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CHECK POINT: Two Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority employees collect liquid and gel containers from passengers at Dulles International Airport on Thursday. The U.S. posted an unprecedented code-red alert on incoming flights from Britain after British authorities foiled a plot to blow up 10 aircraft.

CHANGE OF HEART | Honor Among Thieves A man who helped thwart a Sacramento, Calif., convenience store robbery Aug. 6 stole from the store less than 12 minutes later, KOVR-TV reported. Michael Stoner broke into Jade Liquor and made off with



merchandise, but Leandro Diaz heard the break-in and chased him down. After catching Stoner, Diaz notified police and turned him in. Diaz then entered the store, opened the cash register and stole the money inside, authorities said. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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HOLDING IT No Beverage Cart Service, Please



A Boeing 767 passenger jet en route to Birmingham, England, from Mexico had to make a pit stop at a military air base in Canada so passengers could use the bathroom, the Sun reported. The 295 passengers on the Thomson flight had been told three hours after takeoff that they could not use the toilets on the plane because they would overflow. "You can imagine what it was like. Everyone wanted to go to the loo," one passenger said. "It was very uncomfortable." The unexpected stop meant that the plane arrived in Birmingham a full day late, because the extra time spent on the journey meant air crews had to get sleep as legally required. The crew went to a hotel for rest while the passengers waited in the military barracks for the crew to come back on duty. (EXPRESS)

TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES Democracy Might Work If We Reboot It

A computer glitch resulted in the wrong results being reported in a Public Works Board race Tuesday in Columbia, S.C., WYFF-TV reported. The computer showed that Alice Jones

Nance won the seat, and she was notified of her victory. Four hours later, officials realized the candidates' names had been incorrectly displayed on the results, and Fred Keller had actually won. Nance had come in third. "It's a terrible, terrible thing that's happened here. It's embarrassing," Nance said. (EXPRESS)



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WILLPOWER

Bummer Camp

The 58 children attending the "Willpower Training Class" — such as these preparing for a meal Wednesday — in Shimiao, China, are from wealthy urban families. They stay in the camp, located in the mountains, for 30 days to learn how to survive in the country without money or cell phones. While at the camp, which works to build strong willpower, the children are forbidden from seeing their parents. The campers, ages 6 to 18, obtain food from farmers by laboring in their fields. (EXPRESS)




Proponents of hideously unkempt properties know Dixon is on their side.

LEADERSHIP Taking a Strong Stand For the Environment

Blackey, Ky., resident Mike Dixon posted a sign on the fence around his overgrown lawn. "There are more important things in life than tall grass," it reads. Dixon hasn't mowed his lawn since last year and has declined offers from neighbors to cut the grass. "He's just that type that likes to be his own person," said Martha Burns, a member of the Blackey City Council and the Blackey Improvement Committee. (AP)

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“Everything that can be done to protect [travelers] is being done.”

—Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, on U.S. government efforts to ramp up security at airports around the country following the foiled terror plot in Britain.



Nation

Waits, Armed Guards in Airports

Foiled plot makes for tough traveling; bans placed on all liquids

BOSTON | Airline passengers around the country stood in line for hours and airport trash bins bulged with everything from mouthwash and shaving cream to maple syrup and fine wine Thursday in a security crackdown prompted by the discovery of a terror plot in Britain.

U.S. authorities banned the carrying of liquids onto flights after the arrest of 24 people in an alleged plot to blow up U.S.-bound planes using explosives disguised as drinks and other common products.

The restrictions forced people to unpack their carry-on bags on the floor in the middle of terminals to remove the prohibited items. Some travelers tried to squeeze makeup, sunscreen and other toiletries into their checked baggage, where liquids were permissible.

But people without checked bags or those who had already given their luggage to their airline had to throw out the banned items.

“It’s very frustrating. I’m no terrorist,” said Alison Phillips as she struggled to repack her suitcase in Tampa, Fla., after removing all liquids for her return flight to Jamaica.

Other security measures were also ramped up at airports across the nation. Gov. Mitt Romney sent the National Guard to help patrol



NEW RULES: Selina Kaindoli hands over cosmetics to a security official at the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport in Minneapolis on Thursday.

Boston’s Logan Airport for the first time since the Sept. 11 attacks, when terrorists hijacked two planes from there and flew them into the World Trade Center. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger also activated the National Guard in California, and Gov. George Pataki in New York considered doing the same.

“That’s part of the price you

pay for traveling during a time like this,” said Julius Ibraheem, 26, a college counselor from Chicago, as he stared at the long lines leading toward security checkpoints at O’Hare Airport.

Maya Bodinson, 12, flew with her father on the first plane from Heathrow to Kennedy Airport in New York after British authori-



ON PATROL: Miami-Dade police officers Eddie Garcia, left, and Carlos Quintana patrol a concourse at the Miami International Airport in Miami on Thursday.

PASSENGER TIPS

The government banned liquids from carry-on baggage aboard flights after a terror plot was uncovered in Britain:

- No liquids or gels of any kind will be permitted in carry-on baggage. Such items must be in checked baggage. This includes all beverages, shampoo, lotion, creams, toothpaste, hair gel, etc.
- Exceptions: baby formula and medicines, which must be presented for inspection.
- Passengers on flights from the UK and all other international flights will be subject to heightened inspections upon their arrival at U.S. airports.

ties reported the plot. She said the scariest moment came when her flight was midway across the Atlantic Ocean.

“That was when the bombs were supposed to go off, if there were any,” she said.

The ban on liquids and gels covered such things as shampoo, toothpaste, contact lens solution, perfume and water bottles. The only exceptions were for baby formula and medications, which had to be presented for inspection at security checkpoints. Liquids were allowed in checked bags because those suitcases are screened for explosives and are stowed in the cargo hold beyond passengers’ reach.

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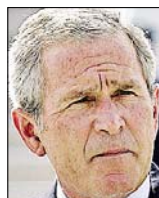


CLEANING BRAIN: Scientists have discovered molecular janitors that clear away a sticky gunk blamed for Alzheimer's disease — until they get old and quit sweeping up. The finding helps explain why Alzheimer's is a disease of aging and suggests a new weapon: drugs that give nature's cleanup crews a boost.

Bush: U.S. Still Faces Risk of Attack

President says federal government will stay vigilant against threat

GREEN BAY, WIS. | President Bush said Thursday that a foiled plot to blow up multiple flights from Britain to the United States shows "this nation is at war with Islamic fascists."



Bush

"This country is safer than it was prior to 9/11," Bush said from the airport tarmac here where he was appearing at events focused

on the economy. "We've taken a lot of measures to protect the American people. But obviously we still aren't completely safe. ... It is a mistake to believe there is no threat to the United States of America."

The president laid the blame for the would-be attack squarely on al-Qaeda-type terrorism.

"This nation is at war with Islamic fascists who will use any



LUGGAGE CHECK: Airport Police officer Robert Corchado guides his canine partner, Malo, in checking bags at Los Angeles International Airport on Thursday.

means to destroy those of us who love freedom, to hurt our nation," he said, his remarks carried live on television.

Bush's brief message, aside from focusing on the "stark reminder" of the U.S.-led global war on terror, mostly appeared to be a promise that his administration was work-

Running on Security

→ Democrats and Republicans alike rushed to invoke yesterday's terror scare, underscoring how national security is refocusing political debate. | **Today, A Section**

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ing to keep citizens safe.

"The American people need to know we live in a dangerous world, but our government will do everything we can to protect our people from those dangers," Bush said.

The president urged Americans to be vigilant, and patient with the many inconveniences that will result from the increased threat level that the plot prompted him to approve.

NEDRA PICKLER (AP)

In Brief



Naveed Afzal Haq, left, talks with his attorney in a Seattle court on Thursday.

SEATTLE

Suspect in Jewish Center Shootings May Plead Guilty

A Muslim man accused of killing a woman and wounding five other people in a shooting rampage at Seattle's Jewish Federation offices wants to plead guilty, his attorney wants to plead guilty, his attorney told a judge Thursday. The judge put off the arraignment of Naveed Afzal Haq until Tuesday so Haq's lawyer could determine whether his client is competent to enter the plea. Haq, 30, "is indicating that it is his desire to enter guilty pleas," defense attorney C. Wesley Richards said. (AP)

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Police Sergeant Suspected In Four Rapes Is Indicted

A police sergeant accused of raping four women since 2002 was charged in a grand jury indictment unsealed Thursday with 35 counts, including multiple attacks on three of the victims. Sgt. Jeff Pelo, 41, had already pleaded not guilty to sexually assaulting the four women. His attorney, Steve Skelton, said he would also plead not guilty to the additional charges in the indictment. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Report: States Shirking No Child Left Behind Orders

Most states have shirked the law by failing to ensure that poor and minority students get their fair share of qualified teachers, a new analysis contends. The No Child Left Behind law says underprivileged and minority kids should not have a larger share of teachers who are unqualified, inexperienced or teaching unfamiliar topics. It puts the responsibility on states to figure out how to do that. (AP)

Lieberman Seizes on Foiled Plot to Slam Foe

Defeated senator says Democratic opponent doesn't grasp dangers

WATERBURY, CONN. | Sen. Joe Lieberman set out on his re-election campaign Thursday and seized on the terror arrests in Britain to argue that his Democratic opponent, Ned Lamont, does not fully understand the danger facing the nation.

Lieberman appeared at a public event since losing Tuesday's Democratic primary, dismissing his campaign staff and launching his independent bid. He seized on the plot to criticize Lamont's opposition to the war in Iraq.

"I'm worried that too many people, both in politics and out, don't appreciate the seriousness of the threat to American security and



Sen. Joseph Lieberman said Lamont doesn't appreciate the terrorist threat.

the evil of the enemy that faces us — more evil or as evil as Nazism and probably more dangerous than the Soviet communists we fought during the long Cold War," Lieberman said.

"If we just pick up like Ned Lamont wants us to do, get out by a certain date, it will be taken as a tremendous victory by the same people who wanted to blow up these planes in this plot hatched in England." (AP)



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"[The] cooperation with the U.S. authorities ... has been of great value and underlines the threat we face and our determination to counter it."

—British PM Tony Blair, commenting, in a statement, on the effort to uncover the airline terror plot

Britain Thwarts Airline Terror Plot

U.S. official: Plotters 'days away' from plan to attack passenger jets

LONDON | British authorities said Thursday they have disrupted a sophisticated and well-advanced terrorist plot to blow up U.S.-bound airliners using liquid explosives, arresting 24 people who police said had planned to commit mass murder over the Atlantic Ocean.

Police said they were confident they had the "main players" in custody, but authorities in London and Washington ordered a full-scale security clampdown at U.S. and British airports out of concern that other plotters may still be at large. A number of transatlantic flights from Britain were canceled while others were delayed.

In the U.S., the Homeland Security Department raised the terrorist threat level to "Code Red," the highest alert stage, for U.S.-bound flights originating in the United Kingdom and to "Code Orange," the second-highest level, for all other commercial flights operating in or destined for the U.S.

According to a U.S. intelligence official, the plotters were "days away" from going through with their plan. Searches last night turned up airline schedule information in their possession, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. All of those arrested were British citizens, and most appeared to be of Pakistani descent, the official said.



CROWD CONTROL: Passengers wait outside London's Heathrow airport Thursday amid newly heightened security measures.

Another U.S. intelligence official said some of those arrested had traveled to South Asia recently and that the Pakistani intelligence service had been helpful in the investigation. The alleged plotters "were very, very far along," and their plan had progressed to the point "where it could have been carried out in the very near future," the official said. "I'm talking about days or a few weeks. This month."

The plotters had hoped to stage a dry run within two days, followed by an actual attack within days after that, the Associated Press reported, quoting U.S. intelli-

gence officials. One official said the attackers planned to use a peroxide-based solution that could ignite when sparked by a camera flash or another electronic device.

British Home Secretary John Reid said the operation was aimed at bringing down "a number of aircraft" — reportedly as many as 10 — "through mid-flight explosions, causing a considerable loss of life."

London's Deputy Police Commissioner, Paul Stephenson, said the suspects had been arrested in several locations, including London, southeastern England and Birmingham, England's second-largest city, after a months-long investigation into what he said was a plan for "mass murder on an unimaginable scale."

JOHN WARD ANDERSON AND WILLIAM BRANIGAN
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

IN *The Washington Post* | A WATCHFUL EYE

→ British authorities had been watching the alleged conspirators, most of them British citizens of Pakistani origin, since late last year, officials said, and moved in after concluding they were close to carrying out their attacks. | *Today, AI*



British police search a house Thursday in London as part of the terror probe.

Pakistan Played 'Important' Role In Foiling Plot

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | Pakistani intelligence officials helped British security agencies crack a terrorist plot to blow up U.S.-bound aircraft and have arrested two or three suspects, officials said Thursday.

"Pakistan played a very important role in uncovering and breaking this international terrorist network," Foreign Ministry spokesman Tasnim Aslam said. She declined to give details about the arrests, including the number of suspects.

But a senior government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said "two or three local people" suspected in the plot were arrested a few days ago in Lahore and Karachi.

A Pakistani intelligence official said an Islamic militant arrested near the Afghan-Pakistan border several weeks ago provided a lead that played a role in "unearthing the plot." The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. (AP)

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World



An Iraqi man mourns over the body of a relative killed in a suicide blast near a Shiite shrine in Najaf on Thursday. A radical Sunni group claimed it carried out the attack.

Bomber Kills 35 Near Iraqi Shrine

Attacker was stopped by security guard outside Shiite holy site

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | A suicide bomber blew himself up Thursday among pilgrims outside Iraq's holiest Shiite shrine, killing 35 people and wounding 122. A radical Sunni group claimed it carried out the attack in the southern city of Najaf, warning Shiites they are not safe even "deep in your regions."

At least 37 other people were killed or found dead Thursday elsewhere in Iraq, police said. They included five civilians who died when a mortar shell struck a cafe in a Shiite Muslim area of north Baghdad.

The suicide bomber struck as he was being patted down by a security guard in front of the Imam Ali mosque in Najaf, which contains the tomb of Prophet Muhammad's son-in-law, Ali, and is one of the world's most sacred shrines for Shiites.

An Iraqi army statement put the casualty toll at 35 dead and 122 injured.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, denounced the bombing as a "barbaric massacre" conducted by Sunni extremists and Saddam

Hussein loyalists "seeking to inflame sectarian" passions.

The blast shattered souvenir stalls across from the shrine, littering the narrow streets with broken perfume bottles, sandals and prayer beads. Volunteers picked up the human remains.

"Before I reached the checkpoint, only a few feet from the shrine, I heard a huge explosion," said 51-year-old Shakir Obeid Hassan. "Something hit me on the head and I fell. I couldn't hear for a while but I saw bodies and human flesh everywhere."

An Iranian woman was among the dead and at least nine Iranians were wounded, Iranian state television reported.

It was the deadliest attack since July 18, when 53 people were killed by a suicide bombing in Najaf's twin city of Kufa, about 100 miles south of Baghdad.

Violence between Sunni and Shiite extremists has been on the rise since a bombing wrecked a Shiite shrine in Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, on Feb. 22. The sectarian bloodletting has prompted the U.S. military to rush about 12,000 American and Iraqi soldiers to Baghdad to confront Sunni and Shiite gunmen. BUSHRA JUHI (AP)

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World



BRUSHING UP: President Vladimir Putin on Thursday ordered top officials to confirm the whereabouts of 50 million artworks at Russian museums following the theft of \$5 million worth of items from the famed Hermitage museum. That theft came to light only after a routine inventory check.

Israeli Troops Delay Northern Push

Diplomats could vote Friday on resolution calling for cease-fire

IBL EL-SAQI, LEBANON | Israel grabbed strategic high ground in south Lebanon on Thursday but delayed a major push northward, as diplomats cited progress toward agreement on a U.N. cease-fire resolution that could soon go to a vote.

An Israeli soldier was killed and two were wounded in fierce battles with Hezbollah guerrillas Thursday, a day after the Israeli military suffered its worst one-day military loss, with 15 soldiers killed. More than 800 people have died in the month-long conflict, including 715 in Lebanon.

With Israeli troops closer to Beirut than at any time since the war began, diplomats said they were close to unlocking the stalemate over a U.N. effort toward a cease-fire. The U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., John Bolton, said there was the possibility of a vote Friday.

The United States and France have been trying to bridge differences over a timetable for an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon.

Israeli ground troops took control of the mainly Christian town of Marjayoun before dawn and blasted away throughout the day at strong-



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ROUGH ROAD: An Israeli reservist, top, pauses while troops prepare to enter southern Lebanon on Thursday while a Lebanese man walks amid the rubble of an apartment building destroyed by an Israeli strike on Beirut's southern suburbs.

ly fortified Hezbollah positions in several directions.

A huge explosion rocked the center of the town and the surrounding countryside about sunset and a big fire could be seen raging from a vantage point two miles to the east.

By taking Marjayoun the Israeli army was closer to Beirut than at any time since the fighting began July 12 after a cross-border raid in which Hezbollah captured two Israeli soldiers and killed three.

Diplomatic efforts had stalled as the Lebanese called for Israeli troops to start pulling out once hostilities end and Beirut sends 15,000 troops of its own to the south, while Israel has insisted on staying in southern Lebanon until an international force is deployed, which could take weeks or months.

"We've closed some of the areas of disagreement with the French," Bolton said.

Suggestions that a new resolution was in the works also emerged.

