insists there's nothing to talk about until "I hit a couple of game winners," he'll attempt to do that as the highest-profile substitute in this year's NBA playoffs.

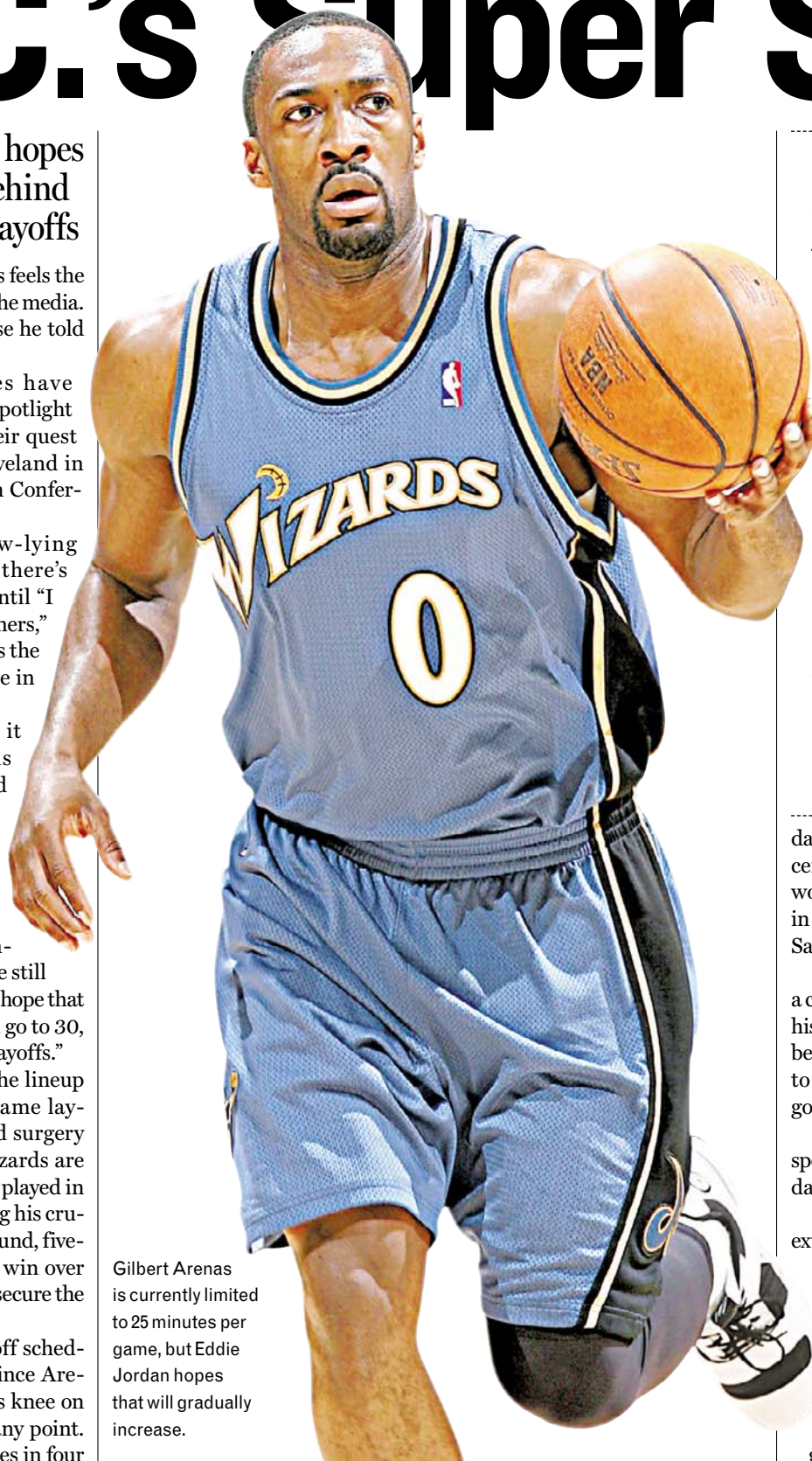
"Right now, we like it the way it is," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said of Arenas coming off the bench. "I don't think there are any concerns even on Gil's part to be a starter."

"We still have to consider his minutes. They're still under doctor's orders. We hope that those 24-25 minutes can go to 30, 35, maybe, during the playoffs."

Arenas returned to the lineup on April 2 after a 66-game lay-off to deal with a second surgery on his left knee. The Wizards are 3-2 in games Arenas has played in since his return, including his crucial 20-point, seven-rebound, five-assist performance in a win over Philadelphia that helped secure the fifth seed.

The spaced-out playoff schedule favors the Wizards since Arenas won't have to test his knee on back-to-back nights at any point. Arenas played three games in four

Gilbert Arenas is currently limited to 25 minutes per game, but Eddie Jordan hopes that will gradually increase.



**LET THE JAWING BEGIN**  
 Everyone seems ramped up for this playoff series, which is projected to be one of the most entertaining of the first round:

→ Two years ago, Arenas and LeBron James went head to head, with James seemingly getting into Arenas' head at the free-throw line. As James hit game-winner after game-winner, the Wizards lost three games by one point each. The team wanted revenge last year but had to play Cleveland without Arenas or Caron Butler due to injuries; they were swept. "I think everyone in this locker room wanted the opportunity to play Cleveland," Daniels said. "You don't get put out of the playoffs by the same team two years in a row and not want an opportunity to get back at that team."

days last week to help the Wizards cement their playoff position, but won't have played an NBA game in seven days when he laces up on Saturday.

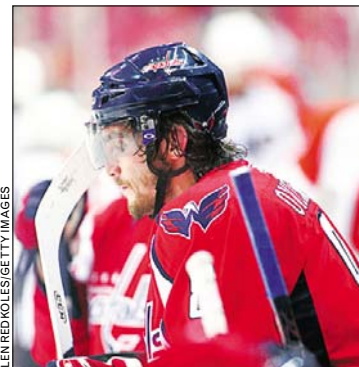
"We hope it throws a little bit of a curveball on them," Jordan said of his new super sub. "They're going to be prepared. He's not always going to go against their backups. He's going to go against starters."

When Arenas enters games, he speeds up a squad that has run Jordan's offense well all season.

"I think everybody gets a little extra juice when Gil comes in," center Brendan Haywood said. "He's coming out looking to pass more and get guys involved."

"But at the same time, he came out and proved in the Philly game that when it's time to take over a game, he's still got it." ERIC BRANDNER

## TV Lineup



Alex Ovechkin and the Caps are at home on Saturday against the Flyers.

### friday

**7:05 P.M.** After a series against Boston, the Yankees go from New York to Baltimore to play the O's. MASN2

**7:10 P.M.** The Nationals actually have a shot against the Marlins' Andrew Miller, who has an ERA above 11. MASN

**7:30 P.M.** Hockey's Western Conference playoffs continue with Nashville at Detroit followed by Dallas at Anaheim. VERSUS

### saturday

**12:30 P.M.** The Wizards begin their postseason with their first round at Cleveland. ESPN

**1 P.M.** The Capitals return home after two games in Philadelphia for Game 5 against the Flyers. NBC

**3 P.M.** The Spurs and the Suns have to battle in the first round this year. Ouch. ABC

**3 P.M.** The Mavs are at the Hornets for Game 1 of their series. ABC

**7:05 P.M.** While the pope is in New York, the Yankees continue their road series against the Orioles. MASN

**7:10 P.M.** Shawn Hill is set to return for the Nats against Florida. MASN2

### sunday

**1:10 P.M.** The Nationals close out their road series with the Marlins. MASN2

**1:35 P.M.** And the O's end their three-game series against the Yankees with a game against Andy Pettitte. MASN

**3 P.M.** Kobe Bryant and the Lakers have the best record in the West. But it doesn't mean much when you have to play the Nuggets in Round 1. ABC



**BASEBALL** | **Minor Problem** Astros shortstop Miguel Tejada has told the team he's actually 33, two years older than he's listed in the club's media guide and other baseball records. Tejada, saying he wanted to rid himself of a burden, approached General Manager Ed Wade and asked to correct misinformation he gave the Oakland A's when he signed in 1993, the Houston Chronicle reported on its Web site Thursday. Tejada was actually 19 when he signed out of poverty-stricken Bani, Dominican Republic. At the time, he says, a local coach encouraged him to say he was 17. (AP)

# Nats Struggle to Line Up

After dealing with injuries, Acta hopes to get his stars back soon

**NATIONALS** | Lost in the raucous, packed-house, walk-off celebration that was the Washington Nationals' opening night victory was pain and the quiet promise of more to come.

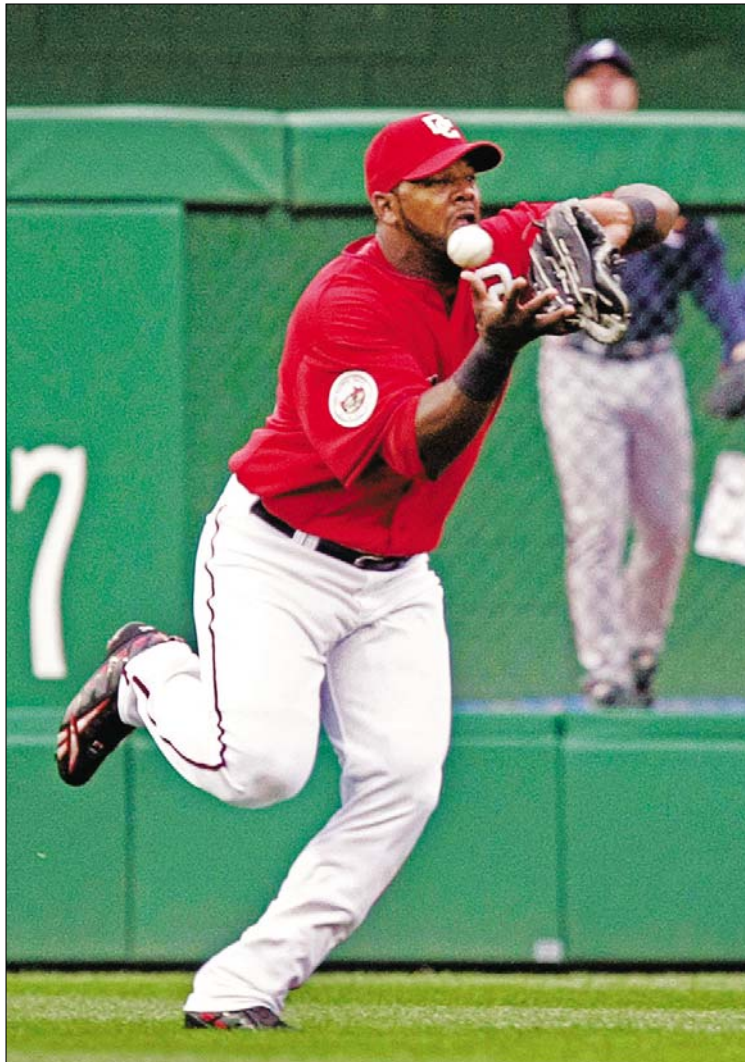
On that night, left-fielder Elijah Dukes injured his hamstring and closer Chad Cordero succumbed to right shoulder tendonitis. Both were on the disabled list before the week was out, and the rest of the Nationals weren't

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looking very able, either.

Dukes wasn't even the Nats' regular left fielder. He was filling in for Wily Mo Pena, who was nursing an oblique injury.

Manager Manny Acta was left to shuffle both his lineup and his bullpen, and not much worked. Jon Rauch became the de facto closer and allowed runs in four of his first five



Outfielder Wily Mo Pena returned to the Nats' lineup last week but hasn't brought the power the team was hoping for. He had no RBI heading into Thursday's game.

outings. In left, Willie Harris and Rob Mackowiak stepped in. Defense was fine. Offense was nonexistent.

So, you can forgive general manager Jim Bowden's excitement when Pena returned this week.

"We had one RBI from left field after 12 games. It's hard to win baseball games when you have one RBI from left field," Bowden said. "Having Wily Mo back, he's a threat to get one RBI every time he walks to the plate. So that changes you offensively immediately."

Except Pena has struggled, too. In his first game back, he struck out three times and hit into a double play. After three games, he had just two hits in 12 at bats — and no RBI.

Cordero returned — his velocity didn't — and he nearly blew a rare ninth-inning lead Sunday.

"It's killing everybody," Bowden said. "You don't want to start the year this way. We're opening a new ballpark and we don't want the fans to see us get beat."

Acta is looking forward to when he can manage the roster that Bowden worked hard to put together.

"It'll be a good feeling when we're able to put all those pieces together," he said. "We're not making excuses, by no means, but it'll be nice to know when we can bring everybody back to where they belong."

DEREK TURNER

## PITCHING MATCHUPS



**Tim Redding**

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

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'08 NL	16.0	2.25	2	1	14	4	8	7
'07 NL	84.0	3.64	3	6	84	34	38	47



**Andrew Miller**

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

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'08 NL	12.2	11.37	0	2	24	16	7	15
'07 AL	64.0	5.63	5	5	73	40	39	56

**GAME 1** When Andrew Miller last saw Washington, he managed to get through just 3 1/3 innings. In the same game, Washington's Tim Redding gave up seven runs, leading to the Nats' loss. In his one game since then, Florida's 22-year-old lefty gave up five runs in five innings, his longest outing of the year.



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# Does A.I. Have the Answer?

After a year playing together, the Nuggets find a cohesive team

**NBA** | Allen Iverson wasn't "The Answer" in the short-term for the Denver Nuggets.

He joined them midway through last season, hailed as the savior who would help them win a playoff series for the first time since 1994.

But trades, suspensions and injuries, including his own severely sprained ankle, precluded the team from developing any chemistry or cohesion, and A.I. was smothered by the San Antonio Spurs, averaging a career-worst 22.8 points in the postseason.

