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Cheney Aide: Bush OK'd Leak

Libby says president authorized disclosure of intel on Iraq

WASHINGTON | Vice President Dick Chenev's former top aide told prosecutors that President Bush authorized a leak of sensitive intelligence information about Iraq, according to court papers filed by prosecutors in the CIA leak case.

The filing by Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald also describes Cheney's involvement in I. Lewis Libby's communications with the press.

There was no indication in the filing that either Bush or Cheney authorized Libby to disclose Valerie Plame's CIA identity. But it points to Cheney as one of the originators of the idea that Plame could be used to discredit her husband, Bush administration critic Joseph Wilson.

Before his indictment, Libby testified to the grand jury investigating the CIA leak that Cheney told him to pass on prewar intelligence on Iraq and that it was Bush who authorized the disclosure, the court papers say. According to the documents, the authorization led to the July 8, 2003, conversation between Libby and



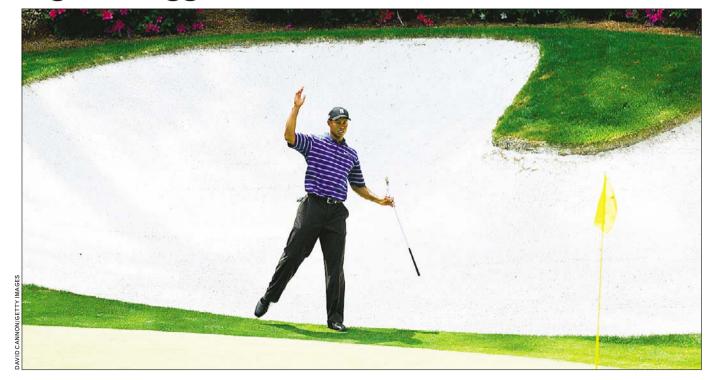
Libby

New York Times reporter Judith Miller. In that meeting, Libby made reference to the fact that Wilson's wife worked for the CIA.

The disclosure means that the president and the vice president put Libby in play as a secret provider of

information to reporters about prewar intelligence on Iraq. At a congressional hearing, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said the president has the "inherent authority to decide who should have classified information." (AP)

Tiger Struggles at Start of Masters



SWING AND A MISS: Tiger Woods reacts to missing an eagle attempt during the first round of the Masters in Augusta, Ga., on Thursday. The defending champion shot even par, putting him five shots back of leader Vijay Singh. Phil 'er up: Mickelson likes his chances to win a second green jacket | Page 31

MODERN ART | Art Imitates Trash As part of a Columbia, S.C., art show, Leslie Rich installed her "Anna Dropped Her Basket" exhibit on Sunday. But by Monday, it had been thrown away by confused event officials, the State reported.



The piece, made of 300 eggshells and a handmade dress, was not correctly labeled as part of the exhibition, so a sponsor of the show tossed it — "the worst thing that's happened in my career," Rich said. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

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TAX BREAKS

New Name: Six Flags Great God Adventure

Florida is considering a bill to equate biblical theme parks with churches in terms of property taxes, the St. Petersburg Times reported. A Senate committee Tuesday passed a measure granting theme parks "used to exhibit, illustrate and interpret biblical manuscripts" exemptions from such taxes, like churches, though theme parks charge for admission and churches do not. "Dinosaur Adventure Land," a Pensacola park promoting creationism and the idea that humans and dinosaurs co-existed, said it wants the bill to apply to it. (EXPRESS)

DIVORCE

Don't Get Behind on Paying Dog Support

Every dog has his day, but a standard poodle named Zena had her day in court in Memphis as the center of a disputed ownership case. Divorcing couple Lisa and John Roberts tried to mediate the issue, but couldn't come to a compromise over who would take theirdog, so Judge Robert Childers had to step in Tuesday. Animals are con-

under Tennessee law, so neither owner could be assigned primary custody over the 5-year-old dog or have visitation rights as in a custody case. After an hour-long hearing, Childers gave split decision, allowing John to take Zena during the

sidered property



CITRUS FRUITS

Jacked Lemon

When life hands you freakishly ginormous lemons, make a call to someone in the media. That's why the whole world can now marvel at the colossal citrus wonders that have grown on the branches in a Psevdas, Cyprus, garden. The lemons, which, the family who grew them said, have been organically grown without any chemical additives, range in diameter from four to eight inches and weigh between three and five pounds. Lemonheads, anyone? (EXPRESS)



Outhouse Builders Once Did Same Thing

Philadelphia officials on Wednesday approved a plan for what will be the

city's tallest skyscraper to use waterless, no-flush urinals — but only after appeasing plumbers. In a deal attesting to the clout of the city's unions,



the developer agreed to a five-year trial of the 116 urinals— but is barred from installing the urinals in any other city buildings during that period. The urinals will be replaced with water-using units if they don't work as billed. (AP)

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In Brief

NEW ORLEANS

City to Investigate Brutality Allegations Against Police

More than 80 police officers have been fired and up to 60 suspended for failing to show up or abandoning their posts after Hurricane Katrina, the police chief said Thursday. Police Superintendent Warren Riley announced the updated tally as he promised to thoroughly investigate and act on any charges of misconduct against his officers. The latest accusation of brutality was lodged by an officer's wife, a black woman, who says three white officers beat her Tuesday after a traffic stop. (AP)

CAMDEN, N.J.

Terror Charges for Teens Accused in Massacre Plot

Four teenagers accused of plotting to kill about 25 people in a lunch-period massacre at a high school were charged Thursday under a terrorism law created after the Sept. 11 attacks. The boys, ages 14 to 16, were arrested Wednesday after police heard about the alleged plot from administrators at the school, where three are students. Their names were not released because of their ages. (AP)

Chain Store Shutout

→ Nantucket joined several other historic tourist towns across the U.S. in approving a measure to ban chain stores from the island's downtown. | Today, A Section



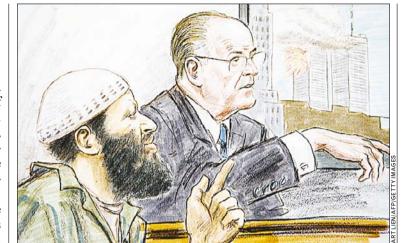
Giuliani Testifies at Moussaoui Trial

Ex-New York mayor describes horrors of Sept. 11 to jurors

ALEXANDRIA, VA | The stories and photos of three young girls, all of whom lost parents in the Sept. 11 attack at the World Trade Center, brought witnesses to tears and visibly affected jurors Thursday at the death penalty trial of al Qaeda conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui.

Opening the second phase of the sentencing trial — in which jurors will decide whether Moussaoui deserves execution or life in prison — prosecutors played videos of the two hijacked jetliners hitting the gleaming towers.

Prosecutors also showed videos of people plunging more than 80 stories to their deaths, punctuat-



RECOUNTED: Zacharias Moussaoui listens to former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani testify while a video of the Sept. 11 attacks plays in court on Thursday.

ing their presentation with family photos of loved ones.

Former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani retold the nowfamiliar tale of his own harrowing experience in debris-choked lower Manhattan on Sept. 11, 2001. But it was not until he spoke of the daughter of one of his closest aides, Beth Petrone Hatton, that Giuliani's voice quaked and broke. Firefighter Terence S. Hatton — who earned 19 medals in 21 years — died without knowing his wife was pregnant.

One female juror looked stricken. The rest hung motionless on Giuliani's every word.

Even Moussaoui, who had affected a look of boredom during the showing of video of falling bodies, watched the ex-mayor intently as he described Terry Hatton, who was born May 15, 2002. Her picture with Giuliani flashed on the screen.

Prosecutors also will play the cockpit recordings from United Flight 93, which crashed into a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11, after passengers fought back against the hijackers. The tape has never been heard publicly, MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN (AP)

Bush on Defense Over Surveillance

CHARLOTTE, N.C. | President Bush, told by a critic he should be ashamed of his policies, defended the government's secret eavesdropping program Thursday and said he would not apologize for listening in on the phone and e-mail conversations of Americans talking to people with suspected al Qaeda links.

A man who identified himself as Harry Taylor rose at a forum here to tell Bush that he's never felt more ashamed of the leadership of his country.

"I feel like despite your rhetoric, that compassion and common sense have been left far behind during your administration," Taylor said, standing in a balcony seat and looking down at Bush on stage. "And I would hope from time to time that you have the humility and grace to be ashamed of yourself."

Bush defended the National Security Administration surveillance program, saying he authorized the program for security.

"You said would I apologize for that?" Bush told him. "The answer is absolutely not." NEDRA PICKLER (AP)

River's Floodwaters Receding in N.D.

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FARGO, N.D. | The Red River crested at Fargo and began receding, but many property owners were still struggling with overflowing tributaries and water-covered roads.

Flooding from the Sheyenne and Maple rivers cut off all road access to the farm where Matt Smith and his parents raise show horses. BNSF Railway came to the rescue, hauling in 20 bags of pine shavings to serve as bedding for 10 horses.

Melting snow and heavy rain pushed the Red River above its banks this spring, leaving farms under



Floodwaters closed Highway 75 in Climax, Minn., for hours on Thursday.

water and causing anxiety along the river that runs north along the Minnesota-North Dakota line. (AP)



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Deal on Immigration Near

Senate measure would put millions on path toward citizenship

WASHINGTON | Senate Republicans and Democrats closed in on a lastminute compromise Thursday on legislation opening the way to legal status and eventual citizenship for many of the 11 million immigrants living in the U.S. illegally.

President Bush praised lawmakers' efforts, noting the details were unfinished, and encouraged them "to work hard and get the bill done."

As outlined, it would provide for enhanced border security, regulate the future flow of immigrants into

the United States and offer legalized status to the millions of men, women and children in the country unlawfully.

"We've had Frist a huge breakthrough" overnight, said Majority

Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the Democratic leader, agreed, but cautioned that the agreement had not yet been sealed. Even so, the presence of both leaders at a celebratory news conference underlined the expectation that the Senate could pass the most sweeping immigration bill in two decades.

While final details were not available, in general, the compromise would require illegal immigrants who have been in the U.S. between two and five years to return to their home country then re-enter as temporary workers. They could then begin a process of seeking citizenship. DAVID ESPO (AP)



FINGER FOOD: A male orangutan born at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo sucks zoo director Dr. Lee Simmons' finger on Thursday in Omaha, Neb. The zoo's staff is raising the baby after its mother showed little interest in doing so.

Human Remains Found at World Trade Center Site

NEW YORK | Construction workers near the World Trade Center discovered 74 more bone fragments on a damaged skyscraper being prepared for demolition, the largest discovery of human remains since cleanup of the building began last fall, officials said.

