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## Wilma Menaces Mexico

#### Powerful storm takes aim at Yucatan with Fla. next in line

CANCUN, MEXICO | Tourists packed Cancun's airport and shuttled from luxury hotels to spartan emergency shelters Thursday, desperately trying to escape Hurricane Wilma as its outer bands battered the resort's whitesand beaches.

Wilma, a Category 4 storm with winds of 150 mph, churned toward the Yucatan peninsula and south Florida after its outer bands hit Haiti and Jamaica, where it killed at least 13 people. The storm was expected to strike Cancun and its surrounding resorts and sideswipe Cuba early Friday.

Forecasters said Wilma likely would make a sharp right turn toward Florida after getting caught in the westerlies, the strong wind current that generally blows toward the east. It is expected to make landfall in Florida,

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#### SUMO U.S.A. | FAT MEN WALKING



**BIG TIME:** Sumo wrestlers in traditional Mawashi loin cloths cross New York's Seventh Avenue en route to a "weigh-in" Thursday ahead of Saturday's "World S.U.M.O. Challenge" at Madison Square Garden. The event, featuring 24 wrestlers, will serve as the kick-off for a national sumo tour.

**STUFFING** You Had to Be a Pig Shot An Ormond Beach, Fla., woman is aiming for a new pork roast after the one she bought at a Publix grocery store had a bullet in it, WRC-TV reported. Diane Johnson said her son-in-law found the bullet in the roast after



## House OKs Shield for Gunmakers

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Briefly the most intense Atlantic hurricane

on record, Wilma was a potentially catastroph-

ic Category 5 storm before weakening. At 5 p.m.

EDT, the storm's wobbly center was roughly 135

miles southeast of Cozumel, a popular vacation

island. The storm had strengthened slightly,

and forecasters said it could regain Category

5 strength winds of 156 mph or more. (AP)

gency, on Sunday.

WASHINGTON | Congress voted Thursday to sweep away the ability of gun crime victims to sue firearms manufacturers and dealers for damages, answering complaints by President Bush and the gun industry that big jury awards could lead to bankruptcy.

Opponents called the 283-144 vote in the House proof of the gun lobby's power over the Republican-controlled Congress, but Bush said he looked forward to signing the bill.

"Our laws should punish criminals who use guns to commit crimes, not law-abiding manufacturers of lawful products," the president said.

When Bush signs the measure into law, a half-dozen pending lawsuits filed by cities and counties against the gun industry would be dismissed.

"This is a get-out-of-liability-free card," said John Russo, city attorney for Oakland, one of 11 cities and counties in California whose suits against the industry would be dismissed. (AP)

she had prepared it and served it for the family's dinner Monday night; but she's only asking the store for a replacement slab of meat. The store said it has several checks in place to ensure that its meats are top-quality. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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## POLITICIANS My Fellow Excrement

"Mr. Floatie" — a man dressed as a brown, smiling lump of feces — is on his way to the British Columbia Supreme Court, the Canadian Press reported. The cos-

tumed icon for sewage-treatment reform was nominated for Victoria mayor in the upcoming election — a move being challenged by the city. Mr. Floatie, played by James Skwarok, is used for publicity about the practice of pumping raw sewage into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The city is arguing that only real people can run for mayor; Skwarok doesn't disagree: "Of course I'm not a real person. I'm a big piece of poop." The city says Skwarok can run if he uses his real name. (AP)

#### PACE OF PLAY On Second Thought, You Can Play Through

A Chino, Calif., sheriff's deputy was ordered to trial Monday on charges of threatening two slow-playing golfers with a gun. Marcelo Bautista and his uncle, Gustavo Resendiz, had been playing golf at a country club when the officer began following them then pushed Resendiz and cocked his gun. "When I saw him cock his gun, something

fell out and my mouth dropped. I couldn't believe this was happening," Bautistasaid. The officer has been charged with assault. (AP)



## **Don't Worry, Bee Happy**

Have you heard the buzz about the new subway in Taegu, South Korea? Apiarist Ahn Sang-kyu, 43, has, which is why he covered himself with 260,000 live bees on Thursday. Ahn allowed himself to be swarmed with the bees to bless the newly opened transportation system. (EXPRESS)



#### DUNKIN' DONUTS Time to Make The Cash!

Employees at a Dunkin' Donuts in South Portland, Maine, were thanking their good luck Tuesday after a woman who was accidentally given a bag with \$771 in cash returned the money. Pati Fine picked up her order at the drivethrough window, but when she opened the bag later to eat her snack, she found a bunch of bills instead of a bagel with cream cheese, police said. Fine took the money to the police department, where officers counted out the cash. Officers then took the money back to the doughnut shop. (AP)





"There is some background noise here, a lot of chatter ... but the American people expect me to do my job and I'm going to." —**President Bush**, telling reporters he wants to remain focused despite recent GOP scandals.

## **Nation**

### In Brief



Coast Guard officials probe San Francisco Bay for two missing children.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Rescuers Search for Children Thrown Into Bay by Mother

The Coast Guard resumed searching for two missing children, aged 6 and 16 months, Thursday, a day after their mother allegedly threw them into San Francisco Bay. The body of a third sibling, a 3-yearold, was recovered. The mother, Lashaun Harris, 23, of Oakland, was booked on three counts of murder, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Thursday. Lashaun Harris told authorities that voices had told her to throw her children into the water, the Chronicle reported. (AP)

#### **Faith-Based Media**

→ The entertainment industry has discovered there is product-moving power in selling movies, books and music through churches particularly the suburban megachurches that pack in thousands of worshippers. | Today, Page AI

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## **Official: FEMA Ignored Warnings**

Agency told of Katrina's effects, operative says

WASHINGTON | In the midst of the chaos that followed Hurricane Katrina, a Federal Emergency Management Agency official in New Orleans sent a dire e-mail to Director Michael Brown saying victims had no food and were dying.

No response came from Brown. Instead, less than three hours later, an aide to Brown sent an e-mail saying her boss wanted to go on a television program that night — and needed at least an hour to eat dinner at a Baton Rouge, La., restaurant.

The e-mails were made public Thursday at a Senate Homeland Security Committee hearing featuring Marty Bahamonde, the first agency official to arrive in New Orleans in advance of the Aug. 29 storm. The hurricane killed more than 1,200 people and forced hundreds of thousands to evacuate.

Bahamonde said the correspondence illustrates the government's failure to grasp what was happening. "There was a systematic failure at all levels of government to understand the magnitude of the situation," Bahamonde testified. "The leadership from top down in our agency is unprepared and out of touch."

The 19 pages of internal FEMA e-mails show Bahamonde gave regular updates to people in contact with Brown as early as Aug. 28, the day before Katrina made landfall. They appear to contradict Brown, who has said he was not fully aware of the conditions until days after the storm hit. Brown quit after being recalled from New Orleans.

On Aug. 31, Bahamonde e-mailed Brown to tell him that thousands were gathering in the streets with no food or water and that "estimates are many will die within hours."

A short time later, Brown's press secretary, Sharon Worthy, wrote colleagues to complain that Brown needed more time to eat dinner. "We now have traffic to encounter to go to and from a location of his choise (sic), followed by wait service from the restaurant staff, eating, etc.," she wrote. HOPE YEN (AP)

#### KATRINA'S AFTERMATH | A MOMENT'S REST



**MAN-MADE**, **NATURE-ALTERED**: Workers take a break under the shade of a canopy toppled by Hurricane Katrina on Thursday in New Orleans' 9th Ward, one of the areas of the city hardest hit by the deadly storm.

## DeLay Booked in Texas, Released on \$10K Bond

HOUSTON | Rep. Tom DeLay turned himself in Thursday at the sheriff's office and was fingerprinted, photographed and released on \$10,000 bail on conspiracy and money-laundering charges.

Accompanied by his attorney, Dick DeGuerin, the former House majority leader showed up about midday, appeared before a judge and was gone in less than 30 minutes, sheriff's Lt. John Martin said.

"Now Ronnie Earle has the mugshot he wanted," DeGuerin said, referring to the Travis County district attorney who brought the charges. DeLay and his lawyer have accused the district attorney of trying to make headlines for himself.



This mugshot of Rep. Tom DeLay was released by Houston officials Thursday.

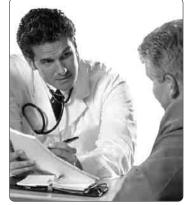
The Texas Republican is scheduled to make his first court appearance on Friday in Austin. The charges forced DeLay to give up his House leadership post. MICHAEL GRACZYK (AP)



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#### **Nation**

The number of years robber Eric James Torpy of Oklahoma City will serve in prison. He was given 30 years, but wanted his prison term to match ex-Boston Celtic Larry Bird's jersey number.

## **Tough Times in Leak Case**

White House defense crumbles as aides reveal internal talks

WASHINGTON | The evidence prosecutors have assembled in the CIA leak case suggests Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff sought out reporters in the weeks before an undercover operative's identity was compromised in the news media, casting doubt on one of the White House's main lines of defense.

For months, the White House and its supporters have argued presidential aides did not knowingly expose Valerie Plame, the wife of Bush critic Joseph Wilson, as a CIA operative.

At most, the aides passed on information about her that entered the White House from reporters, the supporters argued.

Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald now knows that Cheney aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby met three times with a New York Times reporter before the leak of Plame's identity, initiated a call to NBC's Tim Russert and was a confirming source about Wilson's wife for a Time magazine reporter.

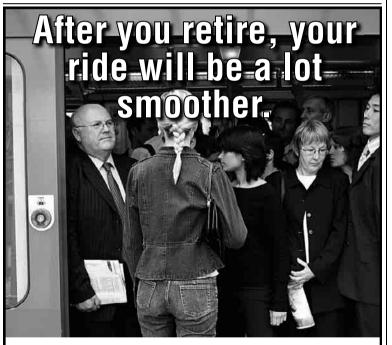
And in a new twist, presidential political adviser Karl Rove has testified that it's possible Libby was his source before Rove talked to two reporters about the CIA operative. While Libby maintains that he

didn't know Plame's name until it



was published in the news media. the now-public evidence suggests Libby at least was aware that Wilson's wife worked at the CIA and that he spread the information.

As new evidence accumulates. Libby's original source of information and how he passed the information on are becoming crucial unanswered questions. PETE YOST (AP)



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#### **NEW YORK | MADONNA RIDES AGAIN**



HIGH HORSES: Madonna and CBS "Late Show" host David Letterman ride down 53rd Street in New York on Thursday. The singer, who sustained broken bones in a fall from a horse in August, is promoting her new album.

#### N.H. Senator Wins \$853K in Lottery

CONCORD, N.H. | You might not expect the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee to go around buying lottery tickets, but Sen. Judd Gregg is glad he did.

On a whim prompted by the frenzy over Wednesday's \$340 million Powerball jackpot, the New Hampshire Republican bought a ticket that matched five of the six numbers in the Powerball game.

He collected a \$853,492 check Thursday.

He said he will donate part of his winnings to the Hugh Gregg



Foundation, which supports New Hampshire charities and is named after Gregg's late father, a former New Hampshire And the rest?

"Whatever my wife tells me what to do with it?" he joked. (AP)

## **Diabetes Pill Might Be Harmful**

Medicine could double risk of heart attack, stroke, study says

CHICAGO | A new diabetes pill that was headed for government approval has been linked to deaths, heart attacks and strokes, a medical journal reported Thursday.

The study by leading heart researchers found twice as many deaths and cardiovascular problems in diabetic adults taking the drug Pargluva as those on dummy pills or a competing drug. It was posted on the Web site of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Developed by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Merck & Co., the drug, known generically as muraglitazar, was endorsed by a Food and Drug Administration panel last month. It is a treatment for Type 2 diabetes, the most common form of the condition and one that occurs most often in people who are overweight. If the analysis is correct, the drug could have meant a "public health catastrophe" since 18 million Americans have diabetes, said Dr. Steven Nissen, who worked on the analysis. (AP)

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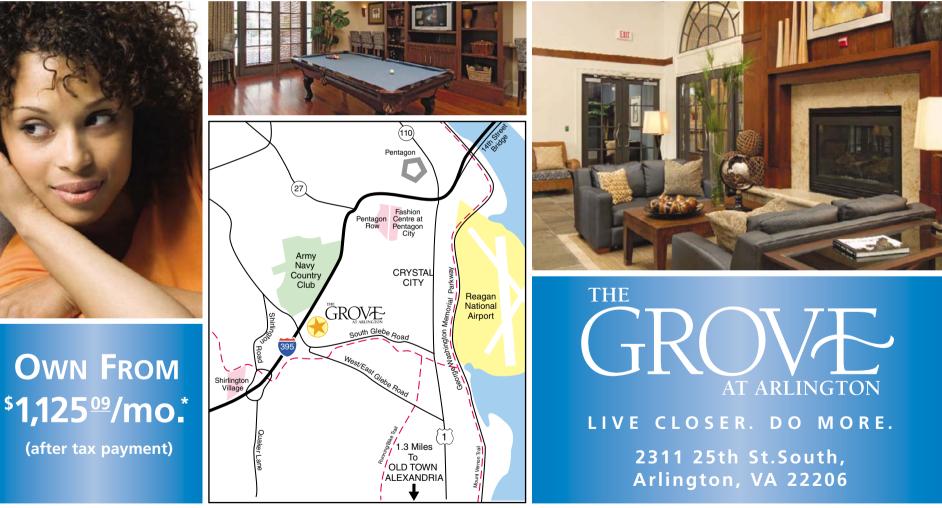




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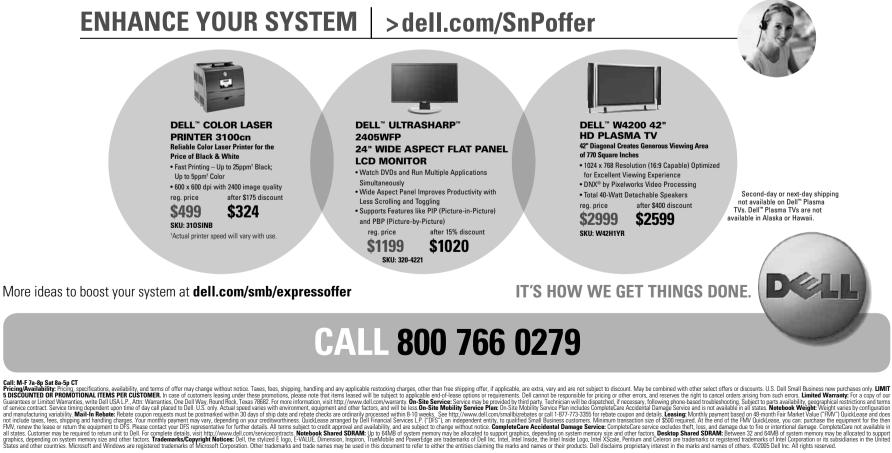
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**SMALL WONDER:** Months after being found in the debris of last year's tsunami, Sri Lanka's best-known survivor, Abilass Jeyarajah, also known as "Baby 81," celebrated his first birthday on Wednesday. His parents took him on a trip to a Hindu temple.