"A new proposal is being drafted, which has positive significance that may bring the war to an end," Israeli lawmaker Otniel Schneller quoted Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert as saying. (AP)

Conflict continues: For all the latest Mideast news, photos, maps and more, go to washingtonpost.com

In Brief

KINSHASA, CONGO

Kabila Takes Early Lead in Landmark Presidential Poll

Incumbent President Joseph Kabila had the lead with more than 1 million votes counted, but the numbers were far from definitive, with election workers still gathering ballots in the difficult tally. Some 80 percent of Congo's 25 million registered voters cast ballots in the July 30 presidential and legislative election. Kabila had some 49 percent of the 1,669,073 ballots counted thus far, according to the Electoral Commission. (AP)



Kabila

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Heavy Fighting Reported Between Tamils, Military

The military attacked Tamil rebels from land and air Thursday, and they retaliated with artillery and small arms fire in heavy fighting that left 13 combatants dead, officials said. A cease-fire monitor warned that the situation was worsening. Battles have centered on a key reservoir and canal in Trincomalee district, which in recent weeks has seen some of the worst fighting since the country's 2002 cease-fire. (AP)

NARAY, AFGHANISTAN

2 Killed in Roadside Bombing

Militants detonated a roadside bomb Thursday, killing a man and his grandson selling vegetables in eastern Afghanistan. The blast went off in Jalalabad while Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry — the top U.S. general in Afghanistan — visited a U.S. base in the city, but he apparently was not the target. (AP)

TOKYO

Speculation Stirs Over Koizumi Visit to War Shrine

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi dropped new hints Thursday that he may visit a shrine critics say glorifies militarism on the anniversary of Japan's World War II surrender. Speculation is building that Koizumi will make a pilgrimage to Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine on Aug. 15. (AP)

Chavez: Castro In 'Battle for Life'

MUNICIPIO INDEPENDENCIA, VENEZUELA | President Hugo Chavez said Thursday his close friend and ally Fidel Castro is in a "great battle for life," but he also expressed optimism about the 79-year-old Cuban leader's recovery.

"From here, let's pray to God for Fidel and his recovery, and he's fighting a great battle," Chavez said in a televised speech. His statement was the most dire yet from a close Castro ally in describing the Cuban leader's condition.

Castro said July 31 he was stepping aside temporarily to recover from intestinal surgery. (AP)

Massive Typhoon Slams Into China

'Super' storm said to be most powerful to hit country since 1949

BEIJING | The most powerful typhoon to hit China in five decades raged across its southeastern coast Thursday, capsizing ships and destroying homes after 1.5 million people evacuated. At least two people were killed and dozens were injured.

Nineteen people were reported missing across the region, and Typhoon Saomai was also blamed for at least two deaths in the Philippines a day earlier.



ZHUXIAOQING/XINHUA/AP

Chinese police officers help an elderly resident evacuate a storm-prone area.

Torrential rains were forecast in the next three days as the storm churned inland across areas where Tropical Storm Bilis killed more than 600 people last month.

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The percent of goods purchased by Virginia that the state will aim to buy from small businesses, under an order Gov. Kaine signed Thursday. That would more than double the amount of business Virginia does with such companies.

Local

Blanket Restrictions Clog Airports

Ban on all liquids and gels leaves passengers stuck in security lines

At airports in the Washington area and across the country, huge lines formed early Thursday morning and flights were delayed for hours as officials implemented hastily devised new restrictions designed to ward off terror attacks.

Shortly after British authorities announced the arrests of 21 people who allegedly were plotting to blow up jets flying from the United Kingdom to the United States, security officials in Washington tightened searches of carry-on luggage and banned cosmetic lotions, beverages and other non-essential liquids from being brought on board.

Travelers waited in record-length lines to go through BWI security when the national threat level rose to red in the wake of Britain's announcement that it had foiled an alleged terrorist plot.

At Washington Dulles International Airport in Northern Virginia, frazzled airport employees handed time-stamped cards to passengers idling in long security lines, in an effort to gauge how long the wait would be. At Reagan Washington National Airport,



Passengers at Washington Dulles International Airport wait to pass through security Thursday after the terror alert was raised.

passengers shouted their frustration with the new restrictions and watched helplessly as their scheduled departure times slipped by.

"Don't expect to make any of your business meetings today," a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines told passengers aboard a flight that was about to depart for Phoenix. "The whole country is like this."

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Patient Fliers

→ Most delayed passengers say they don't mind the restrictions because they'd "rather be safe than sorry." | **Today's Post, Metro**

City Beefs Up Security

→ Washington puts armed guards in Metro stations and monitors surveillance cameras in response to threat. | **Today's Post, Metro**

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Bottles of shaving cream, toothpaste, water, soda and lotion were collected.

Airport, where the snaking lines filled the D concourse completely, police patrolled the perimeter of the surging crowd, carrying plastic handcuffs and automatic weapons.

"Security line! Push to the wall! Security line! Push to the wall! We need to keep this clear," shouted Lori Strum, a customer service representative for United Airlines at BWI.

"No liquids or gels. Shaving cream, shampoo, contact lens solution — all of it has to be checked," Strum informed the would-be vacationers and business travelers who surrounded her. "You cannot carry any of that on. If you try to carry it on, you will be sent back."

Security officials in the United States said flights to Washington, New York and California operated by United, American and Continental airlines were among those targeted by the alleged terrorist group.

At airports across the United States, employees from the Transportation Security Administration distributed fliers outlining the new restrictions, and hauled out bins so passengers could dump toiletries, coffee, bottled water and other banned items.

Some passengers at Dulles gave away perfumes and other expensive cosmetics to strangers who were dropping their loved ones at the terminal.

DEBBIE WILGOREN, MICHELLE GARCIA AND FREDRICK KUNKLE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Opposition to Day Laborer Site Builds

GAITHERSBURG, MD. | Opposition is building as officials work to find a location for a day-laborer center that would be funded by Montgomery County.

Nearly 30 property owners since April have blocked the city from

renting space to open a site for the mostly immigrant workers. Some residents and businesses have protested that two potential sites in the historic Old Town district were too close to schools and homes.

City Manager David Humpton

said he will meet separately with religious, nonprofit and business groups to find a solution. Officials said they're re-evaluating how to handle the day-laborer project.

Gaithersburg is one of several areas grappling with the issue. Prince George's County wants to open two centers. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, August 10

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	6-8-6
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	9-4-3
Mid-day DC 4	8-7-2-8
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	1-4-4-7
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	03-09-10-18-34
Daily 6 (Wed.)	03-04-14-16-17-29 (18)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	05-06-09-21-24 (3)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	2-4-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-4-8
Mid-day Pick 4	3-6-4-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-1-8-7
Match 5 (Wed.)	06-17-24-28-37 (29)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	02-03-07-13-25-31

VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3	5-4-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-6-3
Mid-day Pick 4	3-6-5-3

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	5-3-6-5
Mid-day Cash 5	2-14-15-24-30
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	03-06-07-14-19
Win For Life (Wed.)	04-20-24-33-39-42 (19)

MULTI-STATE GAMES	
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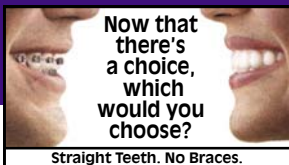
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Money

Airlines Dealt a New Blow

But security industry sees a boost in wake of foiled terror scheme

LONDON | While airlines and travel companies were dealt a sharp blow Thursday by the discovery of a terrorist plot aimed at trans-Atlantic flights, shares of companies that make surveillance and detection technologies were boosted by prospects of increased spending on security.

Tourism would feel an immediate impact, experts said, but the longer-term economic effects were likely to be less harsh, particularly as officials had thwarted the planned attack.

"Sadly, I think the world has learned to live with the threat of sporadic terrorism," said Philip



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The immediate cost impact for airlines is expected to come from canceled flights.

Shaw, chief economist at Investec Securities.

Airline shares had already recovered slightly by the close of trading in London.

The plot, detected by British officials, had targeted United Airlines, American Airlines and Continental Airlines, according to U.S. counterterrorism officials.

Analysts said the main immediate impact for airlines would come from the cost of canceled flights, but in the long run all, airlines would be hit with higher security costs. This sent shares of security technology stocks markedly higher.

Other companies in the security and surveillance industries such as L-3 Communications Holdings Inc.; Israel's Magal Security Systems Ltd.; and Isonics Corp., also saw their shares rise.

British Airways PLC was one of the hardest airline stocks hit because of its reliance on London's Heathrow airport.

However, Holger Schmieding, an analyst with Bank of America in London, said airline travelers were unlikely to change their travel and spending habits enough to hurt the economy for long. (AP)

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BrshEMat	24.82	+2.74	+12.4
CrwfdB	7.02	+0.73	+11.6
WatsonW	35.06	+3.22	+10.1
CrwfdA	6.25	+0.56	+9.8

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Sitel If	2.39	-0.51	-17.6
WldFuel	41.27	-6.60	-13.8
Head NV	3.35	-0.50	-13.0
4KidsEnt	14.90	-1.97	-11.7
StillwtrM	9.22	-0.91	-9.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AdvancPh	4.57	+1.45	+46.5
ASciE	45.64	+9.37	+25.8
NitroMed	2.95	+0.41	+16.1
UrbanOut s	16.01	+1.99	+14.2
lomai n	3.60	+0.03	+0.8

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MovieGal	2.97	-3.50	-54.1
lmax Cp	5.73	-3.90	-40.5
eCollege	11.55	-7.10	-38.1
WorldSpce	2.26	-1.03	-31.3
InfoSonic s	6.25	-2.26	-26.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.25
3-month disc	4.94	4.98
2-year	4.93	4.99
10-year	4.94	4.96
30-year	5.07	5.05

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	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
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Canadian Dollar	1.1266	1.1195	1.2116
European Euro	.7822	.7775	.8094
Japanese Yen	115.27	115.23	110.56
Mexican Peso	10.8789	10.8345	10.5860
Taiwanese Dollar	32.54	32.73	31.88

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STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
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AstraZen	61.00	+0.35	+25.5
BarrPhm	52.00	+0.18	-16.5
BrMySq	20.83	-0.29	-9.4
ForestLab	47.27	+0.14	+16.2
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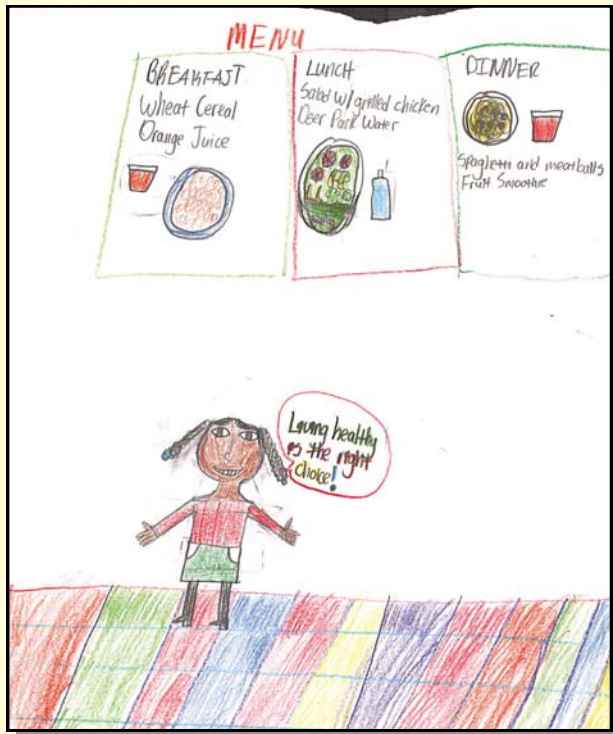


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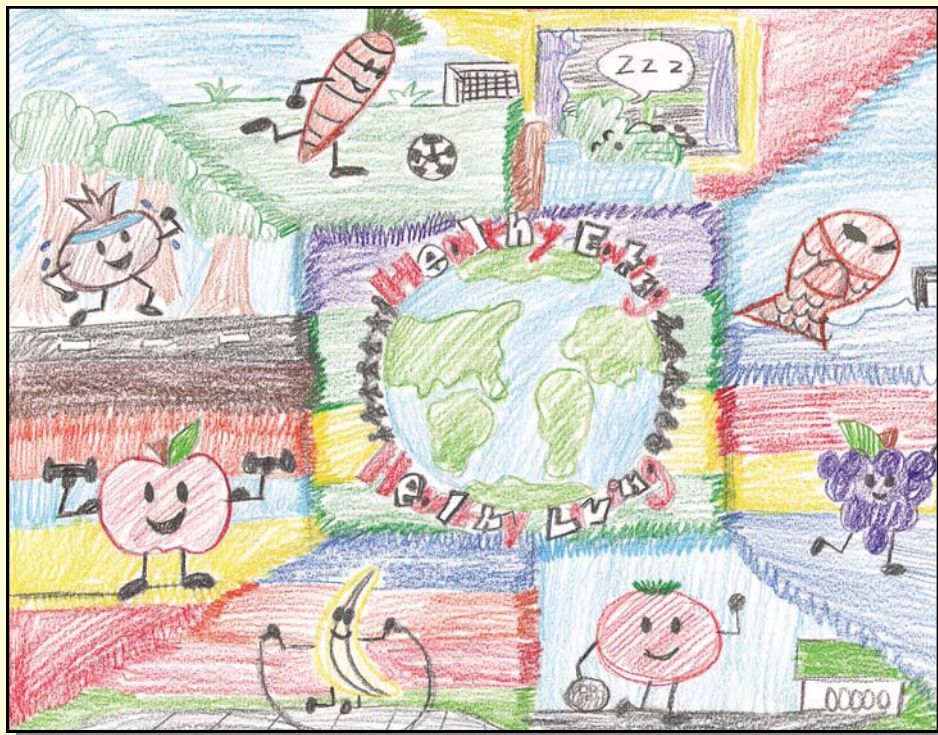
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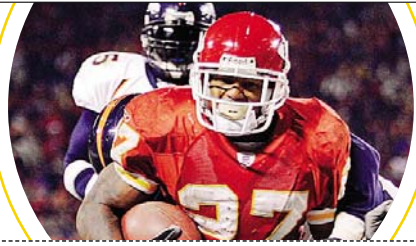
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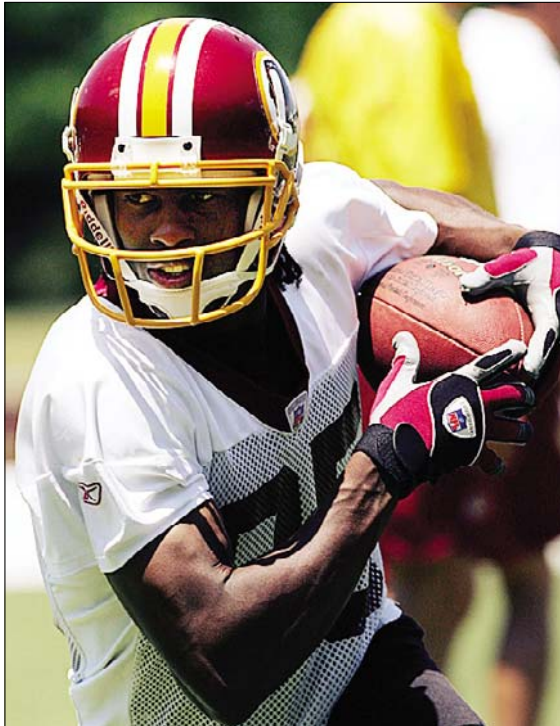
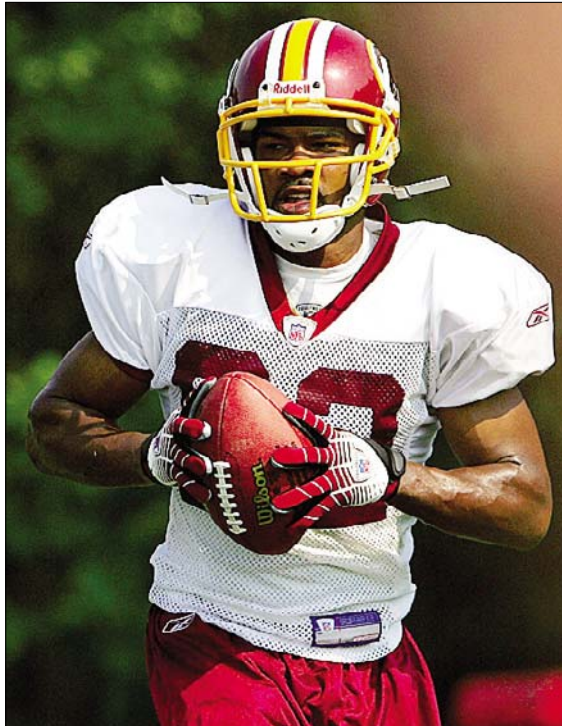
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5-Step Program: With the help of an NFL stats expert, we've put together some tips to guide you to fantasy draft domination. | 17

Sports Weekend



SIMPLY THE BEST: Antwaan Randle El, left, and Brandon Lloyd have different styles, but both came to D.C. highly touted.

A New Posse

The Redskins added 2 top receivers, giving them a lethal air attack

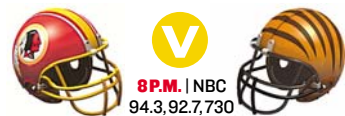
REDSKINS | "B. Lloyd!" Antwaan Randle El bellowed through the darkness back toward the practice field at Redskins Park on Wednesday night. "Hurry up, we've got to do this interview!"

Randle El is the life of the party as he walks with teammates up a hill toward the locker room. Then again, he has what everyone around him wants.

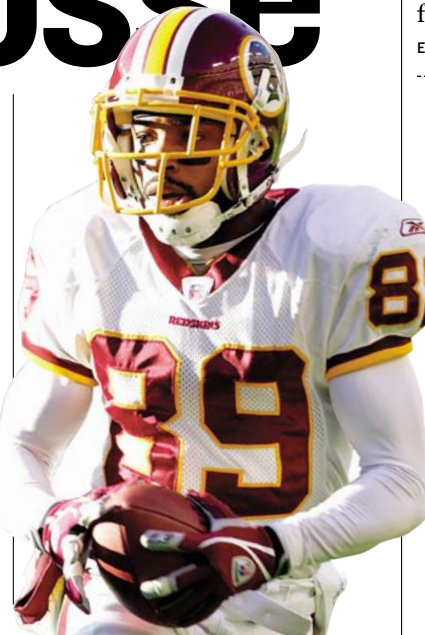
"Everybody has asked or alluded to [my Super Bowl experience] in

some kind of way," Randle El said. "My response is always 'We're next.' And I truly believe that."