Most of the bone fragments discovered over the weekend were found mixed with gravel that had been raked to the sides of the roof of the former Deutsche Bank build-

Earlier this year, workers in the building found four additional human body parts, and they found 10 additional bone fragments on the roof last fall. (AP)

NYPD Cops Convicted of Mob Hits

Jury finds two former detectives guilty for roles in mafia killings

NEW YORK | Two highly decorated former detectives were convicted Thursday of moonlighting as hitmen for the mob in one of the most sensational cases of police corruption in New York history.

Louis Eppolito, 57, and Steven Caracappa, 64, could get life in prison for their roles in eight murders committed



between 1986 and 1990 while

Eppolito

they were simultaneously on the payroll of both the NYPD and Luchese crime family underboss

Anthony "Gaspipe" Casso.

Federal prosecutor Daniel Wenner described the case as "the bloodiest, most violent betrayal of the badge this city has ever seen."

Prosecutors said the two men carried out two hits themselves — in one case after pulling a mobster over in a phony traffic stop — and delivered up some of the other victims to the Mafia to be killed.

The two were convicted of charges that included racketeering conspiracy, witness tampering, witness retaliation and obstruction of justice. LARRY MCSHANE (AP)

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ROCK OF AGES: The Rolling Stones arrived in Shanghai on Thursday for their first concert in mainland China. A sellout crowd is expected for Saturday's show in the relatively intimate setting of the 8,000-seat Shanghai Grand Stage in the heart of China's biggest city.

World

MANILA. PHILIPPINES

Arrovo Protesters Buoved By Resignation of Thai PM

Riot police used water cannons and truncheons to break up a rally Thursday by more than 1,500 people demanding President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's ouster. The



Arrovo

demonstrators have increased their calls for Arroyo's resignation after Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra stepped down

this week following protests there. Thaksin has been accused of corruption and abuse of power. His resignation sparked new calls by Philippine opposition politicians and left-wing groups for Arroyo's resignation. (AP)

HARARE, ZIMBABWE

Prices for Food, Other Basics Soar Another 25 Percent

Embattled Zimbabweans faced a further 25 percent increase in prices of food and essential basic household goods during March, the independent Consumer Council said Thursday. The standard basket of household goods for an average family of six to survive in the four-week period rose to 35 million Zimbabwe dollars, or \$352, three times the average income of wage earners. At least 3 million Zimbabweans are receiving emergency food aid, according to U.N. officials. (AP)



BLAST AFTERMATH: Iraqis gather at the scene of a car bomb that killed 10 people on Thursday in the holy Shiite city of Najaf.

Car Bomb Kills 10 in Najaf

Political wrangling continues as Iraqi PM vows to stay in post

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | In a brutal reminder of the stakes if Iraqi leaders cannot reverse the slide toward chaos, a car bomb exploded Thursday in the country's most sacred Shiite city, Najaf, killing 10 people and wounding more than 30.

Iraq's embattled prime minister vowed to pursue his bid for a second term despite pressure from home and abroad to step down, signaling no early end to the standoff blocking a crucial national unity government.

Shiite politicians suggested they may turn to Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the sole figure with the authority to make a decision that risks shattering Shiite unity.

Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari told reporters he would relinquish his mandate only if parliament refuses to approve him or if the seven groups within the Shiite alliance withdraw their nomination.

Shiite officials fear a showdown over al-Jaafari could tear apart the Shiite alliance and risk

a violent reaction from radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who runs the feared Mahdi Army militia and is a key supporter of the prime min-

Police and witnesses said the Najaf blast took place about 330 yards from the Imam Ali mosque, the tomb of the Prophet Muhammad's son-in-law and one of the most sacred shrines for

Such attacks are rare in Najaf, which is tightly controlled by police and Shiite security guards, and are seen as a grave provocation because of the city's stature. (AP)

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Health workers collect a dead swan for testing in Northern Ireland Thursday.

Bird Flu Confirmed In Britain

LONDON | Britain confirmed its first case of the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu in a wild swan on Thursday, setting the stage for concerns the disease could spread across the Atlantic.

The swan was found in the Scottish town of Cellardyke, more than 450 miles north of London, according to Scotland's chief veterinary officer, Charles Milne. Health officials said the case poses no serious risks to public health but the government began restricting poultry movement and implementing a 965-square-mile "wild bird risk area" around the site where the infected swan was found.

At least 109 people have died from bird flu worldwide since a wave of outbreaks in late 2003, the World Health Organization said Thursday. Officials said there was less of a risk in Britain where people have minimal contact with birds compared to Asia. (AP)

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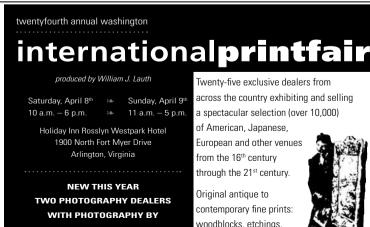


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World



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A Tight Race for President in Peru

Ex-Army officer Humala drops from the lead in latest poll

LIMA, PERU | Ollanta Humala, a retired army officer whose populist rhetoric alarms the Peruvian establishment, dropped nearly 6 percentage points in a poll, falling into a dead heat with a pro-business rival just three days before Sunday's presidential election.

Lourdes Flores, a congresswoman and repeat presidential candidate, had 28 percent support compared to 26 percent for Humala, a political outsider, according to the national survey by independent pollster CPI.

Former President Alan Garcia, running on a center-left ticket, had 25 percent backing.

Previous polls had shown Humala, who expresses admiration for a past leftist dictatorship that expropriated land from wealthy Peruvians, with 31 percent, compared to 26 percent for Flores and 23 for Garcia.



ON THE TRAIL: Peruvian presidential candidate Ollanta Humala, center, is running neck-and-neck with rival Lourdes Flores.

If none of the twenty candidates wins more than 50 percent of the ballot on Sunday, a second round runoff between the two top vote-getters will be held, probably in mid-May.

Humala espouses heavy state intervention in Peru's free-mar-

ket economy and a radical redistribution of wealth to benefit the country's poor majority, although at a campaign rally Wednesday night he said he would not expropriate private property and would respect civil liberties and freedom of expression.

He has pledged, however, to rewrite Peru's constitution to strip power from a discredited political class widely viewed as corrupt.

He is enthusiastically endorsed by populist firebrand President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela. RICK VECCHIO (AP)

French PM Holds Firm On Job Law

In latest protest over statute, students block key railway passage

PARIS | Some 2,000 angry students massed on railroad tracks in Paris Thursday, halting international train traffic in a fresh push to force a new youth labor law off the books.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin refused to say whether the measure would be

repealed.

Villepin spoke more clearly about his own destiny, brushing off growing speculation that he would resign.



Villepin

President Jacques Chirac "gave me a mission, and this mission, I will lead it to the end," Villepin told a news conference. "All the rest is pure speculation and fantasy."

Calling for calm, he said he was listening to the voices of discontent over his reform aimed at denting sky-high joblessness among youth by making it easier for employers to hire and fire younger workers.

Stepping up wildcat disruptions, students set up a blockade Thursday that halted a convoy of parts for the Airbus A380 jumbo jet, the crown jewel of European aviation. (AP)

Saudi Boycott of Danish Goods Ends

BEIRUT, LEBANON | The cheeses and butters of the Danish company Arla were back on the shelves of Saudi supermarkets Thursday after an Islamic group called for an end to the boycott of the dairy producer, sparked by a Danish newspaper's publication of drawings of the

Prophet Muhammad.

Saudi stores began restocking Arla products after the International Committee for the Support of the Final Prophet praised the measures the company had taken to distance itself from the controversial caricatures. (AP)

Boat Sinks Near Djibouti, Killing 69

NAIROBI, KENYA | A boat ferrying passengers to a traditional festival overturned off the coast of Djibouti Thursday, killing at least 69 people, an official said.

More people were feared missing

or dead, said Ismael Tani, an adviser to Djiboutian President Ismail Umar Guelleh, by telephone.

He said it overturned in the harbor after leaving port about noon and "was probably overloaded."

Tani said officials believed more than 200 people were on board the vessel, which he said was headed for a traditional fair. (AP)

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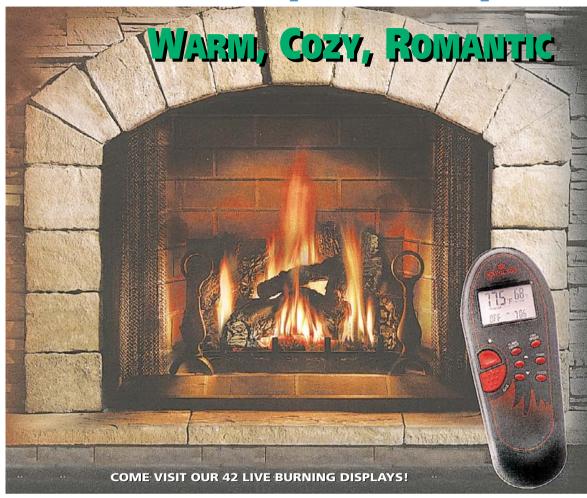
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Local

Congresswoman 'Sorry' for Contact

McKinney apologizes in aftermath of scuffle with Capitol Police

WASHINGTON | With a grand jury investigating and little support from House colleagues, Rep. Cynthia McKinney reversed course and apologized Thursday for an altercation in which she entered a Capitol building unrecognized, refused to stop when asked by a police officer and then hit him.

"I am sorry that this misunderstanding happened at all and I regret its escalation, and I apologize," McKinney, D-Ga., said on the House floor, "There should not have been any physical contact in this incident."

The grand jury investigation into whether to seek assault or other charges was continuing. It was unclear what impact the McKinney apology might have.

Her remarks came as two House officials who witnessed the March 29 scuffle prepared to answer subpoenas from the grand jury convened by U.S. Attorney Kenneth Wainstein. A day earlier, McKinney was shunned on the House floor by several colleagues, while the leaders of her party openly rejected her explanation that she was acting in self defense when she hit the officer.

What McKinney called a "misunderstanding" on Thursday she had labeled "racial profiling" and "inappropriate touching" a day earlier. Laurie Kellman (AP)

Muhammad May Call Malvo as Witness

ROCKVILLE | Sniper John Allen Muhammad has put his accomplice on a list of witnesses for his upcoming defense against six murder charges in Maryland resulting from the October 2002 sniper killings.

The list of potential witnesses includes about 170 names, including Lee Boyd Malvo. Muhammad, who is conducting his own defense, named 354 people the prosecution may call as witnesses. BRIAN WHITE (AP)

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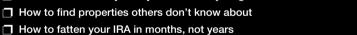
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Money



"Da Vinci Code" author Dan Brown defended his work in a London court.