## World

## **Report Ties Syria to Hariri's Death**

#### U.N. probe also links Lebanese officials to February assassination

UNITED NATIONS | A U.N. investigation concluded that high-ranking Syrian and Lebanese security officials were involved in the assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, according to a report released Thursday.

The strongly worded report by chief investigator Detlev Mehlis said the two nations' intelligence services kept tabs on Hariri before his assassination by wiretapping his phone, and there was evidence a telecommunications antenna was jammed

near the scene of the car bomb that killed him and 20 others on Feb. 14. The decision

to assassinate Hariri "could Hariri

not have been discount the approval of topranked Syrian security official and could not have been further organized without the collusion of their counterparts in the Lebanese security services," the report said.

Mehlis' 53-page report accused Syrian authorities of trying to mislead his investigation, and directly accused Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa of lying in a letter sent to his commission.

The commission said Syria "has impeded the investigation and made it difficult to follow leads established by the evidence collected from a variety of sources."

Assassination probe: The blunt U.N. report on Hariri's death is expected to generate new international pressure on the Syrian government | Today's Post, Page AI

Mehlis said the investigation is

Several lines of investigation still

not complete and must be continued

with Lebanese judicial and security

need to be pursued, he said. They

include jamming devices in Hariri's

convoy that were functioning at the

increased security around the coun-

try ahead of the report's findings.

In Lebanon, authorities had

authorities in the lead.

time of the bombing.

EDITH M. LEDERER (AP)



A boy is treated by medics at a field hospital in Balakot, Pakistan, Thursday.

#### Top Aid Official Urges More Help For Quake Victims

MUZAFFARABAD, PAKISTAN | A top U.N. official on Thursday urged the world to step up efforts to reach more than 3 million people left homeless by the South Asian earthquake, while the deaths of three survivors from tetanus reinforced fears that disease and infected injuries will drive the death toll of 79,000 far higher.

In Geneva, Jan Egeland, the U.N. relief coordinator, said he was appealing to NATO and other potential donors to step in with "a second Berlin air bridge" of helicopters flying in relief supplies and evacuating perhaps hundreds of thousands of people.

"The world is not doing enough," Egeland said. "We should be able to do this."

He said he could foresee flights reminiscent of the U.S. and British airlift of supplies to West Berlin in the late 1940s when Soviet forces cut the city off from the West. (AP)



FRONT LINES: Workers place sandbags near a beachside hotel in the resort town of Playa del Carmen, Mexico, on Thursday.

## **Cancun Braces for Hit From Wilma**

CANCUN, MEXICO | Hundreds of schools in Mexico's Yucatan peninsula were ordered closed Thursday and Friday — many of them turned into shelters — and airlines started canceling flights as Hurricane Wilma closed in on the region.

At 5 p.m. EDT, the storm's wobbly center was roughly 135 miles southeast of Cozumel, a popular vacation island, the hurricane center said. Its forecast track would carry it directly to Cancun, a city of some 500,000 people by early Friday.

At the Cancun airport, hun-

dreds of tourists waited for flights or sought rental cars, taxis or ATMs.

Matt Williams and Jeff Davidson of Westfield, N.J., were going back to their hotel in Playa del Carmen south of Cancun after their flight to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. was canceled. At the hotel, they faced a night in a ballroom-turned-emergency shelter.

"You see the lines. I don't want to stand there for two hours and then decide what to do," said Williams, 26. Increasingly high winds bent palm trees and strong waves pounded Cancun's beaches. Mayor Francisco Antonio Alor said 20,000 tourists remained in the city Thursday, down from 35,000 the day before.

In Cuba, whose tip is 130 miles east of Cancun, civil defense officials said 220,000 people were evacuated by midday.

An additional 14,500 students at boarding schools outside Havana were sent home until after the storm. WILL WEISSERT (AP)

## Afghan Outcry on Desecration

#### Backlash feared over allegations GIs burned 2 dead Taliban fighters

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Islamic clerics expressed outrage Thursday at television footage that purportedly shows U.S. soldiers burning the bodies of two dead Taliban fighters to taunt other militants and warned of a possible violent anti-American backlash.

President Hamid Karzai condemned the alleged desecration and ordered an inquiry. The operational commander of the U.S. military in Afghanistan, which launched its own criminal probe, said the alleged act, if true, was "repugnant."

Cremating bodies is banned under Islam, and one Muslim leader in Afghanistan compared the video to photographs of U.S. troops abusing prisoners at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

"Abu Ghraib ruined the reputation of the Americans in Iraq and to me this is even worse," said Faiz Mohammed, a top cleric in northern Kunduz province.

Australia's SBS television broadcast the video purportedly showing soldiers burning the bodies of two suspected Taliban fighters in hills outside Gonbaz village in the southern Shah Wali Kot district an area plagued by Taliban activity and considered too dangerous to venture into unless accompanied by U.S. troops. DANIEL COONEY (AP)

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**KING'S RANSOM**: A local British government worker who stole \$900,000 from her employer to fund her obsession with Elvis Presley was sentenced Thursday to three years in jail. The woman spent the money on rare Elvis records and memorabilia.

### World

## **Rocket Hits School in Iraq**

#### Attacks kill at least 15; witness in Saddam's trial to testify Sunday

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Violence in and around Baghdad Thursday killed at least 15 Iraqi civilians and police. In one attack, a rocket hit a public school in Baghdad for students aged 12-15, killing a student and a nearby shopkeeper and wounding five students.

Also Thursday, the U.S. military announced the deaths of five service members, including three who were killed Wednesday by a roadside bomb near the town of Balad, north of Baghdad, and one on the same day by a suicide car bomb near the Syrian border. A fifth soldier died from a non-hostile gunshot, the military said.



Iraqi National Guards assess damage after a rocket hit a school in Baghdad.

Iraqi Interior Minister Bayan Jabr claimed a major break in the fight against Iraq's Sunni-led insurgency with the arrest of one of Saddam Hussein's nephews in Tikrit on Wednesday, the day the ousted dictator's trial opened. Officials said Thursday that a key prosecution witness in Saddam's trial will testify at an unexpected session Sunday because the former intelligence official is seriously ill with cancer.

The trial suffered its first setback when a lawyer for one of Saddam's co-defendants in the mass-murder trial was kidnapped from his Baghdad office late Thursday. Police said Saadoun Sughaiyer al-Janabi was snatched by 10 masked gunmen.

Meanwhile, a journalist for a British newspaper who was kidnapped was released unharmed Thursday after a day in captivity, the publication said. (AP)

Under fire: Attacks spark bloody day for Iraqi civilians, including schoolchildren | Today's Post, A Section

#### BIRD FLU | NEW HUMAN FATALITY REPORTED



**AVIAN AFFLICTION**: Ducks feed in a market in Shanghai, China, on Thursday. Bird flu has taken another human life, officials said on Thursday — a 48-yearold Thai man who was the 67th person known to have been killed by a virus steadily creeping into Europe and towards Africa. In China, there have been no reports of human cases, but hundreds of birds have died of the virus.

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## Money



**COFFEE BREAKS IN:** Starbucks' invasion of England has upset the tea cart in a country famous for its afternoon ritual. London already has some 200 Starbucks outlets, surpassing New York City, which has 190, the Wall Street Journal reports.

## Ford Plans Plant Closings, Layoffs

DEARBORN, MICH. | Ford Motor Co., its profits dragged down by poor performance in North America, will announce "significant" U.S. plant closings and layoffs in January another heavy blow to the nation's autoworkers. The company reported a third-quarter loss of \$284 million on Thursday.

Ford and other U.S. automakers have been hurt by competition from Asia, slumping sales of gasguzzling sport utility vehicles, high health care and materials costs and bloated plant capacity.

Ford Chairman and CEO Bill Ford said he will complete the restructuring plan in December and announce it in January. He said the plan was painful but essential and would affect salaried workers and hourly workers represented by the United Auto Workers.

The nation's second biggest automaker lost 15 cents per share for the quarter ending Sept. 30.

Bill Ford said the Dearbornbased company needs to align its plant capacity with its shrinking U.S. market share, which was at 17.7 percent in the first nine months of 2005 compared to 18.4 percent in 2004. He wouldn't say how many plants need to close, but he said the company will keep enough capacity to meet its future sales goals.

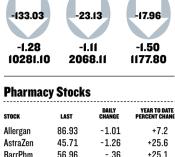
"We are not going to shrink ourselves into oblivion. We think our plans are based upon what's feasible to us," Ford said. DEE-ANN DURBIN (AP)

#### **Market Action**

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MoneyGrm	23.25	+1.94	+9.1	SMTC Cp g	2.5	58	+.39	+17.8
Wesco Intl	39.25	+2.85	+7.8	FormFac	25.0	62 +	3.67	+16.7
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## Local

### n Brief

#### BRANDYWINE, MD. **Beaten Pr. George's County Teacher Returns to School**

A teacher who was beaten with a baseball bat, allegedly wielded by a student, returned to his Prince George's County school on Thursday with a bruise across his cheek, a gash across his hand and an injured left shoulder and arm, according to a WJLA reporter. Gwynn Park High School science teacher Dario Valcarcel was attacked in his biology classroom on Wednesday. The suspect was released to his parents and school officials plan to have him expelled. (AP)

#### ANNAPOLIS. MD. **Academy Says It Will Arrest Protesters on Its Campus**

A gav rights group planning to protest the military's ban on openly gay service members at the U.S. Naval Academy has been told protesters will be arrested if they step onto its campus. The gay rights group Soulforce planned to bring 60 protesters to the academy's gates Friday with the goal of talking to midshipmen about the issue. (AP)

#### CROWNSVILLE, MD. **Acrobats at Festival Burn** Man's Bald Head, Daughter

A 2-year-old girl suffered second-degree burns to her face and her father's bald head was burned in an accident involving flamethrowing acrobats at the Maryland Renaissance Festival on Sunday. Two female acrobats took out a carpet and began tumbling near the family and asked the father to become part of the act by letting them set fire to his bald head. But some of the burning liquid dripped off a wand onto the girl, singing her left eyebrow and eyelashes. (AP)

#### SPRINGFIELD, VA.

#### **Construction to Shut Ramps To Beltway's Outer Loop**

Access to the Beltway's Outer Loop at the Springfield Interchange will be restricted from 8 p.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday. Traffic from I-395 and northbound I-95 will be detoured to the Inner Loop and then redirected to the Outer Loop at Braddock Road. (AP)

## **Metro Delays Land Sale at Vienna**

#### Tabled deal thwarts proposal for mini-city

WASHINGTON | Opponents of a development near the Vienna Metrorail station - including a powerful congressman - won at least a temporary victory Thursday when the Metro Board delayed a vote to sell 3.75 acres of land.

Pulte Corp. was to pay \$6.5 million for the property, which it would add to the 53 acres south of the station it already owns or controls. The developer plans a mini-city called Fairlee-Metro West that would include 12 floor buildings with offices and 2,250 homes.

Some neighbors complained





HOME AGAIN: Speaking to reporters at his boyhood home in Rockville, Md., Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan announced his campaign for Maryland governor on Thursday, making clear he would cede no ground to Democratic primary frontrunner Martin O'Malley. | Today in Metro

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they've been railroaded by the process saying they support transit-oriented development but feel that the current plans don't meet certain criteria.

"It's like dropping a mini-city on a sliver of land," said Elliott. He would rather see eight-story buildings than 12, saving the infrastructure can't support the plans.

The citizens' group has an important ally: Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., who lives near the site and has introduced a bill which would provide \$1.5 billion in new federal dollars to Metro, but prohibit this

#### WEEKEND DELAYS ON ORANGE, RED AND GREEN LINES

METRO SAYS THAT TRACK WORK
and inspections this weekend will
cause delays on the Orange, Red
and Green lines on Saturday and
Sunday. Trains on the Orange Line
will share the same track between
the West Falls Church and East
Falls Church stations on Saturday
and Sunday between 6 a.m. and 6
p.m. On Sunday, Red Line trains
will share the same track between

land sale at the Vienna station. Pulte did not return calls for comment on Thursday.

The Fairfax County Board

the Rhode Island Avenue and Brookland-CUA stations between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Green Line trains will share the same track between Greenbelt and Fort Totten stations on Saturday and Sunday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Trains will share the same track between the Branch Avenue and Naylor Road stations Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (EXPRESS)

of Supervisors unanimously approved a plan in December to allow Pulte to develop Metro West. HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

## **Panel Hears Concerns On D.C. Tax Relief Plan**

WASHINGTON | Supporters say it will bring needed relief, but some city officials voiced concern Thursday about the cost of a bill to bring property tax relief to District of Columbia residents.

The D.C. Council's Committee on Finance and Revenue heard arguments for and against legislation introduced in March by Council member Phil Mendelson, D-At-Large, which proposes three types of tax relief.