Why will it be any different this time around when the eighth-seeded Nuggets face top-seeded Los Angeles Lakers starting Sunday?

Because, Iverson said, he's healthy again, the Nuggets have meshed after spending a training camp and a full season together and he and fellow All-Star Carmelo Anthony have proven that two superstars can indeed succeed side-by-side.

"I think they've learned how to coexist with each other and play off each other," Marcus Camby said. "They're Nos. 3 and 4 in the league in scoring, they had a lot of balance out there, and they never let egos



Last year, the Nuggets expected to go far after acquiring Allen Iverson, left, to play with Carmelo Anthony, but the team lost in the first round. Will this year be different? DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

get in the way."

The Lakers have their own dominant duo in newcomer Pau Gasol and MVP hopeful Kobe Bryant, who will be matched aplenty with Iverson.

"Let's go. This is what it's all about for me. You can't draw it up any better," Iverson said. "People say he's the best basketball player on the planet, so I'm definitely looking forward to the challenge. Especially with me believing that about myself, so let's go."

The Nuggets certainly aren't shy about having to face Bryant, Gasol, Derek Fisher or Lamar Odom.

"I'd be lying if I said it's the same thing if I was playing New Orleans or if we were playing L.A.," Iverson said. "Everybody knows how big that stage is. I relish the moment. This is what I play basketball for. This is why I love it so much."

Although they're facing the top team in the power-packed Western Conference once again, only seven wins separated the two uptempo teams in the standings. The Nuggets feel it's anybody's series.

"The last couple of years we've been unfortunate enough to play against the top team in the Western Conference. Our work was always cut out for us," Camby said. "This year, we're coming in relatively healthy. ... We're a more balanced team, a more together team."

ARNIE STAPLETON (AP)

## Swengali

**NBA** | BY MATT SWENSON

### Bryant the Best Of the NBA's Best

**DEPENDING ON WHICH** numbers you focus on, the NBA's most valuable player is a no-brainer.

Cleveland's LeBron James led the league in scoring, averaging 30 points while bringing in 7.9 rebounds and 7.2 assists per night in the 75 games he played. By the way, the Cavaliers lost all seven games James sat out.

New Orleans' Chris Paul was the NBA's best passer, handing out 11.6 assists per night in the most tangible way to measure whether a player makes a team better. And, thanks to Paul, only the Lakers were better than the Hornets in the West.

Speaking of the Western Conference champions, Kobe Bryant's scoring average dropped from that of the

**Bryant's biggest selling point is the Lakers' 57 wins, the most since Shaq left.**

past two years as he played more of a team game, but he still racked up 28.3 points per game. Yet Bryant's biggest selling point is the Lakers' 57 wins, 15 more than last season and the most since Shaq left L.A.

Last, but not least, there's Kevin Garnett, who averaged more rebounds (9.3) than his MVP rivals, but his stats pale otherwise. Yet there is this itsy-bitsy point that Boston won 42 more games than last year — 66 total — in the biggest turnaround in NBA history.

It's true that Garnett had Ray Allen and Paul Pierce by his side, but Allen would never have come to Beantown without Garnett.

In the end, though, I'd vote Garnett second — ahead of Paul (third) and James (fourth) but behind the best player on the best team in the best conference.

This has been Bryant's year.

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# Fans Ready to Make Some Noise

Horn Guy leads rowdy group as the Capitals return to Washington

**CAPITALS** | You may not see him, but you'll certainly hear him.

When the Capitals come back to Verizon Center on Saturday, Sam Wolk will be there with his horn. He has season tickets, and has spent almost every game this season — and for the last eight seasons — in section 415, blowing his horn to the tune of "Let's go Caps!"

Wolk's wife, Sherri Muzzuco, introduced him to hockey, and the two of them have been season-tick-

et holders since 1999. The original horn, which Wolk started bringing that season, was crushed by Penguins fans in 2000, and this season, Wolk wrapped his new horn in a red scarf to match the Caps new colors.

"Sometimes you need to get the house rocking. If we kill a penalty, I'll blow it. I always blow it right after a goal's scored," says Wolk, who adds that he won't blow it when the Caps are on special teams. "Then I'll do it when there's a lull and I feel like we need to do it."

Wolk wasn't in the stands for the Caps' run to the Stanley Cup in 1998, but he says the arena is



Capitals fans have jumped behind their team, wearing red and yelling loud. TONI L. SANDYS/TWP

### Late Game

→ The Capitals-Flyers' Game 4 ended after Express' deadline. For results as well as analysis from columnist Mike Wise and Jason La Canfora | **Today, Sports**

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louder now than he's ever seen it. He's not alone.

"We've built something really special here, and it's going to stay for a long, long time," said owner Ted Leonsis after Game 1 of the Capitals-Flyers series. "I think the fans have bought in. It's like Malibu real estate in the '60s." (EXPRESS)

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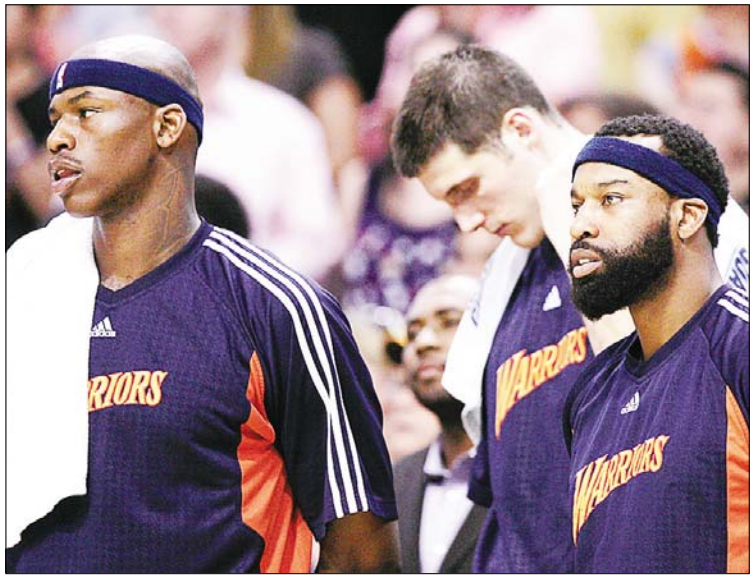
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Al Harrington and Baron Davis were part of this year's Golden State Warriors, which made history as the winningest team to not make the playoffs in a crowded conference.

## Nothing to Show With 48 Wins

### Warriors fall 2 victories shy in record-setting Western Conference

NBA | Never before has a 48-win NBA team been forced to prepare for the lottery instead of the playoffs the day after the season ended.

That's the predicament the Golden State Warriors are in this year, after their best season in 14 years wasn't enough to make it into the postseason in the power-packed Western Conference.

"We had an incredible year, and I'm very proud of the team," coach Don Nelson said. "We deserve to be a playoff team and we're not. So, here we sit. We've had an incredible year."

It just wasn't good enough. The Warriors overcame a 0-6 start by winning 40 of their next 57 games to move into position for another playoff berth.

But the heavy minutes logged by stars Stephen Jackson, Baron Davis and Monta Ellis during that run paid a toll down the stretch. The Warriors (48-34) looked tired in the closing weeks of the season and stumbled to an 8-11 finish, losing twice to Denver in what ultimately decided the final playoff spot.

"This was a very successful season," forward Al Harrington said.

"We proved to be a better team than we were last year. We played in one of the most unusual, tough seasons in the history of the game. For a team to have 48 wins and not make the playoffs is crazy. That's just how it was this year. Our goal was 50. We thought 50 would get us in the playoffs."

All eight playoff teams won at least 50 games, with the Nuggets (50-32) finishing two games ahead of Golden State for the final spot.

The Warriors have more wins than any team that failed to make

#### Cavs and Have-Nots

→ From constant injury problems to struggling to gel after a blockbuster trade at midseason, it seems like little has gone right for the Cavaliers. | **Today, Sports**

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the playoffs since the NBA expanded to the 16-team format in 1984.

What makes this miss even more painful is that Philadelphia (40-42) and Atlanta (37-45) are still playing despite having losing records in the weaker Eastern Conference.

So after becoming the first No. 8 seed to beat the top seed in a best-of-seven series in last year's upset of Dallas, the Warriors have to settle for a different kind of historical mark this season. JOSH DUBOW (AP)

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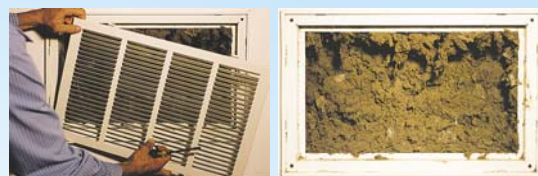
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Red Wings goalie Dominik Hasek gave up three goals on 14 shots Wednesday.

# Detroit: Move Over, Dominator

Red Wings to go with Osgood in Game 5 after Hasek struggles

NHL PLAYOFFS | The Detroit Red Wings were hoping to stick with Dominik Hasek when the playoffs began after rotating the goalie with Chris Osgood in the regular season.

The six-time Vezina Trophy winner, though, was so shaky in a series-evening loss that coach Mike Babcock was compelled to make a move.

Hasek out. Osgood in. "This is Plan B," Babcock acknowledged Thursday. "But Plan B is Chris Osgood and I think he won 29 games and had the best goals-against average in the NHL."

Hasek was benched after giving up three goals on 14 shots Wednesday night in a 3-2 loss at Nashville. Osgood had 13 saves in relief.

Osgood will start when Detroit hosts the pivotal Game 5 in the best-

of-seven series Friday night. "Ozzie has an opportunity," Babcock said. "We'll see what he does with it."

The Predators know that if they're going to play in the second round for the first time in four attempts, they have to snap their 0-for-9 skid on the road in the playoffs.

"We talked about that," Nashville coach Barry Trotz said. "If we're going to win this series, we have to win one at the Joe."

Despite playing in his first post-season, Nashville's Dan Ellis certainly has not been fainthearted against the NHL's top-seeded team.

Ellis led the league with a .924 save percentage in the regular season and has matched that average in the playoffs, giving up fewer than three goals per game and making 39 saves in Game 4.

"Whoever wins is going to have a big advantage in the series," Nashville center David Legwand said. "It's a best two out of three right now. Just puts all the pressure on tomorrow's game." LARRY LAGE (AP)

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# UCLA's Love Declares for NBA Draft

COLLEGE HOOPS | UCLA's Kevin Love is NBA-bound.

The All-American freshman announced Thursday that he'll skip his final three college seasons and enter the NBA draft.

Love led the Bruins in scoring (17.5 points) and rebounds (10.6)

on the way to a 35-win season and a trip to the Final Four.

Kansas stars Brandon Rush and Darrell Arthur also declared themselves eligible for the NBA draft Thursday, less than two weeks after leading the Jayhawks to their second national title in 20 years. (AP)

# Fins Go on the Defensive

## GM Ireland's comment hints at Miami's plans for the upcoming draft

NFL | Perhaps it was a slip of the tongue, or subterfuge scripted by Bill Parcells. Or maybe Miami Dolphins general manager Jeff Ireland inadvertently tipped his hand regarding the team's plan for No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.

At a news conference Thursday to discuss the draft, Ireland said he wouldn't talk about the Dolphins' strategy, and he didn't discuss specific players. But one comment he made was surprisingly specific.

"Of course I want guys that have great upside," Ireland said. "This is the first pick in the draft. This guy is going to be — you hope that he's a pillar of your defense for a long time."

Defense? That would be news. As Ireland continued, the room broke out in laughter.

"Pillar of your defense, or offense, or team," he said to more laughter. "That's a Freudian slip."



Pundits have speculated that Miami might select Michigan's offensive tackle Jake Long with the No. 1 pick. But the Dolphins could go with a defensive player instead.

This counters speculation the Dolphins want to sign Michigan offensive tackle Jake Long before the draft. Miami began negotiations last week with Long's agent.

If the Dolphins have instead decided to pick a defensive player, the likely choice will be Virginia defensive end Chris Long, Ohio State linebacker Vernon Gholston or Louisiana State defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey.

The Dolphins' preference is difficult to guess because the top prospects are considered comparable in talent, and Miami's needs are many.

"There are certain core positions you have to have," Ireland said, listing cornerback, left tackle, a pass rusher, quarterback, a top receiver and nose tackle. "We don't have a whole lot of those core positions right now, to be honest with you. We need probably all of them."

STEVEN WINE (AP)



**Who's No. 1?** To stay up to date on who the Dolphins are likely to take at No. 1, visit [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com).

## McNair Retires Early, Ending a 13-Year Career

RAVENS | Steve McNair intended to complete the final three years of his contract with the Baltimore Ravens. He worked hard during the offseason and arrived at minicamp ready to assume his role as the starting quarterback.

His body had other plans.

McNair announced his retirement Thursday, ending a 13-year career in which he was selected co-MVP, led the Tennessee Titans

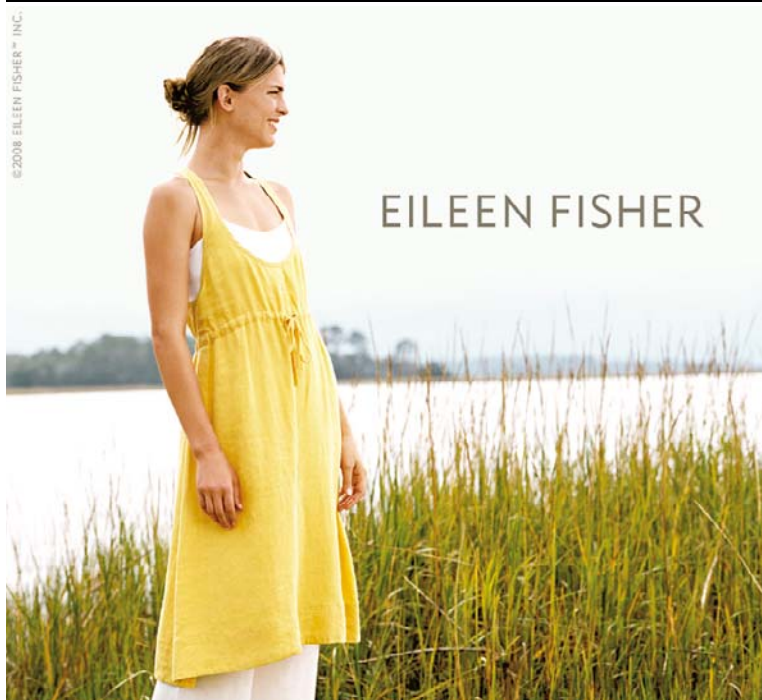


McNair

to the Super Bowl and orchestrated the most successful regular season in the Ravens' history.