Judge to Rule on 'Da Vinci'

A victory for plaintiffs would rattle long-held concepts of copyright

LONDON | Like a good thriller, "The Da Vinci Code" trial has had drama, controversy and conflict. And it's ending with a cliffhanger — which way will a judge rule in the copyright infringement case against the publisher of Dan Brown's worldconquering novel?

High Court justice Peter Smith rules Friday in the claim by authors Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh against "Da Vinci Code" publisher Random House Inc.

Smith must decide whether Brown's blockbuster "appropriated the architecture" of Baigent and Leigh's 1982 nonfiction book, "The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail."

Both books explore theories that Jesus married Mary Magdalene, the couple had a child and the bloodline survives.

A victory by Baigent and Leigh would stun the world of copyright law, challenging the concept that copyright protects the expression of an idea rather than the idea itself.

A win by the plaintiffs also could hold up the scheduled May 19 film release of "The Da Vinci Code" movie, starring Tom Hanks. Sony Pictures says it plans to release the film as scheduled.

If Leigh and Baigent lose, they could have to pay costs that legal experts estimate will top \$1.75 million. JILL LAWLESS (AP)

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Money

Ex-Merck Chief Testifies on Vioxx

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. | In his first appearance in a Vioxx trial, the former chief executive of Merck & Co. insisted Thursday that the company was up front about the safety risks of its troubled arthritis drug during his tenure — despite a jury verdict to the contrary.

Raymond Gilmartin, 65, who retired last year after 11 years running Merck, testified during a hearing aimed at determining whether Merck should pay punitive damages in addition to the \$4.5 million it was ordered to pay a former Vioxx user stricken by a heart attack.

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gilmartin rejected plaintiff's attorney Mark Lanier's assertions that the company withheld safety data about the once-popular Vioxx.

The proceeding was an extension of a trial that ended Wednesday with a jury finding that Merck failed to warn doctors and the public about risks linked to the drug. (AP)

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STUCK IN THE MIDDLE WITH YOU: Josh Hartnett, right, gets caught between two crime bosses and a hitman (Bruce Willis).

Magic Number

'Lucky Number Slevin' is a darkly humorous thriiller

FILM | Once you get past the annoying title that strives for cleveness but misfires, "Lucky Number Slevin" proves to be an engaging crime romp, even though it aims so hard at wily misdirection you fear the actors may pull some muscles as they bob and weave.

Director Paul McGuigan manages a brisk tale of bad guys pulling fast ones on each other. The film's

convolutions will keep audiences guessing without taxing their brains too much or stretching credibility.

The movie's biggest flaw is that in the end, it makes things too easy, too pat, for viewers. McGuigan and screenwriter Jason Smilovic spend a breathless 90 minutes playing their gimmicks and setting up their surprises, then linger far too long explaining every little detail so no one leaves the theater with an eyebrow raised quizzically, wondering what this scene or that moment meant.

Buoyed by one of the most personable performances Josh Hartnett has yet delivered and backed by excellent support from Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman, Ben Kingsley, Lucy Liu and Stanley Tucci, "Slevin" generally overcomes its long-winded finale and the filmmakers' insatiable need to show how devious they are.

The film opens with a rash of bloody executions, then meanders through endless shifts in identity and loyalty among crooks as the consequences of those murders play out years later. Misidentified by thugs as a man who owes cash to mobsters, the fast-talking Slevin (Hartnett) is introduced to the Rabbi (Kingsley) and the Boss (Freeman), crime lords who once were fast partners but now carry on a bloody rivalry from their sanctuaries atop highrise buildings across the street from each other.

Caught up in the Boss and Rabbi's game of vengeance and assassination, Slevin is pursued by a scheming police detective (Tucci), stalked by an ace hitman (Willis) and aided by a chipper new romantic acquaintance (Liu).

Who everyone really is, how they fit together and why they do what they do is revealed in sneakily logical manner by Smilovic and director McGuigan, who here makes a worthy successor to his explosive British crime thriller "Gangster No. 1."

"Slevin" may prompt people to pause and wonder if it's a typo, which could be what the filmmakers want. The trouble is that anyone pausing to think about the title probably will conclude what a stinking bad name it is for a movie.

Luckily for Slevin and the audience, the film presents a decent enough dose of action, suspense, twists and darkly humorous dialogue spouted from characters with some real moxie in their makeup.

We're not in Tarantino country with "Lucky Number Slevin." But you can see it from here.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)



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SUNNY NOIR: Joseph Gordon-Levitt plays a gumshoe with homework to do.

'Brick': Solid Modern Noir

A filmmaker's debut relocates hard-boiled mystery to high school

FILM | Rian Johnson's debut feature, "Brick," won the Special Jury Prize for originality of vision at the Sundance Film Festival in 2005, but its description — a noir mystery set in a California high school — didn't grab me at all.

The prize, it turns out, is as apt as the description is limited. Johnson has taken a well-worn,

much-revised genre, adapted to what's become a cliched setting and transcended both in the process. "Brick" is as difficult to categorize as its hard-boiled, made-up lingo is hard to understand — neither of which should deter anyone from seeing it.

Joseph Gordon-Levitt, remarkable in "Mysterious Skin," plays Brendan, a brooding high school loner mourning the loss of his girlfriend, Emily (Emilie de Ravin).

She mysteriously contacts Brendan asking for help. But before he can find her, Emily turns up dead.

"Heathers" comes to mind — but "Brick" forgoes over-the-top satire and deadpan acting for a sly knowingness and genuine, if understated, emotion.

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ADAM & STEVE (Unrated, 99 minutes) Adam (Craig Chester) is a twenty something goth when he falls in love with Steve (Malcolm Gets), a muscular go-go boy. But their first date proves disastrous and both men flee, hoping never to see each other again. Cut to 17 years later, when Adam reencounters Steve - neither one recognizing the other — and they start dating. Whether they find true happiness is not especially riveting, nor, alas, is much of it funny. (DT)

AQUAMARINE (PG. 109 minutes) This mild-mannered comedy tells the story of 13-year-old best friends Claire (Emma Roberts) and Hailey (Joanna "JoJo" Levesque), who discover a mermaid named Aquamarine (Sara Paxton), who has come ashore to find love. She immediately sets her baby blues on a lifeguard named Raymond (Jake McDorman), whom Claire and Hailey have been crushing on all summer. The direction isn't particularly distinguished, but this movie is better than nothing for its woefully underserved tween audience. (AH)

ATL (PG-13, 105 minutes) This movie takes



IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE: The adorable critters of "Ice Age" return for a sequel. This time, the beasties, sensing a bout of dangerous global warming, head toward the site of a potential ark in which to ride out the coming flood. Adventures ensue.

a paint-by-numbers approach to a coming-of-age tale, set against a crunkedup soundtrack. Despite the melodrama and the often ham-handed directing, it somehow works. A weak script is greatly helped by some strong performances.

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Leading the way is Atlanta rapper T.I. as Rashad, a high-school senior from the grimmer side of the New South. And no matter how complicated life gets, salvation can always be found Sunday nights at the neighborhood roller skating rink. (TW)

BASIC INSTINCT 2 (R, 110 minutes) Novelist Catherine Tramell (Sharon Stone) is speeding through London with her date, a British footballer. Before you can say gesundheit, the car is sinking into the Thames, and jock-boy dies. A detective requests a psychotherapist to diagnose her to keep her in the slammer, which is what brings David Morrissey into the picture as Michael Glass. The gist of the movie is watching her insinuate herself into his life. But there's no suspense, and Morrissey is so overmatched by Stone that he hardly registers. (sн)

BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 (PG-13, 99 minutes) Martin Lawrence is FBI agent Malcolm Turner, who slaps on the big lady equipment (again) so he can pose undercover as a nanny to uncover the nefarious doings of the big daddy of the household. To add subplot injury to main-plot insult, Malcolm has to keep his mission secret from the FBI and his pregnant wife (Nia Long). Please tell me you've heard enough. (рт)

THE BOYS OF BARAKA (Unrated, 84 minutes) This rich, satisfying documentary follows four inner-city boys who discover their potential at a boarding school in Kenva. We meet them as they wend their way through tortured schools and trou-Continued on page 18





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bled families. Each has demonstrated potential, though, and they are recruited to attend the Baraka School, founded in 1996 by a Baltimore-based foundation. "Baraka" is a soaring, complex testament to survival, character and hope. (AH)

CRASH (R, 100 minutes) The aftermath of Rodney King and 9/11 seems to sear the nostrils of every Los Angeleno in Paul Haggis' Oscar-winning white-knuckle hatefest among characters of almost every ideological, cultural or religious stripe. Asians, Latinos, whites, blacks, rich and poor, Muslim and Christian all clash in this multi-character story. If "Crash" only showed the dark side of humanity, it would barely be worth the viewing. But the movie is also about the



THE SPELLING MAKES IT OK

Big Girl, Small Dream

"PHAT GIRLZ" STARS MO'NIQUE as the plus-size protagonist who is obsessed with her weight and struggling to find acceptance — well, to find a man. It's a pity that Mo'nique's genuine comedic talents have to be expressed in the form of obsession with her size. Naturally, her character finds self-esteem in beating out the thin chicks for the attentions of a hot suitor. Let's hope it's sweet and funny enough that its sought-after urban teen audience doesn't notice the skinny line between empowerment and mockery. VANESSA JOYCE

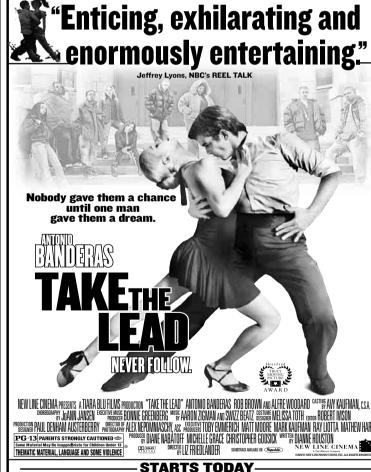
best in people. (pt)

DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY

(R. 103 minutes) This film was shot in September 2004, when Dave Chappelle had just signed a \$50 million deal for his comedy series. There's an innocent joy and a genial detachment, as if he's playing host to his own celebrity. But there's something deeper at work. Even with his cutting racial satire, he seems uniquely positioned to appeal to white and black Americans. (DT)