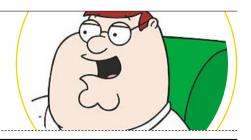
But the mayor's office and others warned the fiscal impact of the bill is likely to be expensive. "We need to be careful if we try to work in major tax relief in the middle of the budget cycle," said Council member Marion Barry, D-Ward 8. (AP)



# Veekend

**TELEVISION** 

Must-Flee TV: Parents Television Council has deemed Fox's Sundaynight lineup among the worst primetime viewing for families | 25



# The Ethics of Truth

#### Truman Capote's pen was a weapon of mass description

FILM | The day, in 1959, after a pair of drifters broke into the home of the Clutter family in Holcomb, Kan., and shot all four of its members after failing to find the \$10,000 they believed to be stashed there, Truman Capote clipped an item about the murders in The New York Times and called William Shawn at the New Yorker.

That night, the flamboyant author of "Breakfast at Tiffany's" andpopularman-about-Manhattan boarded a train to Kansas with his childhood friend Nelle Harper Lee with the intention of writing a magazine piece on how the murders had affected the quiet farming community. Six years later, he published "In Cold Blood," a "nonfiction novel" that made him the most famous writer in America and ruined his life.

Bennett Miller's "Capote," written by Dan Futterman and starring



POISON PEN: Writing "In Cold Blood," Capote had to earn the trust of the killers.

Philip Seymour Hoffman, carefully re-creates the agonizing stretch of years between Capote's first trip to Holcomb and the spectacular

success of his book. Arriving on the heels of the execution by hanging of Richard Hickock and Perry Smith, the book was hailed for its objectivity and steady-handed sangfroid. But Capote's own experience of the story was harrowing and deeply personal. What began as an investigation of "two Americas" - one quiet and conservative, the other rootless and violent – evolved into a chillingly intimate portrait of the killers, in whose lives the writer would eventually play a not-insignificant role.

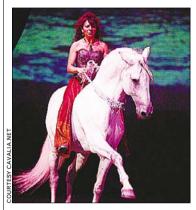
Miller and Futterman refuse to mythologize the artist, plunging instead into the soul of the man, reconstructing a world as gorgeously stark, clear and straightforward as that of the book.

In the film's view, Capote's fluid, adaptive morality pegs him as a pioneer and harbinger for the cult of success-at-any-cost that would soon become the norm in America.

Hoffman's nuanced, insightful portrait of Capote is as empathetic as it is brutally honest. He captures an astonishing capacity for insinuation and connects it to a deep understanding of the basic human need for connection. Carina Chocano (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



FOR COMPLETE WEEKEND LISTINGS SEE WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT



"Cavalia" opens in D.C. on Wednesday with lots of artsy equestrian hijinks.

#### What is going on with the HUGE tent near Pentagon City?

This tent is going up for "Cavalia," which looks incredibly cool. It's put on by the Cirque du Soleil folks and they really put on a good show. This one's like the Cirque, but with horses.

→ www.cavalia.net

#### What is your opinion of Porter's Saloon in Midtown? There is some tasting being held by Eggman Productions there on Oct 28.

It's enjoyable during the week or for watching sporting events, but the dance party on weekends can be kind of cheesy. For a full review, see www.washingtonpost.com/ entertainment.

#### I'm going to a pumpkin farm on Saturday, I know that much. But there are so many. Any ideas about one that rocks?

If you prefer the extreme-sports type of pumpkin patch, you might dig Cox Farms. The slides, hay-bale mountains and big swing are not exclusively used by children. It also has hayrides, farm animals, produce, baked goods, etc.

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The Going Out Gurus think you should get out more. Join the discussion Thursdays at 1 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

# Action With 2 Dimensions

#### A lousy adaptation spells 'Doom' for video-game movies

FILM | "Doom," the latest videogame-turned-action-movie, sticks to the essentials of the source material, Marines blowing away zombies and mutant monsters on Mars. And it doesn't bring much more to it.

Director Andrzej Bartkowiak keeps the lighting low and the action a blur, and he apparently never saw

a don't-go-down-that-dark-hallway horror cliché he didn't steal.

The Rock dispenses with the campy undercurrent of humor that makes him a passable action figure elsewhere, playing a stoic, mercilessly dutiful anti-hero with barely a hint of personality.

Researchers on Mars unleash an ancient evil lingering in the genes of fossil remains of a humanoid race that once lived on the red planet. People are transformed into zombies and gnarly demons seeking to pass A32.78

LOOK ALIVE: In "Doom," with the Rock, you can't tell the heroes from the zombies.

on their monstrous mutation.

Ace Marine veteran Sarge (The Rock) leads his troops into the dark tunnels of the research facility to root out the creatures and salvage the work of archaeologist Samantha Grimm (Rosamund Pike), the sister of one of Sarge's top men.

A deluge of halfhearted B-movie scares is about all "Doom" offers. Creature effects amount to little more than gory carcasses out for a stroll, while this whole legion-ofrabid-zombies thing either needs a major makeover or a long furlough.david germain (AP)

### Entertainment Weeker

## We Are All Crazy Here

FILM | Director Marc Forster mined the depths of emotion with "Monster's Ball" and "Finding Neverland," yet he manages only technical success in the dull, dour psychological thriller "Stay."

This is one of those annoying it's-all-in-his-head flicks where the filmmakers feel at liberty to throw reality out the window.

You the viewer have the dubious privilege of deciphering what shreds of internal logic the story holds, an exercise that quickly loses its mystique given the sensory overload of imagery and the flatness of the characters.

Ewan McGregor stars as psychi-



MAYBE THEY'RE DEAD: Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor take a guess at "Stay."

atrist Sam Foster, who acquires a himself at midnight on his 21st new patient, art student Henry birthday, three days away.

As Sam rushes about trying to stop his patient from snuffing himself, he descends into Henry's madness and apparently some world between life and death.

Gradually, Forster abandons restraint and piles it on. Sam undergoes cloying deja vu, walking in on scenes he just experienced. Henry and Sam begin to change places, literally crawling in and out of each other's skins. Sam races down a circular stairway that seems to descend forever and has a bizarre encounter with Henry's supposedly dead mother (Kate Burton).

The images are visually impressive, but so random there's no point in guessing where the movie's headed. It eventually reaches a concrete resolution, but it feels like a cheat. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



THAT CAN'T BE SAFE: Seven outspoken kids — each a different, convenient "type" — pack into one car to fight the Man.

## Let's Put on a Show

#### No one really behaves as broadly as these 'Kids in America'

FILM | A well-intentioned attempt to make fun of joyless, sanctimonious authority figures that stifle creativity in public schools, "Kids in America" ends up trivializing the subject through cutesiness and villains too farcical to believe in.

This low-budget comedy has the youthful earnestness of a student film, yet its lack of polish and real wit makes it not much more interesting than the sort of teen audiovisual club projects it spoofs. Director Josh Stolberg co-wrote the script with producer Andrew Shaifer, who also co-stars as a toadying, pretentious drama teacher. Stolberg and Shaifer create a parade of teen types and imbue them with energy and irreverence, yet few teens will see themselves reflected in these grinning crusaders.

Leading the cast is young rebel Holden Donovan, who teams with classmates in his audiovisual club in a student rebellion after school Principal Weller (Julie Bowen) goes on a rampage of suspensions.

An abstinence advocate is kicked out of school for covering

her clothes in condoms to promote safe sex. Another teen gets the boot for writing poetry with violent images in her private journal. Holden himself is banished for a performance art piece in which he fakes a suicide attempt.

Letham (Ryan Gosling).

Henry tells Sam he plans to kill

So war is declared by Holden and his gang, including his girlfriend, a cheerleader, a tough chick, a tech geek, a rabble-rouser and a flashy gay teen.

The filmmakers angle for satire, with references to "this current administration." But the adults behave with such excess, they're cartoon characters.



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LET THE LADY SPEAK: Shades of Sally Field's seminal performance in "Norma Rae" and various inspirational TV movies color Niki Caro's "North Country."

# Speaking Up For Heroism

#### In 'North Country,' one woman takes down her harassers

FILM | "North Country," the new film from "Whale Rider" director Niki Caro, about one woman who fought the horrors of sexual harassment at a northern Minnesota iron mine by filing an unprecedented classaction lawsuit, feels like a glorified TV movie, with its topical subject matter, emotional turnarounds and corny courtroom ending.

What elevates the film are the performances – especially from Charlize Theron, powerfully reserved but still radiant. Frances McDormand has a no-nonsense likability as the friend who encourages her to take a job at the mine, Sissy Spacek is quietly moving as Theron's mother, and Thomas Curtis has some wrenching moments as her unsympathetic teenage son.

But for a movie about sexual harassment — which can be a gray area in terms of interpretation - nearly everyone and everything about "North Country" is painted in black and white.

Inspired by a true story, the film stars Theron as Josey Aimes, a single mother of two who returns to her hometown after leaving her abusive husband and applies for a job at the local mine at the urging of her friend Glory (McDormand).

Glory warns Josey that the work can be tough and the treatment from male colleagues can be tougher. A sex toy hidden in a young woman's lunch box eventually gives way to unwanted physical contact in dark corners and dirty words smeared in feces on the walls of the women's locker room.

Josey's lawyer (Woody Harrelson) turns her down when she first comes to him with the idea of filing a class-action lawsuit against the mine, but eventually changes his mind - only because it had never been done before.

At least his inclination is honest, which can't be said for everyone else's behavior as the film draws to a maudlin close. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



### Entertainment | Weeker

## Now Playing

THE ARISTOCRATS (Unrated, 87 minutes) The joke whose punch line lends this documentary its title isn't especially funny. Filthy, yes, but not a laugh riot, except in the way its structure lends itselfto extended riffs of jazz-like improvisation on the part of the 100 or so comedians who line up to tell it. What makes us laugh is the joke's sheer excess. Far more fascinating, however, than its many tellings and retellings, is the footage of comics talking about the joke, which has been a staple of backstage banter between comedians since vaudeville. (MO)

#### CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY (PG, 115 minutes) Johnny Depp's oddball eccentricity as Willy Wonka is an unsettling amalgam of Michael Jackson, Edward Scissorhands and Lisa Kudrow's Phoebe from "Friends." But there are other watchable delights: Wonka's factory is a wonderland of chocolate lakes and candy-grass banks. There are some hilarious routines performed by the diminutive Oompa Loompas. And Freddie Highmore is a charmer as Charlie, the poor kid who wins a ticket to

tour Wonka's factory. (DT)

THE CONSTANT GARDENER (R, 123 minutes) Vivid performances drive Brazilian director Fernando Meirelles' fine adaptation of the John Le Carre novel. Justin Quayle (Ralph Fiennes), a mild-mannered junior diplomat in Kenya, is shattered when his wife, Tessa (Rachel Weisz), is violently murdered on a "research trip" far up country. He learns quickly enough that Tessa had acquired a "reputation" in the tight world of British diplomacy. The movie chronicles Justin's growth as he begins to understand what sort of a woman he had married. The guick evocations of diplomatic life, corporate dealings and even the world of anonymous travel off-passport are splendidlv done. (sн)

**DOMINO** (R, 128 minutes) It seems the only true thing about this movie, which begins with the disclaimer that it is based on a true story... "sort of," is the name of its title character, the daughter of actor Laurence Harvey who embarked on a troubled girlhood and ended up as a bounty hunter. The film pivots around an illfated gig that Domino (Keira Knightley) is explaining to an FBI psychologist (Lucy Liu), entailing lots of doubling and tripling back in time. The effect is edgy, tough and sneakily seductive, as



TIME TO HANG UP: Kirsten Dunst and Orlando Bloom chat cute and cutely exhaust the audience's patience in "Elizabethtown."

Domino plies her trade, using whatever ittakes—assault weapons or lap dances — to get her man. There's a manic kind of pleasure in all this, but it turns out to be a tiresome trip. (AH)

ELIZABETHTOWN (PG-13, 123 minutes) Cameron Crowe's misfired romance features Orlando Bloom as recently fired shoe designer Drew Baylor and Kristen Dunst as life-affirmative flight attendant Claire, who meets him on the plane he has to take to Elizabethtown, Ky. (His father has just died there.) Drew is mopey and despondent and contemplating suicide. Claire gives him directions to Elizabethtown and to her big, homefried heart. There's not much specialness between Bloom and Dunst, other than the surface appeal of two attractive people making (or almost making) kissy face. Sweet delay before the inevitable coupling is a mainstay in every romance. but Crowe turns that delay into the waitina room from hell. (рт)

**EVERYTHING IS ILLUMINATED (PG-13,** 100 minutes) Liev Schreiber's directorial debut faithfully honors the trippy appeal of Jonathan Safran Foer's tale of a New Yorker's journey to Ukraine to "collect" objects or information about the shtetl where his grandfather lived before the Holocaust. As Foer's fictional rendering of himself, Elijah Wood is mostly flat. But just as the book was saved by the malapropped English narration of the faux-Foer's Odessan guide, the movie is more than illuminated by Eugene Hutz's comically endearing portrayal of Alexander Perchov — a nightclubbin' mack daddy wannabe. But when they find the land where the shtetl stood, Schreiber and his casttake the coincidental, emotional symmetry a notch too far. (HANK STUEVER)



**WAR CRY**: Carlos Padilla stars in the moving and effective "Innocent Voices," about a rural 11-year-old forced to become a soldier in El Salvador's civil war.