The boisterous Randle El and his straggling teammate Brandon Lloyd were the two most notable additions for the Redskins during the offseason. Lloyd became a SportsCenter staple with his highlight-reel grabs for lowly San Francisco last season. Randle El got it done another way, pitching in as Pittsburgh's do-everything slot receiver dur-



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ing the Steelers' improbable Super Bowl run.

The two new pass catchers combine with speedster Santana Moss, tight end Chris Cooley and a solid running game to give Washington's offense more weapons than Maurice Clarett.

It's the second consecutive year Washington has bolstered its receiving corps with two starting caliber players. Moss and David Patten joined the 'Skins in the 2005 off-season, with Moss having a career year (84 catches for 1,483 yards and nine touchdowns) while Patten went on injured reserve (knee) after just nine games and 22 receptions.

With head coach Joe Gibbs promising Patten a chance to compete for playing time at receiver, it may be tough to find enough footballs to go around.

"There are too many guys to throw to [and] that is where I feel the most pressure," quarterback Mark Brunell said. "I have to be able to keep them happy, but that's my job description. ... We are very fortunate we have a lot of talent."

ERIC BRANDNER

3 BURNING QUESTIONS:

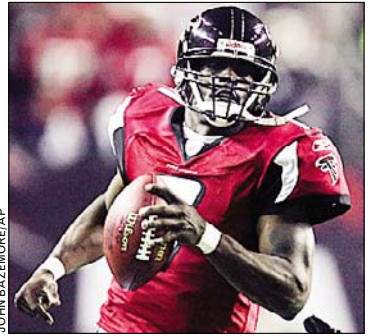
→ Auditioning for others?

Third-teamers may be able to turn good performances into try-outs with other teams if they can't squeeze their way onto the squad. Special teams play will be key.

→ Do they stack up?

Cincinnati's strong offensive front should provide a strong first-quarter challenge in the trenches for the Redskins defense.

→ **How many mistakes?** The Redskins can't expect to run Al Saunders' scheme perfectly — or even well — the first time out. But how much will they have to tweak?



Michael Vick will get his first taste of the field — a very short taste — Friday.

→ I'LL SEE YOUR VICK AND RAISE YOU BRADY:

Two quarterbacks who couldn't avoid attention if they fled to Namibia will square off for a preseason bout Friday night in Atlanta (8 p.m. on CBS). Of course, they'll only play two series each before standing on the sidelines for the rest of the game.

→ THE BEST AGAINST THE BASEMENT:

The polar opposites of the NL East kick off a series on Friday (7 p.m. on Ch20) when the New York Mets visit RFK. Mets rookie John Maine will attempt to continue his 23-inning scoreless streak on Saturday night (7 p.m. on MASN) before the afternoon game on Sunday (1 p.m. on MASN).

→ BIG TROUBLE IN LITTLE BEANTOWN:

The Red Sox are slipping faster than you can say "Bambino," and it may not get much better against the O's this weekend, with 0-2 David Wells starting Friday night (7 p.m. on Comcast) and 3-11 Jason Johnson starting Saturday (1:20 p.m. on FOX). If Baltimore can't take advantage, they can at least say hi to former teammate Javy Lopez before leaving after Sunday's game (2 p.m. on Comcast).

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RONNIE BROWN, RB, Miami. No Ricky Williams should mean big things for the former Auburn Tiger.

CHRIS COOLEY, TE, Washington. Al Saunders loves tight ends, just ask Tony Gonzalez.

CADILLAC WILLIAMS, RB, Tampa Bay. Imagine how much better he would have been without those injuries last year.

REGGIE WAYNE, WR, Indianapolis. He had a down year last season. It shouldn't happen again.

FALCONS DEFENSE. The addition of John Abraham should greatly bolster the defensive line. Schatz loves this pick.

RUDI JOHNSON, RB, Cincinnati. The feature back for one of the best offenses in the league is always a good option.

CHRIS CHAMBERS, WR, Miami. He might be the biggest winner in the switch to Daunte Culpepper at quarterback.

DREW BREES, QB, New Orleans. The offense should be good with Joe Horn, Deuce McAllister and Reggie Bush. Brees could be a late-round steal.

TIKI BARBER, RB, New York Giants. A down year for him will be 1,500 yards and six touchdowns.

5 Steps To Fantasy Success

How to draft the team of your dreams

It's the second weekend in August — do you know where your first fantasy football pick is? Rabid fantasy players have already drafted at least once, but for most, this is the time to build the team of your dreams. Or, at least as close as the draft Gods (more accurately, your competitors) will allow. As Aaron Schatz, author of Pro Football Prospectus, says, "Half of fantasy football is knowing who other members are likely to draft." So, we're here just in time with this primer for your big day. **MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)**



Who's going first in your draft: Larry Johnson, top, or LaDainian Tomlinson?

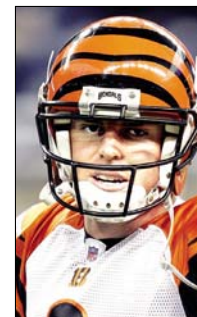
may take its toll this season. You can't go wrong with LJ or LT, though conventional wisdom favors Johnson for now. The guy rushed for 1,750 yards and 21 touchdowns while starting just half of last season.

1 Top of the Draft Line

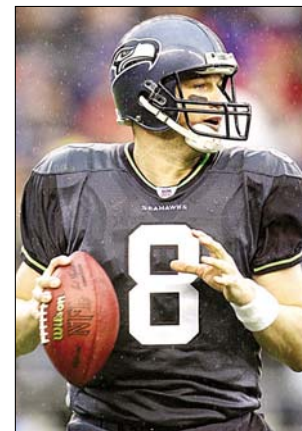
Larry Johnson, LaDainian Tomlinson and Shaun Alexander are going 1,2,3 in most drafts, but choosing between the top three running backs is tough, right? Maybe not as hard we think. Schatz calls it a two-horse race, saying that Alexander's heavy workload last year (430 carries)

2 The Arms Race

"No quarterback should be taken in the top 10 picks," Schatz said, noting the importance of running backs to fantasy football. Still, you'll need a gunslinger at some point. Schatz goes out on a bit of limb, describing Seahawks QB Matt Hasselbeck as almost even with the much-more heralded Peyton Manning. Schatz loves Tom Brady, too, but who doesn't? After that, patience may serve the smart drafter best. Jake Delhomme, Carson Palmer and Trent Green are all good plays who could fall to the third round or later.



Matt Hasselbeck, right, is rated high, but Carson Palmer may be a better pick.



4 The Wild Cards

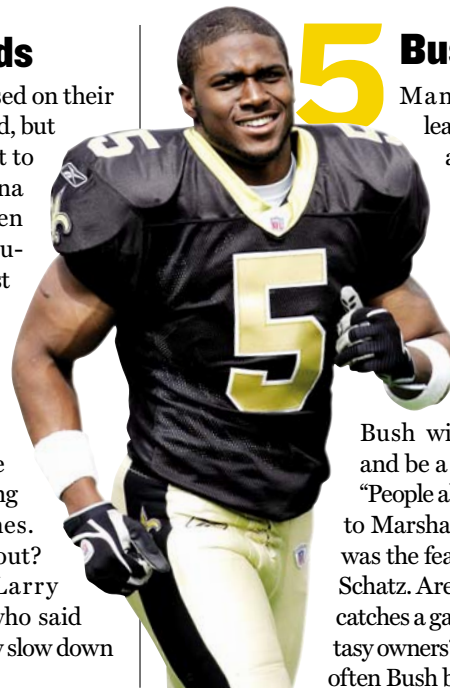
It may seem weird, based on their usual record on the field, but no team may be more important to fantasy leaguers than the Arizona Cardinals. Coach Dennis Green has assembled a roster with arguably the two best receivers in the game — Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin — and bolstered the attack by signing Edgerrin James. So who loses out? "It won't be Larry Fitzgerald," predicted Schatz, who said to stay clear of The Edge, who may slow down after so much use in Indy.



Fitzgerald is in a crowded offense in Arizona.

5 Bush League

Managers in keeper leagues, in particular, are always eyeing rookies to snatch up. The problem is there's no way to guess a player's success in his first year, not even if his name is Reggie Bush. Bush will likely split carries and be a third pass catcher. "People always compare him to Marshall Faulk, but Faulk was the featured back," noted Schatz. Are 10 carries and five catches a game enough for fantasy owners? It depends on how often Bush breaks a big gain.



ANTWAAN RANDLE EL, WR, Washington. Multi-dimensional player opens up options, but will he get enough touches for big fantasy numbers?

TERRY GLENN, WR, Dallas. Reality had to set in at some point, and T.O. will demand most of the attention.

JAMAL LEWIS, RB, Baltimore. Since his record-breaking 2003 season, the farthest he's run is to jail.

BRETT FAVRE, QB, Green Bay. Avoiding the entire Packers team isn't such a bad idea.

ELI MANNING, QB, New York Giants. A strong first half gave way to an ugly end of the season (11 TD's, 15 INT's after November).

TATUM BELL, RB, Denver. Until the season starts, no one knows what coach Mike Shanahan will do. If you grab one Denver back, grab them all.

DESHAUN FOSTER, RB, Carolina. If possible, avoid perpetually-injured backs like Foster and Fred Taylor.

Have More Fantasy Questions?

Aaron Schatz will be at Politics & Prose on Aug. 16 at 7 p.m., 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW.

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Weekend Sports

Finally, 2 Thumbs Up for Jon Jansen

Tackle can once again move his wrists 11 months after injuries

REDSKINS | It was bad enough when Washington Redskins right tackle Jon Jansen broke both his thumbs in a six-day span last September. Little did he realize that, 11 months later, he would still be wearing a cast.

After four surgeries — three on the right thumb, one on the left — Jansen finally sensed the final stage of recovery this week when he got a nice present. At Wednesday night's practice he debuted a new smaller cast that will allow him to do something every other NFL lineman takes for granted: move his right wrist.

"On the other brace, my wrist was locked like this," said Jansen, stiffening his palm as he showed off his new apparatus. "So to really get good position on a guy I had to lower my right shoulder, which would get me a little off balance. I started to develop some elbow



For nearly all of last year, Jon Jansen played with two enormous casts.

soreness, some shoulder soreness. I just put my body in a compromising position."

It's amazing he made it through a whole season that way. Then again, it's amazing how much trouble a bad thumb or two can cause.

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

Quiet Camp Is Good for 'Skins

NO NEWS HAS BEEN GOOD news for the Redskins since training camp started.

So far, knock on wood, the team has suffered no major injuries and avoided any sort of controversy.

If only both can hold true through Sunday's preseason game against the criminal-ridden Cincinnati Bengals, then coach Joe Gibbs will be one happy man.

Experts agree Washington has one of the most talented rosters in the NFL. Experts are also skeptical about the team's depth, making health a key issue.

This training camp is a real contrast to the circus atmosphere that used to surround the Redskins when Daniel Snyder took over the team.

First came questions over Norv

Turner's status as head coach, followed by the Brad Johnson-Jeff George debate. Marty Schottenheimer brought all the attention on himself in his brief one-year stint. And words can't describe the Steve Spurrier era.

In his third year, Gibbs has made vanilla look like mint chocolate chip with this blah camp.

"Even stars like Mark Brunell are talking Super Bowl."

And, of course, this is what gives fans so much hope. There are no distractions, and even stars like Mark Brunell are talking Super Bowl.

Focus and determination aren't problems with this year's squad.

Now let's see if their luck/health can hold up.



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Sports **Weekend**

Playing Hard Ball

Robinson has a tough task motivating a team that's going nowhere

NATIONALS | The challenge facing Frank Robinson is one that has tested managers since the game's creation: How do you get your team to give their all to the cause of victory when everyone, even the front office, acknowledges that losing is likely?

The Washington Nationals sidestepped that question at the July 31 non-waiver trading deadline by holding onto star outfielder Alfonso Soriano. But reality arrived a week later when the last-place Nats swapped ace pitcher Liván Hernández for a pair of Double-A prospects.

With Hernández's departure and John Patterson's season-long injury troubles, the only proven pitchers in the Washington rotation have, in fact, proven themselves to be quite average.

Ramon Ortiz, Pedro Astacio and Tony Armas Jr., make up the core of the staff, with minor-league call-up Billy Traber and a starter to be named later set to join them soon. Robinson understands that optimism isn't exactly plentiful in the clubhouse.

"To a certain extent, I can't stop



Frank Robinson, left, manages a team nearly 20 games out of first place that just traded away its ace. But "we're going to go out there and play hard," Robinson said.

that," he said. "But I'm not going to let you outwardly feel sorry for yourself. We're going to go out there and play hard."

Team president Stan Kasten and general manager Jim Bowden repeatedly have stressed that it will be a lengthy process.

One move that could hasten the Nationals' climb toward respectability would be to re-sign Soriano to a long-term deal. Such a move

would surely provide a morale boost in the clubhouse. Until then, players will have to dig deep to find motivation.

"No one here is going to give up," catcher Brian Schneider said. "A lot of moves can be made in the off-season. The future of this organization is not going to be this year. It might not be next year. It might be two or three years down the road."

DEREK TURNER

Mystical Victory in Sight

With playoff seeds set, Washington aims for team's best win total

MYSTICS | Although the Eastern Conference playoff seeds were locked up on Tuesday night, the Mystics insist they still have something to play for in their last two games of the regular season.

Specifically, if they win either tonight against Detroit or Sunday at New York, the Mystics (17-15) will set a new team record for wins in a season.

Furthermore, if Washington wins both games, it will finish more



Alana Beard and the Mystics say they still have a lot to play for this weekend.

than two games above .500 for the first time in team history.

"A lot of people may look at these games and say they have no impor-

tance, but to us they are," Mystics guard Alana Beard said.

Coach Richie Adubato said the Shock will present a stern test for his team tonight.

"They'll be, I'm sure, playing hard, trying to get ready for the playoffs the same as we are," Adubato said.

The playoffs will start for the Mystics in one week, when they host the top-seeded Connecticut Sun at Verizon Center Friday. The start time of that game has not yet been announced. The Sun will host Game 2 at 1:30 p.m. Sunday and Game 3, if necessary, at 7 p.m. Tuesday. JONATHAN TANNENWALD

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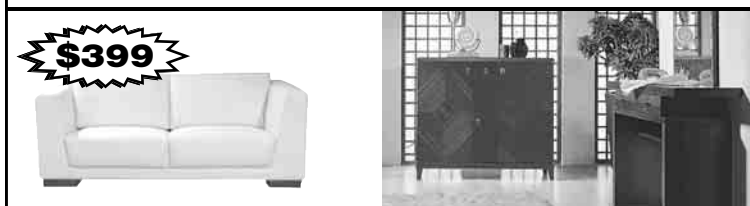
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Back to Square 1

Friedgen takes control of the Terps' offense after 2 losing seasons

TERPS FOOTBALL | It didn't take long for Ralph Friedgen to become a football icon in College Park.

His first three years leading the Terrapins brought three 10-win seasons and three bowl appearances. Amid all the fanfare, it seemed he was the closest thing Maryland had to Bear Bryant since, well, since Bryant coached the Terps in 1945.

But back-to-back 5-6 seasons put a damper on the enthusiasm. Both the offensive and defensive coordinators resigned after last season. Kansas State linebackers coach Chris Cosh was promptly hired to lead the defense.

But Friedgen knew the offensive coordinator had to be someone special, someone to revitalize a unit that too often hurt itself with an untimely turnover or a costly mistake. It was a critical decision. So Friedgen hired ... himself.



When looking for new offensive coordinator, Ralph Friedgen chose himself.

"We've got to get things corrected," he said this week as the Terrapins prepared to begin training camp. "I know I personally have worked as hard, if not harder, than I ever have in my life to get this program back where it needs to be."

The biggest difference, several players said, is that Friedgen

is not content with simply telling players what to do and demanding they do it.

"I think there's more attention to detail," senior left tackle Stephon Heyer said. "I think it's a better environment for us because he explains to us why he wants us to do certain things. So we have a better understanding of what's going on."

Those lessons in Football 101 become all the more critical because the offense Friedgen is installing is more expansive than the attack employed in recent years. Rarely, coaches and players say, will the same play be run twice out of the same formation. Ideally, this will add a level of complexity to the brutal game of chess played with the opposing defense.

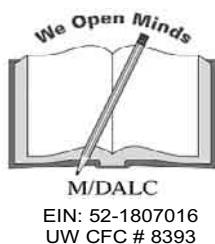
Perhaps more importantly, it has stoked the competitive fires that burned in Friedgen as he brought the Terrapins back to the national scene.

"I like variety. I get bored doing the same thing, the same way," Friedgen said. **DEREK TURNER**

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A Classic Tactic

50 years after the original boom, 3-D movies rise again

REVIVALS | Summer blockbusters have never been known for depth.

But a slate of big-budget movies is trying to change that as Hollywood turns to 50-year-old technology to keep theaters packed.

Columbia Pictures' animated film "Monster House" opened in 3-D, the latest film to use a technology once dismissed as cinematic gimmickry to heighten the realism and add a touch of the thrill ride to theatrical releases.

Filmmakers say the technology brings a new dimension to the big screen, accentuating the menacing maw of the possessed "Monster House" or lending dramatic realism as the Man of Steel rescues Lois Lane and her family from a sinking yacht in "Superman Returns."

The studios and exhibitors see 3-D as a lure to keep people coming to theaters.

In the 1950s, studios fearing the encroachment of televi-



Above, "Monster House," bottom right, "The Polar Express," bottom left, 1953's hit film "House of Wax."