DUMA (PG, 100 minutes) This is a big kitty movie. It is about a cheetah, found young, that grows up with a boy in South Africa and then must be released back into the wild. It is also big in the sense that it is visually panoramic. The impression of scale it leaves is reinforced by the very smallness of its plot. (PHILIP KENNICOTT) EIGHT BELOW (PG, 120 minutes) Eight canines pull their weight literally and figuratively in this lively adventure. The





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movie, based on true events, starts out with a gripping setup, in which National Science Foundation guide Jerry Shepard (Paul Walker) takes an arrogant scientist on an expedition. When a storm forces the humans to evacuate. Jerry is told he can't go back for the dogs. The movie is an often agonizing depiction of how these animals save themselves, and the sequences of them trying to survive are magnificent and deeply moving (AH)

FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13, 97 minutes) This movie is one of the best American films in months and the best comedy since I don't know when. Matthew McConaughey plays a 35-year-old boy-man who still lives with his parents. They hire Sarah Jessica Parker, a specialist in emptying nests, to get him to fall in love with her and move out. On this simple, sturdy frame, the writers work all kinds of comic riffs. The movie is so swift and sure, you can say: It achieves liftoff. (sн)

FIREWALL (PG-13, 120 minutes) Harrison Ford plays Jack Stanfield, a security systems designer who is held at gunpoint. along with his family, by a criminal mastermind who knows Jack designed the security for a global bank. Jack must save his family and outwit the bad guys. Unfortunately, Ford's brand of actionhero has become obsolete — at least for him. Although the actor looks great for 63, the job calls for vigor and virility. (DT)

THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R, 105 minutes) This remake of the alleged 1977 Wes Craven classic is by French director Alexandre Aja ("High Tension"), who is a great reworker. The basics are: A disputatious, dysfunctional clan is headed to California. You can tell they're doomed to slaughter, in all sorts of ways: burning at the stake, pickax in the head, etc. Aia was clearly working on a big budget for his first American film and was told he could do anything he could think of. Visually, the movie is wildly alive, full of sure touches. (SH)

ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG, 89 min-



TWO-STEP: Robert Carlyle and Marisa Tomei look for their rhythm but find their soulmates in "Marilyn Hotchkiss' Ballroom Dancing and Charm School."

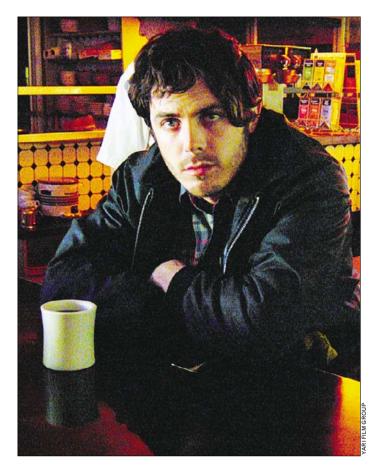
utes) In this sequel, the happy creatures of the 2002 hit — a sloth named Sid (voice of John Leguizamo), a mammoth named Manny (Ray Romano) and a saber-toothed tiger named Diego (Denis Leary) — realize that the snow's getting softer, the days longer, the sun hotter. They begin a migration to find a kind of ark substitute that will let them ride out the ensuing flood. The animation is firstrate, but the story needs to catch up to the magic. (sн)

INSIDE MAN (R, 129 minutes) A deft, tense, pure thriller, this movie has great star turns and is brilliantly directed by Spike Lee. One morning, a Wall Street bank is taken over by heavily armed robbers. Cops quickly gather, headed by Detective Keith Frazier (Denzel Washington). But just when you think the movie's going to settle down to "Dog Day Afternoon II." it mutates weirdly (the first of several times) with the arrival of Jodie Foster, whose job is to make certain no one discovers what's in a certain safe deposit box. The movie is full of attractive people, smart dialogue, surprises and final satisfaction. (sн)

JOYEUX NOEL (PG-13, 116 minutes) This film tells the true story of a spontaneous truce during the first winter of World War I, when German, French and Scottish troops laid down their arms and spent Christmas singing carols, exchanging tobacco and whiskey and otherwise briefly subverting the forces of war. The first two-thirds of the movie are strangely inert, as the characters and historical context are established, but it ends with a moving and sophisticated meditation on the definition of moral duty. (AH)

LARRY THE CABLE GUY: HEALTH INSPECTOR (PG-13,89 minutes) This film features but one joke and it's only funny the first time, although they tell it 88 more times. Larry, who is to blue-collar as John Wayne is to westerns, appears in some tony setting where his low-rent, get-rdone crudity and his amply displayed gluteus maximus groove shocks a batch of swanky, indignant twerps, until his natural cunning and goodness bites them on the, er, assumption. Larry (Dan Whitney, by birth) has had a great ride as a standup comedian on cable and albums, but as an actor he's still trying to master the "don't bump into the furniture" skill of screen performance. (sн)

MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13, 107 minutes) This Tyler Perry movie is a cultural phenomenon, and understanding that is key to understanding the world of Madea (Perry in a dress, wig and bigbreasted fat suit), a tenderhearted black woman who talks straight as she tries to guide lost and broken souls. Some can point to other films of higher artistic qual-



A LOSER, BABY

High and Lonesome

WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE a loser, loser-land isn't consoling. Such is the conclusion reached by Jim (Casey Affleck) in Steve Buscemi's lowkey comedy "Lonesome Jim." Having bottomed out as a dog walker in N.Y.C., Jim returns to rural Indiana to wallow in despair and absorb inertia from his directionless brother, doormat mom and disinterested dad. The affectless Affleck limns a convincingly bleak portrayal the blues, but screenwriter James C. Strouse mines a surprising amount of dark humor from Jim's miasma as he is sucked into the lifestyle that once prompted his exodus. A modest film, but it earns its keep. Jan Stuart (Newsday)

ity that deal with resurrecting broken and battered souls of African Americans. Yet Perry has figured out how to deliver his message in a way that has mass appeal. (MARCIA DAVIS)

MARILYN HOTCHKISS' BALLROOM DANCING & CHARM SCHOOL (PG-13, 103 minutes) This movie has a clunky title but an elegant concept: that the fantasy of the fresh start is attainable for all of us. Yes, this is another one of those movies about finding your own soul, and perhaps a soul mate, on the dance floor. But this movie demonstrates that the same old construct can be made thrillingly fresh with the right components. (SARAH KAUFMAN)

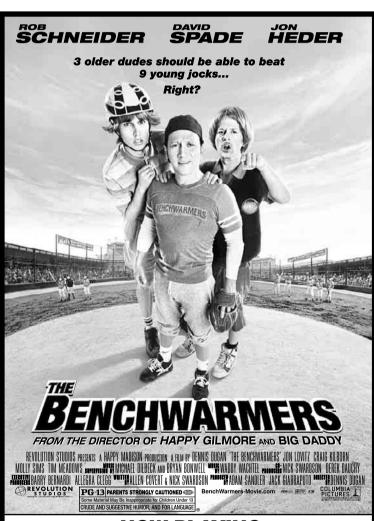
MUNICH (R, 140 minutes) Steven Spielberg's film focuses on a small Israeli killing team tasked with hunting and destroying the Palestinian Black September planners of the Munich Oympics massacre of 1972 across Europe and the Middle East. Give the movie credit for its rigor in facing the depressing problem of vengeance. But the film uses memories of the Munich Olympics massacre. Those events should be more than just fodder for ginning up tension at the end of a commercial movie, (SH)

NIGHT WATCH (R, 116 minutes) This Russian film is a swiftly moving plunge into a world populated by vampires, seers, shape-shifters and spellbinders. It is an adaptation of the science fiction-fantasy novel of the same name and, like all sci-fi fantasies, is full of tiresome exposition and convenient loopholes. But director Timur Bekmambetov handles these narrative bumps with ease, infusing even the goriest of horror-movie cli-

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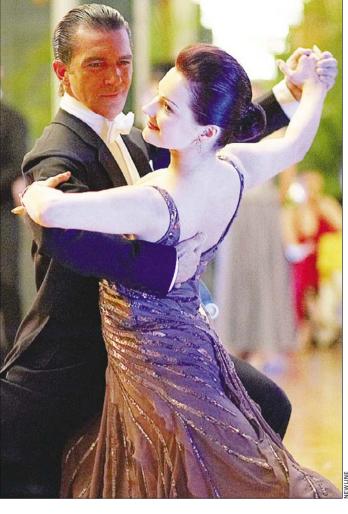
OUR BRAND IS CRISIS (Unrated, 87 minutes) This is an inside story of how American political image-making came to Bolivian presidential politics when that country's ex-prez and 2002 candidate, Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, hired the firm of GCS (Greenberg, Carville, Shrum) to run his campaign. The smart guys from inside the Beltway get 'er done by using focus groups and image consulting. But the movie really racks up suspense as it drives to election day, and what happened after that is equally amazing. (STEDUEN HIINTER)

THE SHAGGY DOG (PG. 99 minutes) This movie is a pointless remake of the 1959 Disney classic. Tim Allen plays Dave Douglas, a Type-A careerist and doghater who, through a series of mishaps too ridiculous and tiresome to describe. is injected with the blood of a 300-yearold dog and turns into the pooch of the title. He discovers that he may not be a bad dog but that he has been a terrible husband and father. The movie is a nasty, unappealing Allen vehicle, whose comedy chiefly derives from stupid stunts.

SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13, 105 minutes) In this teen-oriented tribute to Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," Amanda Bynes plays Viola, a soccer jock who disguises herself as her twin brother to join his school team. Bynes's rubbery expressions are occasionally funny, but there's no way people couldn't see through her disguise. For the teens this is aimed for, this won't matter, But once again, Hollywood makes the mistaken assumption that cribbing Shakespearean plots and dumping the poetry will somehow download the Bard's brilliance. (DT)

16 BLOCKS (PG-13, 105 minutes) This movie follows dispirited cop Jack Mosley (Bruce Willis) as he is assigned to escort crook Eddie Bunker (Mos Def) across Lower Manhattan to testify before a grand jury in two hours' time. What neither realize is that the guy Eddie is about to blow the whistle on is a cop, and if he's indicted, that cop will rat out an elite group of detectives. So the cops improvise a series of assassination attempts along what is basically the Chinese New Year parade route to wipe out Eddie and, if necessary, Jack, This feeble thriller is full of nonsense and implausibilities. (SH)

SLITHER (R,96 minutes) This is your basic gross-out monster comedy movie—with pretensions.Cult classics can't be manu-



Too Many to Tango

"TAKE THE LEAD" works better in its documentary form than as a fictional film. This version was inspired by the work of Pierre Dulaine, whose dance classes in New York City public schools also provided the basis for the charming 2005 documentary "Mad Hot Ballroom." But the moves have moved from elementary school to high school, and the feel-good factor has been cranked up. ("Mad Hot Ballroom" put a smile on your face without trying so hard.) Here, Antonio Banderas serves up tough love to at-risk kids as the old-world Dulaine, teaching them the tango and the fox-trot with the hope that they simultaneously learn discipline and dignity. Banderas is so low-key in his gentlemanly manner, though, he makes a predictable movie tolerable. The feature debut from Liz Friedlander is shot and edited in fluid, vibrant fashion, as you would expect from a music-video veteran. But the speed with which these kids combine traditional ballroom-dance steps with modern hip-hop music is ridiculous. Christy Lemire (AP)

factured; they just are, and no amount of sardonic indie posturing is going to turn a low-budget wannabe decorated with splashy 3D effects into the next "Rocky Horror Picture Show" or "Dawn of the

SOPHIE SCHOLL: THE FINAL DAYS (Unrated, 117 minutes) This movie tells the true story of Scholl and her brother, who secretly printed and distributed fliers denouncing Hitler, the injustice of the state and the penchant for atrocity. The story has been told, but Marc Rothemund's riveting, near-documentary is based on a document that became available only after the fall of the Berlin Wall: the actual transcript of Sophie's interrogation by a secret-police functionary named Robert Mohr. (SH)

SOMETHING NEW (PG-13, 100 minutes) Kenya McQueen (Sanaa Lathan) is an African-American woman who

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goes on a blind date with a white man (Simon Baker). But her girlfriends and family make it clear they're not thrilled about this union, and the closer they get to one another, the more race matters. The fun — and the seriousness — of the movie is in watching a beautiful woman challenge an equal opponent. (DT)

STAY ALIVE (PG-13, 85 minutes) Incoherent, nearly scare-free horror flick about twenty-something video gamers in pre-Katrina New Orleans; their video game "tester" pal dies playing a new "underground" game. At first fascinated, they see that they'll die like the game's characters unless they play their way out. (JANE HORWITZ)

THE SYRIAN BRIDE (Unrated, 98 minutes) Mona (Clara Khoury), a Druze living in the Golan Heights, wants to marry Tallel (Derar Sliman), who lives in Syria. But Syria will allow Mona to enter only if she settles permanently. She makes the painful choice to leave her family forever, but her plans are derailed by bureaucrats on both sides. The movie seems Continued on page 22

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to line up every cultural, sexual and religious fender-bender it can for maximum conflict, but the device is used to reveal touching human complexity. (DT)

SYRIANA (R, 126 minutes) George Clooney plays CIA operative Bob Barnes, an avuncular career agent who used to know where all the bodies were buried —mainly because he did most of the digging. This is a premium-octane thriller about a society that has become insidiously dependent on oil. (DT)

THANK YOU FOR SMOKING (R, 92 minutes) As a lobbyist for the tobacco industry, Nick Naylor (Aaron Eckhart) realizes that disingenuousness is a moral survival strategy: Don't think of cigarettes as a health hazard, Nick says, consider them a symbol of America's right to choose. Watching Nick get away with murder is the fun of this adaptation of Christopher Buckley's 1994 novel. But as a satire on Tobacco Inc.'s ability to market carbon monoxide as the elixir of life, this movie should be packing more nicotine. (DT) TSOTSI (R, 94 minutes) This South African movie, which won Best Foreign Language Film at the Oscars, is a mixture of thrilling documentary-style realism and Hollywood hokum. It follows Tsotsi (Presley Chweneyagae), a thug.



THE LADY IS A TRAMP: Sharon Stone returns as vampy, mind-game-playing murderess Catherine Trammell in "Basic Instinct 2," but viewers intrigued by the psycho-sexual thrills of the original stayed away in droves from this limp sequel.

His life takes an unexpected turn when he steals a BMW with a 3-month-old baby in the back. As Tsotsi, Chweneyagae turns his face into a living battle mask, but as the story unfolds, his mask begins to crack and his humanity begins to flow through. (DT)

V FOR VENDETTA (R, 132 minutes) Hugo Weaving is a revolutionary dedicated to tearing down the state, but he looks like a guy in a comic book. (Wait, he was.) That ruins the audience's ability to connect with his lonely mission, so the film front-loads the regime he despises to make up in hatred what it can't create in empathy. The film is pulp claptrap; it has no insights into totalitarian psychology and always settles for the cheesiest kinds of demagoguery and harangue as its emblems of evil. (SH)

WHY WE FIGHT (PG-13, 98 minutes) Of all the recent incendiary, left-wing, anti-Bush screeds, Eugene Jarecki's is probably the best. Jarecki isn't just a polemicist, he's also a filmmaker. The argument is that America is foolish and knavish in that it depends on a war economy and that the secret purpose of its foreign policy is to find enemies to justify huge military spending. (SH)

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

FRIDAY

It's easy to feel lukewarm about THE SIX POINTS MUSIC FESTIVAL, but there are worse things than checking out local music. The opening bands are your best options tonight. The Hickories, opening for Emmet Swimming at the STATE THEATRE, play jangly folk-pop that features plenty of wonderful female harmonies. It sounds like something on college radio in the '80s. Lucky Day, at the **VELVET LOUNGE**, is another band that plays clean, straightforward pop, but L.D. add a major Britrock influence. You can hear a hint of emo in the Seldon Plan, which is all you want to hear. The quartet plays tuneful, wistful rock that Seth Cohen (of "The OC") would probably dig. They'll be opening for the Brindley Brothers at the MANSION AT STRATHMORE.

The best local show of the evening isn't a Six Points gig, though. The Apparitions, a guitar-pop quintet, call both D.C. and Lexington, Ky., home and play music with power pop and psychedelic tendencies. They're clearly uninterested in writing the same song over and over. Twangy local duo Revival opens at IOTA.

It's another full night of Comedy Fest shows. After headlining Lisner last night, Emo Phillips will drop by the **WAREHOUSE THEATRE** to perform at the 9 p.m. show with the Washington Improv Theatre. At the **COMEDY SPOT**, the Upright Citizens Brigade touring company performs at the 7 p.m. show.

SATURDAY

This one is just too weird: You've got Tom Morello (performing as the Nightwatchman), former guitarist for Rage Against the Machine, one of the most fiercely political, leftist rock groups of the past few decades. Then you've got Boots Riley from underground, leftist (see a theme developing?) rap group the Coup. Where are these two performing? Why, in a strip mall in Vienna, of course! JAMMIN' JAVA hosts Morello, Boots Riley and local roots-rockers the U-Liners for a benefit con-



ON THE ROAD: Ultra-pretty '60s-style rockers Voxtrot jumped at the chance to play Georgetown U. on their way to a pair of sold-out shows in New York City.

cert for Axis of Justice, a nonprofit, grassroots organization formed by Seri Tankian of System of a Down and Morello that has the general goal of fighting for social justice around issues of peace, human rights and economic justice.

Artist Ben Claassen, who pens the "Dirt Farm" comic in the City Paper, and artist Kim Dorn will provide the visuals for GALLERY'S KoolSkool Art Party in Silver Spring, while DJs Rosenberg, Ace and People's Champion spin everything from funk and hiphop to electro.

The critically feted dance/ classic pop/indie-rock group Voxtrot is coming back to D.C. to play Georgetown University's RIVERSIDE LOUNGE. They could well



This photo of Lucky Day suggests that pretty people make pretty music.

sell out the Black Cat within a year, so this is a classic chance to see them first. To make sure you get a ticket, you might want to show up around 7:30 p.m., when doors open.

In another fine alternative to Six Points, a diverse collection of local rockers present a free, all-ages show at **CLUB U-TURN**. At the top of the bill is the D.C. group with arguably the best and most appropriate moniker: Assrockers. The quintet plays drinkin' music: It's not metal, it's not punk, but it's sort of close to both. Synth-pop/metal mayhem-makers Full Minute of Mercury will also be playing, along with avant-rockers Gist and '90s throwback alt-rockers the Alphabetical Order. Doors open at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

British post-punk quintet Art Brut is surely immune from any criticism of taking itself too seriously. The group wears its irony all over its collective sleeve on its debut album, "Bang Bang Rock and Roll." The album hasn't yet been released in the States, but that hasn't stopped it from being hailed as a great debut by bloggers. And you know what? For once, the bloggers are right. The band has a great sense for hooks and soft/loud dynamics on songs such as "Good Weekend" and "Emily Kane." This bodes well for the group's show at the BLACK CAT; ironic or not, if something rocks, it rocks.

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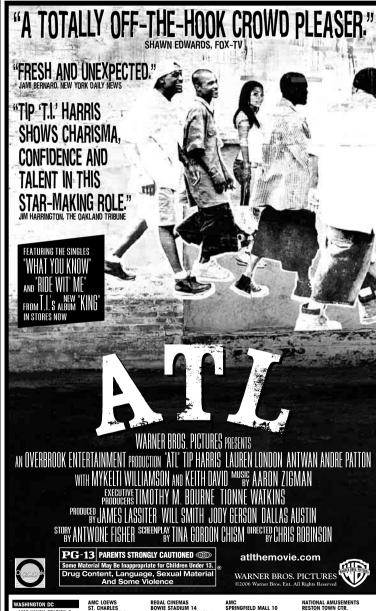
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No Critics Allowed

Studios are skipping review screenings for horror, comedy films

STRATEGIZING | Critics are being shut out of more films as studios forgo advance screenings on flicks they expect reviewers to trash, figuring the movies stand a better chance of box-office success with no reviews rather than bad ones.

So far this year, 11 movies have not screened for critics before opening day, including the Rob Schneider-David Spade sports comedy "The Benchwarmers" and Mo'Nique's fashion comedy "Phat Girlz," both opening Friday.

During the same period last year, iust two movies did not screen in advance for reviewers.

The practice does not sit well with critics, who either must do without or scramble to catch the movie on opening day and dash something off if their outlets want to have a review over opening

But it makes business sense for studios, which may presume the drawbacks outweigh the benefits if critics are likely to hate a movie.

Movies that do not screen ahead of time generally are genre flicks such as horror stories or youth comedies whose audiences pay little heed to critics.

"Like 'Benchwarmers,' if some kid really wants to see that, I don't know that bad reviews are going to stop them from going," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor



IT LOOKS FUNNY ENOUGH: Despite the comedic pedigree behind "The Benchwarmers," Columbia Pictures declined to hold critics' screenings of it.

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Television's "Ebert and Roeper and the Movies," added a jab at Hollywood whenever a studio did not screen a flick for critics. Along with their "thumbs-up, thumbsdown," Roger Ebert and Richard Roeper included a "wagging finger of shame" for films they were not shown.