FLIGHTPLAN (PG-13, 88 minutes) In Alfred Hitchcock's 1938 thriller, "The Lady Vanishes," the conveyance on which she disappeared was a train. In "Flightplan," a small child disappears on a jumbo jet, with all sorts of compartments, bays and hidey-holes for a little kid to crawl into, and the movie gives viewers the impression of being on that plane as Jodie Foster — playing the girl's desperate mother, who may or may not be mentally unhinged — tries to lead her fellow passengers in a search. Striking just the right balance between claustrophobia and terrifying emptiness, the young Germandirector Robert Schwentkeratchets up the tension with good taste and quiet, unfussy skill. It all falls apart with the Big Reveal. (AH)

**THE FOG** (PG-13, 100 Minutes) There may be more narrative explanation and higher-priced special effects in this remake of horrormeister John Carpenter's 1980 ghost story, but there are far fewer chills, plenty of dead spots and some genuinely bad acting. A peaceful and prosperous island community off the Oregon coast plans to honor its founding fathers with the unveiling of a statue. Not so fast, though. A boatload of vengeful 19th-century spirits rises from the sea and moves upon the place in a roiling, spectral, insidious fog that picks and chooses where it will seep, engulf and kill. Contains stabbings, drownings, people on fire, pierced by glass shards or just plain disintegrating. (JANE HORWITZ)

THE 40-YEAR-OLD VIRGIN (R, 111 minutes) Filthy, funny and sweet in equal measure, the feature directorial debut of writer-producer Judd Apatow is a Rob Schneider movie with the soul of a chick flick. That's not actually fair. While it's true that the comedy — revolving around the efforts of three friends (Paul Rudd, Romany Malco and Seth Rogen) to get their geeky nice-guy co-worker (Steve Carell) deflowered — has a lot of smutty humor, it's also pretty smart. In the end, the organ it's really all about exercising is the human heart. (MO)

G (R,96 minutes) This contrived exercise in vanity and product placement is being billed as a modern-day, hip-hop version of F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel "The Great Gatsby." Summer G (Richard T. Jones) is a hip-hop producer who has amassed a fortune and moved into a seaside mansion. True to Fitzgerald's original story, G has moved there to win the affection of a social climber who is the love of his life, a woman named Sky Hightower (Chenoa Maxwell), wife of snobby scion Chip (Blair Underwood). Things go wrong, really wrong —the plot is a shambles, the acting is atrocious and there is too much concern with getting certain brand labels in the shot. (AH)

GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK (PG-13, 93 minutes) George Clooney, who directed and co-wrote, retells the story of crusading journalist Ed Murrow, who stood up to braying political bully Joe McCarthy. The stylizations of '50s TV drama, including black-and-white cinematography, are terrific. Clooney casts himself as Murrow's producer, Fred W. Friendly, but hardly registers. Neither do any of the other CBS minions, even though they're played by such names as Jeff Daniels, Robert Downey Jr. and Patricia Clarkson. Only two people register, David Strathairn as Murrow and Joe McCarthy as Joe McCarthy. Strathairn dominates the movie with furious intelligence, guts, will and nobility. (SH)

**GOSPEL** (PG, 105 minutes) David Taylor (Boris Kodjoe), a successful, egotistical *Continued on page 19*  Nightclub, Lounge & Discotheque: 1214B 18th St. NW. Washington DC Washington DC's BEST Dance Club & Club Promotions

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R&B star, returns to his estranged father, Pastor Fred Taylor (Clifton Powell), to find him suffering from a terminal illness. Not only that, David's longtime enemy Frank (Idris Elba) is poised to assume the bishop's duties. Should David return to his music life or deal with more urgent matters? Intended for gospel and faithappreciating audiences, this is a movie about the struggles for virtuousness in a world of temptation and compromise. Unfortunately, Rob Hardy's writing and directing don't soar quite as high as his spiritual intentions. (DT)

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(PG, 120 minutes) The story was so strong, you wonder, why did the director (actor Bill Paxton) kill it to death and

then wrap a four-iron around the corpse's neck with so many overwrought stratagems? Did we have to ride every putt into the hole courtesy of computer imagery in his re-creation of the 1913 U.S. Open? Whether or not you agree that young amateur Francis Ouimet's playoff win in that event over two stalwart British pros was the greatest game ever played, you have to say it was extraordinary. But Paxton can't let the superb performances carry the story. Everything is teased, tricked and forced. (SH)

A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE (R, 95 minutes) David Cronenberg's film has a hidden and powerful purpose. Seemingly a mainstream shoot-'em-up flick, in which the soft-spoken Tom Stall (Viggo Mortensen) defends his family against a horde of hoodlums, the movie's really about our Paylovian conditioning to violence. How did an unassuming diner owner dispatch the gunmen so effortless-



GIRLS IN THE MIST: Maggie Grace, left, and Tom Welling, right, look very pretty even through the haze of a bad remake, in this case the horror movie "The Fog."

ly? Why do more gangsters keep coming for him? Ultimately, Cronenberg's drama isn't about Western-style heroism; it's about why we're cheering when

Tom plugs them dead. (рт) IN HER SHOES (PG-13, 131 minutes) Curtis Hanson's movie about two sisters may be one better than "chick lit," but it's about

two worse than drama. In a pedestrian display of opposites, Rose (Toni Colette) has a law firm career, money and smarts but few men. Party girl Maggie (Cameron Diaz) lands the guys but always ends up drunk, penniless and miserable on Rose's sofa. When Maggie casually steals Rose's smooth-operator boss, Jim (Richard Burgi), sisterly tension becomes official breakup. The women branch off into self-discovery subplots. When the sisters meet again, it's not a harmonic convergence. It's just the end of 131 minutes. (DT)

**INNOCENT VOICES (R, 120 minutes)** For most 11-year-olds, a 12th birthday is something to look forward to. For Chava, a boy growing up in rural El Salvador, it's a date with terror. In Luis Mandoki's tough and tender film, it's the 1980s and Chava's country is embroiled in a 12-year civil war. When boys turn 12. Continued on page 21

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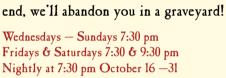
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they're spirited away and pressed into the government army. If they return alive, they come back as hardened machines, their innocence lost. What makes the ordeal more acute for Chava (Carlos Padilla) is his natural empathy for the rebels, one of whom is his beloved uncle. Mandoki finds a satisfying blend of sentimentality and hard-core realism. (pt)

INTO THE BLUE (PG-13, 110 minutes) Never get between a shark and his coke stash. That's the lesson from the climactic scene of this waterlogged thriller, whose chief purpose otherwise seems to be allowing viewers to ogle some of Hollywood's tannest, buffest young things undulating sexily through the water. Paul Walker and Jessica Alba play two earnest, honest and hot treasure hunters living in the Bahamas who discover a downed plane stuffed with cocaine; Scott Caan and Ashley Scott play two sleazy, avaricious and hot friends who arrive on the scene and set a risky scheme in motion involving midnight dives and drugs and ruby-encrusted scabbards. (AH)

**JUST LIKE HEAVEN** (PG-13, 101 minutes) All that some filmgoers need to

know about this romance is that it features three shots of Mark Ruffalo getting out of the shower. Ruffalo has carved out a winning sideline as a scruffy, thoroughly charming romantic leading man, in this case the credible love interest for Reese Witherspoon. When David Abbott (Ruffalo) moves into a fantastic San Francisco apartment and is immediately told to move out by its former tenant — Elizabeth Martinson (Witherspoon), who three months earlier was hit headon by a truck — their banter crackles with tart, unforced verve. In a bummer of a bait-and-switch, though, the whimsical romance undergoes a fatal shift in tone. (AH)

LORD OF WAR (R, 122 minutes) Surfaceto-air missiles, Kalashnikov rifles, hand grenades, bullets: These are the phallic treasures of Andrew Niccol's schizophrenic movie that revels lasciviously in the sins of arms dealing before declaring such activity bad, bad, bad. The weaponry is the stock and trade of Yuri Orlov (Nicolas Cage), a Ukrainian emigre who sets himself up as an arms dealer and rises guickly to the top ranks of the international rogue circuit, trying to keep a step ahead of Interpol agent Jack Valentine (Ethan Hawke). Despite its jauntily satirical air, "Lord of War" is never better than dour and smug. (DT)

MIRRORMASK (Unrated, 101 minutes)

Helena (Stephanie Leonidas) is a reluctant supporting act for her circusperforming parents and dreams of living in "the real world," When her mother (Gina McKee) takes ill, Helena finds herself lost in an alternative dream world full of strange beings. Accompanied by a masked juggler named Valentine (Jason Barry). Helena learns she must find a "mirror mask" to save her mother, the good queen of this shadow world. The storyline is a monotonous spin-cycling of elements from "The Wizard of Oz," "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and other fairy tales in which an innocent girl faces up to an evil queen. (DT)

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NAPOLEON DYNAMITE (PG, 86 minutes) In Jared Hess' deadpan-funny indie comedy, Napoleon Dynamite (Jon Heder) is a scrawny nerd from Preston, Idaho, whose eyes are lost behind the semi-opaque haze of his glasses and who packs some wicked comments for his tormentors. Jon Gries is hilariously out-there as Napoleon's incredibly narcissistic Uncle Rico. So is Aaron Ruell as his reclusive, thirtysomething brother, Kip.

THE PRIZE WINNER OF DEFIANCE, OHIO (PG-13, 90 minutes) In this movie, adapted from Terry Ryan's memoir of her mother, Julianne Moore is Evelyn, a woman of endless optimism who reared 10 children and supported an alcoholic and abusive husband by entering jingle-writing contests. As one of her kids observes in the film, were it not for the sexism of the era, Evelyn would have been running an ad agency or penning her own column for the Chicago Tribune. The film isn't very cinematic, but it has its own subversive power, as it elevates one family's struggle for working-class survival and valo-

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**PROOF** (PG-13, 100 minutes) Director John Madden parks his camera in close as Gwyneth Paltrow fights madness and grief in this adaptation of David Auburn's Pulitzer Prize-winning play. Catherine (Paltrow) is the daughter of a legendary math professor who lost his mind (Anthony Hopkins). Does she have his gifts? Is she getting his disease? Is there proof? The story, adapted by Auburn and Rebecca Miller, retains the play's clever twists and entertaining, logic-driven dialogue. (NELSON PRESSLEY)

**RED EYE** (PG-13, 85 minutes) Filmmaker Wes Craven's airplane-set thriller about a traveler (Rachel McAdams) held hostage by a smooth-talking criminal (Cillian Murphy) is a taut and supple entertainment, especially when it has nowhere to go but inside the characters' heads. Although it doesn't exactly fall apart in the film's final reel, when the action leaves the plane's cabin for the larger world, it does lose some of the pressure-cooker intensity of the film's first hour. (MD)

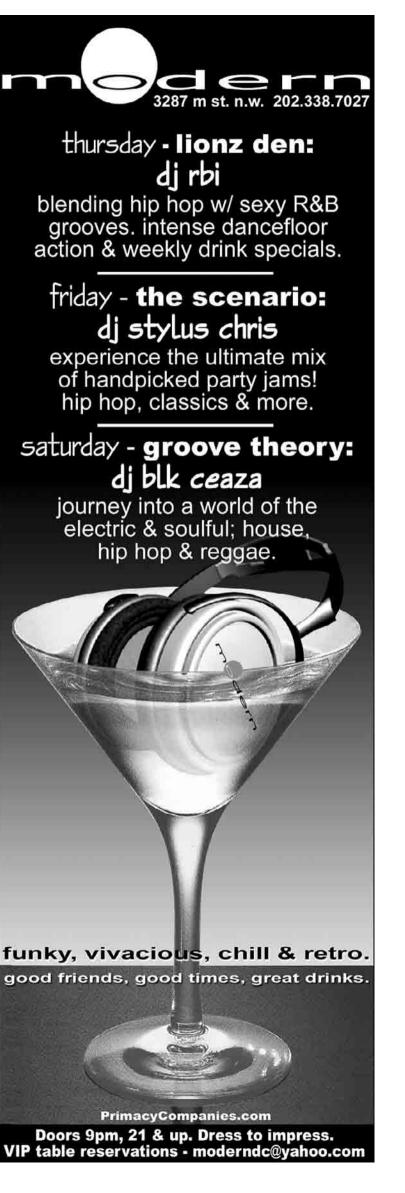
**ROLL BOUNCE** (PG-13, 107 minutes) If you were a junior-higher back in the '70s and early '80s, then your idea of a hot Saturday night was hanging out at the local roller rink, and director Malcolm Lee captures that time, with the insulta-thons, the preening and posturing of polyester-clad lotharios and the angst of young love. And for the most part, he got the cast right. What Lee doesn't pull off is the story. (Tw)

SEPARATE LIES (R, 85 minutes) In this psycho-emotional thriller, three members of the English upper class behave terribly well when they find themselves in a spot of trouble involving adultery, manslaughter and obstruction of justice. The directorial debut by Julian Fellowes is all about restraint, good taste and discretion. Mendacity and avarice may form the toxic heart of the story, but they're nearly obscured by a civilized polish. (AH) SERENITY (PG-13, 119 minutes) Thanks to "Firefly" fans' enthusiastic snapping up of the show's DVDs, Universal ponied up \$40 million to bring back Capt. Malcolm "Mal" Reynolds (Nathan Fillion) and his lovable outer-space mercenaries. Writerdirector Whedon has boiled off a lot of the complexity and introduced a new character, the ruthless Operative (Chiwetel Ejiofor), an agent for the Big-Brotherish federal government that runs Mal's galaxy. It's entertaining, especially because of Mal's colorful followers and Whedon's snappy, often poignant pen. (рт)

SKY HIGH (PG, 99 minutes) "Sky High" is a slight but sure-footed, live-action comic fantasy from Disney. Director Mike *Continued on page 24* 



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Mitchell deftly blends two genres — the high school romance and the specialeffects-laden superhero comic book adaptation — and manages to spoof yet salute both with a refreshing lack of pretension. (JANE HORWITZ)

TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE (PG, 76 minutes) Sure, she's cute, but she has aneye that pops out at inopportune moments, thanks to the talking maggot renting space in its socket. Not exactly marriage material, as Victor, voiced by Johnny Depp, discovers when he's dragged from the Land of the Living by the Corpse Bride (Helena Bonham Carter). Will true love with a living lass (Emily Watson) prevail over the Corpse Bride's determination? The movie is breathtaking viewing, shot in sumptuous shades of blacks, whites and grays; and wry with kitschy musical numbers. (TW) TWO FOR THE MONEY (R, 132 minutes) Al Pacino has played the dark mentor so many times, he ought to get a kingmaker's award. So when you see Pacino playing betting-firm capo Walter Abrams and