"My mind was there," he said. "Mentally, I could go out and play. But physically, I couldn't do it anymore. Not to the capacity that I need to help my teammates win a football game.

"It's been a great ride. It's a sad, emotional day for me. I'm trying to do the best I can to hold it in." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



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## HIP-HOP

**Master of Spin:** Roots drummer and hip-hop producer Questlove showcases his skills on the turntables at *Liv* on Sunday night. | 25



**FORGETTING 'DRILLBIT TAYLOR':** Jason Segel in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," Apatow's return to movies that aren't lame.

## Worth the Pain

### Breaking up is hard to do but fun to watch in 'Marshall'

**FILM** | So, perhaps the rumors of Judd Apatow's demise were greatly exaggerated.

Following the disappointing performance of "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story" and the flop that was "Drillbit Taylor," Apatow

is back in classic form with his latest production.

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" is yet another crowd-pleasing comedy like "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Knocked Up" and "Superbad" that will make you laugh and squirm the whole way through — usually at the same time. It has just the right balance of the salty and the sweet. It also signals an introduction of sorts to a couple of engaging talents.

Jason Segel, co-star of Apatow's "Knocked Up" and "Freaks and Geeks," and the CBS sitcom "How I Met Your Mother," settles comfortably into his first screenplay and first leading role. Drawing on his own experiences, Segel plays a big, lovable puppy dog of a guy who gets dumped when he's most vulnerable by his TV-star girlfriend, Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell). His unabashed full-front-

tal nudity in this scene has been the stuff of legend for weeks before the film's opening; you do have to give him credit for showing such, um, confidence.

And then there's Russell Brand, a British stand-up comic who will probably be new to American audiences, but not for long. He runs away with this movie — tough to do, since it's populated with big personalities — as a preening rock star who is less vapid and more verbal than he initially appears. Segel has given Brand most of the movie's wittiest lines, and since improvisation rules on an Apatow set, Brand and the rest of the cast were free to bounce off each other with reckless abandon.

Under the direction of first-timer Nicholas Stoller, Segel stars as Peter Bretter, a genial but mostly unmotivated musician. He's the composer for the TV series "Crime Scene: Scene of the Crime," a dead-on takeoff on "CSI" (with a brilliant rip on David Caruso). Sarah, the show's glamorous star, has been Peter's girlfriend for the past six years, which has meant long nights of holding her purse at premieres while she answers reporters' questions on the red carpet.

Segel's strength as a writer lies in the observational nature of his humor. He's highly attuned to the rhythms of suffering, to the absurdity of love and heartache. But he's also clever enough, and has enough of his own voice, to provide surprising touches to his characters.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

## Got Plans?

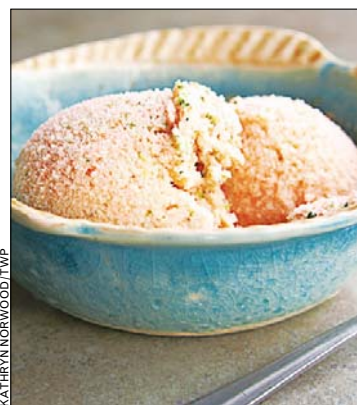
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**I'm looking for a good sushi happy hour, besides Cafe Asia. Are there any others?**

I'm a huge fan of Uni: A Sushi Place's deal. I like the atmosphere, and the sashimi always tastes fresh.

→ *Uni: A Sushi Place*, 2122 P St. NW; 202-833-8038. (*Dupont Circle*)

**Is there a bar in the city showing the Joe Calzaghe-Bernard Hopkins fight on Saturday night?**

Momo's and the Ugly Mug will both have the bout on their flat-screens. I'd go with the Mug.

→ *The Ugly Mug*, 723 8th St. SE; 202-547-8459. (*Eastern Market*)

## Battle of the Kings of Kung Fu

### Martial arts gurus face off while playing many characters

**FILM** | Jackie Chan versus Jet Li: This time, it's personal!

Actually, these two martial arts masters have never faced each other before, which, in theory, is the primary allure of "The Forbidden Kingdom." But while the first (and only) time they fight each other is indeed thrilling, the rest of the movie is a

solid, though forgettable, family-friendly action flick.

Longtime animation director Rob Minkoff ("The Lion King,") tells a story inspired by the Chinese legend of the Monkey King.

Scrawny Boston teenager Jason (Michael Angarano), who's obsessed with kung fu movies yet frequently gets beaten up by bullies with wicked-awful New England accents, magically ends up one day in the countryside of ancient China. A powerful staff, which Jason dis-



Jackie Chan vies to become the new Eddie Murphy in "Forbidden Kingdom."

covers in a Chinatown pawn shop run by the wisecracking Old Hop (Chan), sends him back in time. He must return the fighting stick to its rightful owner, the Monkey King (Li), to free him from imprisonment by the evil Jade Warlord (Collin Chou, smothered in ornate robes and blue eye shadow).

Jason gets help in his quest from two disparate teachers: the stumbling Lu Yan (Chan again) and the Silent Monk (Li again).

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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# Super Size Hunt

## Spurlock goes on a wild, fruitless pursuit of Osama bin Laden

FILM | "Where in the World Is Osama bin Laden?" It's a question to which Morgan Spurlock probably never really intended to find the answer.

To say that the "Super Size Me" director's latest documentary is a gimmick would be a gross understatement. It's also a given — that's Spurlock's trademark modus operandi. Just as nobody put a gun to his head and made him eat McDonald's food for 30 days straight in his amusing 2004 debut, no one forced him to visit some of the most dangerous places on the globe seeking the elusive al-Qaeda leader.

The journey — which takes him from his New York home to such countries as Egypt, Morocco, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan and Pakistan — isn't just reckless, but also selfish. He says he was inspired by the impending birth of his first child to find bin Laden and hoped to make the world a safer place. Yet he leaves his wife, Alexandra, at home to worry about him as he repeatedly puts himself in harm's way over several months. (Spurlock admits in the film's production notes that



**WHEN IN THE DESERT:** Do as they do. Spurlock grows a beard and tries to blend in.

his wife objected to him taking this trip with a baby coming — and who could blame her?)

After an animated introduction in which he depicts himself battling bin Laden mano a mano, Spurlock prepares himself for the various perils that lie ahead by working out, getting all his shots, undergoing kidnapping training and learning what to do should a live grenade tumble into his path. It's a "Rocky"-esque montage.

Then as he jets from place to place, he provides glib, oversimplified tidbits about Mideast history along the way: the Islamic Revolu-

tion as a cartoon; al-Qaeda biggies on baseball cards. But he also grows his beard out and wears local dress whenever possible in a futile but well-intentioned attempt to blend into his surroundings.

The one useful thing to emerge from Spurlock's travels is the discussions he has with regular folks about bin Laden, the United States, world relations and their personal dreams. These parts feel enlightening and real, and reflect Spurlock's regular-guy relatability, which has always been his strongest asset.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

## Wong's Far-Flung 'Nights'

FILM | The road to romantic recovery is meandering, far-flung and thousands of miles long in "My Blueberry Nights," Wong Kar Wai's first English-language film. Norah Jones, in her bland screen debut, plays a brokenhearted New Yorker named Elizabeth who sets out on a road trip across America after a bad breakup, presumably in search of oblivion or at the very least a change of scenery.



Jude Law and Norah Jones are oddly matched in this hazy take on romance.

But first she wallows, spending a series of long, woozy nights in an otherwise ever-deserted diner basking in the melancholy sympathy of diner owner and fellow lonely-heart, Jeremy, improbably played by Jude Law. If this is the guy she goes to for a shoulder, you have to wonder

who she's pining for.

If Law is hard to buy as the counter-wiping type, he's even harder to buy as the type to dispense home-spun similes equating recently dumped girls to unsold pastry. Wong's dreamy evocation of that post-heartbreak misery blur is dead-on, but Jones isn't strong enough an actress to do much more than drift through it in a haze.

Of course, Wong's signature lyrical gorgeousness, all bleeding lights and smudged close-ups and a cool, agonizing soundtrack, (Chan Marshall of Cat Power provides many of the songs and makes an appearance as Jeremy's long-lost love) is a dead giveaway that "My Blueberry Nights" isn't shooting for realism. CARINA CHOCANO (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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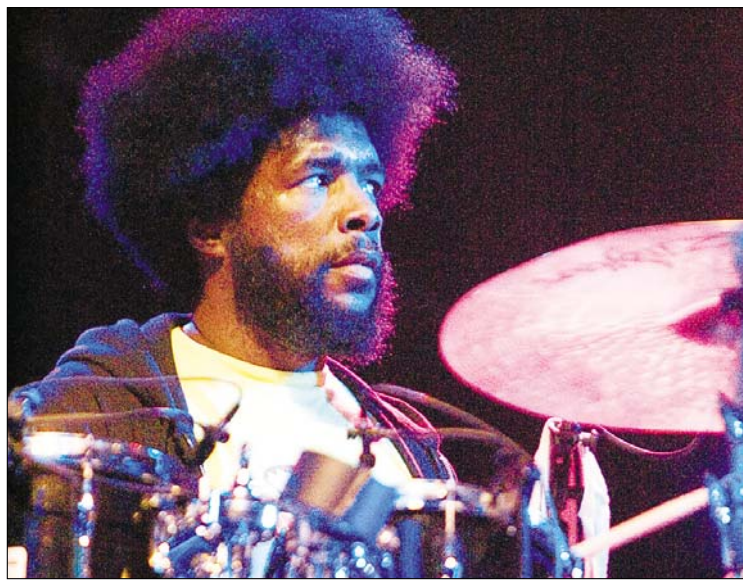
### FRIDAY

When Nicolay was an unknown but driven multi-instrumentalist and producer grinding away in his studio in the Netherlands eight years ago, he couldn't have predicted where the journey would take him, but he was definitely prepared for it. His jazzy, layered hip-hop tracks reflected inspiration from the Soulquarian camp with synths and vintage keyboards laying harmonies over staccato drums. It was actually on Okayplayer, the online home of the head Soulquarian himself — ?uestlove of the Roots — that Nicolay would connect with the like-minded artists who brought him to American shores and stores.

After his beat collections and some choice remixes started making the rounds, Nicolay launched the Foreign Exchange project with Phonte from Little Brother and then a solo album titled "Here." Nicolay's most recent project continues in the nuanced hip-hop soul vein in the form of a collaboration with Texan rapper Kay. Their album, "TIME: LINE," is a rich and thoughtful collection of future soul meets hip-hop tunes. The duo headlines **THE BLACK CAT** tonight, and they'll be preceded by a pair of musically similar spirits, Washington's own Muhsinah and Panacea.

### SATURDAY

The last time Stewart Lupton was heard from on CD, he was in his early 20s and ready to take on the world as frontman of Jonathan Fire\*Eater. The moody, organ-driven garage-rock quintet with local roots was endlessly annointed as the next big thing, but the album flopped, the band broke up and Lupton seemingly fell off the



**DEEP ROOTS:** Veteran producer and performer ?uestlove is at Liv on Sunday.

face of the earth. A few years ago, he resurfaced with a new band, the Child Ballads, and after a couple false starts, Lupton is once again an official recording artist. As great as JF\*E's "Wolf Songs for Lambs" was (and its preceding "Tremble Under Boom Lights" EP was even

better), "Cheekbone Hollows," just out on Gypsy Eyes Records, is his best release to date. Label-mate Shortstack opens at **COMET PING PONG**.

### SUNDAY

?uestlove might be a Grammy-

winning producer and performer known worldwide for his work with his band, the Roots — along with D'Angelo, Jay-Z and now even Al Green — but when he takes to the turntables, he'd prefer to be able to cut out the wattage of his star power and just make you dance. The obsessive musicologist has long used spinning tunes as an additional creative outlet, so despite the gawking that often accompanies his massively Afro-ed presence, there should be no parking on the dance floor during his DJ set at **LIV** Sunday night. Taking the first leg of the night, EZ Street is also someone who likes to shed the assumptions that go along with his day job to get lost in the music while DJing. As a beloved radio host on WKYS 93.9 FM, he traffics in all of the mainstream content of that station, but in the mix he gets to dig into his deeper and more varied tastes.

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**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. What makes director Roger Donaldson's movie greater than any heist fare is that this particular rob-

bery really happened and that this episode illuminated an almost moral clash between the haves and the have-nots of Great Britain. It gives an extra dimension to our entertainment. These robbers aren't just people to root for, they're practically heroic — or at the very least, they're noble victims. (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. The story's most compelling personality, and the best reason to see the film, is Sorowitsch. He is uneasy in the role of protagonist, and when his dignity is shattered, it is fascinating to watch him use his outlaw instincts to maneuver and manipulate. The film convincingly examines the complex nature of

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humanity under inhuman conditions. Some people, like Sorowitsch, manage to rise above an existence as counterfeit as the money they are forced to produce.