They have discontinued that. Ebert got tired of it, and Roeper said too many movies were not screening in advance.

Of the films that have not screened for critics this year, three debuted as the weekend's top movies: The vampire sequel "Underworld: Evolution," the fright flick "When a Stranger Calls" and the domestic comic drama "Tyler Perry's Madea's Family Reunion."

Results have been so-so for other movies that did not screen, including the action thriller "Ultraviolet," the animated tale "Doogal" and the comedies "Grandma's Boy" and "Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector." DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

Vieirato Co-Host 'Today'

From 'The View' to morning news, a step into Couric's old spot

THE SWITCH | A day after Katie Couric announced she was leaving for CBS, NBC has chosen Meredith Vieira as Matt Lauer's new partner on the "Today" show.

NBC chose Vieira over several internal candidates, including weekend"Today" anchor Campbell Brown, newswoman Natalie Morales and "Today" newsreader Ann Curry.

"Meredith's vast experience as an award-winning journalist, as well as talk-show host, make her the ideal candidate for this job," said Jeff Zucker, CEO of the NBC Universal Television Group.

Vieira told her audience on "The View" Thursday about her decision. "I'm thrilled, I'm really thrilled," she said. "You would love these people."



Vieira has talking-head range, having reported both serious and fluffy news.

With her background as a former "60 Minutes" correspondent and cohost on "The View," Vieira's experience matches a morning show host's need to do serious news, interview Hollywood celebrities and do cooking segments.

She's expected to join Lauer on "Today" in September. It will be the first anchor change on morning television's top-rated program

"I'm thrilled to welcome her aboard," Lauer said. DAVID BAUDER (AP)

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AMC TYSONS CORNER 16 7850 Tysons Corner Center 703-998-4262

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ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) \(\square\) 11:00, 11:50, 12:40, 1:30, 2:20, 3:15, 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:40, 7:30, 8:20, 9:05, 9:55, 10:40, 11:20 INSIDE MAN (R) 11:30, 12:30, 1:35, 2:30, 3:30, 4:25, 5:35, 6:25, 7:25, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:25

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AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway 410-423-0520

THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) 11:00, 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:35

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AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd. 703-998-4AMC

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Viers Mill Rd. Btwn. Georgia & University 901-949-9202 746

THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) ✓ 4:10, 7:30, 9:30 THE BENCHWARMERS (PG13) @ 2 4:10, 7:30, 9:30 LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN (R) ✓ 5:00, 7:20, 9:45

PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) ✓ 4:15, 7:20, 9:40 TAKE THE LEAD (PG13) ✓ 4:20, 7:00, 10:00 ATL (PG13) ✓ 4:30, 7:30, 9:50 ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN (PG) ✓ 5:15, 7:35, 9:55

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LOEWS FAIRFAX SQUARE 8

8065 Leesburg Pike 703-506-9857 802

PHAT GIRLZ (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30 SLITHER (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10 LARRY THE CABLE GUY: HEALTH INSPECTOR (PG13) 2:30, 4:40, 7:20, 9:20

THE SHAGGY DOG (PG) 1:50, 4:10, 7:00, 9:10 16 BLOCKS (PG13) 2:10, 5:00, 7:35, 9:40 AQUAMARINE (PG) 1:40, 4:05 FIREWALL (PG13) 7:30 9:50 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13) 2:40, 5:30, 8:30 BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

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SHE'S THE MAN (PG-13) 12:35, 3:50, 6:40, 7:25 THE HILLS HAVE EYES (R) FAILURE TO LAUNCH (PG-13) 16 BLOCKS (PG-13) MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION (PG-13 SOMETHING NEW (PG-13)

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Television



TAKE THAT, CRUISE: Comedy Central's foul-mouthed cartoon "South Park" has earned a prestigious Peabody Award on Wednesday. Show creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone took home the prize for skewering all "that is self-important and hypocritical in American life."

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

THE HAIRDOS CAN BE MORE PAINFILL THAN THE HEARTACHE

HAIRDOS AND HEARTACHE: THE WOMEN OF COUNTRY MUSIC (Fri., 8 p.m., A&E). The two-hour special includes a wealth of archival music and interviews with singers from the past five decades. Many of the veteran singers felt that they were second-class citizens in a musical genre with image problems of its own. Drawing on so many participating talents, this should delight at least three generations of country-music fans.

SNIFFLE — IT MUST BE THOSE STUPID ALLERGIES ACTING UP

THE WEST WING (Sun., 8 p.m., NBC) Members of both election teams as well as the White House staff come to terms with bad news about Leo. John



We all know where the next "West Wing" episode is going, but that doesn't make it any easier to watch.

Spencer, who portrayed Leo McGarry, died last December.

EVER ASK YOURSELF WHY NOT? CAN'T GET A DATE (Fri., midnight, VH1) offers practical and often amusing advice for the lovelorn. In the "Date" offered for review, we meet a hygiene-challenged 35year-old guy who lives with his mother and interjects comic-book references into every conversation. He gets new glasses,

clean clothes, a new haircut and a healthy dose of perspective.

CHERYL LADD, REAL ANGEL

Cheryl Ladd stars in the feel-good inspirational melodrama **THOUGH NONE GO WITH ME** (Sat., 9 p.m., Hallmark). Based on a novel by Jerry B. Jenkins, "None" recounts five decades in the life of Elizabeth Leroy Bishop (Ladd), who dedicated her life to her marriage, her community and her Lord.

CHANGE IS GOOD. OR NOT

The History Channel has hired 10 film-makers to create 10 hour-long films in the series IO DAYS THAT UNEXPECTEDLY CHANGED AMERICA (Sun., 9 p.m., History, airing through Friday). The series covers well-known events as well as more overshadowed chapters that helped change our nation's history and shape its character. Tonight's offerings include "Antietam" about a pivotal Civil War battle, and "Massacre at Mystic," recalling a 1637 clash between English settlers and Native Americans.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

Fans of "The Da Vinci Code" should enjoy **THE GOSPEL OF JUDAS** (Sun., 8 p.m., National Geographic), a two-hour special that combines historical speculation, biblical revisionism, forensic science and old-fashioned detective work. It's a half hour too long, but considering the manuscript spent centuries in a dusty



LOST PAPERS: This text offers a new take on Judas' famous betrayal.

cave and even rotted for a while in a safe deposit box in a Hicksville, N.Y., savings bank, perhaps it has earned its two hours in the spotlight.

CULT CHOICE

A stubborn patient (Bill Murray) invades his therapist's (Richard Dreyfuss) home in the 1991 comedy **WHAT ABOUT BOB?** (Sat., 8 p.m., AMC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Starting Over: Freddy Adu is back in his team's good graces as he begins his third season in Major League Soccer | 29

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YOUNG GUN: Ryan Zimmerman, right, is congratulated by Alfonso Soriano after hitting a homer in spring training. Zimmerman may be a candidate for Rookie of the Year.

The Z Spot

Nats see young Ryan Zimmerman as a star to build team around

NATIONALS | What were you doing when you were 21?

Finishing college? Seeking your first job? Playing video games in your parents' basement?

Chances are you weren't playing baseball with the hopes of a franchise resting on your shoulders.

Welcome to Ryan Zimmerman's world, where for the next six months every reflex he has will be judged.

Zimmerman, the fourth overall selection in last year's Major League draft, rocketed through the system like Sumos through a buffet line. His call up last September was so impressive that GM Jim Bowden dealt Vinny Castilla in the offseason to make room for the rookie at third base.

Thus far, Zimmerman's been electric at the plate, but full of short circuits in the field. His .358 average and seven homers during spring training led all Nationals regulars. However, his eight errors in the field was a Grapefruit League worst.

"He's just not making some plays we expect him to make, plays he's made in the past and he will make in the future," Nationals manager Frank Robinson said. "It's just like pitchers go in slumps, hitters go in slumps."

The Nationals expected immediate success in the field for

SAVING PRIVATE RYAN

Why the Nationals already feel that Zimmerman is potentially a franchise player:

- → **He hit .397** last September, months after being drafted as the **No. 4** overall pick.
- → **He's been compared** to Brooks Robinson for his defense, though he struggled this spring.
- → **His first** career MLB homer sent Wednesday's game to extra innings in a Nats' 9-5 victory.

Zimmerman while he adjusted to Major League pitching. But the third baseman's added bulk in the offseason led to nearly as many homers this spring as he had in 87 professional games last season.

"I don't try to hit home runs, so the home run numbers were a bit surprising," he said. "I'm still young and the last thing to develop obviously is power. The older you get ... the more power you develop. The biggest thing for me is just learning which pitches I can handle."

Zimmerman found a pitch he could handle in the ninth inning of Wednesday's game against the Mets, belting his first big-league homer off closer Billy Wagner. The Nats went on to win 9-5 in 10 innings.

How's that for answering expectations? "He's very poised and mature for his age," teammate Matt LeCroy said. "When I first met him and saw how he went about his business, it's like he's been doing this for a long time, and that says a lot. There's a reason why he's up here."

Later: The Nats-Mets game ended after Express' deadline. Results | Today's Post, Sports

TV Lineup

- → SEEING RED: After beating up on the Devil Rays, the Orioles face the Red Sox at home with games on Friday (7 p.m. on CSN) and Sunday (1:30 p.m. on CSN) on TV.
- → DOWN, THEN UP: The Wizards go from facing one of the league's worst teams, the Atlanta Hawks, Friday (7 p.m. on WB50), to hosting the Miami Heat Saturday (7 p.m. on CSN).



Woods

→ MASTERS:

Tiger Woods hopes to repeat as Masters champion when the tournament wraps up Sunday (2:30 p.m. on CBS).

- → ON THIN ICE: The Caps' season is winding down, with games on Friday against the Hurricanes (7 p.m. on NewsChannel 8) and Islanders Saturday (7 p.m. on WB50).
- → KICKS: United eyes its first win of the season when hosting Chivas USA Saturday (4 p.m. on ESPN2).
- → TO HOUSTON: The Nats face the Astros. Pitching probables are: Tony Armas vs. Brandon Backe Friday (8 p.m. on Channel 20), Livan Hernandez vs. Roy Oswalt Saturday (7 p.m. on MASN) and Ryan Drese vs. Andy Pettitte Sunday (2 p.m. on MASN).



Andy Pettitte is scheduled to pitch against the Nationals on Sunday.