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leading ex-football player Brandon Lang (Matthew McConaughey) into the greedy underworld of high-stakes sports gambling, well, you know to expect certain things. Sure, "Two for the Money" takes us to the dark side, but it does so with such a fat dose of equivocation. (pt) THE UNTOLD STORY OF EMMETT LOUIS TILL (Unrated, 70 minutes) In this documentary about the notorious killing in Mississippi in 1955, we see how a grieving mother created a landmark moment in American history. This is powerful material, but for a documentary that bills itself as "untold," director Kevin Beauchamp never makes clear what he's telling that is new. (NEELY TUCKER)

WAITING (R, 93 minutes) This teen grossout comedy is a puerile, pointless piece of work in which a group of young waiters and waitresses engages in a collective obsession with genitalia, bodily excretions, sexual put-downs and free-floating misanthropy. (AH)

WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT (G, 85 minutes) Directed by animators Nick Park and Steve Box, the feature film debut of Wallace and Gromit opens with the dotty English inventor and his quietly superior dog working at yet another ingenious business called Anti-Pesto, which humanely removes fourlegged creatures from their town's vegetable gardens. Things are just swell until one of Wallace's schemes goes awry, and the gardens are soon being vandalized by the King Kong of rabbits. Gromit, who might be the most expressive silent movie star since Buster Keaton, is pure magic. (АН)

**THE WAR WITHIN** (Unrated, 90 minutes) Toward the end of this unsettling film, a brown man with a Muslim name sits in a car, contemplating a bridge leading to a city where twin towers once pierced the sky. In a nasty bit of racial profiling, he's quickly arrested, but they've got nothing on him, so they let him go. The irony: Hassan, the man in the car, really is up to no good. Therein lies the power of this taut tale of terrorism and the fundamentalist ties that bind. Hassan didn't start out this way. The film teases out complex and uncomfortable questions about faith and the impact of American actions on the rest of the world. (Tw)

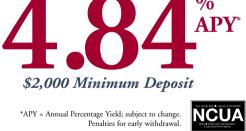
WEDDING CRASHERS (R, 119 minutes) Jeremy (Vince Vaughn) and John (Owen Wilson) are scoundrels who crash weddings so they can score with women, in this often-funny caper. But when they attend a big-time Washington wedding party for the daughter of Secretary of the Treasury William Cleary (Christopher Walken), things change: They each fall for one of the Cleary daughters (Isla Fisher and Rachel McAdams). Vaughn is definitely the best man in this wedding comedy. He's a cad and a half who can motormouth like a machine gun. (DT)

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## **Television**

## Fox vs. Watchdogs

#### Parents TV Council announces list of worst family viewing

SOUR 'TOONS | Four Fox network programs, led by the comedies "The War at Home," "Family Guy" and "American Dad," topped a parents group's annual listing of the worst prime-time shows for familv viewing.

The Parents Television Council rated two aspirational reality shows. ABC's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" and NBC's new "Three Wishes," as the best programs for family viewing.

The group's president, L. Brent Bozell, said he was alarmed that the three Fox Sunday-night comedies are being marketed as family friendly: "Families should not be deceived," he said. "The top three worst shows all contain crude and raunchy dialogue with sex-themed jokes and foul language. Even worse is the fact that Hollywood is peddling its filth to families with cartoons."

TV Watch, a lobbying organization started by the networks to oppose governmental regulation of television, objected to the list.

"It is far more constructive to encourage parents to decide what



MARKED: Is it the snarky dialogue or the teens in love that earned "The O.C." a spot?

their children watch on TV by using ratings or screening shows than to hurl insults at shows enjoyed by millions of Americans," TV Watch spokeswoman Kathy Roeder said.

The Fox drama "The O.C." was fourth on the PTC's list of worst prime-time shows for families. Add in "That '70s Show" and "Arrested Development," and the network that tries to be hip for young viewers makes up 60 percent of the list.

The group said it makes its determinations based on the amount of bad language and sexual and violent content, giving more weight to shows that appear earlier in the evening when children are likely to be awake, said Melissa Caldwell, its research director.

Fox's "American Idol," which returns in January, made the group's list of best family viewing experiences. Two new shows, CBS' "The Ghost Whisperer" and UPN's "Everybody Hates Chris," also made it.

Bozell said the group couldn't even come up with 10 prime-time shows it would recommend for family viewing. Its list stops at nine. (AP)

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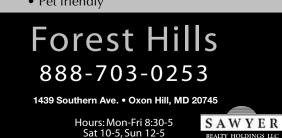


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#### LONE WOLF: Everett plays the master detective as haughty and solitary.

a hasty police force, turns out to be the daughter of an aristocrat. One murder follows another, all within a tight social circle very close to England's King Edward.

The delightful scenes of Holmes condescending to the self-effacing Watson are excelled only by the conversations between the master detective and Watson's fiancé (Helen McCrory), a brash American psychiatrist. Everett seems to enjoy playing Holmes as a distant misanthrope and man whose mood is matched only by the persistent and pernicious London fog.

This presentation is a real treat for Holmes buffs as well as those who have never read a line of Conan Doyle or caught a glimpse of Basil Rathbone. KEVIN MCDONOUGH

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Stuck Up on Baker St.

Everett in the "Masterpiece Theatre" presentation "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Silk Stocking" (Sun., 9 p.m., PBS), the sleuth of Baker Street reaches new heights of elusive hauteur. In fact, in the opening scenes of this handsome production, Holmes can be found puffing on a pipe in a Chinese opium den.

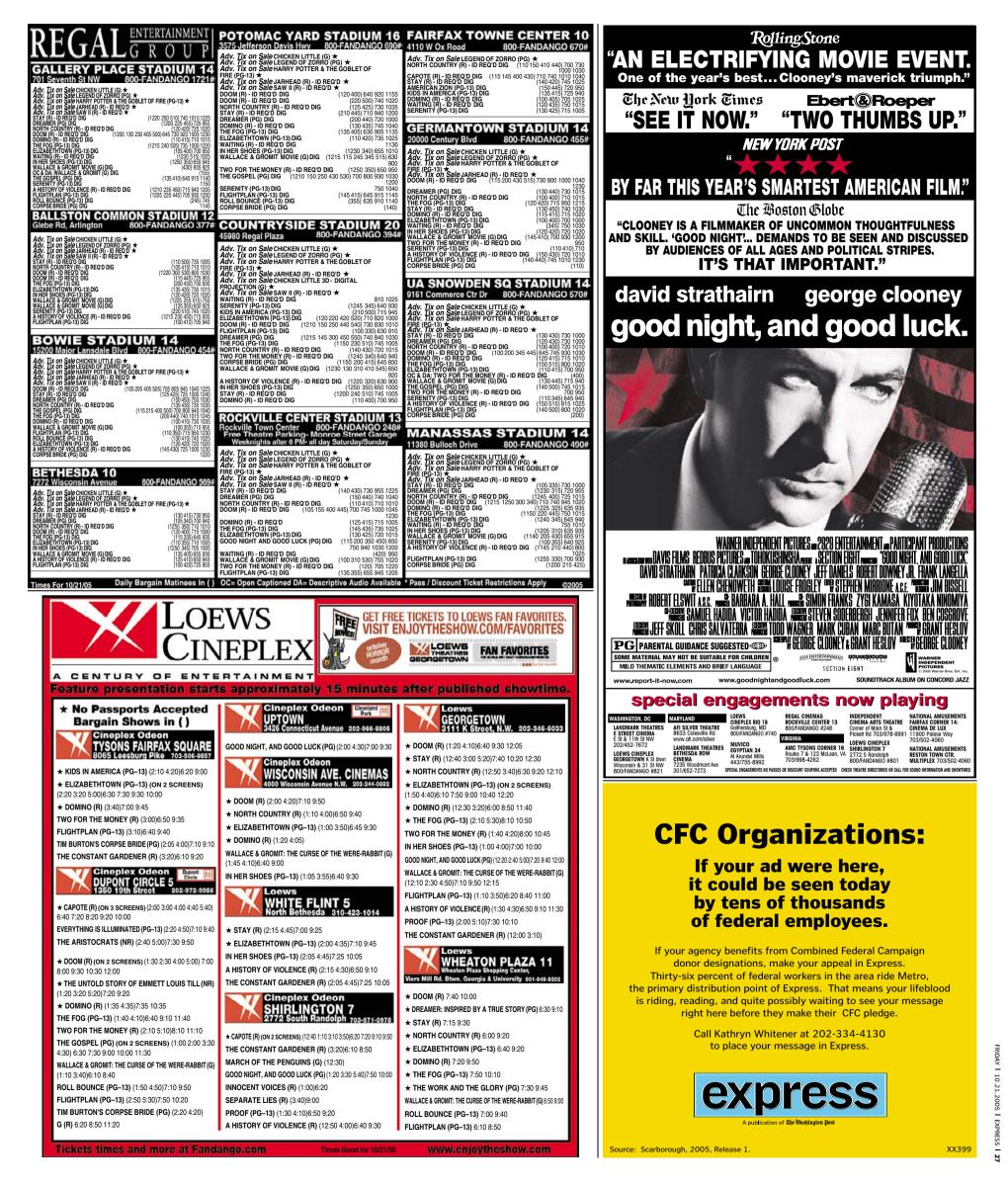
His pipe dreams are dashed by the arrival of Dr. Watson (Ian Hart) and news of a particularly ghastly murder. The victim, initially dismissed as a common prostitute by





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BODY TALK: Former pro wrestler and Minnesota governer Jesse Ventura's prime-time efforts may not have been in vain. (You don't remember "Jesse Ventura's America"?) The Hollywood Reporter says "The Body" has been chatting with NBC about a scripted comedy series.

#### THE ODDS ARE AGAINST MAN

MAN VS. VEGAS (Fri., 10 p.m., CMT) Series host Daren Leverenz claims to have accumulated a fortune before turning 25. (Just how, we're never told.) He proceeded to lose \$3 million to the Vegas gambling tables, but he has since scratched together another mil and is determined to return to Vegas and win back his dough.

What can we learn from a man who squandered \$3 million playing with cards and chips? It's a little like taking retirement planning advice from somebody who tells you, "I'm here from Enron and I'm here to help."

#### SOME GAMES NEVER DIE

COSTAS NOW (Fri., 9 p.m., HBO) recalls the 50th anniversary of the Brooklyn Dodgers' victory over their cross-town rivals, the Yankees, in the 1955 World Series. While certainly a milestone, this Brooklyn triumph is arguably the most overanalyzed, commemorated and memorialized moment in the history of baseball. **BAD LORD** 

Sex, scandal and shattered taboos loom large in the opulent British television biography of the romantic BYRON (Sat.,



BYRONESQUE: Miller plays the poet, "mad, bad and dangerous to know."

9 p.m., BBC America). Johnny Lee Miller ("Trainspotting") portrays the artist as a mercurial young man given to serial womanizing and a taste for the forbidden. This biography emphasizes his outsized personality traits that fascinated and repelled his acquaintances and readers for more than two centuries.

#### SPOILER: SHE'S HYSTERICAL

A governess (Deborah Kerr) comes to believe that her two charges have been possessed by evil spirits in **THE INNOCENTS** (Fri., 10 p.m., Fox Movie Channel), the 1961 adaptation of Henry James' story "The Turn of the Screw."

#### PAPER OR PLASTIC?

The news special THE ETHICAL EDGE (Sun., 9 p.m., MSNBC) invites a priest, a rabbi and two advice columnists to weigh in on small daily decisions with ethical overtones. Is it right to cut into a line of traffic approaching a busy exit ramp? Should

you "sample" the grapes in your supermarket? Are wedding registration lists a sign of the times, or a sign of greed? Polite and pleasant to watch, "Edge" has an old fashioned feel to it.

#### DUB CLASSIC

Director Woody Allen took a grade-Z Japanese spy movie and dubbed it with absurd dialogue to make the 1966 comedy **WHAT'S UP**, **TIGER LILY?** (Fri., 9:30 p.m., TCM).

#### **DELTA DAWN GROWS UP**

Nashville's former "bad girl" Tanya Tucker gets her own show, TUCKERVILLE (Sat., 10 p.m., TLC). The 26-episode documentary reality series will chronicle the singer's life as a single mother of three as she attempts to maintain a recording career.

#### OH. YEAH - SUSAN 'WORKS'

Susan's agent (Wallace Shawn) disappoints her on **DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES** 



NASHVILE SOUND: Former pre-teen prodigy Tanya Tucker grew into her fame.

(Sun., 9 p.m., ABC).

#### CULT CHOICE

AMC celebrates the 25th anniversary of Friday the 13th (Sun., 8 p.m., AMC), with an enhanced letter-boxed presentation of the slasher movie favorite. кеvім мсромоцен (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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TV Lineup



Chicago slugger Paul Konerko earned MVP honors in the ALCS last week.

→ FALL CLASSIC: The White Sox think they have an advantage over the Astros thanks to big bats like Paul Konerko. We find out if they're right this weekend, with Games 1 and 2 of the World Series on Saturday and Sunday (7:30 p.m. on Fox).

→ GOLD RUSH: After two tough road games, the Redskins play a seemingly easily home game against the 49ers on Sunday (1 p.m. on Fox).

→ KICK OFF: D.C. United's efforts to repeat as MLS champs move into the playoffs with a game against the Chicago Fire Friday (9 p.m. on Comcast).

→ ICE, ICE BABY: There's a hurricane headed for Florida, but the Capitals face the Carolina Hurricanes on Saturday (7 p.m. on Comcast).

→ CAVS BALL: Virginia looks to follow up its upset over Florida State with a win over North Carolina on Saturday (noon on UPN20). Air Force Brunell Moss open un Gibbs' offense

### Brunell, Moss open up Gibbs' offense

**REDSKINS** | Joe Gibbs returned to the NFL with an offensive playbook that appeared to contain just one deep passing play. That route cut off nine yards down the field and was about as exciting as it was successful.

An offseason perusal of the free agent market showed that neither John Riggins nor "The Hogs" were coming back to rescue the anti-Spurrier.

So Gibbs formulated the following plan: Take a seemingly-too-old quarterback and have him dodge pass rushers almost every play while heaving it up to a speedy new wideout the Jets didn't want anymore.