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. In the McCarthy era in which the book was written, people saw pointed commentary in its depiction of the fascistic qualities in the people of Who-ville (who refuse to believe there is a world beyond the mini speck of dust on which they live). (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



**OR SOMETHING EQUALLY RIDICULOUS:** Jena Malone and Laura Ramsey are stalked by the ancient Mayans in "The Ruins."

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 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 confes-

sional he also put a bullet in the head of a little boy at prayer. Those who know McDonagh's work know a vein of darkness will run deeply through the comedy. It has seldom been darker. Or funnier. He has made a hit-man movie in which you don't know what will happen and can't wait to find out. (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. This misfiring begins with the casting of Zellweger but is seen, too, in the way Clooney frames his picture. There's a claustrophobia in "Leatherheads." But Clooney's performance is terrific. He possesses the combination of supreme confidence and humility that has been the hallmark of the biggest male Hollywood stars. (JA)

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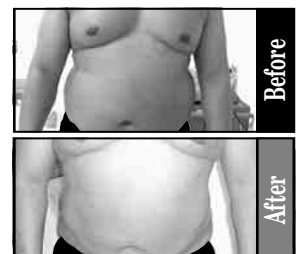
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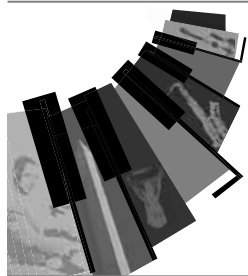
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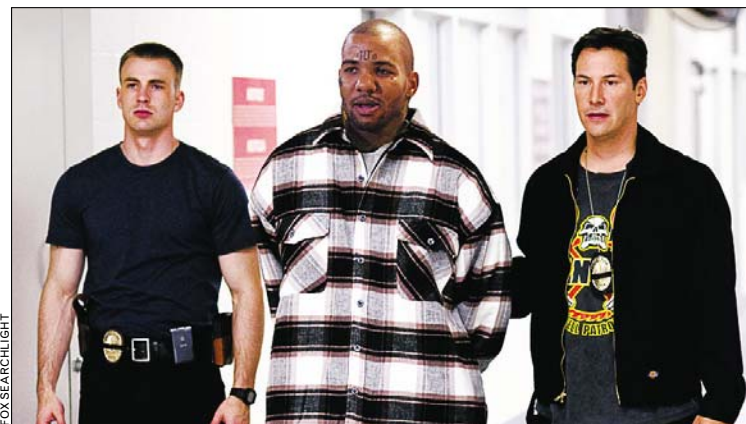
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**FUNNY, HE SEEMS SO ALERT:** Keanu Reeves plays a drunken cop in "Street Kings."

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**MARRIED LIFE** (PG-13, 90 minutes) Set in 1949, this movie stars Chris Cooper as Harry, a middle-aged husband having 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. And in this movie, romantic entanglements turn increasingly life-threatening. There is a perverse pleasure in knowing that, no matter how badly we run our lives, someone somewhere is doing something even dumber — or more dangerous. (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 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. The film's flaws are nothing compared with the pleasures it offers, chiefly in its unapologetic pursuit of old-fashioned sweetness and romance. (AH)

**MY BROTHER IS AN ONLY CHILD** (Unrated, 108 minutes) This Italian movie set during the 1960s and '70s, centers on Accio (Elio Germano), a plucky force of nature, who walks out on seminary school (the

abstinence thing doesn't work for him), then becomes enthralled with the ideology of fascism at an early age. His political belief, and his commitment to it and anything he pursues, causes constant collision with his older, good-looking brother, Manrico (Riccardo Scamarcio), a socialist. Their ongoing love-hate relationship, which lasts from adolescence into early adulthood, is the movie's spine. Like virtually every Italian movie, it evokes the sensual, intimate dynamics of family, with Accio battling, hugging, punching and cursing his relatives as an almost daily matter of course. Although the movie never quite dispels the sense of being dated, it's a memorable, often moving timepiece. (DT)

**NIM'S ISLAND** (PG, 95 minutes) The plucky heroine at the center of this 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 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 derring-do that, in Nim's 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 bodice ripper, 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 plea

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sure to these and other soap-opera she-nanigans, 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 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)

**PROM NIGHT** (PG-13, 88 minutes) Though

we can celebrate the substitution of suspense for gore in this remake of the 1980 film, this movie feels just plain dumb. The police are hilariously inept, and the way in which the teen victims wander off alone so the psychopath can get them is flat-footed, even for a slasher flick. High school senior Donna (Brittany Snow) still has nightmares about the home invasion and murder of her family, which she barely escaped. As she and her pals head off with their dates to the prom, the cop (Idris Elba) who caught the killer (Johnathon Schaech) learns that he has escaped. But does he warn Donna right away? Nooooo. Besides relatively stylized stabbings and throat-slittings, the movie contains sexual innuendo, teen drinking and rare profanity. "Prom Night" is not for nightmare-prone teens. (JH)

**THE RUINS** (R, 101 minutes) This horror-thriller with an overdeveloped sense of gore and an underdeveloped story fol-

lows 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, 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 potbellied 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. (DT)

**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 largely lets the Stones be the Stones. (DT)

**SMART PEOPLE** (R, 93 minutes) As a widowed, burned-out English professor at Carnegie Mellon University, Dennis Quaid tries his best to bring specificity to the well-worn archetype of the misanthropic pedant. This film often seems cobbled together from other movies: Ellen Page, who plays Quaid's overachieving teenage daughter, here reprises the irritatingly precocious persona that made her a breakout star in last year's "Juno." Ashton Holmes stars in a thankless role as Wetherhold's disaffected son, and Thomas Haden Church delivers the film's few near-laughs as the family black sheep who provides deadpan stoner humor and shots of his bare rear end. When Lawrence begins to date an attractive physician (Sarah Jessica Parker), viewers will want the relationship to succeed if only to stop all the snarky sniping. It's impossible to tell whether

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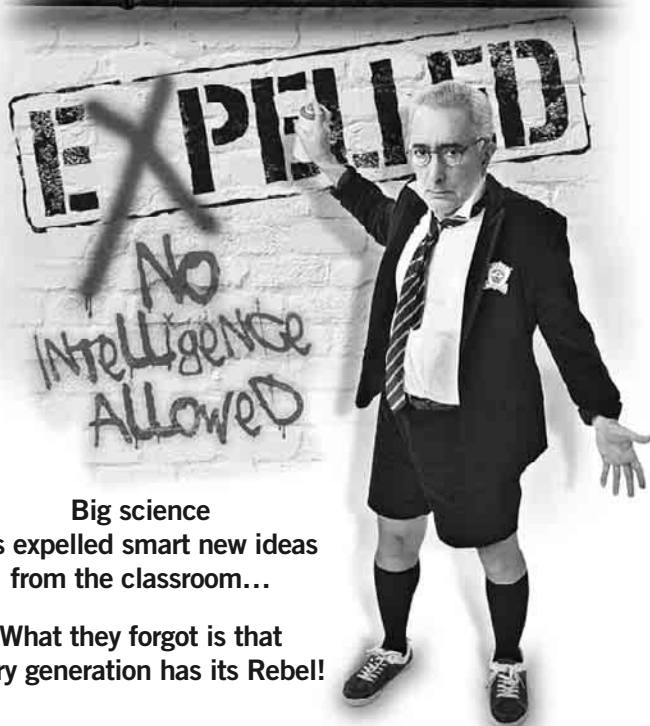
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the film's ending is happy because it's happy or because it's ending. (AH)

**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. It's a remarkably entertaining movie, thanks in part to a first-rate cast and a director who knows you can't make a point without calling everyone to attention. (JA)

**STREET KINGS** (R, 107 minutes) The movie's moral relativity (that the dividing line between good cop and bad cop is a matter of inches) seems like a flimsy pretext for hard-core shock value: nasty violence, colorful cussing and multi-bullet executions. The big-name casting brings no honor, or even fun, to the hackneyed roles. Forest Whitaker treats his cliched cop commander as if he were a gravitas-laden Iago. Keanu Reeves's too-cool-to-emote approach keeps us eternally distanced. Cedric the Entertainer adds

no special chuckles to his cop informer. And as a Machiavellian internal affairs officer, Hugh Laurie phones in the jaded, wiser-than-thou mannerisms of Dr. Gregory House, his character in TV's popular "House." (DT)

**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. The more interesting casting choice is Christopher McDonald, who plays bad guy Hourglass. But McDonald is like the entire comedy conceit of "Superhero Movie": You know exactly what you're getting in a format that hasn't packed a delightful surprise since, well, maybe 1980. (JA)

**10,000 BC** (PG-13, 109 minutes) Director Roland Emmerich takes the time-honored Hollywood tradition of spectacle, overkill and narrative absurdity and manages 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. On a trek that goes from mountain plateaus to jungle to desert in

what seems to be a scant few days, the group winds up in what looks like Giza—if it were the third millennium B.C. and not the 10th. And who's counting, anyway? It's computer effects, not logic, that reign supreme. (AH)

**21** (PG-13, 123 minutes) Micky Rosa (Kevin Spacey), 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 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. The story may be based on real events, but most of it feels patently false. It's a would-be parable about greed that emptily celebrates it, a drama about gifted people who are one-dimensional voids and, most laughable of all, a story about the giddiness of risk-taking that safely plays everything by the numbers. (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

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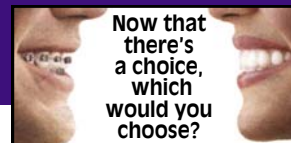
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meeting country kin, including the kind of spirited characters audiences know to expect in a Tyler Perry movie. Sit with any appreciative crowd and that special connection with Perry can rock the joint. (DT)

**U23D** (G, 85 minutes) The first digital 3-D, multi-camera production of a live event, this film captures the band U2 at its finest during the last leg of its "Vertigo" tour of South America in 2006. With three-dimensional digital images and surround sound that make you feel as though you're literally poking your head into another world, this movie is not the next best thing to being there. In many ways, it's better: the atmospheric immersion of being with an adoring crowd, yet not stifled by it, and the intimacy of pristine, intimate images of Bono and bandmates. (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



**THAT IS ONE SCARY CELL PHONE:** Dana Davis has the brilliant idea of hiding under something transparent in "Prom Night."

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 leave their story with little unexpected grace notes of humor and tender irony. The fact