A Familiar Tale, Plus Dancing

Evoking Shakespeare, 'Step Up' loses the suicide, gains cliches

FILM | Take "Fame" and suck out all the sex and nudity, take "Romeo and Juliet" and drain it of the preteen suicide and iambic pentameter, and you have "Step Up," a thoroughly formulaic but mildly enjoyable dance movie.

Channing Tatum stars as Tyler, a tough kid from a Baltimore foster home who gets arrested during a vandalism spree at a prestigious arts school and is sentenced to perform 200 hours of community service there.

Jenna Dewan is Nora, a privileged ballerina at the school who's obsessed with getting her senior showcase piece just right in hopes that it will land her a spot with an important dance company.

Of course, they're drawn to each other through their shared love of dance, even though allies on both sides disapprove of their pairing.

Tyler ends up filling in during rehearsals when Nora's partner injures his ankle, and the two fuse styles while falling in love in a series of obligatory montage sequences. He teaches her his Vanilla Ice moves; she teaches him to plie and pirouette, and gets him thinking that maybe attending this school



FAME! Tatum and Dewan may not live forever, but the "Step Up" story might.

sion grabbed polarized glasses and embraced 3-D technology. Although early 3-D enjoyed some commercial success — the horror thriller "House of Wax" was among the top 10 grossing films of 1953 — projection and photographic errors, together with filmmakers' impulse to thrust spears into the audience's eyes, caused people to leave the theater with headaches or sick stomachs.

Warner Bros. was the first big studio to experiment with new 3-D technology in a major release. Its 2004 "Polar Express" in Imax 3-D triggered a stereoscopic revival. The experiment has propelled a flood of projects, including "The Ant Bully," which opened in Imax 3-D, the forthcoming "Open Season," Zemeckis' new "Beowulf" and the computer-generated project, "Meet the Robinsons."

"You have to keep pushing the audience experience," said Yair Landau, president of Sony Pictures Digital.

"Once I saw the 'Polar Express' offered in 3-D, I saw it could actually take a story somewhere else," said "Monster House" director Gil Kenan.

He and other filmmakers have also learned to use restraint, rather than "poking a candelabra into your eyes for an hour or an half." DAWN C. CHMIELEWSKI (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

wouldn't be so bad after all.

And who could blame him? The place is buzzing with non-threatening artistic expression. Students play the violin and harmonize in the hallways — They're gonna learn how to fly! (High!)

"Step Up" is the first feature from choreographer-turned-director Anne Fletcher, so at least the dance sequences are refreshing and high-energy. That's more than we can say for the script co-written by Duane Adler and Melissa Rosenberg.

Cliched talk about following your dreams gives way to an event that takes the movie in a dark direction, which will subsequently provide renewed inspiration for everyone involved.

Clearly, "Step Up" isn't for the jaded. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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Nightlife Agenda

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FRIDAY

An interesting local bill at the **BLACK CAT** brings together the trashy glam rock of Death by Sexy (not to be confused with the Eagles of Death Metal LP of the same name), the melodic, synth-driven power-pop of the Dance Party and local favorites Washington Social Club, who haven't played D.C. since January. Tonight's the release party for Death by Sexy's CD "Big Hit."

A new monthly mixture of DJs, art installations and late-night dancing, the debut of Mixed Signals at **DUKE'S CITY** has us intrigued. With techno DJs running from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. — including the Motor City's Detroit Techno Militia — a lack of dress code and art by Mark Jenkins, this could be a party to watch in the future, and the kind of after-the-clubs-close destination U Street could use. Admission is \$10, but you can halve the cover by visiting mixedsignalsdc.com and getting on the list.



THE SOCIAL REGISTER: The Washington Social Club headlines at the Black Cat on Friday while it waits for the rest of the country to notice it's the Next Big Thing.

SATURDAY

Imagine a city where no dance floors throb to Blur, the Stone Roses, the Arcade Fire, Belle and Sebastian, Pulp or the Smiths. Is it scary, indie rock fans? Welcome to D.C., circa '98, before DJ Mark Zimin launched Mousetrap at the now-closed Metro Cafe. Mousetrap's steady growth kicked down a lot of doors for nights such as Bliss, Panic and the Liberation Dance Party, among many others. Zimin's marking his party's seventh anniversary at the **BLACK CAT** by doing what he does best: playing music the crowd wants to dance to. It's not always cutting-edge, and playlists are often heavy on chestnuts from the mid-to-late '90s, but the floor will be heaving all night long. Doors open at 9:30 p.m.

Once the Miss India D.C. Pageant winds down at **LISNER AUDITORIUM**, the vibe heats up at the official afterparty at **CLOUD**. DJ Bikram Keith — a veteran of some of our favorite bhangra and Bollywood parties — is spinning, all drinks are half-price from 9-11 p.m. and admission is free if you're on the list: nightlifeagency.com/event_detail.

Fans of quality indie pop performed by bands with absolutely terrible band names should take up

residence at Galaxy Hut this weekend. On Saturday night, Burlington, Vt., sextet the Smittens bring their catchy, ramshackle tunes to Arlington. The songs bear the hallmarks of classic indie pop: simple melodies, multiple singers who can't really sing and silly lyrics that reference pop culture at every opportunity. Used to be that Galaxy Hut had bands like this almost every night, so if you're feeling nostalgic for those days, you know where to be. Locals the Antiques — the best moody British band from 1986 that's somehow making music in D.C. right now — headline.

SUNDAY

Brent Gorton and the Tender Breasts will be at **GALAXY HUT** on Sunday. Perhaps the name's a bit racy by indie pop standards, but don't think Gorton has bad intentions: This is a guy who has a song called "Cuddlecore" on his new album. Gorton will likely indulge in a bit of distorted guitar rocking or lo-fi Mountain Goats-esque wailing. Bizarro laptop-and-vocals act Jakuta and Carl is also on the bill.

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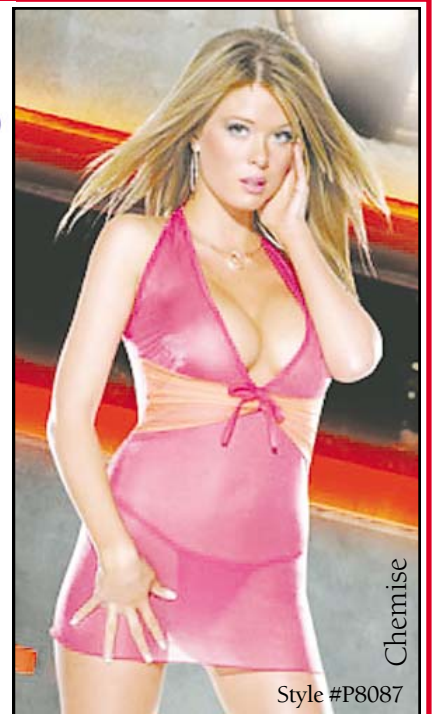
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RACING IN PLACE: Will Ferrell ("Anchorman") again impersonates someone defined by his job and gets laughs out of that job's aesthetics in "Talladega Nights."

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THE ANT BULLY (PG, 80 minutes) Lucas Nickle (voice of Zach Tyler Eisen), a boy regularly creamed by tougher kids, now and then takes his rage out on the backyard anthill. Like the Old Testament God, he power-soaks their world, unleashing biblical torrents. A wizard figures out some chemical stuff capable of shrinkage on a massive scale, and hello, 15mm boy! Lucas sees the error of his ways, and soon, like them, he's a stalwart warrior. The movie is an epic adventure with a rigorously moral point of view. And technically, it is superb. (SH)

BARNYARD (PG, 83 minutes) Male "cows" with pink teats? Not so easy to get past. Yet that's what can be found in a movie where the animals throw barn dances, watch television and generally party it up once the farmer closes shop for the night. The film's premise is a lot like that of the much better "The Lion King." This movie will entertain the kids; not so much the grown-ups. (JENNIFER FREY)

THE BREAK-UP (PG-13, 105 minutes) Vince Vaughn plays Gary, whose idea of a good time is shooting pool, watching the Cubs or firing up a video game while his girlfriend, Brooke (Jennifer Aniston), kvetches in the background. She's a humor-impaired gallery dealer with a sharp eye for Gary's domestic shortcomings. She may be right, but

he's funny. And in comedy, serious loses and funny wins. (DT)

CLERKS II (R, 98 minutes) Dante and Randal are back and, aficionados will be gratified to learn, have grown up only slightly. This sequel finds them still bantering with customers, having movie geek-offs (the "Star Wars" vs. "Lord of the Rings" argument is priceless) and relishing crude innuendo. This is a lewd, lascivious, exhilaratingly life-affirming celebration of misfits and the misfits who love them. (AH)

THE DA VINCI CODE (PG-13, 148 minutes) The most controversial thriller of the year turns out to be about as exciting as watching your parents play Sudoku. From a dispassionate Tom Hanks as symbolologist Robert Langdon to a script carefully written to mollify Christians already upset by the film's premise of a Jesus and Mary Magdalene hook-up, this film is a bland piece of high-grade cheese. Still, the readers who gulped down Brown's thriller—in which a murder leads to revelations about a conspiracy in the Catholic church—will enjoy seeing his talky scavenger hunt re-enacted. (AH)

THE DESCENT (R, 95 minutes) Sarah (Shauna Macdonald) is one of a group of virile mid-twenties gals addicted to adrenaline. We meet her and two friends enjoying white-water rafting; a few minutes later, Sarah, driving home with hubby and daughter, takes her eye off the road and crashes, losing her family. A year later, her friend Juno (Natalie Mendoza) persuades her to go on another adventure as part of grief therapy. Sooner than you can say, "I ain't goin' down in that hole!" she's rappelled her way into the

Now Playing

maw of hell. The inevitable cave-in seals her off, so she and her companions must go forward. They discover that they are not alone and that those they share the nooks and crannies with are hungry. Writer-director Neil Marshall keeps the film lean and focused and has a nice taste for horror imagery. Contains extreme violence and gore. (SH)

THE DEVIL WEARS PRADA (PG-13, 109 minutes) Meryl Streep plays Miranda Priestly, the driven, demanding editor in chief of *Runway*, the bible of New York fashion magazines. Unable to keep a decent assistant, Miranda's latest hire is Andy Sachs (Anne Hathaway), the smart girl who eschews fashion (at first) and arrives at her job at *Runway* head-to-toe out of place. She wants to be a serious writer. Can Andy survive a year of Miranda and, in return, win a recommendation that will get her in the door at any magazine in Manhattan? That, in essence, is the plot of the film. But Streep makes it work. (JENNIFER FREY)

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (PG, 100 minutes) This documentary by Davis Guggenheim follows Al Gore on his world tour, in which he warns audiences that humankind faces dire climatic consequences if it doesn't curb carbon dioxide emissions. We know what you're thinking, but as this surprisingly absorbing film shows, Gore's lectures are anything but dull. Although his onstage presentation tells us nothing new, it has a renewed potency, in light of growing scientific consensus about changing weather patterns. (DT)

JOHN TUCKER MUST DIE (PG-13, 87 minutes) This is one of those teen romantic comedies set at Britney Spears Memorial High School. When a putative misfit Kate (Brittany Snow) discovers that the BMOG — Big Manipulator of Cheerleaders — has been three-timing a bevy of precocious classmates. She leads the girls in a sadistic revenge spree. Despite doing its best to giggle, jiggle and ogle its way into a niche somewhere between "Heathers" and "American Pie," the movie becomes another forgettable pastiche of sight gags and pop-culture references. (AH)

LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13, 95 minutes) An otherworldly being called Story (Bryce Dallas Howard) emerges from a swimming pool behind a dingy apartment building and into the arms of its bewildered superintendent, Cleveland Heep (Paul Giamatti). Slowly he learns she's a "narf," a nymph who has come on land to find a man of deep significance. Cleveland, a guy who has resigned him-



UDDERLY RIDICULOUS: "Barnyard: The Original Party Animals" is supposed to be a fable about standing up for one's friends, but it's tough to get past the male udders.

self to a life plunging toilets, soon understands that he's at the beginning of something significant. But in a movie laden with symbolism, shamanism and mythic lore, director M. Night Shyamalan never forgets to have fun. (DT)

LITTLE MAN (PG-13, 98 minutes) This movie is about what you'd think a movie in which a man masquerades as a baby would be. Every orifice is covered, and the product of every orifice is also covered. The gimmick features Marlon Wayans' face computer-painted on various aspects of two little people named Linden Porco and Gabriel Pimental. Together they all play the jewel thief Calvin, who retends to be a baby in order to do re-acquire some stolen goods. (SH)

MIAMI VICE (R, 130 minutes) Based on the '80s TV show about the stylized, musicalized, heavily armed, beautifully dressed icons Crockett and Tubbs, this movie seems to deal with multiple conspiracies involving the Aryan Brotherhood, a Colombian working out of Paraguay and a motley variety of Caribbean pond scum. The plot is largely meaningless, somewhere between "not a lot of plot" and "lots and lots of plot." But the worst news is that Colin Farrell and Jamie Foxx, replacing Don Johnson and Philip Michael Thomas in the key roles, don't hold a candle, a flashlight, a match to the original guys. (SH)

MONGOLIAN PING PONG (Unrated, 102 minutes) The people of the vast prairies of Mongolia may be hopelessly disconnected from industrial civilization, but they hardly notice it. But now and then, a little magic arrives. One day, an irrepressible little boy named Bilike finds a glowing pearl in the river. Granny quickly confirms that the object is of some holy significance. You and I would, of course,



IN OUR LIFETIMES

Heroes Next Door

THERE ISN'T A SINGLE gratuitous minute in Oliver Stone's film, which recreates the endless hours in which two Port Authority police officers (Nicolas Cage and Michael Pena) were trapped beneath the rubble of the twin towers on Sept. 11 and tracks the panic of their family and friends who waited anxiously for news of their rescue. But it's also the safest film Stone has ever made. This is a director you expect to grab hold of a historical event — as he did with the Vietnam War in "Platoon" and the Kennedy assassination in "JFK" — and shake it tirelessly until some meaning falls out, some perspective that perhaps we hadn't cared or dared to consider. What Stone has come up with here is an exceptionally crafted, strongly acted, high-end made-for-TV movie. It's visceral and intense, exceedingly faithful in its depiction of the fear and chaos, the ash and smoke, that enveloped New York that day. And yet it provides no insight, offers no political statement, doesn't even begin to broach the subject of terrorism. Maria Bello and Maggie Gyllenhaal give beautiful, moving performances as the officers' wives. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

recognize the holy pearl as a ping-pong ball. And wouldn't that be our loss? We'd never share the joy that the mysterious arrival brings to Bilike and its galvanizing force on his small society. (SH)

MONSTER HOUSE (PG, 91 minutes) The animated story of a boy who discovers that the house across the way is a monster with a voracious appetite for children just his age, this movie is a grisly, often cynical piece of work whose joyless, aggressive spirit is made even less appealing by its soulless visual style. The story is by turns tiresome and terrifying, as the house comes to creepy life and its back story — gothic to the point of grotesqueness — is revealed. (AH)

MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13, 95 minutes) After Matt Saunders (Luke Wilson) dumps his girlfriend, he makes an interesting discovery: She's not only crazy, she's super. Her name is G-Girl (Uma Thurman), and Hell hath no fury like an uberwoman scorned. The two starring performances are spot on. But after the shark-in-the-apartment scene, you should leave. What remains isn't merely stupid and pointless, it is, more unforgivably, laughless. (SH)

NACHO LIBRE (PG, 90 minutes) Jack Black, hiding behind a large, bad Mexican accent and a perm from hell, plays Ignacio, nicknamed Nacho, a monk in an orphanage whose job consists of fixing beans for the kids. Nacho secretly signs up for a wrestling match to raise money to buy lettuce for salads to relieve the monotony of the beans and perhaps give us sanctuary from the bean jokes. The movie then follows the secret career of Nacho Libre the wrestler, juxtaposing it with the banality of the monk Ignacio, who is the butt of all that witty

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monastery repartee. Is it funny? Now and then. Stupid? Very. Racist? Possibly. Ugly? Profoundly. Wild? Undeniably. Singular? Completely. (AH)

THE NIGHT LISTENER (R, 82 minutes) Radio show host Gabriel Noone (Robin Williams) has a humdinger for his latest broadcast — or thinks he does. In an extended flashback, we get to judge for ourselves. One of Gabriel's most avid listeners is dying teenager Pete (Rory Culkin), who sends him a startling manuscript about the disease he contracted as a result of unspeakable sexual abuse as a child. The perpetrators, according to Pete, were his parents. Gabriel becomes obsessed with finding the boy — on the eve of his story being

published as a nonfiction book. Gabriel is stymied at every turn by Donna (Toni Collette), Pete's self-appointed guardian. Williams is persuasive as a broken man who needs a mission. But the movie around him doesn't seem to have been worth his effort. (DT)

THE OH IN OHIO (Unrated, 88 minutes) Parker Posey is Priscilla Chase, a Cleveland resident who knows she has had unfulfilling sex 1,482 times with her biology-teacher husband, Jack (Paul Rudd), but sees little reason to deal with it. When Jack moves into the garage and takes up with hot, young student Kristen (Mischa Barton), however, she figures it's time. Her mission follows a dull, predictable course — the counsel of a female friend (Miranda Bailey), sexual experimentation with her own gender (Heather Graham, call your agent) and, of course, the purchase of battery-operated equipment. Though her ultimate

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GOING UNDERGROUND: The tough girls in the horror film "The Descent" are determined not to go down without a fight.