Some thought a lineup like that would chase Gibbs straight back to NASCAR. But few doubt him as the Redskins enter Sunday as heavy favorites against the San Francisco 49ers.

Sure, Washington's dropped its last two contests. No, the Redskins haven't scored more than 21 points in a game yet, and yes, they struggle in the red zone.

Still, this team is stretching defenses a little more each week.

"I think the way we're doing it now, we're shocking people," receiver Santana Moss said.

Moss is the biggest beneficiary of Gibbs' new (OK, late 1990s) offensive philosophy.

Knowing Gibbs' runfirst reputation, the receiv-

#### **3 BURNING QUESTIONS**

→ Does Clinton Need a Map? Portis has 104 carries, but no touchdowns. Washington hasn't scored a rushing touchdown in 158 total rushing attempts this season.

Can They Stay Focused?
 Big division games against New
 York and Philadelphia loom after
 this weekend's tilt against lowly
 San Francisco. Coach Joe Gibbs
 promises they won't look ahead.
 Will the Turnover Drought
 Finally End? 49ers quarterback
 Alex Smith threw four interceptions in the last game. If the
 drought doesn't end here,
 then when does it?



er didn't expect to be such a focal point of the offense. But five games in, he's on track for a career year, hauling in 33 passes for 631 yards and four touchdowns. That includes a pair of scores in Sunday's loss to Kansas City.

"We had four big plays in the game [against Kansas City]," Gibbs said. "That is something we have been putting a lot of emphasis on."

Those big plays came courtesy of the arm of recycled

quarterback Mark Brunell. The 12th-year signal caller looks like a completely different player than last season, and already has more 20-yard completions (12) than he did in the nine games he played last season.

He's hit Moss on screens. He's hit Moss on the fly. He's even finding other receivers like H-back Chris Cooley (23 catches, two TDs) in the

medium-range game. "There's great teamwork going on right now between Mark and the receivers," offensive tackle Jon Jansen said.

Make no mistake: Washington probably isn't going to put up 50 points on San Francisco this weekend. But early returns indicate they've figured out a way to compete on offense. ERIC BRANDNER



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## Sports Weeker

## **Back to the End Zone**

Portis dresses up like '80s movie in an effort to find a way to score

REDSKINS | With wild gray hair and weird black glasses, Clinton Portis looked like Doc Brown from "Back to the Future."

Really.

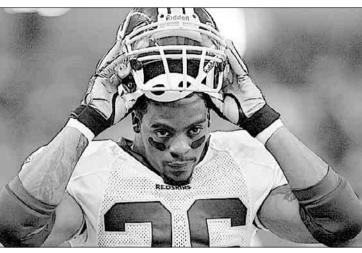
The flamboyant Washington Redskins running back topped himself at his weekly meeting with the press Thursday, wearing a huge wig and rectangular-lensed, sci-fi glasses that hung about three inches in front of his eyes.

"Going through my play book, I'm looking for the plays that can get me in the end zone, so I'm really trying hard," said Portis, who leads the Redskins against the San Francisco 49ers this week.

Did he realized that he looked like Brown, the time-machine creator portrayed by Christopher Lloyd in the three "Back to the Future" movies in the 1980s?

"You know, he figured out everything," Portis said. "Like I told you, I'm trying to figure out a way to get into the end zone."

This was the third time in recent



By day, he dresses like a running back. By night, is Portis the real "Doc Brown?"

#### **REDSKINS NOTES**

→ Sean Taylor's trial on felony assault charge in Miami was postponed from Oct. 24 to Jan. 17.

 → Assistant head coach defense Gregg Williams gave the biggest hint that LaVar Arrington will play on defense this week.
 "He had a good week of practice," Williams said. "I feel real good about him playing."

→ Mark Brunell strained a calf muscle Thursday, but coach Joe Gibbs said Brunell is "expected to play" on Sunday. (AP) weeks that Portis has sported unusual eyewear for his weekly chat with reporters. He wore protective goggles one week, then followed the next week with oversized, retro, mahogany-colored sunglasses because he wanted a "Hollywood" look.

So, is all this an attempt to keep a sense of humor, given he's yet to score a touchdown all season?

"Well," Portis said, "I might as well keep a sense of humor because if I leave it up to you all, you're going to run me into the ground, drive me crazy." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

### DreamTeam

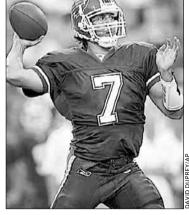
FANTASY FOOTBALL | BY CHRIS MINCHER

#### Top Receivers Second to None

WHEN A TEAM'S No. 1 receiver goes down with injury, usually the managers who have the No. 2 option whoop with joy. And why not? After all, it seems logical that their guy would now have a few weeks to put up No. 1-receiveresque numbers.

Except it doesn't usually work that way.

Wide receivers are not running backs — the idea of being a "product of a system" doesn't really hold, aside from a few rare cases (and by "few," I mean, "one," which is any Mike-Martz-coached Rams team, which is an entity that is now extinct). Usually the No. 2 receiv-



J.P. Losman began so poorly that Kelly Holcomb is now the Bills' starting QB.

ers are the No. 2 receivers for a reason — and the extra coverage they face when being bumped up causes problems. But sometimes you have to play them, so here's a few promising No. 2s and a few busted backups.

#### WAIVER WONDERS

→ TRAVIS TAYLOR, WR, MINNESOTA

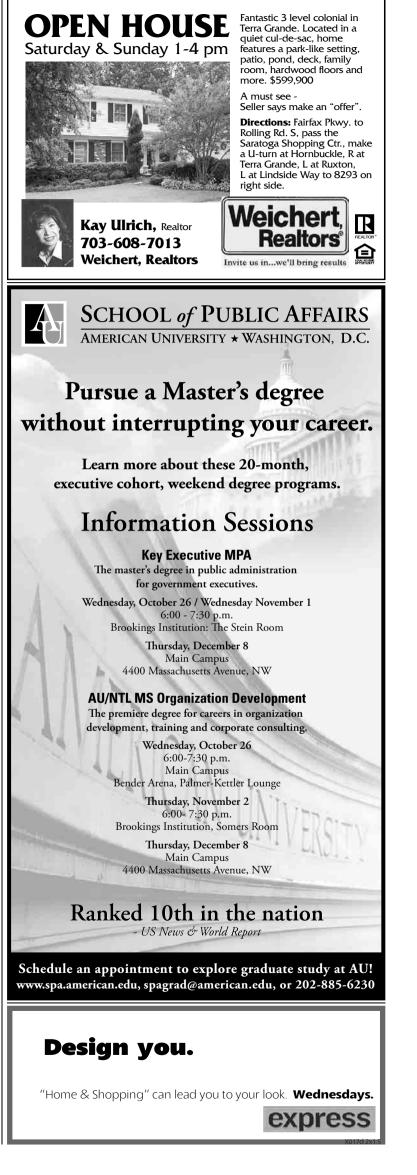
**VIKINGS**. Daunte Culpepper obviously likes Taylor, having looked his way 37 times in just five games.

→ CHRIS SIMMS, QB, TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS. Ignore Simms' blah numbers from last year; things have turned around quickly in Tampa.

#### WAIVER GOODBYE

→ J.P. LOSMAN, QB, BUFFALO BILLS. J.P. would be smart to take copious notes this year while Kelly Holcomb teaches him the art of winning.

→ D.J. HACKETT, WR, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS. You snickered with self-satisfaction when you snagged Hackett aftera 5-catch performance against St. Louis. You smiled with greed last week when you clicked on the box score after Seattle put up 42 points. You sneered when you saw Hackett didn't get his hands on the ball even once.



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## Weekend Sports

## **Northern Lights**

Bengals try to prove they belong atop the AFC North vs. Steelers

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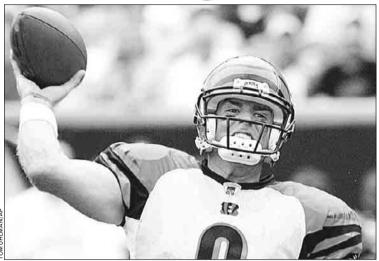
PRO PICKS | The Cincinnati Bengals don't seem surprised they're in position to control the AFC North if they beat Pittsburgh at home Sunday. In other words, their dismal history means little to a team already 1½ games ahead of the reigning division champions.

"A lot of it is just experience," said Carson Palmer, who's had a passer rating of more than 100 for nine straight games, tying Peyton Manning's NFL record.

The Bengals opened as 2½point favorites and it slipped to a point, probably because Ben Roethlisberger will quarterback Pittsburgh after sitting out last week against Jacksonville.

Cincinnati is allowing 4.9 yards a rush, meaning the Steelers can probably move the ball on the ground, especially with Roethlisberger gimpy. **STEELERS**, **20-17**.

→ SAN DIEGO (plus 4) at PHILADELPHIA. The Eagles have had a week off to recover from the pasting in Dallas and to let Donovan McNabb rest. EAGLES, 27-24.



IOO PERCENT: Carson Palmer has a QB rating of at least 100 in nine straight games.

→ DENVER (plus 2) at NEW YORK GIANTS. Eli Manning showed a lot in a loss last week. GIANTS, 30-27.

→ DALLAS (plus 3) at SEATTLE. The Seahawks are 3-0 at home and have outscored their opponents 90-40. SEAHAWKS, 24-19.

→ BALTIMORE (plus 1) at CHICAGO. The Ravens are underachieving, but Kyle Orton against the Ravens' defense? RAVENS, 8-5.

 $\rightarrow$  INDIANAPOLIS (minus 16) at HOUSTON. Only unbeaten team at

the only winless one. COLTS, 31-6.

→ KANSAS CITY (plus 1½) at MIAMI (Friday night). Chiefs originally were favored by 2½. CHIEFS, 27-24.

→ NEW ORLEANS (plus 3) at ST. LOUIS. Saints will probably face backup QB Jamie Martin. SAINTS, 24-23.

→ SAN FRANCISCO (plus 11½) at WASHINGTON. Joe Gibbs says he thinks the 49ers are good. They were — during Gibbs' first stint in Washington. REDSKINS, 31-3. DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)

## **The Tigers Claw Back**

Auburn quietly in the running to repeat as champions of the SEC

COLLEGE PICKS | Remember Auburn?

The defending Southeastern Conference champions, last season's passed-over team in the Bowl Championship Series, started this season with a loss at home to Georgia Tech and there's been little talk about the Tigers since.

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## Sports Weekend



LONG TIME COMING: The White Sox waited from Sunday night until Wednesday for their opponent, but the city of Chicago hasn't host a World Series game since 1959.

## **World in Their Hands**

#### Strong pitching, lack of success are shared traits for Sox, Astros

WORLD SERIES | When Chicago last hosted the World Series back in 1959, there were just 16 teams, no divisions, no wild cards, no designated hitters — and no Houston Astros.

Windy City vs. Bayou City. Deep dish pizza vs. Texas barbecue.

They have one historic theme in common: decades of futility.

And one current trait that got them to where they are: deep starting pitching.

"I only saw the White Sox play three games. I don't know their team very well," Houston manager Phil Garner said after the Astros beat St. Louis 5-1 on Wednesday night to win the NL pennant.

"I'd just as soon not watch them any more, they look pretty good."

Chicago, which hasn't won the title since 1917, won the AL pennant Sunday against the Los Angeles

Angels and is coming off the best postseason performance by starting pitchers in nearly half a century, with Mark Buehrle, Jon Garland, Freddy Garcia and Jose Contreras throwing consecutive complete games against the Los Angeles Angels. Not since the 1956 New York Yankees strung together five straight had a team pitched four in a row in a postseason series.

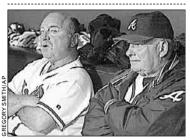
Houston, making its first World Series appearance in its 45-year history, became the first team since the 1914 Boston Braves to win a pennant after falling 15 games under .500 during the regular season. The Astros have seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte, Roy Oswalt and Brandon Backe.

"Yeah, they obviously have a tremendous pitching staff," Houston closer Brad Lidge said of the White Sox. "Just watching their games on TV, it's amazing that their starters have been able to do what they have done and they seem it get stronger at the end of games."

Chicago is likely to use its bullpen more in the Series. And Houston's bullpen is among baseball's best. "Lidge is probably one of the nastiest pitchers in baseball," Buehrle said.

> → Clemens, left, will start Game 1, followed by Andy Pettite and Roy Oswalt in Games 2 and 3.
>  → The Sox will use the same rotation as the ALCS, starting with Contreras, top.

#### In Brief



Mazzone, left, is likely leaving Atlanta.

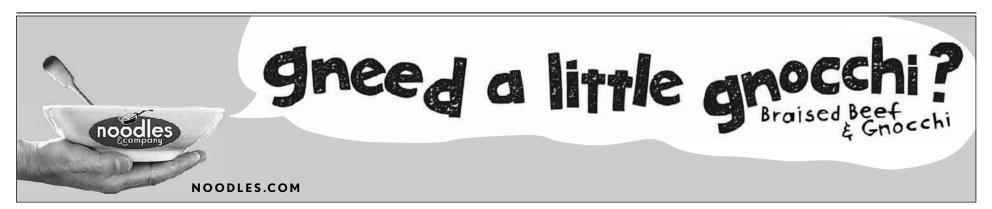
#### ORIOLES

#### Deal Reached With Mazzone, Duquette Joins Front Office

Pitching coach Leo Mazzone and the Baltimore Orioles reached agreement on a three-year contract Wednesday night, hours after the Atlanta Braves coach ended discussions with the New York Yankees. But he had not signed a contract as of Thursday afternoon, the coach told an Atlanta radio station. Also on Thursday, Jim Duquette was named vice president for baseball operations. The former general manager of the New York Mets signed his threeyear contract Wednesday and will assist Executive Vice President Mike Flanagan in the day-to-day operations of the department, including contract negotiations, salary arbitration and player personnel decisions at the major league level. (AP)

#### NFL Chiefs-Dolphins Game Moved Ahead of Hurricane

Hurricane Wilma is already causing problems for sporting events scheduled for this weekend. With Wilma expected to arrive with potentially devastating force in Florida, several major events have been rescheduled. The Miami Dolphins said Thursday that their game originally scheduled Sunday against the Kansas City Chiefs will now be played at 7 p.m. Friday. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said broadcast and television details were being worked out. (AP)



## Weekend Sports

## **D.C.: The Buck Starts Here**

#### Pro bull riding comes to the nation's capital at MCI Center Sunday

BULL RIDING | It's a sport that offers more bang for its buck and it's coming to Washington on Sunday.