that this film has been crafted with such an adroit, sensitive touch should reassure viewers that, as it approaches its utterly gripping climax, their hearts are in good hands, too. (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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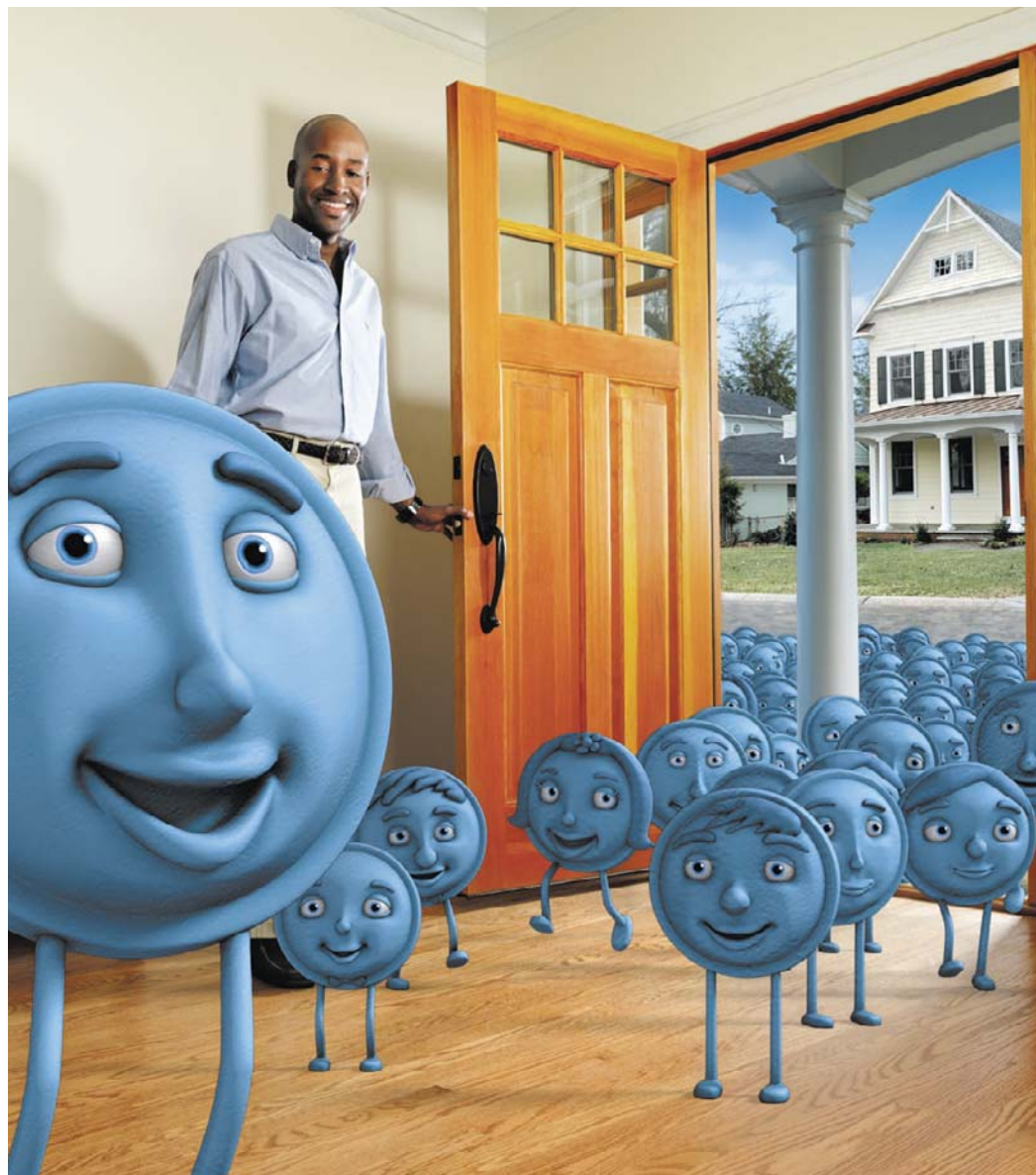
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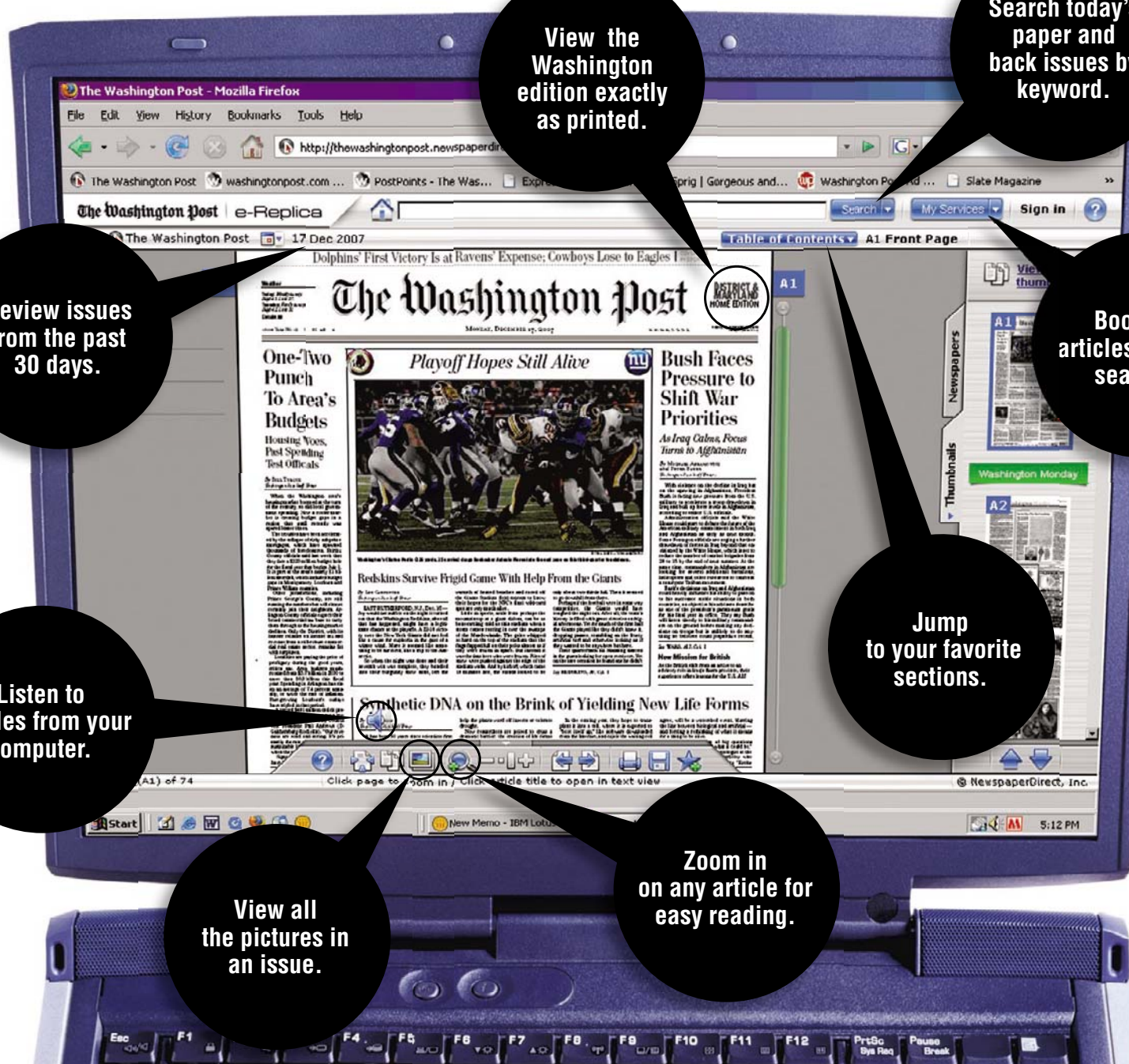
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## Horticulture

### Southern gardeners try to preserve strains of ancient flowers

A group of gardeners across the South is on a hunt for century-old strains of camellias and azaleas that are vanishing as modern cultivators breed daintier hybrids with bigger, more vibrant blooms.

“What you have is a beautiful bloom and a plant where you have to have a \$30,000 greenhouse and a Ph.D. to grow,” said Tom Johnson, chief horticulturist at Magnolia Plantation and Gardens. “You lose the beauty of the common ones in the wild or in people’s backyards.”

Johnson is among a group of individuals and 11 gardens across the South that have formed the Great Gardens of America Preservation Alliance to identify and preserve the so-called ancient or historic plants. Ancient plants are ones propagated before 1900; a historic designation is for plants from 1900 to 1960.

“Our goal is one day to have DNA samples of all the ancient [plants] so we can trace their DNA back.”

MILES BEACH, MAGNOLIA PLANTATION

Organizers say their searches through public gardens will be the easy part of what will be a multi-year quest. The effort will get more complicated after that, because many of the plants may be nestled in private backyards and gardens.

“I liken the effort we’re putting

forth to saving the bald eagle,” Johnson said.

Similar groups in other parts of the country are working to save dwindling wildflower populations and endangered species of plants.

The southern group is focused on azaleas and camellias, both symbols of the Old South.

There are thought to be about 470 ancient and historic camellias but fewer varieties, perhaps only about 100, of older azaleas.

Miles Beach, director of the camellia collection at Magnolia Plantation, said he hopes that within three years, more than 400 of the older camellias will be found.

“Our goal is one day to have DNA samples of all the ancient [plants] so we can test modern plants and trace their DNA back and see where they came from,” Beach said.

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BLAST FROM THE PAST: Visitors at Magnolia Plantation in Charleston, S.C., can walk among century-old strains of flowers.

# Blossom Buffs

A section of the gardens at Magnolia, where camellias first were planted in the 1830s — and at one time home to the world’s largest collection of azaleas growing outside — has been set aside to propagate the older flowers.

While Beach hopes to find most of the older camellias, finding the azaleas will be more difficult.

Azaleas are more fragile and were considered a gardener’s plant, not a show plant, so there tend to be fewer records about them, said Maartin van der Giessen, who owns an azalea nursery in Semmes, Ala.

Based on catalogs from the 1890s, van der Giessen estimates there are about 100 ancient azaleas, far fewer than the number of camellias, which had clubs devoted to their cultivation.

“Nobody collected them in the way they collected camellias and

there weren’t azalea shows and azalea clubs,” said van der Giessen. “It was a gentlemen’s thing to do. If you were a lawyer in the 1930s or 1940s, you probably grew some camellias.”

At the Natchez National Historical Park in Mississippi, researchers are relying on archival photos to help identify older camellias.

“We don’t have a lot of good documentation, but the house changed hands about 1901 and the new owners had cameras. They took these fabulous panoramic images of the landscape in which you see these very mature camellias and so we sort of post date from that point,” said Kathleen Jenkins, the park superintendent.

Florence Crowder, an antique shop owner in Denham Springs, La., who is taking part in the project, calls camellias “a year-round beauty.” She’s been infatuated with the plants since her parents left her with a garden containing camellias from all over Louisiana, some of which dated to before 1900.

“It’s a treasure hunt,” she said, “and there is a danger of losing them.” BRUCE SMITH (AP)



The “ancient” Governor Mouton flower blooms in a Charleston, S.C., garden.


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#### Natural Poetry

Bill McKibben's 1989 book "End of Nature" helped plant the idea of global warming into the lives of everyday Americans. Bernard Welt, Judith McCombs and Nan Fry will be tackling McKibben's ideas in a poetry reading on Saturday at the Warehouse Gallery. Chris Combs spoke to the poets. | [COMING UP](#)



### FILM

#### Secrets of the Desert

In "Super Size Me," Morgan Spurlock ate nothing but McDonald's food for 30 days. In his new film, "Where in the World Is Osama bin Laden?," he looks for the al-Qaeda leader. Suemedha Sood spoke to the documentarian, whose movie opens Friday. | [ONLINE NOW](#)

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## comment board

### “Bogus question.

It assumes that global warming is something that is man-made and something that man can reverse.”

**COMMENTER AK**, WHO ADDED, "HECK, THE GLOBAL WARMING FREAKS DON'T EVEN CALL IT GLOBAL WARMING ANYMORE, IT'S CHANGED TO THE 'CLIMATE CRISIS.'"

### “The longer action

is delayed on global warming, the greater the damage and economic dislocations that will follow.”

**COMMENTER CHAOS THEORIST**, WHO ADDED, "UNLESS GROWTH IS ENDED BY DELIBERATE ACTION, A COLLAPSE MIGHT DRIVE THE HUMAN SPECIES TO EXTINCTION."



**“Clearly, global warming** is anthropogenic. It exists mainly in the human mind and is manufactured from two sources: careless data acquisition and dubious data processing.”

**COMMENTER JS**, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "IS IT TOO LATE FOR CHANGES IN U.S. POLICY TO SLOW THE EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING?"

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# Blog LOG

“If one more blithering idiot tells me that the U.S. has the best health care system in the world, I will disembowel [them] slowly with a spork.”

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CHARLES DHARAPAKIAP

**“Although it was somewhat redeemed in the final half-hour, I felt like taking a shower after that debate.”**

**MYDD.COM** WAS NOT IMPRESSED WITH WEDNESDAY'S DEMOCRATIC DEBATE, ADDING, "IT WAS TABLOID HOUR ON ABC, AND OBAMA [CERTAINLY] DID GET THE BULK OF THE MORE DISGUSTING QUESTIONS."



**“I LIVE IN ALEXANDRIA.** When I moved to the D.C. area in the fall of 2006, I didn't choose this location on purpose, per se. But could my subconscious, attracted to the name of this fine city, have been doing the choosing for me? It's entirely possible.”

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**“DCPS' NEW** administration's plan to hand 10 high schools over to large out-of-town charter school businesses [marks] the beginning of the end.”

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## Discussions

### Marc Fisher

Post metro columnist **MARC FISHER** was online Thursday and talked about the pope's visit, choosing between XM and Sirius Satellite Radio, and Nationals Park.



**Pope's vestments: Sorry, but it's those excessive vestments and the "royalty-like" treatment**

**that turn this church-going Catholic off when it comes to any pope. That is not a symbol the church should represent. Jesus washed**

**people's feet. This man needs someone to take his hat off?**

And to turn his pages for him. I was watching all that and thinking I really need to get back to finding someone who can delete my e-mails for me. He or she would have to wear special newsroom vestments, however.

**What should I do? My XM subscription ends this month, and I'm not quite sure what my next step should be. Do I suck it up and pay for a year and see what happens with the merger?**

If you like what you're hearing, might as well stick with XM. On the whole, I come down slightly more for XM than for Sirius. But my advice

on which satellite carrier to choose generally comes down to which of the category killers you're passionate about: If it's baseball, XM. Football, Sirius. Howard Stern, Sirius. Bob Edwards, XM.

**The new stadium has the possibility of quickly turning into a joke. To have the area behind home plate vacant every game is an embarrassment.**

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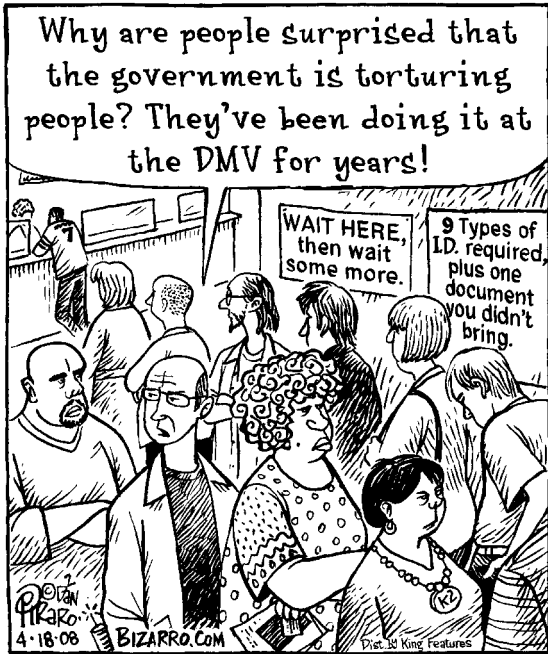
**TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:** The Post's Warren Brown answers your questions about every aspect of the automotive industry at 11 a.m. | [washingtonpost.com/discussions](http://washingtonpost.com/discussions).

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**CHECK OUT ARLINGTON'S NEWEST BALD EAGLES.** The region's newest pair of urban bald eagles has set up housekeeping in Arlington this spring, raising eaglets in a tree in the median of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. John and Abigail are the third pair of bald eagles settled near D.C.