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solution can be safely classified as unexpected, it cannot claim such adjectives as believable, funny or satisfying. Even Posey fails to stir the movie's unresponsive tectonic plates. (DT)

OVER THE HEDGE (PG, 87 minutes) The woodland creatures' habitat is losing ground to development. They've got no choice but to slip through the big hedge that rings the human world and make for the trash cans. Welcome to an amusing war between cute critters and crass consumers. Jokes are packed into every pixel of this movie, but there's such a knowing swagger about its comedy, there seems to be no innocence in the mix at all. (DT)

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13, 140 minutes) Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) is dispatched to steal Jack Sparrow's (Johnny Depp) mystical compass, which is believed to lead to the chest containing the soul of Davy Jones. And Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley) stows away as a man aboard Sparrow's ship to find fiancé Will, who's presumed lost. The movie's most entertaining feature is its computer-generated creations. But don't look for the collision of innocence and danger that made the first film so provocative. (DT)

A SCANNER DARKLY (R, 100 minutes) Richard Linklater's adaptation of Philip K. Dick's novel is in a special dimension. The director has re-rendered scenes with an electronic, watercolorish wash, transforming everything into a restive painting. Without its animation, this would have made a fine cautionary tale about drug addiction, paranoia and institutional treachery in a police state. But with

a technique that turns the existing live action into a two-dimensional cartoon, the movie goes becomes its own living, breathing metaphor. (DT)

SCOOP (PG-13, 100 minutes) Woody Allen's latest movie opens on the River Styx, where today's boatload of souls is headed toward the far shore, among them one Joe Strombel, a Fleet Street news-hound. But on this slow boat to nowhere, Joe (Ian McShane) runs into the recently murdered secretary of an aristocratic bouncer (Hugh Jackman) and learns that her employer is a serial killer horrifying London. It gets a lot lamer. This gives nobody any pleasure, but a truth must be faced: This is the worst movie Woody Allen has ever made. (SH)

SHADOWBOXER (R, 93 minutes) The central conceit of this movie is that middle-aged Rose (Helen Mirren) and her younger companion, Mikey (Cuba Gooding Jr.), are a mom-and-stepson killing team. When Rose finds herself face to face with a pregnant woman—another contract hit—she can't squeeze the trigger. She even ends up taking in the woman, and a family of two becomes four. The movie's interplay of graphic violence and coolspeak owe everything to the films of John Woo and Quentin Tarantino. But changing the gender only adds a skirt and a British accent. (DT)

STRANGERS WITH CANDY (R, 87 minutes) The very sight of ex-jailbird, ex-junkie prostitute Jerri Blank will set her cult fans giggling, and as played with sour-mouthed conviction by Amy Sedaris, she's so grotesquely unpalatable, well, she's a comedic scream. The movie, starring most of the original performers and a celebrity cast that includes Philip Seymour Hoffman and Sarah Jessica Parker, recounts the events that led to forty-something

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Teach Them Well: Matthew Perry stars as an idealistic teacher in "The Ron Clark Story," based on the educational adventures of a real classroom hero. | *TV Week*

Rolling Cones: Lazy Sundae's ice cream is on the move. Also, potential sequels to "Snakes on a Plane"; frozen treats for vegans; foraging for fossilized finds. | *Sunday Source*

Jerri's return to high school. A long-winded, even tedious story becomes the focus, not the comedy. (DT)

SUPERMAN RETURNS (PG-13, 154 minutes) Superman's been gone for five years seeking remnants of Krypton among the stars. Satisfied, if melancholy that the old home orb is forever gone, he returns

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to Earth. Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth), for example, now has a child and a boyfriend, and Lex Luthor (Kevin Spacey) has just exited the stadium and started a new shenanigan. It follows that Lois and Clark deal with buried feelings, and there's even time for Supe to remember his boyhood in Kansas. What's missing? Oh, right, a plot. But the bottom line is that Superman has returned, and again, you will believe that a man can fly and that virtue is its own reward. (SH)

TALLADEGA NIGHTS: THE BALLAD OF RICKY BOBBY (PG-13, 105 minutes) Will Ferrell plays the title character, who has a jones for things that go vrrrrroooooom, having been spawned in the back seat of a speeding car. After a lucky break, Ricky Bobby is basking in NASCAR stardom. But as expected, he crashes, his car turning flip-flops into the air in "the worst crash in NASCAR history." He survives, but he's convinced he's paralyzed, so much so, that he actually can't move.



FICTION IS STRANGER THAN TRUTH: Robin Williams plays a talk show host who stumbles upon a stunning manuscript—and a mystery—in "The Night Listener."

The movie doesn't do much more than go for the quick guffaw, and frequently the guffaw comes from stereotypical slights along the redneck vein. Ferrell's a talented actor, but he's an actor who doesn't seem to trust himself enough to push past his comedic comfy zone. That's a good thing, perhaps, if you're a die-hard Ferrell fan. Not so good if you thought "Anchorman" was a one-note snooze. (TW)

WHO KILLED THE ELECTRIC CAR? (PG, 105 minutes) Writer-director Chris Paine examines the fate of General Motors' much-ballyhooed electric car, sold in California before being declared a failure and disappearing. A lot of the film is illuminating; a lot is pointless. But it does explore the nuances of the situation and quote people on both sides of the issue, even if you never doubt which of those two sides the film is on. (SH)

WONDROUS OBLIVION (Unrated, 106 minutes) The son of Holocaust refugees who have made a home in south London, 11-year-old David Wiseman (Sam Smith) has developed a passion for cricket. David's life changes for the better when Dennis Samuels (Delroy Lindo),



Parker Posey's a housewife who gets her gratification on in "Oh in Ohio."

his new Jamaican neighbor, sets up an enclosure for cricket practice in his backyard. This film is a knowing fairy tale that lovingly re-creates a bygone era but also examines its underlying moral ambiguities. (DT)

WORDPLAY (PG, 94 minutes) This hugely likeable documentary celebrates nerd-

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ism, languages, sportsmanlike conduct and smart people who love the New York Times crossword puzzle. The film also profiles brilliant but less well-known puzzle-solvers who compete in the annual American Crossword Puzzle tournament, puzzlemakers and Times puzzle editor Will Shortz. (JANE HORWITZ)

X-MEN: THE LAST STAND (PG-13, 104 minutes) The third installment in the series features the same core group of physically gifted mutants. A scientist discovers a cure for mutantism, leading each X to choose between retaining his or her often problematic powers or becoming human. Chock-full of references to Nazi eugenics, the civil and

disability rights movements and even the abortion wars, the film suggests that the personal is always political. But director Brett Ratner makes a hash of the story and characters. (SH)

YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13, 108 minutes) Kate Hudson plays Molly, who has just married one of her dad's employees, Carl (Matt Dillon). Carl's best friend, Dupree (Owen Wilson), moves in with the newlyweds until he gets back on his feet. A series of slapstick, incendiary and raunchy hijinks ensue as the interloper insinuates himself ever into his hosts' lives. Artistically, the movie is a mess. Technically, it's an abomination. Spiritually, it's a void. (AH)



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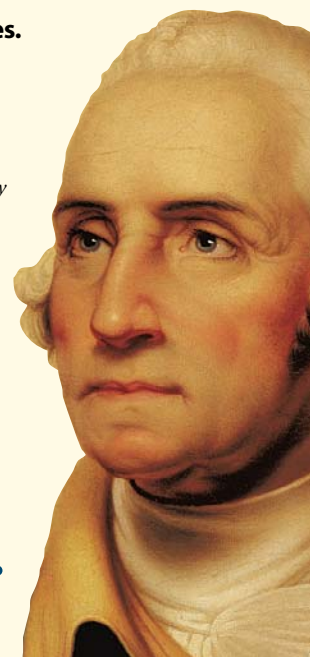
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Television

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FAMILY FUNNY BUSINESS

A funny hybrid of sitcom and talk show, **THE KUMARS AT NO. 42** (Fri., 9 p.m., BBC America) welcomes celebrity guests from both sides of the Atlantic. An eccentric Indian family living in North London, the Kumars have a studio in their backyard, where son Sanjeev (Sanjeev Bhaskar) hosts movie stars, TV legends and musical guests who play along with the absurdity of the Kumar household. Tonight's guests include David Hasselhoff.

GET UP AND WATCH THIS

Kids set out to save the world from a fate worse than death—a boring, sedentary lifestyle—on the movie-length cartoon feature "Operation Zero" on **CODENAME: KIDS NEXT DOOR** (Fri., 7:30 p.m., Cartoon Network).

DON'T MESS WITH MA MEERKAT Columbus, a headstrong member of Flower's new litter, makes a precocious and potentially dangerous move on **MEERKAT MANOR** (Fri., 8 p.m., Animal Planet).

SERIOUSLY, GUYS: WHY AREN'T WE AS GOOD AS HE WAS?

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'THEN, GO TO GERMANY': David Hasselhoff offers the Kumars some tips.

8 p.m., Encore Mystery) presents interviews with directors of movies and television and of horror, suspense and drama, who discuss the influence of Hitchcock on their own work.

DIDN'T YOU USED TO BE CUTE?

From the days of "Our Gang" and Shirley Temple to Drew Barrymore and the Olsen twins, people have been obsessed with child stars and the way they grew up and adjusted. Or didn't. The guilty pleasure half-hour series **CHILD STAR CONFIDENTIAL** (Sat., 5 p.m., E!) enters a second season asking, "Where are they now?"

CHEESE IT! A PARK RANGER!

Most of the action in the 2006 shocker **SAVAGE PLANET** (Sat., 9 p.m., Sci Fi) consists of a raiding party stumbling through fields and woods. In short, the remarkably cheap-looking film seems to have been shot in a state park while nobody was looking.

GOT UPLFT?

Matthew Perry stars in the title role of **THE RON CLARK STORY** (Sun., 8 p.m., TNT). A beloved and idealistic teacher from a small town in North Carolina, Clark decamps for New York City, where he hopes he will find students who really need him. It doesn't take long for him to find the lowest-scoring classroom in a beleaguered public school in Harlem. While this is based on Clark's remarkable and acclaimed true-life story, it unfolds like many familiar film dramas of teachers who "give a damn" and make a difference.

TWO HOURS OF BRAIN-FREEZE

Piper Perabo, John Goodman and Tyra Banks star in the 2000 drama **COYOTE UGLY** (Sat., 9 p.m., ABC).

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

The animated British satire **MONKEY DUST** (Sat., 9 p.m., Sundance) uses animal behavior to send up pop culture and



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SOME BLOOD WITH YOUR PIE?

SHAKESPERETOLD (Sun., 7 p.m., BBC America) takes a crack at "Macbeth," setting the bloody tragedy in the cutthroat restaurant business. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Disney	That's So Raven	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	That's So Raven	Zack & Cody	Phil of the Future	*** "Finding Nemo" (2003, Comedy) Voices of Albert Brooks.				Zack & Cody	That's So Raven
E!	Simple Life	Simple Life	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	True Hollywood Story		Simple Life	Simple Life	The Soup (N)	Handler Show	E! News	The Daily 10
FX	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Rescue Me "Retards"	
HGTV	Renovation	If Walls Could	Offbeat America	House Hunters	Get Color Kitchen.	Design Remix	Double Take	FreeStyle (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	My First Place (N)	I Want That!
Family	7th Heaven "V-Day"		*** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. A malevolent force threatens the students at Hogwarts.								The 700 Club	
History	Mail Call	Mail Call	World's Biggest Machines		Band of Brothers		(25) Band of Brothers		(40) Alien Abductions		(40) Vanishings!	
Lifetime	Reba	Reba	** "Twisted Desire" (1996, Drama) Melissa Joan Hart, Daniel Baldwin.				"Fatal Desire" (2006, Suspense) Anne Heche, Eric Roberts.				Will & Grace	Will & Grace
MTV	My Own Fergie.	Room Raiders (N)	Run's House	Run's House	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	Pimp My Ride	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Final Fu	Pimp My Ride
NICK	Ned's School	Danny Phantom	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	*** "Rugrats in Paris: The Movie" (2000)			SpongeBob	Full House	(35) Full House	(10) Full House	(45) Full House
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TLC	While You Were Out		What Not to Wear "Leona"		Take Home Chef	Take Home Chef	What Not to Wear "Jennifer C."		What Not to Wear "Betty C."		Take Home Chef	Take Home Chef
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AMC	(5:15) ** "Enemy of the State" (1998, Action) Will Smith. 'R'				** "Hard to Kill" (1990, Action) Steven Seagal, Kelly LeBrock. 'R'				** "House" (1986, Horror) William Katt, George Wendt, Kay Lenz. 'R'			
TCM	(1:15) **** "Adam's Rib" (1949) Spencer Tracy. 'NR' (DVS)				**** "The African Queen" (1951) Humphrey Bogart. 'NR'				** "Rooster Cogburn" (1975, Western) John Wayne. 'PG'			
HBO	** "Flight of the Phoenix" (2004) Dennis Quaid. 'PG-13'				Deadwood "Unauthorized Cinnamon"		Deadwood "Leviathan Smiles"		Deadwood "Amateur Night"		Lucky Louie	Entourage
MAX	(4:00) *** Ray ** "The Skeleton Key" (2005) Kate Hudson. 'PG-13'				(1:15) *** "Napoleon Dynamite" (2004, Comedy) Jon Heder. 'PG'				*** "Wedding Crashers" (2005, Comedy) Owen Wilson. 'R'			
SHOW	New Waterford (4:5) *** "Mean Girls" (2004) Lindsay Lohan. iTV. 'PG-13'				** "The Baxter" (2005) Michael Showalter. 'PG-13'				Sexual Healing (iTV) Infidelity. (N)		Brotherhood "Matthew 12:25" (iTV)	
TMC	(5:15) ** "The Sweeper" (1996) 'R'		*** "Mean Creek" (2004) Rory Culkin. 'R'		* "Hellraiser: Hellseeker" (2002) Ashley Laurence. 'R'				** "Dead End" (2003, Horror) Ray Wise. 'R'		The Machinist 'R'	
STARZ!	(5:20) ** "The Cave" (2005) (C)		(1:10) ** "Mindhunters" (2004, Suspense) LL Cool J. 'R'		* "The Waterboy" (1998) Adam Sandler. 'PG-13'				(35) ** "Guess Who" (2005) Bernie Mac. 'PG-13'			
ENCORE	** "Mystery, Alaska" (1999, Comedy-Drama) Russell Crowe. 'R'				*** "My Cousin Vinny" (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci. 'R'				(0:5) ** "Blade: Trinity" (2004, Horror) Wesley Snipes. 'R'			

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New Orleans is still finding it difficult to attract tourists

A year after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans is desperately seeking tourists.

The areas where tourists go largely escaped devastation — and are anxiously awaiting visitors to come and spend money.

Plenty of hotel rooms are again available, most of New Orleans' world-renowned restaurants are open, events such as Mardi Gras and Jazz Fest are back and the city is reassembling its national sports presence centered around the Louisiana Superdome and New Orleans Arena.

Although the hot, humid months of summer are typically the city's slow season, tourism officials say there's more than ample evidence — from their cash registers — that word hasn't gotten out.

"Right now, we're hunkered down for a slow summer," said Darrius Gray, general manager of the Holiday Inn-French Quarter and president of the Greater New Orleans Hotel & Lodging

Association. "It's slower than usual."

On a recent sultry day on Bourbon Street, Matt Buddenborg of the Detroit area took in the trademark tourist street on his first day in town. "To tell you the truth, I thought it would be messy," he said. "It's really well put-together."

With the city still reeling from Katrina, and hotel rooms packed with emergency workers and displaced residents, a scaled-back Mardi Gras was held in February, attracting an estimated 700,000

people. In April and May, the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival returned with Shell Exploration & Production Co., a major employer in the region, sponsoring the music event. The two-weekend Jazz Fest drew 350,000. By comparison, in the past, a million people typically attend the culmination of the Carnival season, and the 2003 Jazz Fest attracted an estimated 503,000 spectators.

A third big event — the annual Essence Festival — moved to

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ONE HORN BLOWING: Sean Roberts performs on a near-empty Bourbon Street.

day displays like "Celebration in the Oaks," when lights illuminate City Park.

"The message I'm getting from businesses over and over is we need the tourists," said Herczog. "They want to feed them, they want to sell them stuff, they want to tell their stories. The future of the city hinges on that more than anything else."

Although many restaurants have not reopened, virtually all the "name" eateries that tourists flock to in the French Quarter and Garden District are up and running, said Tom Weatherly of the Louisiana Restaurant Association. They include Arnaud's, Antoine's, Brennan's and Bayona.

For those who want to get away

The Big Not-So-Easy

Houston this summer because of hurricane repairs to the Superdome. It's not known yet if the festival will return to the city in 2007.

The city's all-important convention business — a \$9.6 billion annual economic boost before Katrina — got back on track in late June when the American Library Association brought 18,000 delegates to town and garnered rave reviews from participants. However, the next big meeting is not slated until the fall.

Frommer's recently published what it claims is the first comprehensive guide to the city since Katrina. Mary Herczog, author of "Portable New Orleans," said that for the average tourist interested in areas such as the French Quarter, Central Business District and Garden District, little has changed as a result of Katrina.

In the book, she also recommends Christmas as an ideal but overlooked time to visit the city, noting the mild weather and holi-

from the tourist areas and see, first-hand, the rubble left behind by Katrina, there's Gray Line's tour of devastated areas. Since its start earlier this year, at least 10,000 people have taken the tour, said Gray Line executive Julee Pearce.

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Keeping Metro Secure

NOTED, PART 1 | In response to Thursday’s news about the foiled terror plot in Britain, e-mailer N.G.G. thought of Metro’s needs: “The Metro transit system is an efficient mechanism for travel, and the Metro personnel seem very pleasant and professional; however, I feel that the security in all Metro sta-



SAFETY UNDERGROUND: A reader says Metro should add more transit police.

tions should be enhanced tenfold. The amount of personnel — Metro officials and transit police — should be increased. ... To be quite honest, I would be willing to increase my fare each day if the funds were to aid in this regard.”