The PBR — that's Professional Bull Riders, not Pabst Blue Ribbon tour makes its D.C. debut at the MCI Center as one of the fastest-growing sports in the U.S., with skyrocketing attendance and steadily increasing national television exposure. So it makes sense that the sport would be anxious to try its hand in the nation's capital. "Bull riding is going to have a long future here," said Challenger Tour rider James White.

PBR functions sort of like professional baseball, with a "major league" tour — the Series Tour — and three "minor league" tours



Mike Lee rides Brother Dave during the Ft. Lauderdale Built Ford Tough Series PBR.

below it. What makes PBR different from other rodeo events, said tour spokesperson Denise Abbott, is that it's organized like traditional professional sports, making it easier to follow. "This is not the hick, yeehaw! country rodeo," she said.

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Sunday's event is part of the Challenger Tour, equivalent to AAA in baseball. But many major-league stars will also compete in lower tours to boost their standings for the championships. This event is no different, offering newcomers the chance to see

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Series-Tour-quality talent such as last year's champion, Mike Lee.

"These guys are getting to be big names," White said. "It won't be long before people will be able to say, 'Hey, I saw that guy in per-SON." CHRIS MINCHER (EXPRESS)



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## Joe Cool on High Blood Pressure

HEALTH | Four times in his career, Joe Montana uttered the five words every young quarterback dreams of: "I'm going to Disney World!" Now, the 49-year-old Hall of Famer has a different five-word exclamation he's sharing with the world, "Get your blood pressure checked."

Montana was diagnosed in 2002 with high blood pressure and with the aid of medication and some minor lifestyle changes, he successfully lowered it. It afflicts more than 65 million Americans and is referred to as the silent killer because it has few, if any, symptoms.

The words pressure and Montana always went together but never in this fashion. This was the man who was so cool under pressure that he was able to point out comedian John Candy sitting in the stands in the waning minutes of Super Bowl XXIII.

"I didn't think that I would ever have high blood pressure,"



Montana is tackling high blood pressure.

said Montana, in D.C. this week. "I just thought being an athlete, working out, doing the right things, it wouldn't affect me."

Montana is now teaming with his cardiologist, Dr. James Rippe, to travel the country spreading the word about high blood pressure.

Like many with the condition, Montana lowered his blood pressure with medication, increasing his physical activity and, to his chagrin, eaing less salty foods. "I love salt, especially chips," he said. "But my family has been a big key to this. They'll move the salt shakers to the other side of the table or my son will take the cheeseburger away from me and eat it himself." ERIC B. KAY



#### Adu Has Some Growing Pains

**IT'S TIME TO PUT** those Freddy Adu age jokes to rest because he certainly acted like a spoiled child this week.

Let's quickly run through the obvious points about his public outcry over his lack of playing time.

Does he have a right to want to start? Sure, and there's a pretty good case he should see more field time since Adu's the face of Major League Soccer and the rare U.S. player people pay to see.

Nevertheless, the timing — the same week the playoffs begin couldn't be worse, nor could the venue. You don't complain in the

#### Freddy Adu won't fulfill his potential until he grows up.

media, especially when you're part of a championship team.

Worse yet, Adu's outburst revealed an ego and self-centeredness that comes from years of having yes-men surrounding him.

The 16-year-old apparently lost his mind when he claimed he won't get to be part of one of the strongest and deepest U.S. World Cup teams ever because coach Peter Nowak hasn't played him enough.

He seems to forget that he's hardly the first teen to be labeled a soccer prodigy. Know how often teens get to be part of the World Cup? Let's see ... Pele. The only thing Adu and Pele have in common is a Sierra Mist commercial.

Playing the ninth most minutes on D.C. United this year, Adu has four goals. Two were spectacular, but Desmond Howard made a great preseason catch on the Redskins once, too.

Adu's certainly talented and may be great some day. But he has not yet and won't fulfill his potential until he grows up.

Matt Swenson, a lifelong Washingtonian, is the sports editor of Express.

## Sports Weekend

## **United Fired Up for Playoffs**

#### On heels of Adu's rant, MLS champions start defense against Chicago

UNITED | It turns out that the source of Freddy Adu's frustration may be the very thing that enables D.C. United to rise above this week's ill-timed distraction and focus on defending its MLS title.

D.C. boasts the deepest roster in the league. It is a club laden with veterans, national teamers and former champions. There is talent to spare at every position.

While all of that occasionally may leave a teenaged phenom on the outside looking in, it does put United (16-10-6) in good stead heading into tonight's quarterfinal series opener at Chicago (15-13-4).

"Everyone is talking about being in shape, being in form, about how

#### MLS PLAYOFF PREVIEW Eastern Conference

 → New England (17-7-8) vs.
 NY/NJ Metrostars (12-9-11).
 Taylor Twellman is league's most clutch player. Pick: New England
 → D.C. (16-10-6) vs. Chicago (15-13-4). It's hard to find a matchup that favors Chicago. Pick: D.C.
 Western Conference

- → San Jose (18-4-10) vs. L.A. (13-13-6). Earthquakes haven't lost league game since July 15. Pick: San Jose
- → FC Dallas (13-10-9) vs.
- **Colorado (13-13-6).** Injury-riddled Dallas and surging Rapids heading in opposite directions. Pick: Colorado. B.s.

nice it is to get the championship," Coach Peter Nowak said. "But only one is going to get it. Who's going



Freddy Adu, left, took center stage this week by complaining about his playing time.

to be hungry? Who's going to be focused?"

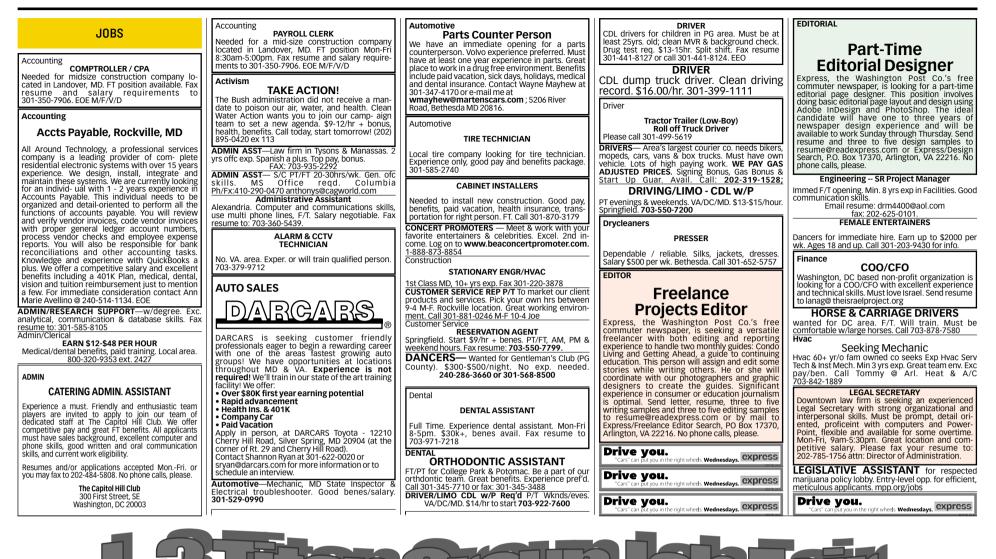
United can hope it has learned its lessons from a season sullied by a few lapses in on-field discipline as it meets the Fire in a home-andhome series. Chicago is the only team ever to have eliminated D.C. from the playoffs, but this year's Fire has won only twice in the past two months and lacks United's playoff seasoning.

Under the direction of league MVP finalist Jaime Moreno (16 goals, 7 assists) and playmaker Christian Gomez (11, 9) D.C. should be able to solve the Eastern Conference's most porous defense. There also is enough depth, grit and talent in midfield and defense to grind out a result if need be.

And even if the team's most famous player is causing some fuss, United has no excuses as MLS Cup approaches. "Now comes the easy part," Nowak said. "You don't have to motivate the players. You don't have to scream and yell from the bench." BRIAN STRAUS



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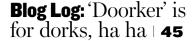
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# Beauty & Its Beasts

### **Relationships**

### Stigma and ridicule are part of the ugly side of plastic surgery

Once a secret pursuit of the rich and famous, plastic surgery not only has hit Main Street, but in the last few years there's been a steady uptick in nip-tucks. Nearly 11.9 million surgical and non-surgical cosmetic procedures were performed in the United States last year, according to the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. This represents a 44 percent increase over 2003, and a whopping 465 percent increase since 1997.

While patients are typically overjoyed by their new appearance, these statistics don't reveal that they're also sometimes saddened by judgmental responses from families and friends. Reports of jealousy, strained relations and even breakups are not uncommon.

Beauty, it seems, can create beasts.

"There is still a stigma, a lingering Calvinist ethic that says 'you don't change what God gave you," said Elisabeth Reed, a 59-yearCHANGE OF FACE: A nip here, a tuck there. Afterward, ridicule sometimes ensues. old writer living in Santa Fe, N.M. Although the majority of her friends were supportive of her face-lift, sev-

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eral were emphatically not. Dr. Patrick J. Byrne, director of the Division of Facial, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in the Johns Hopkins Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, is well aware of this phenomenon.

"When facial changes occur,

then, it's only to be expected there will be psychological adjustments," he said.

In their initial consultations, patients tend to focus exclusively on the physical pain involved in the procedures. It is the doctor who usually raises questions of emotional pain, or how surgery may affect interpersonal relationships.

"I feel sometimes like I am half-psychiatrist, half-surgeon,"



DR. RANDOLPH CAPONE OF THE FACIAL PLASTIC SURGICENTER IN PIKESVILLE, MD.

said Dr. Randolph Capone of the Facial Plastic Surgicenter in Pikesville, Md.

Capone says his first concern is assessing a patient's narcissism to discern if the patient has sufficient ego strength to weather criticism he or she may receive as a result of a cosmetic procedure.

Those getting liposuction, for example, are sometimes accused of taking the easy way out, rather than losing weight through diet and exercise.

But "when you feel better about yourself, you will feel better about everyone around you," said Dr. Robert Weiss of the Maryland Laser, Skin & Vein Institute in Hunt Valley, Md. "But if you start off as a basically unhappy person and you expect surgery to change that, it won't." STEPHEN G. HENDERSON (THE BALTIMORE SUN)



## Going With the Grain

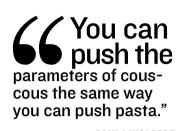
### Food

### There's more to know about couscous than what the box says

Couscous is one of the world's most extraordinary foods, more delicate than any gnocchi, light as a snowdrift.

It's also terribly misunderstood

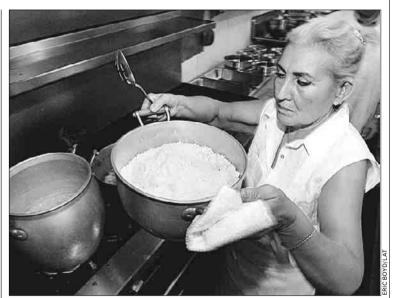
More than just the stuff that comes out of a box, couscous is a whole world of wonderful dishes: sublime stews spooned over the ethereal granules. They can be as luscious as "pappardelle" with rabbit "ragu" or as carefully harmonic as a great pesto. But they also have exotic allure. It might be long-simmered lamb and pumpkin with ginger and saffron, or "loup de



PAILLA WOLFERT AUTHOR, "COUSCOUS AND OTHER GOOD FOOD FROM MOROCCO

mer" with guince, or perhaps veal and chicken with zucchini and almonds. Chickpeas frequently make an appearance, as do raisins, almonds, dates and spices such as cinnamon and coriander.

"You can push the parameters of couscous the same way you can push pasta," said Paula Wolfert, author of "Couscous and Other Good Food From Morocco." "The difference is the couscous grain. Pasta can't compare with it in delicacy."



Although packages instruct you to boil couscous, steaming it can make it better.

Unfortunately, we've come to think of it as a convenience food - a pre-cooked grain that you pour from the box into a bowl and just add hot water. The result is edible,

but it's not the real couscous. The essential thing about real

couscous is that it's steamed, not soaked in hot water, as the recipe on the couscous package dictates.

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Why is couscous steamed? Because of the way it's made, by sprinkling drops of water into a bowl of durum semolina and stirring it until granules form. It's not kneaded at any point, so the granules are not held together by gluten, the way pasta is.

This means couscous can't be boiled without turning into mush, but it's also the reason for its delicacy. The couscous granules have none of the rugged texture that comes from gluten and, when they're steamed, they can swell much more than pasta ever could.

"I can get 16 to 18 cups of cooked couscous out of a pound of dry by steaming," said Wolfert. "But following the box instruction — just leaving the couscous to soak in hot water - I get only six cups."

Moroccans say that understeamed couscous - and this would go double for pour-it-intohot-water couscous - swells up in your stomach.