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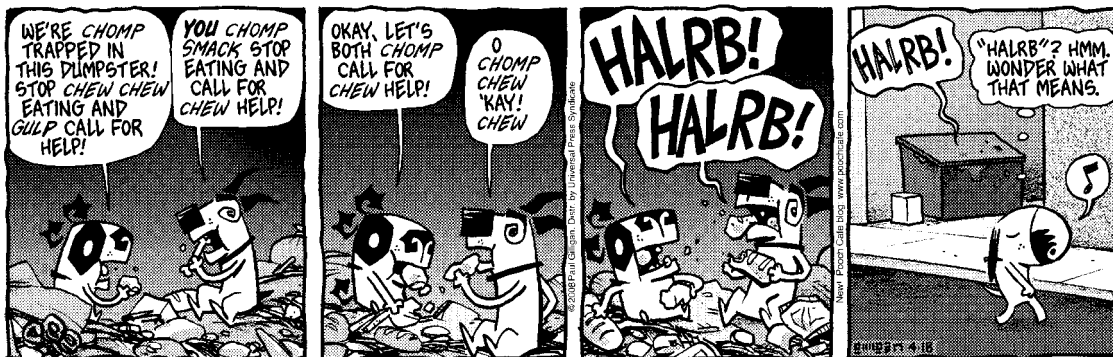


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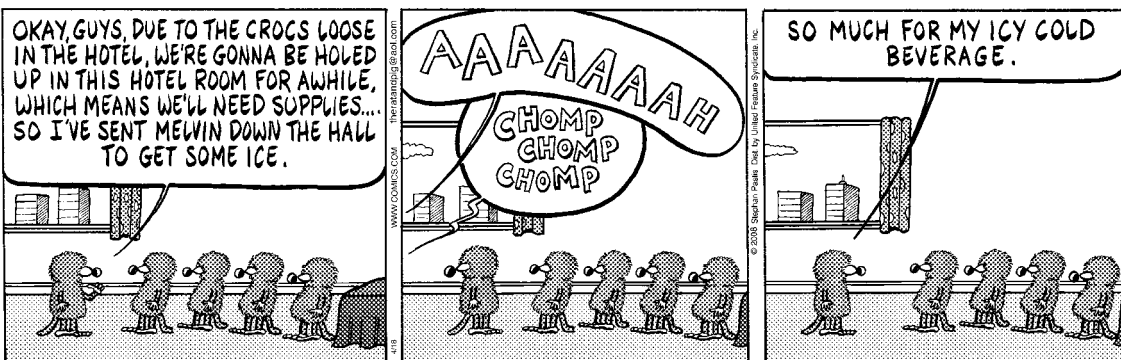


"I'm lousy at picking out gifts. Last year I gave her money - which was great until the dye-pack exploded."

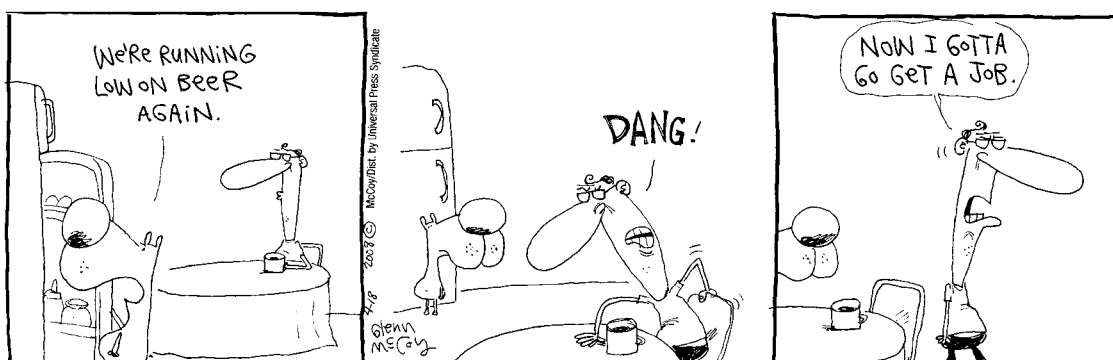
## Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



## Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



## The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You can do things in a manner that attracts a great deal of positive attention, or you can remain in the background. You know your place.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You may find yourself in a more dangerous position than expected — but you are better equipped than anyone else to deal with it well.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You're in the mood for nothing but the best, and you may have it — provided you are willing to make one single, initial sacrifice.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Concentrate on finding the most direct route — literally or figuratively. You'll learn that getting there is not half the fun.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** It may be time to examine your own character a little more closely — and with a little more objectivity. You may reveal a surprise.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Someone close to you is likely to ask you the key ques-

tion — quite unexpectedly. Your initial response will tell the tale.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Sure, you've been talking about taking that vacation with a good friend for some time — but when is it going to happen? Make firm plans.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Don't try to manufacture other people's responses to your affairs. Stick to the rules at all times.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Tell the truth about yourself and you'll impress even those who have been most critical of you. Honesty can prove quite disarming.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You're going to get the news as it happens — and you're not willing to give up without a fight. You want to be on the cutting edge.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Despite your ups and downs recently, you should be able to look at things with bright expectations and a willingness to forge ahead.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Don't be too flighty, mercurial or noncommunicative. Strive to keep your feet planted firmly on the ground at all times.

## Letters

### Priests' Poor Metro Manners

Those of us just trying to get to work downtown on the morning of the pope's Mass Thursday were witness to a huge display of decidedly unchristian behavior by Mass-goers. Those of us attempt-

ing to exit the train at L'Enfant Plaza were mowed down by a rabid band of priests pressing against the outside of the train door, shouting, "Let's move!" and storming the train the instant the doors opened, completely unable to comprehend the concept of letting the people on the train get off before attempting to board.

— KARYN KNOLL  
Silver Spring, Md.

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## Today in History

**1775** Paul Revere begins his ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

**1906** A devastating earthquake strikes San Francisco, followed by raging fires; estimates of the final death toll range from 3,000 to 6,000.

**1934** The first Laundromat opens in Fort Worth, Texas.

**2003** Scott Peterson is arrested in San Diego in the death of his wife, Laci, who was eight



The 1906 quake devastated San Francisco.

months pregnant when she vanished on Christmas Eve. (Peterson was later convicted and sentenced to death.)

### Correction:

The Lights show at Velvet Lounge referenced in Thursday's Express has been cancelled.

# LOOK out People



MARK DAVIS/GETTY IMAGES

Divorce procrastination is never pretty.

## IMPROV Wayne Brady Divorces; Next Marriage to Be Scripted

**WAYNE BRADY** is officially single again. The 35-year-old comedian has been living separately from his wife, Mandie, for four years, but the couple's divorce was finalized just this week. (AP)

## 'HARRY POTTER' If You Rip off J.K. Rowling, Her Children Will Starve



A three-day trial over a Harry Potter encyclopedia ended Wednesday when **J.K. ROWLING** returned to the witness stand and told a judge that if he allows the fan-written lexicon to be published, it will clear the way for countless rip-offs. (AP)



MATT SAYLES/AP

## FREAKS Believe in Haircuts

The long-hyped Cirque du Soleil **CRISS ANGEL** production now has a name. Producers say "Criss Angel Believe" will open Sept. 12. Producers say the show takes its name from a Harry Houdini legend. The magician is said to have designated a code word for communicating with him after his death. The word was "believe." Angel will play a "surreal, enigmatic Victorian noble." (AP)



Kim Cattrall years for literary legitimacy, fame.

## CORSETS 'Sex and the Wife of the Colonialist Poet-Racist'

**KIM CATTRALL** found many reasons to seize the role of Carrie Kipling, wife of British literary superstar Rudyard Kipling, in the film "My Boy Jack." Airing on PBS "Masterpiece Classic," the project had instant appeal: Cattrall is a lifelong Kipling fan. "He

wrote a poem that I loved as a kid called "The Way Through the Woods," she says. "I read 'The Jungle Book,' and my dad bought me 'Kim,' 'cause it was called 'Kim.' Then I was shocked to find out someone with MY name was a boy." (AP)

## DONATIONS Barbra to Heart Disease: 'Don't Rain on My Parade'

**BARBRA STREISAND** has put her money where her heart is. She has donated \$5 million to endow a research and education program on women's heart disease at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. The hospital announced



the new Barbra Streisand Women's Cardiovascular Research Education Program. Streisand said women must get involved in reducing risks for heart disease. (AP)

## STAGE MOTHERS 'The Hottie and the Nottie' Never Looked So Good

**KATHY HILTON** will play herself on the May 13 episode of the CBS soap opera "The Young and the Restless." She finds a magazine cover model for her friend Jack Abbott but takes over the photo shoot, infuriating magazine staffers, in the episode taped Wednesday. (AP)

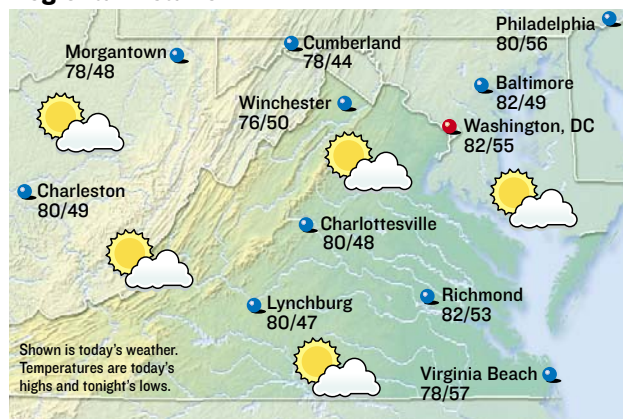


It's "The Old and the Softly Focused."

### 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny and very warm	A moonlit sky	Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy, a t-storm possible	Warmer with a shower possible	Partly sunny
82°	55°	77° / 55°	69° / 54°	77° / 56°	76° / 56°

### Regional Weather



### Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

**Temperature**  
 High ..... 76°  
 Low ..... 46°  
 Normal high ..... 67°  
 Normal low ..... 46°  
 Average humidity ..... 36%

**Precipitation**  
 24 hours ending 4 p.m. .... 0.00"  
 Month to date ..... 1.57"  
 Normal month to date ..... 1.55"  
 Year to date ..... 9.91"  
 Last year to date ..... 11.83"  
 Normal year to date ..... 11.10"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: [washingtonpost.com/weather](http://washingtonpost.com/weather)

### Regional Forecast

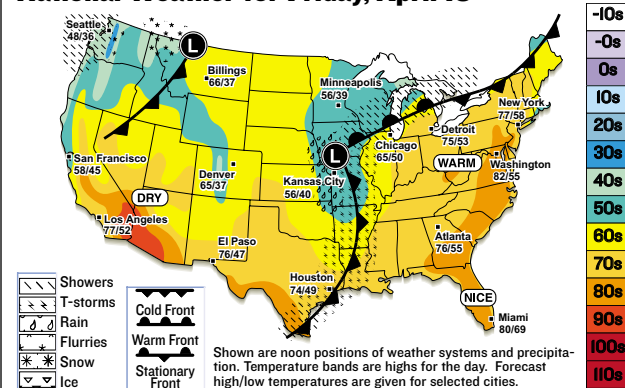
**D.C. Metro:** Today, sunny, warm. High 82. Wind southwest 5-10 mph. Tonight, clear. Low 55. Wind southwest 3-6 mph. Saturday, increasing clouds. High 78.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today ..... 6:27 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight ..... 7:48 p.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 6:27 p.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 5:19 a.m.



### National Weather for Friday, April 18



### National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	76/55/pc	73/51/t
Boston	66/52/s	64/48/pc
Chicago	65/50/sh	58/46/r
Dallas	70/49/s	80/60/s
Denver	65/37/s	73/38/s
Honolulu	84/71/s	84/71/s
Los Angeles	77/52/s	66/50/pc
Miami	80/69/s	81/71/s
New York City	77/58/s	74/57/pc
Orlando	82/60/s	85/65/pc
Seattle	48/36/sh	49/38/sn

### World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	50/41/pc	54/47/c
Athens	69/60/pc	75/64/s
Berlin	52/39/c	54/43/pc
Buenos Aires	79/59/s	79/57/s
Calgary	38/14/sn	24/11/sn
Dublin	48/39/pc	48/41/pc
Geneva	60/46/r	66/47/t
Moscow	45/36/sn	46/35/r
Rome	64/52/c	68/54/pc
Sydney	65/58/sh	62/58/sh
Tokyo	69/57/r	62/51/r

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.





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## STROKES OF GENIUS

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WEARABLE MASTERPIECES **E6**

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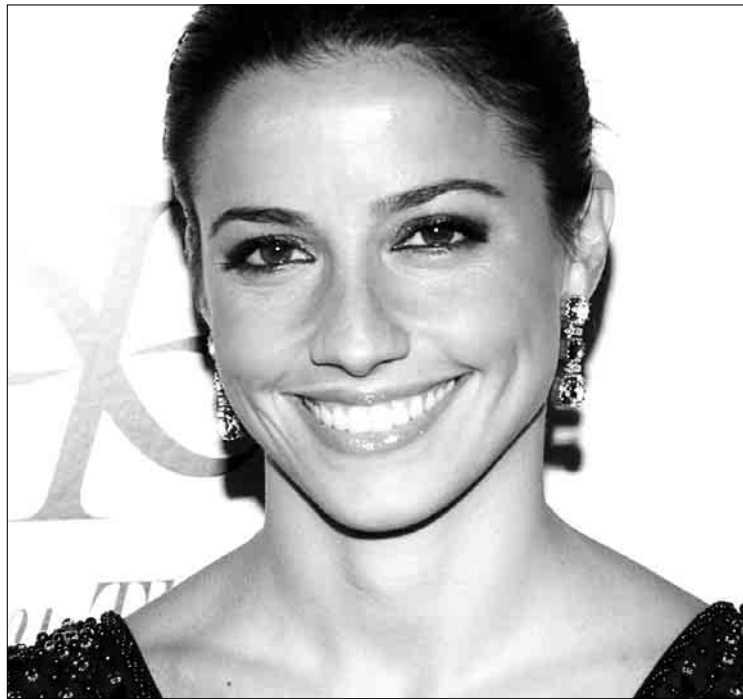
■ **Any girl with a jones** for flirty, femme dresses and sexy swimsuits probably knows of designer Shoshanna Lonstein Gruss. The New Yorker is famed for clothes that flatter killer curves — as well as for once dating Jerry Seinfeld. On April 24, from 3 to 8 p.m., she'll be at a trunk show for her spring line at Georgetown's Urban Chic (1626 Wisconsin Ave. NW).

**You lived in D.C. and briefly went to George Washington University. What do you think of fashion here?**  
It has definitely changed since I was there. There weren't as many great boutiques, and now there are so many. It's definitely giving New York a run for its money.

**Why did you become a designer?**  
New York is the center of fashion, so growing up there I was exposed to everything. What I was looking for wasn't out there, so I started my own line to be inclusive of more body types.

**Are the clothes you design like the ones you wear yourself?**  
I love clean lines, color and natural fabrics. My style is all over the place; the line is more focused.