Maintaining ‘Joementum’

NOTED, PART 2 | Thursday’s Poll Center question asked whether Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut

can retain his seat as an independent. Commenter PMMJ had this to say: “It’s a poison pill. He lost in a straight-up vote among Democratic voters. Can he pull in enough Republicans and independents to make up the difference? Can he do all that while saddled with the adjectives ‘loser’ and ‘turncoat’?” Throw in your two cents on any of today’s comments by e-mailing us at COMMENTS@READEXPRESS.COM.

Poll Center

TODAY’S QUESTION

After the British terror plot, do you feel safe flying?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY’S RESULTS

Can Conn. Sen. Joe Lieberman win as an independent?



As of 5 p.m. Thursday. Not a scientific poll

GIVE YOUR OPINION ON TODAY’S POLL QUESTION AND GET A STATION-BY-STATION BREAKDOWN OF HOW YOUR FELLOW METRO RAIL COMMUTERS VOTED AT READEXPRESS.COM/POLLCENTER.PHP



“D.C. United stepped up big today, not only for our great city of Washington, but for United States soccer.”

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Extremism Backlash?

“I don’t see any Jewish extremist groups trying to murder the whole world. As part of a growing international anti-Arab/Muslim sentiment, Palestinians and their cause will get less and less popular.”

TOOMUCHOFFEELADY.BLOGSPOT.COM SAYS TERRORISM SCARES WILL RESULT IN LESS SYMPATHY FOR THE PALESTINIANS.

Failure as a Motivator

“Luckily, no one was hurt, but I can’t help but think about how pissed — and perhaps more inclined to use the gun — the perpetrator(s) must be, because two of the attempts failed.”

STOPBLOGANDROLL.BLOGSPOT.COM ON THE POSSIBLE FALLOUT AFTER TWO ATTEMPTED ARMED CARJACKINGS AND AN ARMED ROBBERY IN D.C. ON WEDNESDAY.



My Toaster Plays DVDs

“People don’t actually want convergence. ... Sure, it’s great to watch television on my phone, but I’d rather watch it on my big HDTV at home. My phone also plays MP3s, but its main function is as a communication device.”

VISUALEDITORS.COM/SMITH SAYS A LOS ANGELES TIMES STUDY CONFIRMS HIS HUNCH THAT PEOPLE DON’T WANT ALL THEIR MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION LINKED.



So You Think You Can Resist

“My current weekly fix is ‘So You Think You Can Dance.’ This show is crack and so much better than ‘American Idol,’ ‘Nashville Star’ and any other TV talent competition. I’m just mad I missed the first season.”

RADICALFLOWER.BLOGSPOT.COM, TOTALLY PUMPED FOR THURSDAY NIGHT’S SEASON FINALE OF THE FOX DANCING REALITY SHOW AND IS ALSO EXCITED ABOUT PLANS TO SEE ‘STEP UP’ THIS WEEKEND.

Live Online

Terrorist Plot

Terrorism expert **STEVEN WEBER** was online Thursday to answer questions about the foiled terrorist plot.

Do you believe there is any connection between this terrorist plot and Israel’s ongoing war with the terrorists in Lebanon and Gaza?

It’s unlikely a specific connection. From what we know about 9/11, it takes a significant amount of time and effort to plan a coordinated attack of this sort. It’s likely the planning started a year or more ago. But that doesn’t mean that the timing of the intended attack might not have been influenced by events in the Middle East.

Since it is not practical to ban all liquids from flights (at least not for long), shouldn’t security be focusing more on people as a threat, not items?

The problem is, how do we know what “people” to focus on? Think about what this means in terms of racial profiling, for example.

And even if that were permissible, wouldn’t it simply increase the incentive of terrorists to recruit people who don’t “look” a certain way?

Do you think that the disruption is a sign that we are better prepared to track and fight terrorists than, say, in the months leading up to 9/11?

Are we safer now than we were before 9/11? Probably. We FELT safe before 9/11 because we were blissfully unaware of what was happening just below the surface. The real question has to be, are we making the best choices we can about reducing the risks?

Why is the U.K. the target recently for terrorist attacks? Is there something in its policies that make it more likely?

This suggests that U.S. immigration controls have in fact become substantially more effective at keeping potential terrorists out of the U.S. After all, the U.S. is the real “far enemy” of al Qaeda. Britain is important, but not as important as the U.S. Because the stakes of an attack in the U.S. are so high, I am sure that we will see these efforts extend across the Atlantic.

DO

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TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Clarke Kent Ervin, former Homeland Security inspector general, discusses the terrorist plot at 11 a.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

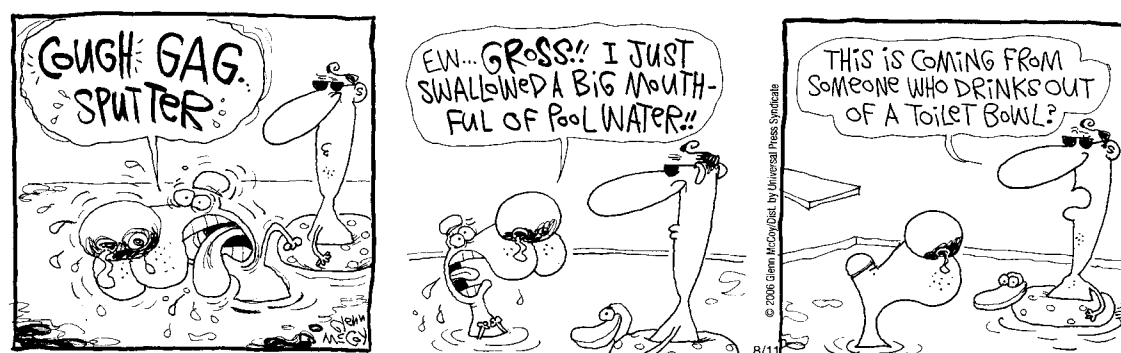
Bizarro | Dan Piraro

Cornered | Mike Baldwin


"No, I'm sure we've never met. I use a telephoto lens."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy


Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Despite your eagerness to get ahead at this time, you'll find yourself in a position to help others—even if it means making a personal sacrifice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may be feeling as though things are rather final—but there is always a way around that which seems firm and unchangeable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You will be leaving something of your younger days behind you—but if you think about it, you'll realize you're quite willing to do so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Not very many individuals are likely to believe what you have to say at first, but if you are slow, deliberate and detailed you'll win them over.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) This is a good day for speaking your mind, whether your message is one that people want to hear. Wanting and needing are different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People around you are brimming with excitement,

and though you are reluctant to do so you must remind them of certain unalterable realities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You'll be sending and receiving messages of all sorts throughout the day. Put yourself in a position that allows you to use that info.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The rules only account for certain eventualities, and you may feel that there are certain unorthodox things that will serve you quite well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A promise comes your way from someone who is eager to be a part of your life. You may not trust his or her intentions at first; you'll come around.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) First things first. You'll realize as the day progresses that you can fit in quite well with the rules, without rocking the boat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Things are likely to happen rather quickly throughout the day, so you must be ready to act whenever you are called upon to do so. Don't delay.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may feel as though those who do not understand what is really going on surround you, but your perspective is unique indeed.

Letters

Metro's New Design Flawed

TO MAKE MORE ROOM in Metro's rail cars for standing and to get people away from the doors, no seats need to be removed. All Metro should do is put the vertical poles from the seatbacks to the ceiling on the backs

of all of the seats instead of a select few. The reason people stand near the doors is because that's where the easy-to-reach vertical bars are. Many people, myself included, are not tall enough to reach the horizontal bars overhead, or to reach them comfortably in a way that gives the needed stability.

—MARY KAY DRANZO
Takoma Park, Md.

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Today in History

1909 The SOS distress signal was first used by an American ship, the Arapahoe, off Cape Hatteras, N.C.

1934 The first federal prisoners arrived at the island prison of Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay.

1956 Abstract painter Jackson Pollock, 44, died in an automobile accident on Long Island, N.Y.

1965 Rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out



Painter Jackson Pollack died 50 years ago today in an automobile accident.

in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles.

1992 the Mall of America, the biggest shopping mall in the U.S., opened in Bloomington, Minn.

LOOK out People



KAREN SHERLOCK/AP

At least it wasn't your T-shirts, dude.

CRIME Where Is Slater When You Need Him? With Kelly?

DUSTIN DIAMOND (a.k.a. Screech Powers on "Saved by the Bell") says he scuffled with a woman at an Omaha hotel earlier this week. Diamond said the 28-year-old woman broke into his room and grabbed some video games. He held her against the hotel room door until police arrived. (AP)

PUNISHMENT Hatch Decides to Copy Martha in Hopes of Poncho



RICHARD HATCH, who won the debut season of "Survivor," says he's finding it difficult to adjust to prison life. He said he will tutor inmates, helping them to earn their GEDs and hone their job-hunting skills. (AP)



MATT SAVLES/AP

SHOWY Bring on the Tights

JACK BLACK has been tapped to host this year's version of MTV's anything-can-happen Music Video Awards extravaganza, set for Aug. 31. "Prepare yourself for a rip snortin' humdinger," said the actor-slash-rocker. The awards will air live from Radio City Music Hall in New York. Performers include Beyonce, Justin Timberlake, Panic! at the Disco and Ludacris. (AP)



CHARITY A Heart of Gold to Match His Sexy Blond Locks

The winning bid for **MATTHEW MCCO-NAUGHEY'S** 1971 Corvette Stingray convertible, auctioned for hurricane relief, was \$61,600, according to the eBay Web site. The name of the winning bidder wasn't immediately released. The Web site

Next, please auction off the beard.

indicated that 72 bids were received. The 36-year-old actor, a native of Texas whose credits include "Failure to Launch," said he's donating all proceeds from the sale to Oprah Winfrey's Angel Network for Katrina and Rita recovery efforts. (AP)

SPLITS But 'My Fair Brady' Will Last

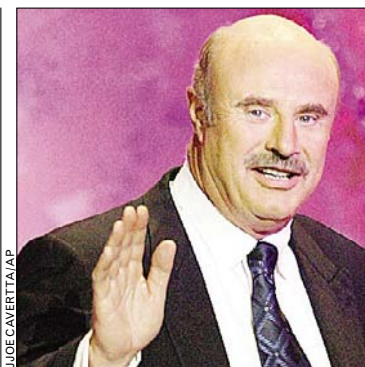
Tattooed drummer **TRAVIS BARKER** of punk band Blink-182 filed for divorce Tuesday from his beauty queen-cum-actress wife Shanna Moakler, according to superior



court documents. The unlikely pair documented their life on the MTV reality show "Meet the Barkers." (AP)

THE SECOND COMING I'll Take Things New Orleans Doesn't Need for \$600, Alex

PHIL MCGRAW, who brought his "Dr. Phil" show to New Orleans just after Hurricane Katrina, returned this week to tape follow-up episodes that will air in the coming weeks. Since touring the city by boat in the fall, the popular TV psychologist has used his show to focus on post-Katrina stress and mental health challenges, particularly for first responders. (AP)

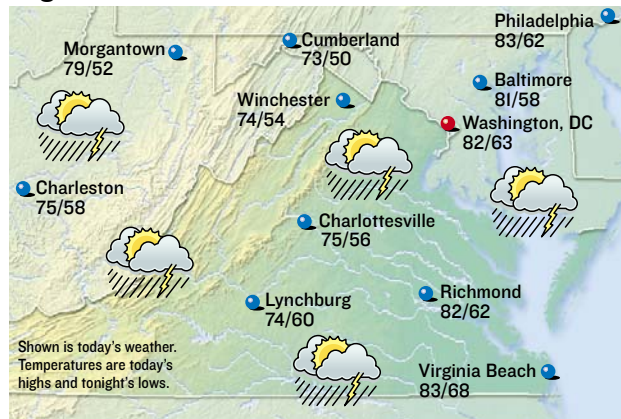


Dr. Phil thinks that by reliving the stress of his visit, people can start to heal.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
82°	63°	80° / 61°	86° / 67°	87° / 72°	89° / 71°

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.
Temperature
 High 75°
 Low 72°
 Normal high 87°
 Normal low 70°
 Average humidity 83%

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 Month to date 0.96"
 Normal month to date 1.10"
 Year to date 29.61"
 Last year to date 28.61"
 Normal year to date 23.92"

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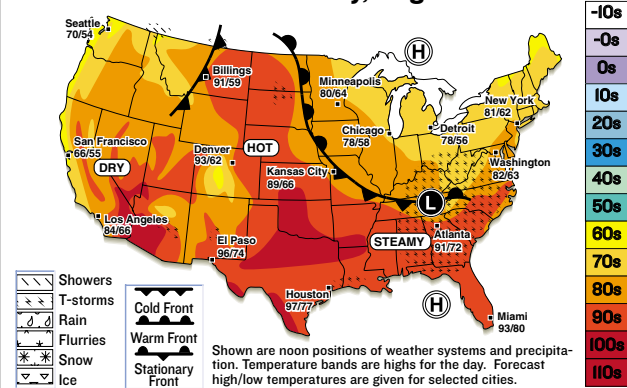
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy, less humid. High 82. Wind north-northeast 8-16 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 63.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:18 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 8:08 p.m.
 Moonrise today 9:37 p.m.
 Moonset today 8:46 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, August 11



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	91/72/t	83/67/t
Boston	75/57/s	75/58/s
Chicago	78/58/pc	80/60/s
Dallas	102/79/pc	93/77/pc
Denver	93/62/s	88/59/t
Honolulu	88/76/pc	88/74/s
Los Angeles	84/66/pc	80/66/pc
Miami	93/80/pc	94/80/t
New York City	81/62/s	79/62/s
Orlando	96/75/s	94/75/t
Seattle	70/54/pc	76/56/s

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	64/54/r	64/55/t
Athens	88/70/pc	90/70/s
Berlin	72/54/sh	70/54/r
Buenos Aires	63/50/pc	64/50/pc
Calgary	58/47/sh	65/44/t
Dublin	64/50/sh	64/48/sh
Geneva	68/54/sh	70/49/t
Moscow	64/48/sh	72/54/pc
Rome	84/66/pc	84/64/pc
Sydney	63/46/pc	63/46/pc
Tokyo	90/75/pc	88/75/t

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

LOOK out

Just Plain Folk

- ACROSS**
- 1 Famous brother
 - 5 Woodsy sites, often
 - 10 Nosebag filler
 - 14 "Mon ___!"
 - 15 Papal garb
 - 16 Black fly, e.g.
 - 17 Feathered projectile
 - 18 Squash squasher
 - 19 Having the jitters, perhaps
 - 20 Hit tune by 58-Across
 - 23 Lobster trap
 - 24 Something fishy?
 - 25 Fall back
 - 28 Drags one's feet
 - 31 Liqueur glass
 - 33 ___ War, 1899-1902
 - 35 Raison d'___
 - 36 Hit tune by 58-Across
 - 43 All-conquering thing
 - 44 Rump
 - 45 Helped someone cover up?
 - 49 One beyond belief?
 - 54 Yon maiden fair
 - 55 "Ah, me!"
 - 57 Wabbit hunter
 - 58 Yarrow, Stookey, Travers
 - 62 Smile up a storm
 - 64 Rugged rocks
 - 65 Prospectors' prizes
 - 66 Cut the fat
- DOWN**
- 1 Detox center candidate
 - 2 Region of Nigeria
 - 3 More hair-raising
 - 4 "Here and Now" singer, Vandross
 - 5 What a mama's boy needs to cut?
 - 6 Elaborate song for solo voice
 - 7 Like Rambo
 - 8 Entreats earnestly
 - 9 It can be delivered on Sunday
 - 10 Curved molding
 - 11 Indy winner, 1969
 - 12 Game of pursuit
 - 13 Chester White's home
 - 21 Cover story?
 - 22 X-ray relative
 - 26 European capital
 - 27 Propagated
 - 29 One billion years, in astronomy
 - 30 Variety of whale
 - 32 Word in a Marines slogan
 - 34 ER staff

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- 36 Expression of general listlessness
- 37 Solitaire spot, perhaps
- 38 Making too much
- 39 Condition of some paint
- 40 Yunnan or Keemun, e.g.
- 41 It may be passed
- 42 Memorable Merman
- 46 Make lacework, in a way
- 47 Votes in
- 48 McGavin of "Kolchak: The Night Stalker"
- 50 Crime writer Leonard
- 51 Turkish hostelry
- 52 Unflustered
- 53 Secret meetings
- 56 Alley mark
- 59 Award for "60 Minutes"
- 60 Taj Mahal city
- 61 Betrayed, in a way
- 62 Liq. container
- 63 Romantic or Victorian, e.g.