"Think about, it," Wolfert said. "That grain could have swelled to 16 or 18 cups. It's got room to grow, so it's going to grow somewhere. It's going to grow in your stomach." CHARLES PERRY (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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### Styles LOOK

## Arouse Attention

Halloween is about being as adult as possible — in every sense of the word. Childhood costumes are designed to catch candy; adult outfits are about catching eyes, phone numbers, or possibly mono. (EXPRESS)

### THE JUDGE

With current events as they are, the temptation to be a Supreme Court justice for Halloween is strong indeed, especially with Harriet Miers' long history of big Texas hair in the mix. Yet a baggy black robe does not achieve what, for many women, is the goal of Halloween: To be as skanky as humanly possible. Add thigh-high black boots, however, and you're in business. PLEATED-FRONT SHIRT, \$27, OLD NAVY; BOA, \$14, STEIN'S THEATRICAL AND DANCE SUPPLY, 3100 CLARENDON BLVD, ARLINGON; 703-522-2660; GARTER, \$4 FOR TWO, STEIN'S THEATRICAL AND DANCE SUPPLY; ROBE, \$23,000 (INCLUDES M.A.), UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO; FISHNET STOCKINGS, \$3, PARTY MANIA, 8353 LEESBURG PIKE, VIENNA; 703-734-7755; "GAVEL" (AKA RUBBER MALLET), \$5, TARGET; XHILIRATION BELT, \$17, TARGET; THIGH-HIGH VINYL BOOTS, \$46, BUYCOSTUMES COM

### THE PRISONER

Straight male costumes tend toward the jokey ("I'm the Purple Line!"), generic ("I'm a soccer player!") or lamely simplistic ("I'm a D.C. resident. Heh."). Sexy isn't really involved. Sexy requires looking as if no effort went into the costume whatsoever; It begs a concept both masculine and vaguely threatening. We went with an old favorite, the convict. While the black-and-white striped jailbird outfit is as alluring as footie pajamas, thanks to Fox's

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"Prison Break," prisoners now wear tight (but not too tight) waffle-knit crewnecks and tough-yet-sensitive glowers. Just add tattoos.

THERMAL UNDERWEAR CREWNECK, \$12.50, OLD NAVY; MERONA PAJAMA PANTS, \$13, TARGET; COMBAT BOOTS, U.S. AIR FORCE, CIRCA 1977; STENCILS AND BODY PAINT, \$7.50, MICHAEL'S; CIGARETTE, TRADED FOR TWO SNICK-ERS BARS AND A PAPERBACK NOVEL.

### Technology



### **Listen to Arrrrr Kelly**

A costume for an iPod is like the baby panda. You can act all hardhearted and snarky—until you see it, and it's so improbably cute that your vocal cords emit shrieking sounds of their ownaccord.IATTIRE.NET offersseven costumes — pirate, witch, vampire, ghost, mummy, Frankenstein's monster, and a group of six masks—and each is available for the standard iPod, the Mini and the Shuffle. At \$40 each, they are rather steeply priced, but there is no middle ground: You either want an iPod costume, or you don't. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

### Shopping



### 'What Are You Wearing, Dave?'

Are you a fan of pants? Are you a fan of the future? The future of pants has come to Georgetown's new Levi's store (3263 M St. NW; 202-965-1580), which is one of the only stores in the D.C. area to sport the INTELLIFIT system (above, at the Levi's in New York City). Answer a few questions about your jeans preferences, step fully clothed into the kiosk and extend your arms. The machine measures you by bouncing low-power radio waves off your body, then spits out a receiptlike slip listing your jeans size and what styles will look best on you. It takes less than a minute, and saves many times that in the dressing room. **KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)** 

### Voices

### Books

### Hostage in Iraq

MICAH GAREN and MARIE-HELENE CARLETON on Thursday discussed "American Hostage," about his time as a hostage in Iraq | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

### What were your thoughts when you were first taken hostage? Did you feel resistance was impossible?

GAREN: I was really determined to resist and break free through the entire 10 days, but I knew it was very dangerous. I put my chances at 10 to 20 percent of making it out alive if we tried to escape. Still, if I knew for certain they were planning to kill me, that is what I had decided to do.

### Can you please explain how you were treated as a hostage?

GAREN: The treatment was mixed. On a day-to-day level I was treated with respect. They fed us three times a day and never beat me or directly threatened me. However, they did treat my translator severely. They broke his jaw on the first day and made him walk through fields of thorns without shoes, so his feet were bloody. Even though I was treated OK, it was still clear to me that I had no control over my fate and they could come at any

moment and kill me, and that was psychological torture.

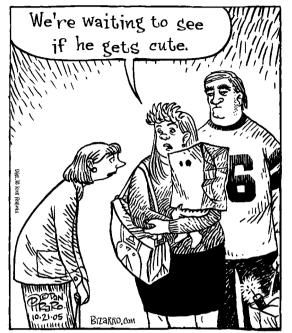
It is advised never to pay ransom as it only encourages more kidnappings. Marie, if you could have obtained Micah's release by paving a ransom, what would you have done?

CARLETON: We are very fortunate that we did not have to make that decision, as Micah's release was brought about by appeals and the work of journalists and others on the ground in Iraq. The position to not negotiate with kidnappers and to not pay a ransom does make sense as a policy, but when a family is faced with the possible murder of a loved one, they of course consider anything. I would not want to judge anyone who has been forced to make a torturous decision where a loved one's life hangs in the balance.

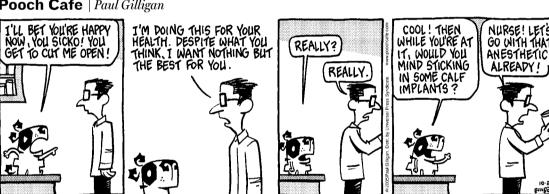
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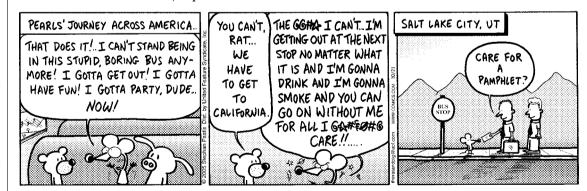
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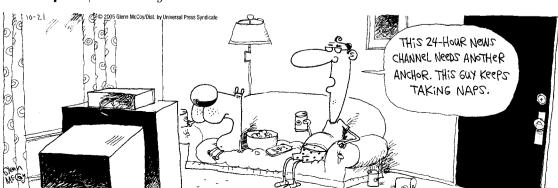
Fortunately, behind every great God is

a great Goddess.

Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis







### Letters

### **Pretty Pricey Word Play**

\$1.73 MILLION PAID to an ad agency to come up with words that are hard to pronounce, fail at humor and are clever only to the minds of the persons who dreamed them up ("Metro Finds Just the Right Word," Oct. 19). Riders have already created their own vernacular. For example, "leaners" (those who lean on the vertical poles that are intended for riders to hold onto) has been in use for years. There, I gave Metro the word "leaners." My fee is only \$10,000. A great bargain considering what they pay now.

-CHRIS WILSON Dunn Loring, Va.

**Beer Is Not the Problem** 

**AFTERBEADING** "A Matter of Priorities"

I almost dropped the paper (Letters, Oct. 20). The reader lost sympathy for a man (Mike Hardy) and his wife living on their porch because he was drinking a beer. It is not the Express who should look closer, but maybe you should look closer at yourself. -PRENTESS BURNEY Landover. Md.

### He Didn't Exactly Splurge

**GIVE MIKE HARDY A BREAK!** I spent Columbus Day weekend in New Orleans helping a friend clean up his house. I can sympathize with the man. He's drinking a Budweiser, for Pete's sake. Give Mike Hardy a Guinness!

-LESLIE BOSCH Washington, D.C.

### **Correction:**

In Thursday's Weekend Pass, we got the title of Kiki & Herb's current show at Woolly Mammoth Theatre wrong. It is "Kiki & Herb: The Resurrection Tour."

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DOOMSDAY COMETH

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### THE **Blog** LOG

### NAME GAME

"I really cannot take Hurricane Wilma seriously. It's like, is it going to get to the Florida Keys by driving in a foot-powered car? Is it coming to yabba-dabba-destroy Florida?'

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### **GLAMOUR SHOT**

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"I don't know about this mugshot. I figured he would have 1) had to hold up one of those boards with the state inmate numbers on it, 2) been roughed up a little before the photo was taken, and 3) wiped that s\*\*\*-eating grin off his face."

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### INTOXICATION?

"How many sober-driving fatalities involved drivers with 0.00 alcohol in their systems? I'm betting greater than six. Using the mayor's logic, shouldn't D.C. require drivers to have a drink before getting behind the wheel, then?'

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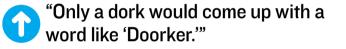
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go to every Starbucks in the District. Someone's already doing that for you. The blog sirensongdc.com chronicles the mildly entertaining quest of two people to eat and drink at each and every branch of the coffee conglomerate in the city. Last entry: 1700 Connecticut Ave. NW

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You don't always like to be a take-charge kind of person, and today you may well want to remove yourself from group projects for this reason. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You have lots of friends, but you may be seeking something that one individual cannot provide. As the search goes on, you're aettina close.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You have only a little way to go today before you have accomplished a major goal, so be sure to tend to all the details as you wrap things up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may have made an error in the past that you are only now beginning to pay for in some small way. Don't get mad all over again. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Yourpatience may be put to the test today as you deal with people who do not seem to be on your wavelength. Try another tactic. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't skip

Horoscope

### By Stella Wilder

but it may be that they simply don't fully understand you vet. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may want to heed the warning of a friend today as

you approach someone who may be a bit sheepish. Take it slow, be patient and don't scoff. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll be working hard today so schedule your-

any of the preliminaries today, particularly if you are engaged in a romantic

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may

have some trouble early in the day getting others to follow your instructions,

courtship of any kind.

self carefully, allowing for periods of rest and thought. CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're likely to

get a rise out of someone today who has been impatient with you only because you seem so calm and collected.

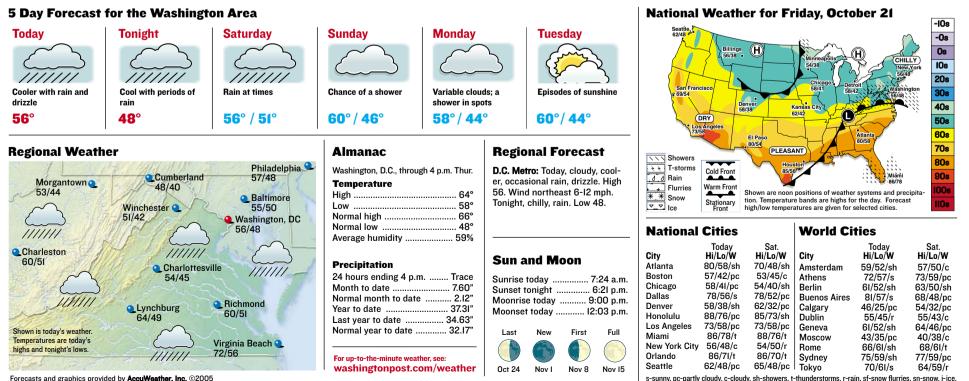
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What starts as a breeze may become complicated toward mid-day, but if you keep your head you'll be able to solve the problem quickly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are more interested in doing things at home today than in getting out with friends or relatives. Take time for yourself if you can.

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### People



Lady Fate so wanted to see him in yoir dire. Curses on Bahrain! Curses!

### PRIMATES **Gorillas' Agent Says Clients Are Pleased With Choice**

SIGOURNEY WEAVER, who played Dian Fossey in 1998's "Gorillas in the Mist," will narrate an Animal Planet special next year about the gorilla population in Rwanda. Fossey, an American who lived among Rwanda's rare mountain gorillas for nearly two decades, was found

WHO ARE YOU?

**Vaguely Familiar** 

**Actor Has New** 

**Baby, Says** 

**Spokesman** 

Former "ER"

star NOAH WYLE

played dad

instead of doc-

tor as he and

his wife wel-

comed their sec-

ond child, a girl. The

baby, weighing almost

7½ pounds, was born in

### COINCIDENCE **Excused on Grounds of** We're Sick of Seeing You

MICHAEL JACKSON received a jury summons at his Neverland Valley Ranch, four months after he was acquitted of child molestation charges. His lawyers have filed paperwork for a deferment based on the fact that he now lives in Bahrain. Santa Barbara, Calif., Jury Commissioner Gary Blair said Jackson likely will be excused: "All he has to do is show he has legal residency somewhere else and he'll be exempted." (AP)

dead in 1985. "Gorillas Revisited With Sigourney Weaver," to debut June 25, travels to the mountains



of central Africa where "cameras join Weaver on a personal and emotional jour-

ney to update the gorillas' tale," Animal Planet said. (AP)

and wife Tracy, People maga-

zine reported. The baby

was named Auden,

after the poet W.H.

Auden. "Mom and

baby are doing

great," Eddie Michaels, a spokesman for the actor, told the magazine. "Everyone is thrilled." (AP)

They could have named her Los Angeles on Saturday to Wyle | Wystan, W.H. Auden's first name.



### COUPLES **Unchaperoned**, Viniffer Goes at It

JENNIFER ANISTON and VINCE VAUGHN were photographed kissing, possibly confirming that their relationship is now romantic. People magazine published the photos, taken last week in Chicago, in its Oct. 31 issue. Reports have swirled for months that the two were an item. Previously, it was impossible to separate fiction from reality, as they were at work filming "The Break Up." This time, the pair were without a film crew while they spent several days together in Chicago. (AP)

### **INTELLECTUALS**

### **Danish Cultural Exports Make America Feel Stupid**

Danish fairy tale writer HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN, whose writings have been translated into 91 languages, is Denmark's most translated author, the Royal Library said Thursday. Second is Karen Blixen, aka Isak Dinesen, the "Out of Africa" author whose books can be read in 28 languages. Third is 19th-century philosopher-theologian Søren Kierkegaard, with 14. (AP)



If you'd had better karma, Tina Fey and Jon Stewart would be your parents.

### GUILT **Other Moms Mutter, 'She'll Regret This Later'**

Maternity leave is over for **TINA FEY** of "Saturday Night Live." She'll be back behind the "Weekend Update" anchor desk for this week's episode, her first show since giving birth to her daughter Alice on Sept. 10. "I had to get back to work," Fey said. "NBC has me under contract; the baby and I have only a verbal agreement." Horatio Sanz filled in for Fey on "Update" during her brief absence. (AP)

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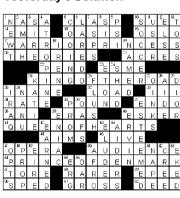
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Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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