RATINGS | **Top-Ranked Terps** The ratings for ESPN's broadcast of the NCAA women's championship game were up 19 percent from last year. Maryland's 78-75 overtime victory over Duke on Tuesday night drew a 3.1 overnight rating, up from last year's 2.6. The tournament was the most viewed on ESPN, averaging 1,322,717 households — up 31 percent from 2005. ESPN's average rating was a 1.5, a 15 percent increase from last year's 1.3 and tied for the highest with 2004. The Men's championship Monday was down 25 percent from last year. (AP)



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Weekend Sports

Wizards Close In On Playoff Berth

Coach Jordan waits for team's 'significant' showing this season

WIZARDS | A banner with the Wizards' motto — "One Team, One Goal" with an NBA Playoffs logo — rippled in the wind against the Verizon Center before Tuesday's thrashing of the New York Knicks.

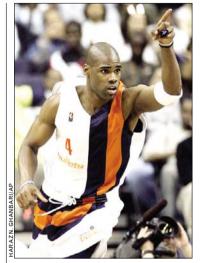
With just eight games left in the regular season and a playoff spot nearly assured, the humongous sign may be poignant more for the word it doesn't feature: championship.

The organization is pushing playoff fever, but viewed as a whole, the Wizards' performance looks little different than last year's squad, bounced in the second round.

Back-to-back wins have helped Washington (39-35) maintain fifth place in the Eastern Conference, the same spot they finished in 2004-05. But on pace to win fewer games, and far from consistent, Washington may still be another year and maybe a few players away from championship contention.

"The pregame speech [Tuesday] was the top four teams have clinched ... but the top four teams did significant things to clinch," coach Eddie Jordan said. "Now it's our turn. We've got to do something significant."

This year's Wizards squad has lacked a signature moment. There were no 11-4 months like January 2005, when the Wizards used a seven-game win streak to solidify



Antawn Jamison and the Wizards pummeled the Knicks on Tuesday.

themselves as a playoff squad.

The two teams the Wizards would most likely face in the first round - New Jersey and Cleveland - are hot, winning 13 in a row and nine of 10, respectively.

If there is one silver lining to the Wizards' playoff equation, its Washington's record against the top four teams in the conference.

Last year, the Wizards were just 3-17 against the East's best. They've improved that to 5-6 this season, including two wins over Cleveland and Detroit. Add in that the Wizards would avoid seeing Miami (who they've lost 15 straight against) until the Eastern Conference Finals if they get the No. 5 seed, and maybe they can stretch their "One Goal" another round this spring. ERIC BRANDNER

Larranaga Passes on Seton Hall Job

MASON HOOPS | George Mason coach Jim Larranaga has declined

a chance to interview for the coaching vacancy at Seton Hall.

Larranaga spoke to Seton Hall officials and informed them he does not wish to



be considered for the job, a Mason spokeswoman said Thursday.

Seton Hall sought and was

granted permission Wednesday to talk to Larranaga, who led the Patriots to a surprise berth in last weekend's Final Four.

Seton Hall then hired Manhattan's Bobby Gonzalez as a replacement for Louis Orr.

Larranaga has been at George Mason for nine seasons and is under contract through 2008-09. although he has had discussions about a contract extension. He is 166-105 with the Patriots, including 27-8 this season. (AP)



Adu Starts Anew With D.C.

After making up with team and coach, star aims for stellar season

UNITED | Freddy Adu was tired, but he had a spring in his step and a smile on his face as he made his way back to his RFK Stadium locker after playing all 90 minutes of D.C. United's tie with New York on Sunday.

It was a far different player than the forlorn, withdrawn 16-year-old who endured a nightmare finish to last season, when his complaints about playing time resulted in a storm of publicity and a playoff suspension.

Wiser and more experienced heading into his third professional season, which continues Saturday afternoon against visiting Chivas USA, Freddy is ready.

"After what I went through leading up to the [playoff] game that we lost, it was very stressful, but after that it was a great time for me to get away from things a little bit," said Adu, who relaxed in Florida before spending time with the US national team.

The offseason also included meetings with team officials, during which last year's differences were discussed and Adu's commitment to growing as a pro with United was reaffirmed. By all accounts,



PLAY ON: Freddy Adu, known for his outbursts about playing time, played the full 90 minutes in D.C.'s tie with New York Sunday.

his relationship with Coach Peter Nowak and his teammates has been strengthened.

Adu's performance last week was far from perfect, but there were positive signs. He assisted on both United goals, the second one coming from a beautiful long cross to Ben Olsen that sent the New York defense into disarray.

He played on the wing and centrally, and worked hard on both sides of the ball. And despite not scoring a goal or making a play that brought the crowd to its feet, Adu was happy.

"I am satisfied because I know I gave it my all out there and when the game was over, I felt tired," he said. "You feel satisfied because you made a difference." BRIAN STRAUS

Throw Bonds Out at Home

BASEBALL SHOULD BAN BARRY BONDS

before he's able to pass Babe Ruth — let alone Hank Aaron — on the career home run list this season.

The slugger's assault on the most prized of records should be baseball's best story this season. Instead, it's the worst.

All the evidence suggests Bonds used steroids to pump up both his body and his stats. The excerpts from "Game of Shadows," the book by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters, are damning. Even Bonds didn't deny the claims in his lawsuit, which challenged the authors for using secret grand jury transcripts.

There's probably been more juice in Bonds than in the Simply Lemonade in my fridge.

There's a chance to correct all those years' worth of mistakes.

The biggest problem, though, is that steroids weren't illegal in baseball until 2002. Legal or not, it's still cheating, whether you're Jason Giambi, Rafael Palmeiro, Barry Bonds or any number of players we don't know about who took advantage while Bud Selig and company turned a blind eye. Now that the commish is investigating the issue, there's a chance to correct all those years' worth of mistakes.

Allowing a product from the steroids era to set all-time marks would taint all of baseball's numbers.

The public is demanding action, as well. While there is no condoning the Padres fan who threw a syringe at Bonds, the action speaks to a larger issue. Fans feel duped by a player who was great even before he started cheating.

There's only one course of action: Strike Barry Bonds out.

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Nats' Rotation Remains a Sore Spot

Notebook: Hernandez, Patterson anchor staff that's full of questions

NATIONALS | Livan Hernandez is the workhorse. John Patterson is the emerging star.

Then what? That's what the Washington Nationals will find out quickly this season. General manager Jim Bowden swung and missed this offseason in his attempts to lure top-tier starters to fill out the Nationals rotation. What's left is a collection of pitchers trying to resurrect their careers or put injuries and inconsistency in the past.

It's off to a rough start. Thirtysix-vear-old No. 3 starter Pedro Astacio was placed on the disabled list on the eve of the season opener with a right flexor strain. So Ramon Ortiz, who went 9-11 with a 5.36 earned run average with the Reds last season, moves up. Behind him is right-hander Tony Armas Jr., returning from his latest rotator cuff surgery. Filling in for Astacio will be Ryan Drese, who will come off the DL to start April 9.

WHO'S TEACHING WHOM? Closer Chad Cordero was excited about the opportunity to play in the World Baseball Classic and talk baseball with some



John Patterson didn't get a decision in his debut vs. the Mets Wednesday night. of the game's greatest pitchers. He was particularly eager to pick the brain of the ageless Roger Clemens. But it didn't quite work out that way. "It was actually funny," Cordero said. "The first time we played Mexico, he was asking me how I got some of the hitters out."

E-NOUGH: Manager Frank Robinson wasn't pleased with the Nationals' 49 errors in spring training. "That's not a fundamental thing they're going through," he said. "Catching the ball? That's what you do when you wake up and put a glove on your hand and say I'm going to play baseball. You catch and throw the ball." DEREK TURNER

Weekend Sports

Clemons Returns To the Redskins

REDSKINS | Restricted free agent Chris Clemons, one of the contenders to take departed linebacker LaVar Arrington's spot in the starting lineup, re-signed Thursday with the Washington Redskins.

Clemons, undrafted out of Georgia, has five sacks in 20 games over three seasons for the Redskins. His playing time increased last year when he often replaced Arrington in passing situations.

Arrington reached an agreement with the Redskins last month that allowed him to become a free agent. Despite an aggressive start



Chris Clemons, front, pursues on a play against the 49ers last season.

to free agency, the team did not sign a replacement at weakside linebacker.

Arrington has yet to sign with another team in the offseason. (AP)

Redskins Go Prime Time

Washington to play in front of a national audience three times

REDSKINS | The Washington Redskins will have back-to-back games in prime time to open the 2006 season.

The NFL schedule released Thursday has the Redskins playing on the first Monday night of the season — the previously announced Sept. 11 game vs. Minnesota — followed by a Sunday night game Sept. 17 at NFC East rival Dallas.

NOTABLE NFL GAMES

- → Sept. 7: Dolphins vs. Steelers
- season opener.
- → Sept. 17: Cowboys vs.

 Redskins the rivalry continues on Sunday night.
- → Sept. 25: Saints vs. Falcons
- first game in New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina.
- → Oct. 8: Cowboys vs. Eagles T.O. plays Philly.

The Redskins are coming off their first playoff season in six years, and they were rewarded with a sched-

ule that includes at least three night games. They close the season Saturday night, Dec. 30, against the New York Giants, which will also be the team's debut on the NFL Network.

Other games could be moved to prime time under the NFL's new flexible scheduling policy, which allows the league to switch marquee matchups to Sunday night late in the season.

The Redskins' toughest stretch appears to be in November. Washington hosts Dallas, then travels to Philly and Tampa before returning home to face Carolina. (AP)



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Weekend

Phil of Confidence

2004 Masters champ has his eyes on second green jacket this year

GOLF | Lefty has gotten hip.

As Phil Mickelson strolled around Augusta National during a practice round Tuesday, his ever-growing hair tumbled out from beneath his baseball cap (he already gave up that geeky visor, a big step forward on golf's fashion meter).

At 35, Mickelson seems to be taking his styling tips from those 20-something guys such as Adam Scott and Sergio Garcia, who tend to go longer between trips to the salon.

Well, actually, Mickelson — who shot a minus-2 in his opening round Thursday — is just listening to his wife.

"Amy likes it," he said, deferring credit for his new 'do. "As long as she likes it, it's all good."

SINGH GRABS EARLY LEAD. TIGER SETTLES FOR PAR

 ${f VIJAY}$ SINGH WAS AT THE TOP of the Masters leaderboard. No surprise there.

What about the next two guys? Rocco Mediate and Arron Oberholser. And where was Tiger Woods? Settling for par.

Showing no regard for the longer, tougher course, Singh put up a bogey-free, 5-under 67 that gave him a one-shot lead over Mediate after the opening round at Augusta National. Oberholser, a Masters rookie, was another shot back. (AP)

The same could be said of Mickelson's game — especially coming off his runaway victory leading to the Masters. He went 28 under at the BellSouth Classic last weekend, lapping the field by 13 strokes on a suburban Atlanta course with pseudo-Augusta conditions.