Yesterday's Solution

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Degree of Difficulty: HARD

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's Solution

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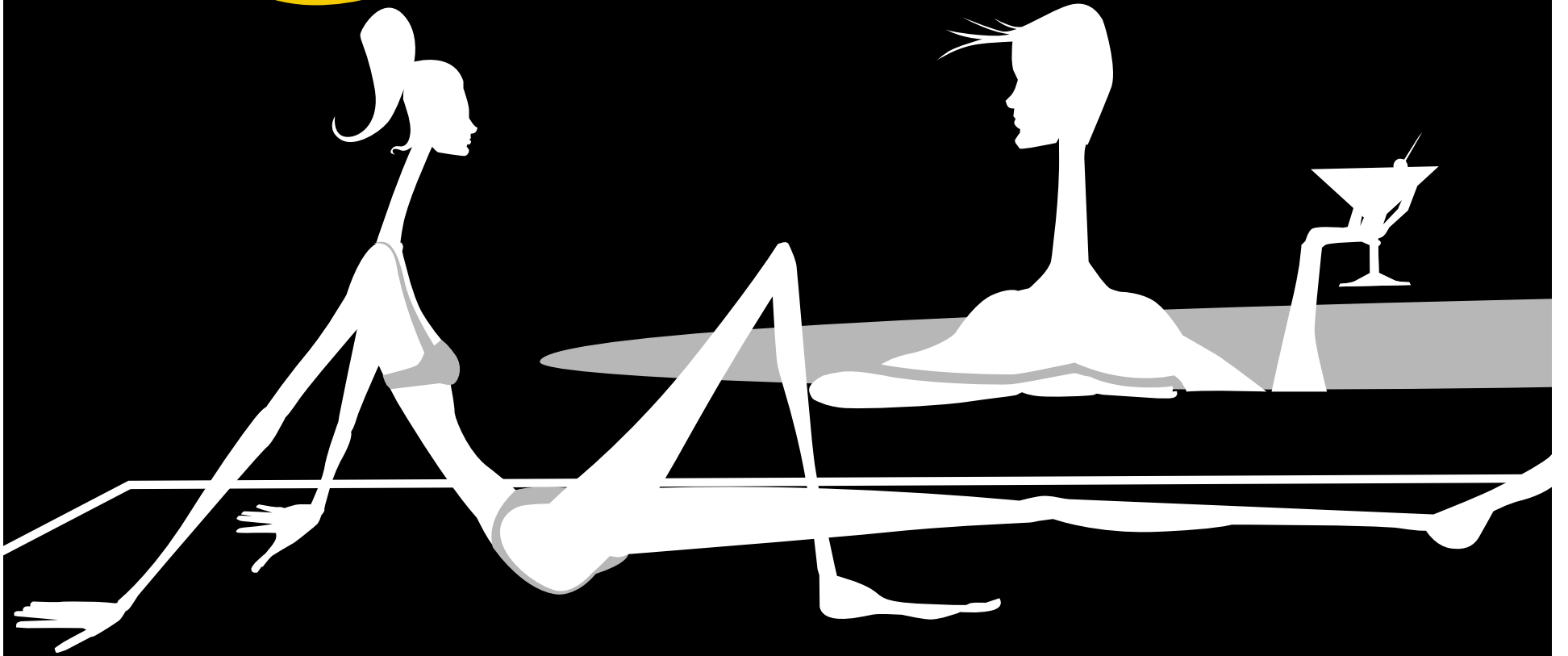
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face QA time

■ **Four years ago**, writer/musician Dan Crane entered the strange universe of competitive air guitar. Adopting the nom d'air Björn Türoque (b-yorn too-RAWK), he donned outfits from Ramones punky to thrift-store funky and shredded his imaginary instrument from New York to Finland. He recounts his adventures and gives technique and style tips to wannabe faux rockers in the new book "To Air Is Human: One Man's Quest to Become the World's Greatest Air Guitarist" (\$14, Riverhead).

What's the key to becoming an air-guitar god?

To channel whoever your rock heroes are and create someone new, someone people want to worship. Maybe you're one-third Jimmy Page, one-third Jimi Hendrix and one-third Pete Townshend.

You've retired from competitive air guitar. Does that mean you no longer strum on nothing at all?

I still host Aireoke nights — that's like karaoke for air guitar. If I'm in the shower and a hot lick hits me, I'm going to play along. And if there's a scandal in the air world, say with steroids, I'd have to pitch in.

So which rockers inspired you?

I like '70s bands like Motorhead, Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath.

It's important that they have some swagger, some heavy guitar.

Any current acts worth the air?

A band that really gets me going now is the White Stripes. Jack White is definitely channeling my heroes.



Your air-guitar stage fashions ranged from a fringed leather vest to a flashy Ziggy Stardust jumpsuit. What's the best look for rocking in the instrument-free world?

Vintage stuff is really good if you're doing a song from the '70s, because you have to start in that era. If you're playing Black Sabbath, get some old-school leather pants, a poly shirt and



SUSANNAH SAYLER

Björn Türoque

AIR-GUITAR CHAMPION, SHARP-DRESSED MAN

a giant cross. And I've even created some of my own outfits by shredding clothing while on stage.

Who in your rock pantheon has the best stage style?

Jimmy Page was the coolest. He could wear some flair pants and an unbuttoned shirt with a cigarette dangling out of his mouth and be a sexy, full-on rock guy.

So what do you listen to when you're chilling out at home?

Sweet is a band that's totally overlooked. They did "Ballroom Blitz." I'll air guitar to them anytime.

In the book, you talk about how you're a thin guy with a gut. How do you maintain this physique?

Drinking helps. I do play a lot of air guitar, and people are surprised by

"The classic rock drink is Jack and Coke. It has alcohol, but it also has caffeine."

what a grueling air-obie workout it is. I think that keeps me thin, and the beer works to keep up my gut.

Throughout "To Air Is Human," you gulp drinks to help you get ready to rock. What's your fave cocktail?

The classic rock drink is Jack and Coke. It has the alcohol, but it also has the caffeine to get you ramped up for a performance.

What do you whip up to cure your morning-after hangovers?

I scramble eggs with Jack Daniels. I use about one shot. Then I put some cheese and jalapenos in and serve it on rye toast. That's Björn's cure: something that reminds you of last night, but gets you going in the morning. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

IN THE POST TODAY



Dancing Step by Step

From English country dancing to swing to hip-hop, find out where to go to master your favorite dance moves in the Weekend section.

Also in Weekend: A seven-day tour through D.C.'s best nightlife. An Adams Morgan hotspot revamps its menu. Plus, the usual complete roundup of what's happening around the area, and what's new at the movies, on DVD and in video games.

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The Washington Post



Cutting a Sharp Figure

WHAT SIGNIFICANCE are the "19s," "7s" and other numerals printed on J. Press' popular numbers ties? "We're not saying, but it's created a lot of speculation," said press rep Michael Williams. Introduced for spring, and back in richer hues for fall, the nifty silk cravats (\$73, jpressonline.com and area stores) seem destined for the throats of Capitol Hill dandies. Collect them all, and maybe you'll solve the mystery on "Lost" or discover the combo to a locked safe somewhere. Or perhaps, you'll just look more stylish than your foulard-, stripe- or bow tie-wearing brethren.



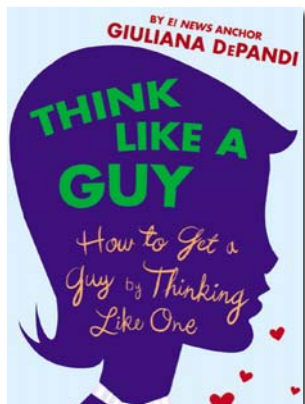
3 Lookin' Rough

OUTDOORS IS BAD, especially when it interferes with looking pretty. But we might head out if we had the Swiss Glamour Camping Kit (\$299, urbandecay.com), a limited-edition collection from Urban Decay and designer Paul Frank. The bags (only 500 were produced) have \$125 worth of makeup, along with sunglasses, a mirror and small, removable makeup bag.

Grab Bag

4 "Food. Sex. Food."

E! News anchor and Bethesda native Giuliana DePandi has been reading her Machiavelli. In "Think Like a Guy," she doesn't suggest merely that a woman act like someone she's not. Women should also lie (via both omission and commission) through their teeth. A gal should never cop to an SAT score below 1050, for example—guys like smart girls. Perhaps most therapy-inducing, she should never reveal, say, childhood issues until she scores the ring. But Giuliana's a funny lady, even if her methods are a little sketchy.



Dial 'C' For Clever

VOICE MAIL is impersonal, annoying and won't do anything to improve the look of your walls. Not so the ingenious, retro phone message boards at Georgetown's Rooms With a View (1661 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-625-0610). Made of sturdy particle board and coated with chalkboard paint, the old-fashioned message centers come in color combos like blue and black and red and black.



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Karim Cleans Up

PLASTIC CHAIRS! Chess sets! Scent-infused vinyl shoes! There is nothing, it seems, that design overachiever Karim Rashid won't put his goofy modernist stamp on. Now he's debuted a handheld vacuum, the KONE (\$40-\$50, dirtdevil.com). "We should have objects that we use for cleaning in our visible space to celebrate and enjoy, instead of putting them in the closet," said the irritatingly prolific Rashid. But yeah, sucking up crumbs with the megaphone-shaped thing does sound vaguely fun.



dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOELOGGER

I have super fantastic shoe aspirations, but a flip-flop budget. While I'm saving up, are there any minorly fantastic shoes for me? I work in a library, so flats or small heels are the best. —EILEEN

■ Manolo says, the librarians they are so smart, knowing that even if you are the poor girl you must save the monies so that you can purchase the most super fantastic shoes. Of the course, even while they are saving the monies the librarians they must have the shoes, as they cannot go barefeeted. No one wishes to see the toes while searching the stacks. It is distracting. Yes, they could perhaps construct



their own super fantastic shoes out of the pieces of the old card catalogs and the library paste, although, unless the librarians are as gifted as the Manolo in the fine art of improvisational cobbling, the results may not be pleasing.

This it is why the Manolo he would recommend for the fall the pair of the low-heeled boots from the Franco Sarto (\$112, zappos.com) as being both attractive and attractively priced. Would they not look good with the right skirt, something for that moment when the horn-rimmed glasses are removed and the hair is undone?

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

ON THE COVER

Express Top Model Rylie wears a cotton jacket from Lucky (\$198, see luckybrandjeans.com for stores). Photo by Michelle Repiso. Styling by Laurretta McCoy.

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↑ **MORE FASHION QUEEN** than Queen

Elizabeth, Tory Burch's top corral trusts steeds on silk. It'd dressage up some skinny jeans. (\$225, SHERMAN PICKEY, 1647 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-333-4212)

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Send letter-press notes racing out to say "gracias." (\$24 FOR 8, CREME DE LA CREME, 23 E. WASHINGTON ST., MIDDLEBURG, VA.; 540-687-4796)



Saddle SCORES

The horsey set has dressed up country houses with equine finery since Seabiscuit was a foal. But now, even hipsters can be neigh-players due to a crop of equestrian designs from baskets to blouses. "You can be elegant using hunt prints or fox things, but it's still a look you can trash up with dogs," said Barbara Klausner of horseandhound.com. Here are ways to cut a bridle swath. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



↑ **HERD ISSUES OF** "Bit and Bridle" into Ballard Designs' wicker basket, adorned with images of stirrups and crops. (\$59, BALLARDDDESIGNS.COM)

➔ **TALLY HO!** Keep at least one red-tailed canine safe from hunters with this foxy birdhouse. (\$50, HORSEANDHOUND.COM)



Good in Bed or on The Dinner Table

■ Paper napkins and plastic tablecloths work fine for a barbecue. But to put on the glitz for a dinner party, heirloom linens create a to-the-manor-born look you can't get in the picnic aisle at Giant.

For those who didn't inherit granny's Irish linen, Georgetown's new **LINEN PRESS** (1671 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-333-8575; LINEN-PRESS.COM) peddles antique napkins, guest towels and sheets. "When I went to Europe, I'd buy things in Paris or on Portobello Road in London," said Venezuela-born owner Noris Madriz-Taube, who collected fabrics during 30 years of globe-trotting.

Her frequent raids on the textiles of Europe mean the shop overflows with scalloped napkins, a round French lace table topper (\$260) and embroidered pillow cases. Also cool: linen sheets, down-right icy to sleep under in a heat wave.

Everything is crisply ironed, and most items are alpine white. "I mix my own starch, and I iron carefully," said Madriz-Taube, who recommends that anyone with aged fabric finery do the same. And how does she keep everything looking so darn pearly? She scrubs pesky stains with a gentle soap and lets pieces bleach in the sun. J.B.

event horizon

➔ Geometric stained-glass windows. Angular cottages. Those crazy, high-backed chairs. Explore the work of Frank Lloyd Wright during a night of free films about the design demigod at the National Building Museum. Free. Aug. 16, 8-10 p.m. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448; nbm.org.



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Cool Baths, Hot Bedding

Q We have a really small bathroom with white tile, a white sink, toilet and shower and this weird maroon tile going about four feet up the wall. Previous owners had the bizarre idea that forest-green walls would look nice, and they left us a shower curtain in maroon, green and gold that must've come from the "Dynasty" set. There's a similar curtain on the room's one tiny window. How can I rescue the room without knocking out the maroon tile, which I kind of like?

That '80s jewel-tone thing is dark and DONE. Time to lighten up.

Since you want to keep the maroon tile, play off the white tile and plumbing. Look for a graphic wallpaper with a white background — yes, it's back in style, and I promise you'll thank me later. Black-and-white stripes would look good, or a neutral-on-white geometric pattern could add atmosphere. Brands like F. Schumacher (fshumacher.com) or Thibaut (thibautdesign.com) have a wide range of designs.

The shower curtain could be plain white, maybe in pique or terry cloth. For a custom look, pull a color from the wallpaper onto the curtain via edging or a monogram.

For a window treatment try something white and tailored, like a Roman shade or a white wooden blind.

A few coordinating accessories



When rescuing a loo from the past, hip-again wallpaper, like these by Thibaut, can brighten walls and suggest color schemes.



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and some fluffy white towels, and you can welcome your bathroom to the 21st century.

Q I'm redoing my bedroom, and was shocked to see how expensive comforter/duvet sets are at Bloomin' and Macy's. I think the DKNY stuff I like would run \$1,000 to make over my bed! Is

that a realistic budget, or are there ways to get a designer look on the cheap?

I'm liking West Elm (westelm.com) right now for stylish linens that cost very little dinero. Options range from solids to prints; even embroidered bedding is reasonable (\$79-\$119 for a queen comforter or duvet cover and \$29-\$39 for two standard shams). Particularly hip: the quilted, dotted "Mod Pod" group in gray and yellow. WE also has interesting throw pillows in sequins, velvet and faux fur.

Other places to get you into bedding: Garnet Hill, Pottery Barn Bed & Bath and Restoration Hardware, which are pricier than West Elm but offer nicer quality wares. And Bed Bath & Beyond has some new designer lines by fashion names like Liz Claiborne and Nicole Miller.

And if you can wait, remember that even haute department stores still hold white sales in January!



Send home design dilemmas to Katie Z. Leavy, ASID, of Capital Design (capitaldesignDC.com) at decordiva@readexpress.com.

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THE OWNER: EXPRESS WRITER VICKY HALLET

Saving Grace

Some people gather Star Wars action figures. Other folks accumulate Bulgarian pottery. I collect coupons. It's not the most glam hobby, but there's nothing more soothing than taking kitchen shears to the glossy pages that come with the Saturday paper. With scissors in hand, it feels like an arts-and-crafts project that pays — in the form of a buck off dishwasher detergent.

Post-clipping, I used to toss the jagged-edged goodies into a basket, where many lingered untouched until well past their expiration date. No longer, I decided last week. I purchased an expanding coupon file from Office Depot (\$3.70), divvied up the basket into 13 categories — "produce," "condiments," "sugars," etc. — and stuffed away. It inconspicuously fit in my bag, so I avoided the frugal-granny-from-Boca look, and a few peeks inside let me know what I was holding so I could optimize my grocery hunting.

My first trek to the 17th Street Soviet Safeway with my new shopping buddy yielded impressive results. Combining coupons with club-card bonuses, I managed to knock 52 percent off of my bill. The true coup: free organic baby carrots! Seventy-five cents here and a dollar there doesn't sound like much, but I figure I've already made back the cost of the organizer. And after my next haul, I'll probably have saved enough to toss a few more items into my basket.

what we bought



(1) Lug Cabby Bag has secret pockets galore! (\$46, Wake Up Little Suzie, 3409 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-244-0700) **(2) Cell-phone handset** retrofies any mobile. (\$20, fredflare.com) **(3) Three by Three magazine pocket:** Stick it to your fridge to tame takeout menus. (\$22.50, Home Rule, 1807 14th St. NW; 202-797-5544) **(4) Tom Cruise bobble-couch dolls** were given out at Lake Elsinore Storm's Tom Cruise Night. The Storm is a California minor-league baseball team. (\$40, eBay.com)



Thread State

It's kind to be crewel: For an ancient craft, embroidery looks remarkably current embellishing fall garb

(1) On **Rozae Nichol's** show-stopping skirt, muted netting and folksy-yet-fashionable needlework top a subtly metallic underlayer. (skirt \$950, matching jacket \$1,495, Muleh, 1831 14th St. NW; 202-667-3440) (2) Business in the front, party in the back: Your punk nana might've made you this **Twisted Heart hoodie**. (\$147, Saks Fifth Avenue Chevy Chase, 5555 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 301-657-9000) (3) Handmade by Palestinian refugees living in Lebanon, this **needlepoint pillowcase** has such tiny stitches you'll go blind looking for flaws. (\$155, Textile Museum, 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441) (4) The chunky, colorful yarnwork on this **felt belt** evokes summers at arts-and-crafts camp. (\$58, Free People, see freepeople.com for stores) (5) **Isabella Fiore's leather-embellished hobo** is just about the hippest sewing bag around. (\$535, Saks Fifth Avenue Chevy Chase) (6) **Tahari's velvet Avery coat** would give a regal Russian air to both jeans and cocktail frocks. (\$748, elietahari.neimanmarcus.com) (7) **Linen headbands** add a touch of little-girl innocence. (\$35 each, shopintuition.com) (8) Flowers are improbably embroidered directly onto the cork heels of **Betsey Johnson's Charley wedges**. (\$155, Betsey Johnson, Tysons Galleria; 703-442-3940) (9) Applique detailing on the **Koi fish blossom cardigan** makes black anything but basic. (\$50, daddyos.com) KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



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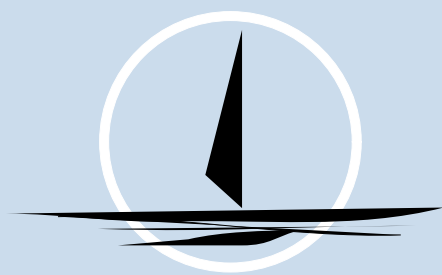
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Welcome to My Party

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FRED HILL'S ORIGINAL PLAN for his sister's engagement party: a potluck affair at his two-bedroom Arlington condo. But he put the kibosh on that when he realized the event would descend into disaster.

"I was thinking about who the audience was. There would be some older people who were going to want to sit down, and people with baby strollers and kids. I don't think that would have been comfortable," said the communications company president. So his girlfriend suggested he move the party next door — to the restaurant Sette Bello.