**You're a girl with a small waist and Marilyn-esque curves. Do you design with that body type in mind?**  
I try to think about all different shapes. We focus on the waist, and we're known for our strapless dresses. We do a separate bustier inside, so if you're smaller up top, it forms to your body; if you're bigger, it's supportive.



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**Shoshanna Lonstein**  
CLOTHING DESIGNER, SWIMSUIT DIVA

**What does the spring line look like?**  
More separates. Dresses are the core of the collection, but there are a lot more blouses, and I'm loving pencil skirts. I always love bold color palettes and prints — and there are a lot of those — and a bit of beading.

**Your swimwear is so popular. What suit mistakes do women make?**  
You often see women squeeze into little bathing-suit tops that are not supportive enough, or bottoms that don't fit. Try on a lot of them until you find that perfect fit.

“New York is the center of fashion. Growing up there, I was exposed to everything.”

**You were once in a high-profile romance. Did that help or hurt your design career?**  
It brought attention to what I was doing, but it wasn't necessarily positive. I had to prove myself more so than most people would.

**What's next for you?**  
I would love to do lingerie, but I'm in no rush. Because I started when I was 22, I feel like I have a lot of time to grow the brand. In the last few years, it has really established itself. ASHLEY JOY PARKER



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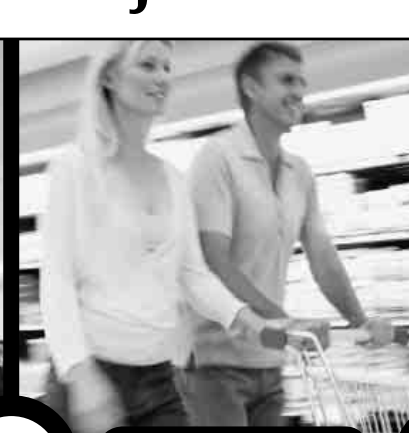
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## 1 A Whiff of Brooklyn

**STYLE FIENDS** who detest Yankee Candle can now make their lofts smell nice, and not in a sickly, Aunt-Beryl's-Bathroom-Vanilla way. Joya's new ceramic diffusers (\$76) and candles (\$48, both at RCKNDY, 1515 U St. NW; 202-332-5639) come in subtle, ungirly scents like Gunpowder Green Tea, and Quince and Heliotrope. Chic motifs (dandelions, skulls) by Williamsburg artist Sarah Chiat mean they'll look good next to your stacks of Dwell and Hipster's Quarterly.



## 2 Small Wonders

**EVEN THE POPE** digs creative cake design — he celebrated his birthday this week in D.C. with a chocolate fudge Vatican. So, the pontiff would probably bless the creations in "Hello, Cupcake!" (\$16, Houghton Mifflin), a guide to decorating mini-baked goods so they look like aliens, snow globes and bowling pins. Authors Karen Tack and Alan Richardson promise you don't need real artistic skill, just doughnut holes, candy and cereal.



## 3 Local Majority

**D.C. DESIGNERS WON'T** put fear in the Paris couture world any time soon. But Dekka (1338 U St. NW; 202-986-1370) — a new second-story shop for locally made fashion, art and cosmetics — suggests there's lots of talent bubbling. Finds range from National Society of Soul's crochet earrings (\$75) to Holland Cox's pretty print clutches.

dear  
**manolo**

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

**I am a mom who's building an at-home business. My market is other moms, so I'm often meeting potential customers while out with the kids. I need a shoe that says pulled-together mom/successful businesswoman that can be worn to the park or zoo.** — LAURA

■ Manolo says, it is lamentable, but the only truly suitable outfit for the mother of the young children is something similar to the toxic-waste cover-



alls, cheap clothing that can be incinerated after being soaked in mucus, playground dirt and partially masticated arrowroot cookies.

Indeed, it is only with great effort that one can avoid the modern American version of the biohazard suit: the college sweatshirt and mommy jeans. But, avoid it you must, for you are young and ambitious, and have plans for economic world domination. As in many things, you should take as your model the redoubtable Martha Stewart, who has perfected the entrepreneurial homemaking millionaire look: pressed and preppy, aggressively comfortable and no-nonsense.

Here is the Prati Cristina (\$300, Zappos.com), the casually elegant, Italian wedge-heel loafer that would look perfect with jeans or khakis.

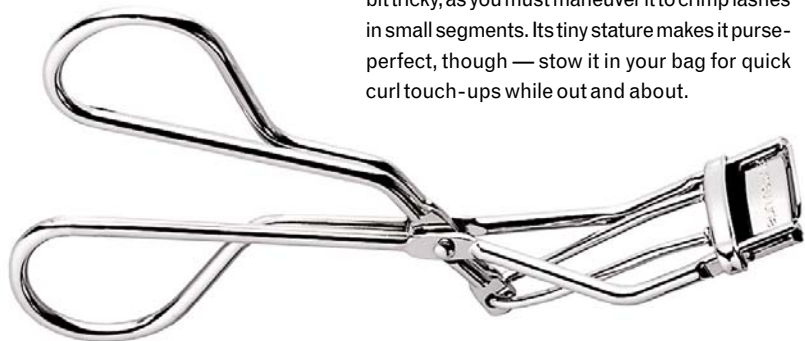
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## ON THE COVER

Skyler wears a Shoshanna dress (\$364, [Revolveclothing.com](http://Revolveclothing.com)). Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Hair and makeup by Victoria Stiles, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Marge Ely.

## 4 New Main Squeeze

**IF THE THOUGHT** of using a traditional eyelash curler brings back frightening memories of "A Clockwork Orange," then Shu Uemura's mini version (\$17, Sephora) may not be the right product for you. Even for seasoned pros, this little guy is a bit tricky, as you must maneuver it to crimp lashes in small segments. Its tiny stature makes it purse-perfect, though — stow it in your bag for quick curl touch-ups while out and about.



## Grab Bag



## 5 That '70s Scoop

**AVOCADO GREEN, LONG THE SCOURGE** of the design world, is back. It's joined by its Carter-era brethren — fern, Kelly and chartreuse — on Zak's latest plastic kitchen tools. Flour scoops, trays and measuring spoon sets (shown, \$9; all at Home Rule, 1807 14th St. NW; 202-797-5544) add a retro vibe even to stainless-steel-and-granite-filled cucinas.

# Carves Ahead

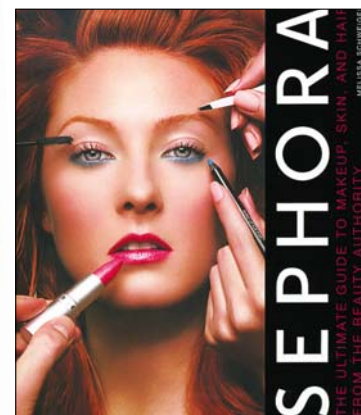
If sculpture is 360-degree art, then shoe boutiques are galleries this season. Spring's heels are sculptural and super-tall, with inspirations ranging from folk art to mod minimalism. Marc Jacobs' surrealist-inspired reverse heel, a feat of engineering, launched the trend. But if comfort is a priority, try a simpler cutout wedge — or, as in a museum, admire from afar. MAURA JUDKIS



(1) **Fashion meets folk art** with these totem pole-evoking Miu Miu platform leather sandals. (\$550, Net-a-porter.com) (2) **On Francesca Giobbi's serpentine heels**, multicolored metallic piping accents a reptilian peep-toe; the stacked green heel looks like the rattle on a scary snake. (\$268, Wild Women Wear Red, 1512 U St. NW; 202-387-5700) (3) **It's easy to picture** yourself in these shoes — no, really! The mirrored wedge was inspired by the lines of an F-117 fighter plane. (United Nude, \$150, Wild Women Wear Red) (4) **A feat of feet engineering**, these gravity-defying Giuseppe Zanotti structures float on a 2 1/2-inch platform. (\$750, Piperlime.com) (5) **Both a heel and a wedge**, these patent numbers don't teeter as dangerously as their kin. (Guess Footwear, \$74, Piperlime.com)



## mixed media



### BOOKS

#### Bland and Brand-y

■ To expect a book called **SEPHORA: THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO MAKEUP, SKIN AND HAIR** (by Melissa Schweiger, \$28, Collins) to be anything other than a hardcover catalog would be like asking a leopard to change its spots to flashing neon zebra stripes. So, put your incredulity aside and enjoy the pretty, pretty pictures of makeup. Even though you can look at the real thing by going to the drugstore. Or Sephora. Advice is bland: Don't smoke, wear sunscreen, eat vegetables, exfoliate your lips with a toothbrush. Except it's more true when millionaire founders of cosmetics companies say it! Even the hydration tips are branded, with Dr. Nicholas Perricone (founder of the eponymous skin care line) shilling for Poland Spring and FIJI. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

### BOOKS

#### Arm Candy Man



■ Any "Sex and the City" or Posh Spice fan knows about Hermes' pricey (\$8,000 and up) Birkin bags. Scoring one allegedly requires rotting on a waiting list if you aren't Katie Holmes. But in **BRINGING HOME THE BIRKIN** (\$26, Morrow), Michael Tonello tells how he outfoxed the system, scoring dozens of the "it" totes and reselling them at a profit on eBay. The tale of his shopping and romping around Europe could've been appallingly snotty. But, somehow, Tonello's light-as-a-Bellini tone makes for a riveting read. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



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# To Smell & Back

## Perfume critic Chandler Burr on why scents make sense

Highly secretive and surprisingly scientific, the perfume industry remained behind locked doors until Chandler Burr, perfume critic for *T: The New York Times Style Magazine*, stuck his extremely sensitive nose into it. In "The Perfect Scents" (\$25, Henry Holt), he chronicled the creation of two fragrances, Hermès' *Un Jardin sur le Nil* and Sarah Jessica Parker's *Lovely for Coty* — the latter notable for the star's intense involvement with her

creation. We spoke with Burr about why perfume matters and what to expect for spring and summer.

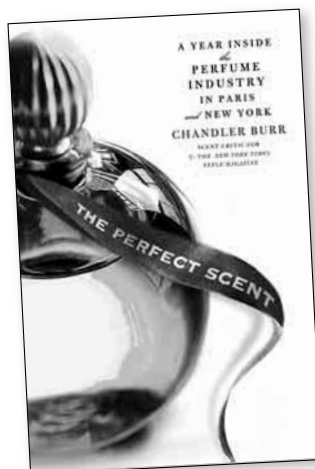
BETH LUBERCKI

### Why do celebs want fragrances?

The commercial appeal is that perfume is probably the most effective way to monetize celebrity ever invented. The more high-minded reason is that some celebrities actually are deeply, personally interested in scent. I never would have been invited into the creation of a Paris Hilton perfume. She has nothing to do with her perfumes other than cashing the check.

### Do you think the perfume world will ever become less secretive?

The industry in the U.S. shrank by



1 percent between 2006 and 2007. The only way to increase sales is to present perfume as it actually is made, from the raw materials to the perfumers to the construction of the juices. We have got to open up this world.

### Will we get to a place where we don't need any more perfume?

Smell is absolutely one of the most extraordinary art forms. Take painting, for example. There are no new colors, but there are painters reinventing the visual image. Scent is extraordinary in that it's the only art form where they're actually inventing, in effect, new colors. We are creating every year new molecules that literally never have been smelled before.

"Some celebrities actually are deeply, personally interested in scent."

### Have any recently released fragrances surprised you?

I think that the Juicy Couture masculine *Dirty English* is nice. Virtually all masculines are garbage. Ninety percent of perfumes marketed to men are completely cynical creations with absolutely no legitimacy. Another I never would have expected is *Allure Homme Edition Blanche* from Chanel.

### Are there any perfumes debuting soon you're looking forward to?

Estée Lauder is coming out with a new perfume called *Sensuous*. I'm not a fan of the name, but the perfume itself is truly interesting. It's a wood scent, but a very modernistic wood. Armani has a new *Vetiver* that is gorgeous, *Vetiver Babylon*. And there's a tiny little niche house called *Eau d'Italie*, and they have four perfumes, three of which are excellent, brilliant, wonderful. They're just launching the fourth, and I have very, very high hopes.

### Do you think other celebs will follow Parker's example?

I really don't know. Gwen Stefani just came out with a scent, and I was told she was involved. But there is absolutely no way of verifying that; the amount of sheer, absolutely managed marketing and PR bull[expletive] in the perfume industry is truly staggering. I believe absolutely nothing unless I am quite literally in the room watching the thing happen.

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## Ready, Set, Toe

It may have been months since your tootsies last saw the light of day, but sandal season is now upon us with its attendant mass of picnics and other open-toed-shoe-demanding events. So, we always keep a tube of Bath and Body Work's **SHEA IT ISN'T SO FOOT CREAM** (\$15-\$20, [Bathandbodyworks.com](http://Bathandbodyworks.com)) on hand. Smooth on the super-thick lotion — and don socks to avoid leaving smudgy footprints all over your floor — and a half-hour later you'll have perfectly moisturized, fête-ready feet.

ERIN CLEMENTS RUSHING



## It's Tame — Really!

We know. The name and, um, unique shape suggest that this product may be naughtier than it is (we do not recommend leaving it on your bedside table when expecting guests). But once we got our minds out of the gutter, we found that **Bed Head's AFTER PARTY SMOOTHING CREAM** (\$17, drugstores) brings a salon-style blow-out within reach of mere mortals. A tiny dab on dry hair smooths angry flyaways, leaving locks silky and, unlike some similar products, not looking as though you combed with a pork chop. E.C.R.

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# Styles | fashion



## 1 Hues on First

A watery kaleidoscope print packs a megawatt punch on Theory's mini-dress masterpiece (\$305, Neiman Marcus, Tysons Galleria; 703-761-1600). It'd shine at a cocktail party or gallery opening with Apepazza's wedges (\$118, Shoefly, 2727 Wilson Blvd, Arlington; 703-243-6490).