He reserved a private room and patio, told the staff he wanted the tables set up to maximize mingling, and arranged for food and an open bar. Then he just showed up. Although the pricetag was around \$3,500, he is sure it was worth it. "I got to be the host and a guest," Hill explained.

The ability to party without playing ringmaster or maid is among the most appealing aspects of throwing a shindig at a restaurant or bar. The process of booking one of these bashes can be daunting, however, as well as prohibitively expensive. But it doesn't have to be. Just ask 24-year-old Adrienne Rose, who's organized a bunch of bar parties.

"It's a whole lot cheaper," she gushed. "People just don't know what to ask."

When planning a going-away event for her roommate, she called Nolan's in Adams Morgan and told them she could bring in a huge crowd on a Saturday night. In return, she got a room with signs indicating it was reserved for a private party, drink specials, a DJ and use of the freezer for an ice cream cake. Because it was a cash bar, all she had to pay for were her drinks.

The key to pulling off a deal like Rose's is promising and delivering at least 50 to 75 people. "[Bars] realize they can open it up to the public if you're not bringing in enough



"We got inspired by cocktail animals and ordered lots of them to put in drinks. The only other expense was the DJ."

money," she said. It also helps to pick a low-key venue. For an event at 14th Street's Bar Pilar, the management just told her to gather a crew and stake out the back room early.

Another option for the less monied set: The Childe Harold in Dupont Circle. Although the restaurant/saloon has hosted weddings and other fancy fetes, the most popular party remains the rager. Hosts need to pay a \$15 hourly staff-

ing fee and guarantee a \$500 bar minimum. But when a place can hold 120 people and that tab can be stretched out between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m., it's not a big problem.

That's why Maggie West and four of her pals decided to host two dance parties there.

"We got inspired by cocktail animals and ordered lots of them to put in the drinks, but the only other expense was the DJ," she

said. ("We have a CD player too, of course," noted function manager Hamid Kamvar, should you want to keep the price even lower.)

If you're willing to drop serious dough, pretty much any venue will accommodate your gathering. Generally, the classier the place, the more likely it is to have a party planner who can handle the menu and entertainment. Emily Jarmuth, Mie N Yu's private events manager, asks for at least two weeks' notice to organize a function. Depending on your tastes, she can book belly-dancers and drummers and whip up specialty cocktails.

Sure, for 50 folks it would cost at least \$6,000, but could you pull that off at home? VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

WALLET CHECK: PRICING THE PARTY



This view is worth 10 Gs in mojitos.

Need a Raise for the Roof?

■ The most happening spots around town don't come cheap to prospective party throwers. Want Tabaq's gorgeous rooftop on a Saturday night? It'll set you back \$10,000 in food and booze. But there are ways to keep the bottom line lower. Instead of going for the tippy top of Tabaq, settle for the third-floor "Art Room." There's a view of U Street, and it comes with just a \$3,000 tab guarantee. Also consider hosting your event between Sunday and Thursday, when bars and restaurants are usually less hopping and could use the revenue boost. They're likely to be more lenient about minimums and room rental rates. If you're going for an open bar, opt for just wine and beer. Your guests will be appreciative anyway. v.h.

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Death, Disability, Retirement, Fun

■ Monday, Aug. 14, is the 71st anniversary of the passage of the Social Security Act, and we know what you're thinking: Time to party down.

"Typically at Social Security we only have major celebrations on the fives," said Allen Barrow of the Social Security Administration's Regional Communication Office. "We don't have Social Security costumes or Social Security ethnic foods," he added.

Yet the day has loads of party-making cultural context. The Act was a product of the Great Depression, so chefs can take their cues from that era. According to Doug Welsh of The Hard Times Cafe, chili is an emblematic Dust Bowl-era dish.

"It's always been a very easy and inexpensive meal to prepare," he said. "When the Depression hit, chili was something a lot of people turned to."

For your event, mix up a pot of chili, grab some bread and make your guests wait in line for hours. Pop "The Grapes of Wrath" into the DVD player and get funky, Depression-style. After fulfilling your half of America's social contract, you deserve it. JAMIE PAGE DEATON

 event horizon

At Frager's Hardware's Big Ugly Tomato Contest on Saturday, prizes will be awarded for ugliest, biggest and heaviest homegrown specimens. (10 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1115 Pennsylvania Ave. SE)

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Feeling Not Pot Lucky?

When bringing a dish, wine, etc. to a potluck dinner, do you leave it at the host's house or take the leftovers home? Is it appropriate or rude for the host to leave your bottle of wine unopened?

I always think of the bottle of wine I'm offering as something that will go back into the host's store of wines. I'm counting on the notion that the host will have thought out his/her own wine selection, and my one stray bottle is not going to do anything for consistency. As for leftovers, good manners on the part of the host entail returning your container; good manners on your part would suggest at least offering the remaining contents to the host. You may get lucky — perhaps not everyone is as enthusiastic about your cooking as you are and you'll get to take home the leftovers. But it should really not be assumed.

My mom always taught me to bring something when I'm invited to someone's house. But she also tacked on the critical step two: What you bring is a GIFT. I hate when people bring something (that usually clashes completely with the menu), then expect you to serve it. I like the idea of the host who is in total control.

I have an annual brunch for about 40 friends, and every year, even though I tell them not to, people bring food. People! I want to provide! I know what I want to serve, and your rice 'n' beans is not on the menu! Finally I gave in and told them they can bring things if they wanted.

In the case of your brunch, maybe it would help to be really specific in your requests to people. Tell them to bring sparkling water or diet soda (for the diabetics or dieters), or specify a fruit salad or green salad or something else that can't be screwed up too badly. Or even a nice bowl of grapes. I'm totally with you on this — I like planning my own menu and having control over my own food. But I've found that asking people to bring rolls or baguettes or some ice cream to go with dessert is a good alternative.

A few years back I had a small potluck at my house. The mom of one of the families said she'd bring dessert. So I didn't make any dessert. Well, they showed up over an hour late and, instead of the fresh fruit pie, she brought fresh, raw zucchini, tomatoes and corn! I enjoy fresh veggies as much as the next person, but what was I supposed to do with them midway through the party?

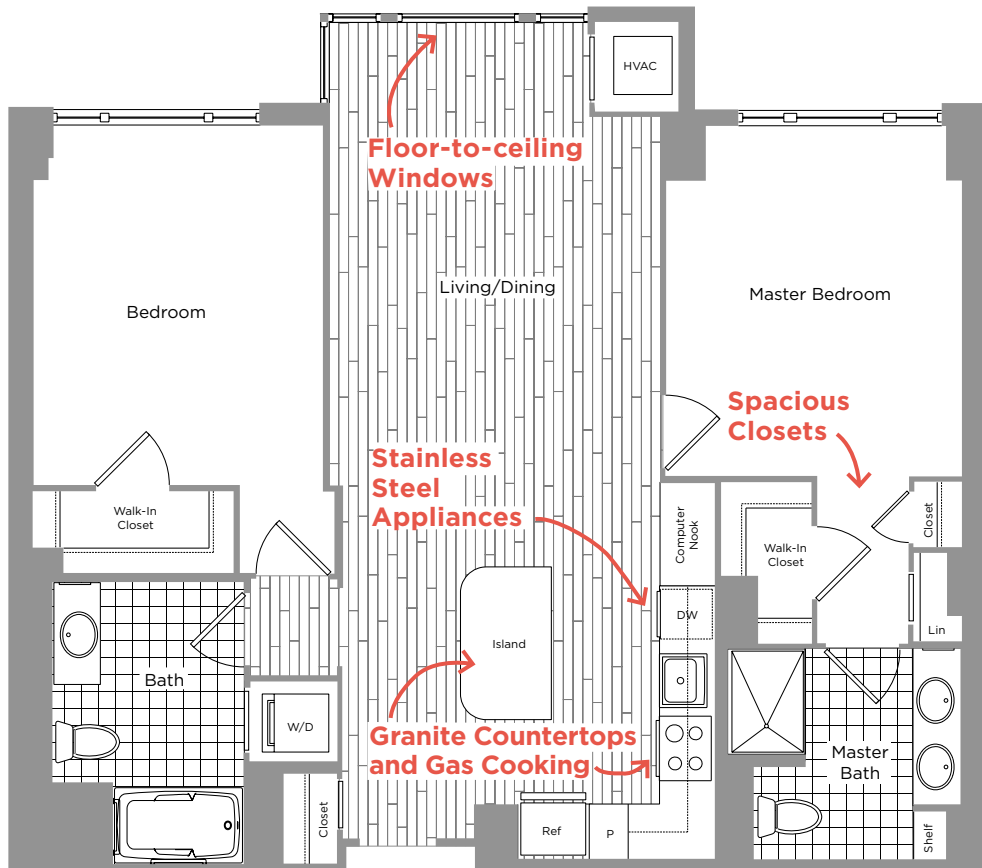
You've taught us all an invaluable lesson: Always, always keep a quart of really good ice cream in the freezer for when guest bring raw zucchini instead of a promised dessert.



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CHERYL AND BILL JAMISON (\$25, MORROW)

■ These grill specialists define cook-out fare generously (from bite-size tapas to a stand-in for a whole hog) and offer some 800 recipes with the potential for making even a modest meal into a great party. But they take care to prime readers with an intro that may well answer all questions about tools and techniques.

Championship BBQ Secrets for Real Smoked Food

KAREN PUTMAN (\$22, ROBERT ROSE)

■ The 300 recipes Putnam's packed into this book are mostly for hot-smoked foods, but also include cold-smoked — along with brines, rubs, pastes, marinades and mops. Beyond the usual ribs and cowboy flank steaks, she suggests smoking tomatoes for your guacamole.

Over the Open Fire

PAMELA ALFORD WITH JOHNNY NIX (\$55, EMG PRODUCTIONS)

■ References to hunting, fishing,

camping and trail riding season this colorful, large-format volume, giving context to the 200 or so recipes. These can be something as simple as cowboy coffee, or as refined as crab-stuffed fish fillets cooked in your Dutch oven, perhaps with country-style blueberry dump cake for dessert.

Barbecues and Grilling

ANTONY WORRALL THOMPSON AND JANE SUTHERING (\$30, KYLE BOOKS)

■ The recipes in this glossily photographed book borrow influences from around the world, from tequila-soused pork burritos to feta kabobs, from goat cheese in vine leaves to jerk poussin. There are general guidelines to good grilling procedures and the recipes themselves are served up with plenty of helpful, specific comments.

The Big Book Of Barbecue Sides

RICK BROWNE (\$17, COLLECTORS PRESS)

■ This horizon-widening collection from the host of public television's "Barbecue America" is an ode to extras. Browne's favorites include salads and succotash, risotto and baked beans, slaws and salsas. His pick for your next cookout is a "rich and hearty bean pie with a sweet touch of honey and the smoky taste of bourbon." JOAN BRUNSKILL (AP)

Weddings Taking to the Skies

The new way to wed is far from traditional

THE BRIDE CARRIED a bouquet of pink roses and got her feet wet during the ceremony.

It's a scenario that's becoming the new traditional wedding: an exotic location, a combination wedding-and-honeymoon, and a celebration that's usually less expensive than one held in the bride's hometown.

"It's easier to go away," said Natalie Luna-Beverungen of Tradewinds

Travel in Fulton, Md., who five years ago saw where the trend was heading and became a certified destination-wedding specialist. Resorts will take care of every detail of the nuptials, down to the champagne toast — often for no more than the cost of a week's stay. Getting married away from home can also be economical because fewer guests will travel long distances to attend.

Destination weddings are one of this year's most important marriage trends, according to recent research by the Conde Nast Bridal Group. The number has increased 400 percent in the past decade. An astonishing 16 percent of American



MICHAEL MACSUGA

couples now have a destination wedding. Credit the Internet as at least part of the reason. It's simply much easier than it used to be to

plan a marriage in another state or country.

There's so much interest that wedding Web site TheKnot.com

and Travel + Leisure this year began publishing a magazine about destination weddings and honeymoons called Travel + Romance.

Companies have even started manufacturing dresses that are destination wedding-specific (cooler and more flowing for the Caribbean, for instance) and can be packed without wrinkling.

The interest in exotic locations continues to grow because people are getting married later, when they have their own incomes and can pay for part or all of their wedding. It's no longer a matter of the mother of the bride calling the shots, said Julie Raimondi, editor-in-chief of Brides Maryland. "The bride and groom are balking at the idea of a big wedding in their hometown for their parents' business associates."

ELIZABETH LARGE (BALTIMORE SUN)

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Dottie Klugel, Philip Yunger

Dottie, 35, is a marine biologist and a student at Wesley Theological Seminary. Philip "was being served legally in bars as Dottie was being born." He's a retired stagehand and former president of Local 22 IATSE. They live on Capitol Hill.

■ **The Main Event:** Aug. 12 in Washington, with a reception in Solomons Island. When they first considered the date — the sixth anniversary of their meeting — they weren't sure it was the best choice. So Philip suggested an alternate method: Taking the birthdays of family members who'd passed

away, adding up the dates and taking the average. The result: Aug. 12.

■ **First Impressions:** "I thought either Jerry Garcia or Ernest Hemingway was hitting on me."

■ **First Date:** Drinks at The Dubliner. "We knew we had a deep connection when we found out we had both been listening to our favorite Willie Nelson [song] on the way to the date — 'Nothing I Can Do about It Now.'"

■ **How He Proposed:** Over a lunch of tunafish sandwiches.

■ **Pet Names:** They call each other "team member," a suggestion from Philip's son Coleman, who said they should stop bickering and think of themselves as a team.

■ **Making It Unique:** The wedding favors are donations made in guests' names to the Washington Humane Society.

"The donation also honors the memory of our dog, Zaneeta."

Sean Boynes, Nicole Johnson

Sean, 33, is a manager at the Johns Hopkins Outpatient Pharmacy. Nicole, 31, is a business consultant at HGM Management and Technologies. They live in Silver Spring.

■ **The Main Event:** A formal ceremony at Howard University Law School in Washington on Sept. 16. They've invited 225 guests — including seven bridesmaids, seven groomsmen, a flower girl, a hostess and three ushers.

■ **Honeymoon:**

Nicole won't know until the couple dances their first dance.

■ **How They Met:** At a mutual friends' pool party.

■ **First Impressions:** Nicole thought, "Who is the Pirate with the sexy smile?" Sean, who was wearing a Pittsburgh Pirates jersey, asked his friend, "Who is the tall beauty over there?"

■ **First Date:** Playing pool.



■ **How He Proposed:** On Memorial Day weekend, at Nicole's 30th birthday/master's program graduation party.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** Nicole

detests Sean's gray North Carolina Tarheels sweatshirt.

■ **Their Song:** "So Amazing" by Luther Vandross, "because 'it's so amazing how God has brought the two of us together.'"

■ **Mmmm, Cake:** Red velvet. The groom gets a Trinidad rum cake.

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** "My parents are from Trinidad and Tobago," said Sean. "It's Trinidad tradition that the groom's mother march him down the aisle to give him away."

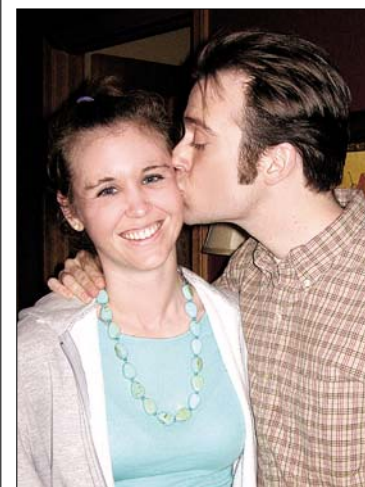
■ **Family Traditions:** The women of Nicole's clan will all dance to "We Are Family" by the Pointer Sisters.



French Twist

"I have been inundated with French from birth to college," said Louisiana native **CHRISTOPHER BROCK**, who took the language for 10 years, yet can barely speak a full sentence. His French teacher gets the last laugh: Chris' betrothed, **LAETITIA-LAURE DEWEIRD**, hails from Paris. Cultural differences did crop up for the pair, who met in grad school. "When I took Brock to meet my parents for the first time in Paris, he tried to be all cool and drink espressos — until he finally broke down and ran to Starbucks, where he ordered a Pumpkin Spice Latte," said Laetitia. "The very French salesperson looked at him and said, 'You want me to put a pumpkin in your latte?'" The experiment continues at their Aug. 11 wedding, where they'll see "how a deep southern red state family and a liberal bourgeois Parisian family interact," said Chris.

Chris, 27, is a strategic marketing associate at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Laetitia, 26, is a project assistant for the Radio and Television News Directors Foundation. They live in D.C.



Anne Marie Falk, Adam Polak

Anne Marie, 24, will start law school at George Mason University this fall. Adam, 29, is an analyst at Allstate in Chicago. They will live in Arlington.

■ **The Main Event:** Oct. 7. They're expecting 110 guests at their Catholic ceremony in Naperville, Ill., followed by a reception at a country club.

■ **How They Met:** Adam had flown in from Chicago to visit a friend. He encountered Anne Marie at a party near her alma mater, the University of Virginia.

■ **First Date:** "My first visit after we met was kind of our first date. We cooked dinner together, then had champagne and ice cream," said Anne Marie.

■ **How He Proposed:** "On the way home from the airport, I had Anne Marie exit the highway so we could see

"We got along wonderfully, but I was terrified of the distance between us," said Adam.

the monuments. I proposed outside of the Jefferson Memorial," said Adam.

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "Over Adam not returning my books to the library on time. I was furious about the late fees!"

■ **Their Song:** "I like punk, and she likes country," said Adam. "It's pretty difficult to find common ground here. We'll have an interesting reception."

■ **When She Knew:** "The first night we met," said Anne Marie. "He asked me a grammar question — something about when it's right to use effect vs. affect. I LOVE grammar."



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