## 2 Aye-Aye-Aye

What seems to be a pastel sketch of 1950s Mexico decorates Hurley's sporty tank (\$24, Hurley.com). Keep it simple, Senorita, with a pair of skinny jeans (\$27.50, Forever 21) and fun white peep-toes (\$68, Shoefly). And, remember, flabby abs won't make a good canvas for a print like this.

## 3 Abstract Expression

A wild brush stroke pattern (so Jackson Pollock!) stars on a skirt (\$138, Neiman Marcus, Tysons Galleria) from Vera Wang's Lavender Label. Play up its high waist with a tank by Daftbird (\$82; Swayandcake.com) and a long necklace (\$20, Target). Also, add Poetic License wedges (\$88, Shoefly).

# Brush Stoked

Artists from Vermeer to Picasso have been inspired by the female form. Now art itself is fashion's muse, with paint-inspired prints — abstract watercolor swirls, pointillist flowers — spilling onto dresses, skirts and blouses. Why is Van Gogh suddenly hotter than Valentino? "The art world has a lot of influence on fashion," says designer Shoshanna Lonstein Gruss, whose spring line riffs on Cubism and Impressionism. Some styles even dip into ombre, tie-dye's sophisticated, shaded cousin. Just be careful wearing the colorful pieces to museums or galleries — you might end up blending into the canvas.

ASHLEY JOY PARKER



## 4 Take a Little Dip

Like something a mod Frida Kahlo might wear, LaRok's ombre top (\$218, Shopbop.com) has a handcrafted feel due to its wash of cobalt blue and sour apple. Balance the shape with James jeans (\$185, Urban Chic). Sugar Mary Janes (\$65, Shoefly) complete the pretty picture.

## 5 Mind Over Splatter

Who knew spilled paint could look so chic? Lauren Moffatt's slip style (\$383, Shopbop.com) provides a refreshing break from the little black dress. Try it with bright accessories like Sugar's Kelly green heels (\$65, Shoefly) and Lauren Merkin's raspberry clutch (\$165, Shopbop.com).

## 6 Purple Reign

Yaya Aflalo's dyed tunic (\$294, Shopbop.com) is a modern take on a counterculture classic. Keep the boho vibe by wearing it with James jeans (\$185, Urban Chic). But don't bust out the Grateful Dead records yet — this look is hip, not hippie.

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## Seder Flavors To Savor

Any vegetarian Passover dishes you can suggest? My mother's making brisket, but three in our party don't eat meat, and I'd like them to have more than kugel and salad.

Two dishes that come to mind are zucchini latkes or leek latkes. To make leek latkes, you cook the white and light-green parts of six leeks and one large potato. When they're soft, drain them and squeeze the leeks. Grate the leeks in the food processor. Mash the potato and add the leeks, two eggs, salt and pepper. Form small patties and fry in vegetable oil until brown. Serve with lemon.

I've got walnut and pecan allergies among the group coming for Passover. Are there any Israeli ver-

Free Range On Food



Matzoh and wine are key to a Seder, but as long as you're not wandering in the desert, get creative with the rest of meal.

Look for recipes with fava beans or artichokes for quick Passover dinners.

sions of haroset using almonds?

Here's a recipe from an old Israeli cookbook: Put four peeled and sliced apples, 1/2 pound of dates and 1/2 pound of raisins in a saucepan. Cover with water and cook for 20 minutes until soft. Strain and mash the fruit. Add 1/3 cup ground almonds, 3 tsp lemon juice, 1 cup sweet wine and sugar to taste.

I have my Passover Seder menu figured out — it's the rest of the week that's a challenge. Can you recommend quick and light Passover dinners?

Passover is a great time of the year, when new vegetables appear in the markets. Look for recipes with fresh fava beans or artichoke. Here's one idea for a light dinner for Passover

and year-round: Make green salad with lemon vinaigrette. Top with grated gorgonzola, sliced avocado and a poached egg on top. The yolk will drip into the salad and make it wonderful.

Do you have a Middle Eastern chicken recipe you'd recommend that I could use for my cholesterol-

conscious family?

Here's a very simple and delicious recipe for chicken and potatoes called Sofritto. Salt and pepper 2 pounds of boneless, skinless chicken thighs. Heat a pot with 2 tbsp of corn oil, and brown the chicken for three minutes on each side. Remove the chicken from the pot, and add 2 pounds of peeled quartered yellow potatoes and fry them for a couple minutes. Remove from pot and add salt.

In the same pot, arrange the chicken on the bottom and potatoes on top. Cover tightly and cook for one hour on the lowest heat. Do not mix during this time; just shake the pot every 20 minutes.

I have a Passover recipe for chocolate mousse that calls for brandy. I don't want to buy a bottle of something I'll likely never use again. What can I substitute?

You can probably just skip it, or if you are afraid of consistency, you can use water or coffee.

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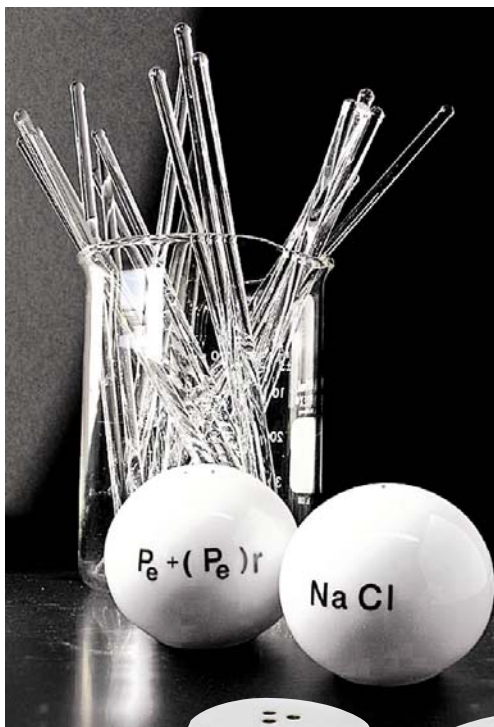




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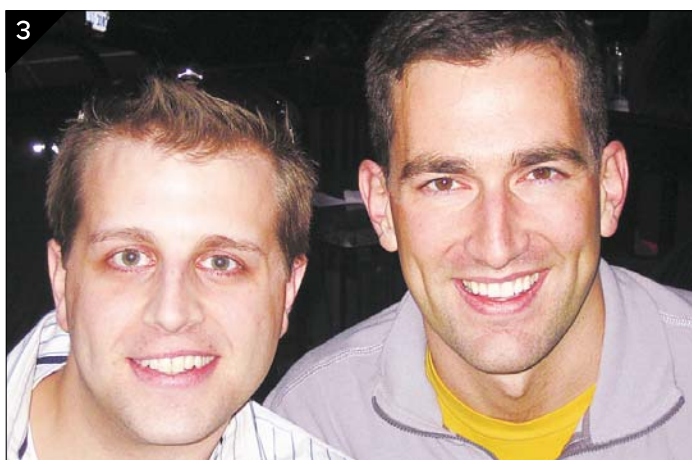
**Q** What wedding advice would you give Jenna Bush?

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**1.** "Don't invite your father," Carolina Anon. "Go easy on the margaritas," James Vatne. **2.** "Tell Cheney and Rumsfeld their invitations got lost in the mail," Brian Wesolowski. "Don't focus on the wedding itself; focus on what comes next," Susan O'Hora. **3.** "As I'm not legally fortunate enough to get married myself, I'm going to have to pass — maybe she should take THAT up with her father," Britton Davis, left. "Order twice as much liquor as the store says you'll need," Ryan Tisch. **4.** "Marry a Democrat," Andy Whittaker. "Have a pair of flip-flops for the reception," Lee Shaw. **5.** "Tell her: 'When the time comes, you'll know what to do,'" Bridget Domareki. **6.** "Don't do it," Joreida Torres. "Open bar. Top Shelf," Travis Slocum. **7.** "Just smile for the cameras," Silvia Villacampa. **8.** "Ask her why her fiance isn't in Iraq," Aaron Duffy. **9.** "Don't focus on the party; focus on the relationship after the party," Fernanda Tilleria. **10.** "Make sure she has a gay person to help her get all bridal-ed up. Straight people need the fashion advice," Chris Harris. **BRYN LANSDOWNE**



**1** "Knowing Jenna Bush, go easy on the margaritas."



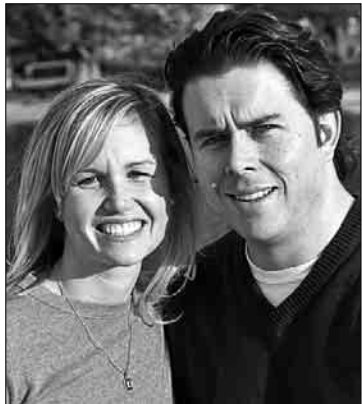
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# B.I.O.

✦ BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS



## James Regan, Dawn Sidwell

**Jim, 29, is a manager at a telecommunications firm. Dawn, 27, works for Aveda. They live in Oak Hill, Va.**

- **The Main Event:** A Catholic wedding in Georgetown followed by a reception in D.C. on May 10.
- **How They Met:** Pals introduced them at the Gold Cup horse race in 2004.
- **First Impressions:** "She was beautiful and funny. I was hooked." "He was hilarious and sweet. He made me smile."
- **First Date:** Dinner at Alamo Grill in Georgetown, followed by a late night of

dancing to Frank Sinatra at Saloon.

■ **How He Proposed:** On Christmas Eve, Jim handed Dawn a stack of mags with notes related to her hobbies and interests: People (celeb gossip), Vogue (fashion) and Women's Health (fitness). "The last one was Brides magazine, which didn't have a note," he says. "When she opened it, I was on my knee."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** Dawn recalls a squabble "over whether to watch 'The Hills' or 'Sports Center.'"

■ **Making It Unique:** Aside from the string quartet at the cocktail hour, they'll have slippers at the reception for the female guests to wear for dancing. "No aching feet," says Dawn.

■ **Their Song:** Frank Sinatra's "Our Love Is Here to Stay." "We danced to Frank on our first date, and we love his music," says Jim. "The song was picked because she's my love forever."

"When I didn't want the first day I met her to end, I knew."



## Allison Brown, Darian Klare

**Allison, 31, is an events manager. Darian, 30, is a software engineer. They live in D.C.**

## Doubled Over With Love

**BOB FEIT** and **PREETHY KOLINJIVADI** had been buddies for a year before they took their relationship to the next level. "Bob cooked Middle Eastern food for me at his place," says Preethy. "I burnt the baklava," he admits. "I was distracted." Not to worry: Bob got it right two and a half years later when he invited Preethy to his pad, this time to propose. Following dinner, he took her out on his terrace, elaborately festooned with Persian rugs and candles, and then dropped to one knee.

They'll exchange vows twice to honor her Hindu and his Jewish heritage. "It is going to be an outdoor Hindu ceremony followed by a Jewish one," says Preethy of the Aug. 24 wedding in D.C. As such, she'll wear a red sari for the former and a white dress for the latter. Bob says their guest list will be a cultural mishmash: "Jews, Hindus, Hin-Jews, Kenyans. ... Like the U.N., but, hopefully, less contentious," he says.

Bob, 33, is a consultant. Preethy, 30, is a research associate at George Washington University. They live in D.C.

■ **The Main Event:** A "barefoot beach wedding" in Corolla, N.C., on April 26. The husband of Allison's best friend from high school will officiate. An outdoor reception will follow.

■ **How They Met:** At a beach party with mutual friends in San Diego.

■ **First Impressions:** "I thought Darian was the cutest redhead I had ever seen!" "All of Allison's friends kept telling me Allison thought I was cute," says Darian. "I thought, 'Are we in kindergarten?'"

■ **First Date:** Dinner at a seafood restaurant. "He even showed up with a beautiful bunch of flowers."

■ **How He Proposed:** While skiing

"I knew I wanted to marry him the night I met him. Seriously!"

## Askia Johnson, June Phillips

**Askia, 31, is a compliance officer. June, 30, is a lawyer. They live in Baltimore.**

- **The Main Event:** A destination wedding in Cancun, Mexico, on Oct. 4.
- **Honeymoon:** Jamaica.
- **How They Met:** While sitting on the steps of the Supreme Court during his first year of law school at the University of the District of Columbia, Askia looked up to find a fellow first-year student ask-

ing for a piece of gum.

"I had just eaten a hot dog," says June. "He just stared at me!" "Her forwardness brought a smile to my face," he says.

■ **First Date:** Since they started off as pals, they can't pinpoint it exactly, but Askia remembers the first time they held hands while watching "The Majestic" at a theater. Soon after, he called June's dad and asked whether he could date his



daughter. "Needless to say, my mother immediately fell in love with Askia," says June. "[She] ran around the house shouting, 'He's the one! He's the one!'"

■ **How He Proposed:** On their hotel balcony while they were in Cancun for June's 30th birthday. "It was a great moment in my life," says June. "An awesome surprise."

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "In law school, she wore these tennis shoes that were always tied too tight."

■ **When He Knew:** June flew from Tennessee "to my bedside following my appendectomy. ... I awoke in my hospital bed ... to find her kissing me."

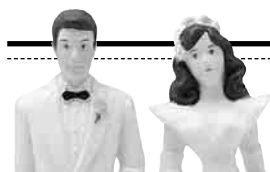
■ **Stupidest Fight:** "When we forgot what we were fighting about," says Askia. June agrees: "Believe it or not, that has happened more than once!"

in Kirkwood, Calif., Darian skied ahead and stopped. When Allison caught up, "he got down on his knee and pulled out the ring. It was so sparkly, and the fresh powder was sparkling, too."

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Her millions of shoes. Is she a millipede?"

■ **Pet Names:** Darian is "Booboo." Allison is "Monkeywoman."

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** Darian's pastry chef sister is making the cake. Allison says she's wearing the dress her mom wore down the aisle in 1968. "It's been updated!"



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