Tiger Woods, the defending Masters champion, holder of four green jackets and heavy favorite to make it five, took note of Mickelson's first win of the year.

"It certainly gives him a shot of confidence, there's no doubt about that," Woods said. "Any time you get a win before Augusta, you're going to feel pretty good."

Mickelson won the Masters two years ago, removing the burden of being the best player never to have won a major. He added a victory in last year's PGA Championship, further bolstering his claim to being among the top players of this generation not named Tiger.

His confidence bolstered by that performance in the BellSouth, Mickelson should further benefit from Augusta National's super-sized course, stretched out to 7,445 yards in the latest effort to hinder the bulked-up players, juiced-up balls and high-tech equipment that have revolutionized the ancient game.

Mickelson is one of the longest hitters on the PGA Tour, and his accuracy off the tee is likely to benefit from his unusual decision to carry two drivers. He uses one to pull off a fade, the ball drift-

ing left for the left-handed player. The other is used to get more of a left-toright motion with added distance.

Ditching his sand wedge, Mickelson believes the extra driver could help him go for the green in two on a couple of the par 5s — a huge advantage on Augusta's new layout if he can pull it off.

"It's nice having that little extra punch," he said. "I was trying to get it worked out so I only had to use one driver, but as it turned out, I'm going to end up using two." (AP)

Phil Mickelson stayed in the hunt by firing a minus-2 on Thursday in Augusta.



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BARRY BONDS | A GIANT IN SAN FRANCISCO



LEGEND OF THE SPRING: Barry Bonds receives a warm welcome in the Giants' home opener vs. Atlanta on Thursday — just days after a fan in San Diego threw a syringe in his direction to protest his alleged steroid use.

President Honors College Champs

Women's hoops squad among 3 teams from UMd. feted by Bush

WASHINGTON | In congratulating NCAA championship teams on Thursday at the White House, President Bush joked that the U.S. Military Academy's rifle team might be able to teach Vice President Dick Cheney a thing or two.

"If you happen to be walking around and run into the vice president, you might give him a few pointers," Bush said, referring to how Cheney accidentally shot a companion while hunting in Texas.

Bush honored 12 NCAA teams for winning national titles during the 2005 and 2006 seasons.

The Lady Terps received the biggest applause.

Maryland's women's basketball team won its first NCAA title on Tuesday, overcoming a 13-point deficit to force overtime and beat Duke 78-75.

"Less than 48 hours ago, they were cutting down the nets in Boston," Bush said. "Here they are soaking up the sun at the White House. We welcome you here. We marvel at your dramatic overtime win and we thank you for being such



Crystal Langhorne hands Bush a jersey to celebrate the Lady Terps' title.

fantastic athletes."

The women's basketball team was one of three Maryland teams Bush honored.

The women's field hockey team and men's soccer team were NCAA champs in 2005.

"Perhaps one theme of champions day is 'Fear the Turtle," Bush said.

Auburn's women's championship swimming and diving team gave the president a skimpy black bathing suit.

"Awfully thoughtful of you," he said, holding it up for the audience to see. "I'm not going to wear it."

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Religion

A disputed text says the apostle's betraval came on Jesus' orders

For 2,000 years Judas has been reviled for betraying Jesus. Now a newly translated ancient document seeks to tell his side of the story.

The "Gospel of Judas" tells a far different tale from the four gospels in the New Testament. It portrays Judas as a favored disciple who was given special knowledge by Jesus - and who turned him in at Jesus' request.

"You will be cursed by the other generations - and you will come to rule over them," Jesus tells Judas in the document made public Thursday.

The text, one of several ancient documents found in the Egyptian desert in 1970, was preserved and translated by a team of scholars. It was made public in an English translation by the National Geographic Society.

The text, in the Coptic language, was dated to about the year 300 and is a copy of an earlier Greek version.

A "Gospel of Judas" was first mentioned around A.D. 180 by Bishop Irenaeus of Lyon, in what is now France. The bishop denounced the manuscript as heresy because it differed from mainstream Christianity.

The actual text had been thought lost until this discovery.

Said Rev. Donald Senior, president of the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago: "Let a vigorous debate on the significance of this fascinating ancient text begin."

Senior expressed doubt that the new gospel will rival the New Testament, but he allowed that opinions are likely to vary.

Christianity in the ancient world was much more diverse than it is now, with a number of gospels circulating in addition to the four that were finally collected into the New Testament, noted Bart Ehrman. chairman of religious studies at the University of North Carolina.



Eventually, one point of view pre- | LOYALTY OR BETRAYAL? Scientists look over pieces of the Gospel of Judas, which paints a more positive picture of the apostle.

In Defense of Judas

vailed and the others were declared heresy, he said, including the Gnostics who believed that salvation depended on secret knowledge that Jesus imparted, particularly to Judas.

In a key passage of the document, Jesus tells Judas, "You will exceed all of them. For you will sacrifice the man that clothes me."

This indicates that Judas would

help liberate the spiritual self by helping Jesus get rid of his physical flesh, the scholars said.

"Step away from the others and I shall tell you the mysteries of the kingdom," Jesus says to Judas, singling him out for special status.

The text ends with Judas turning Jesus over to the high priests and does not include any mention of the

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National Geographic said the author believed that Judas Iscariot alone understood the true significance of Jesus' teachings. The author of the text is not named in the writings.

Discovered in 1970, the papyrus was kept in a safety deposit box for several years and began to deteriorate before conservators restored it. More than 1,000 pieces had to be reassembled.

In addition to radio carbon dating, the manuscript was also authenticated through ink analysis, multispectral imaging, content and linguistic style and handwriting style, National Geographic reported. RANDOLPH E. SCHMID (AP)

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I lost a large number of personal items (not my home) in Hurricane Katrina and think I may itemize (joint return) rather than take the standard deduction. But the idea of listing every last pot and T-shirt, giving the original price, etc., seems cumbersome. Is there a simpler way?

You're right, it is cumbersome. You'll need to have a decent record of what was lost, but you can try to consolidate as much as possible by grouping items. For example "25 T-shirts" rather than each one. Before you do all the work, you may want to make a ballpark estimate of your total loss after reimbursements and see if the savings are enough to make it worthwhile.

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Letters

Immigration Plan Misguided

AS I WAS READING the article "GOP Offers Immigration Alternative" in Thursday's Express, I felt strongly that Congress is heading in the wrong direction regarding immigration controls. If we force illegal immigrants to pay back taxes and penalties, it will only exacerbate the problem for all Americans. First of all, there are employers who do not withhold pay for immigrants and pay them in cash. They will have to be enforced and penalized

just as well. Next, there is a lack of incentive for illegal immigrants to comply because of the enormous cost of back taxes and language barriers regarding interpreting the new immigration regulations. Many immigrants will hide deeper in fear of having their lives uprooted. Meanwhile, in order to enforce immigration laws, racial profiling will become more rampant. I think amnesty is the key to any new immigration law that will encourage current illegal immigrants to come out of hiding and become documented, tax-paying residents of America.

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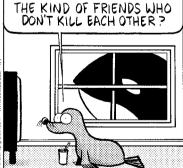


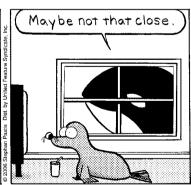




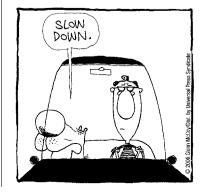
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may have to be unusually thrifty — until you get a little more information regarding your current financial status.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You've been getting further and further away from the basics lately; it is a good day to get in touch with your roots once again.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A little emotional hide-and-seek is likely to result in a major discovery that will have you reassessing a central relationship at this time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An innocent prank may go wrong, leaving you to pick up the pieces. Don't wait too long to apologize, if apologies are required.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Good luck can be yours, but you mustn't let down. Keep up your efforts, and prepare for a time when your luck may actually turn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Speed is more important to you than usual, and you must be careful that you don't let certain basic concerns slip past you unexpectedly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be one of the few people to spot an important but hidden opportunity before it is upon you. You'll have time to plan ahead just a bit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) An important opportunity is about to pass you by, and you don't seem eager to take advantage of it. Could it be that you're afraid?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Share a piece of personal information with a friend, and you will very likely get a piece of important advice in return.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have somewhere to go, and your business is important. Time may not be your friend during the first part of your travels.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may actually be putting yourself in danger, without even knowing it. Keep your distance from anything that is obviously risky.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may be hesitant about something that you simply have to do—and a friend is going to supply you with all the moral support you need.

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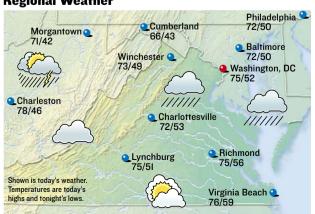


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Sun and Moon

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Moonrise today	2:00 p.m.
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All This Time We Thought Her Name Was 'McEntyre'

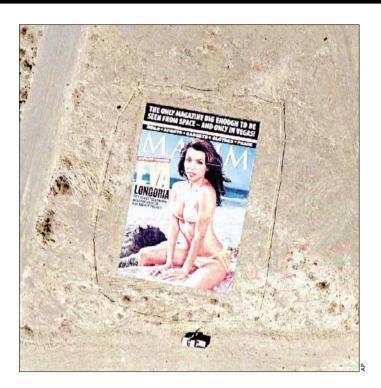
REBA MCENTIRE is back as host of the Academy of Country Music Awards. McEntire will preside over the 41st edition of the show, which will air live May 23 on CBS from the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, the Academy announced Thursday. It will be the eighth time she has hosted. "Her wit, comic timing, and her relationship with the artists bring a dynamic to the awards that I think is unprecedented in our industry," Bob Romeo, Academy executive director, said in a statement. The 51-year-old stars on the WB's "Reba." (AP)



"Hi, my name is spelled unintuitively."



MARIAH CAREY will develop a fragrance line for Elizabeth Arden, E! Online reported, "We are thrilled to begin this partnership with Mariah Carey," said E. Scott Beattie, chairman and CEO of Elizabeth Arden, in a statement. "She is, unquestionably, a star of incredible magnitude. All over the world, people aspire to the values she represents. We look forward to launching an inspiring new global fragrance brand with Mariah that will be a timeless classic." (EXPRESS)



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Great Wall Admits Defeat

Air travelers flying over southern Nevada this week will see a giant, bikini-clad EVA LONGORIA. The gargantuan Maxim magazine cover celebrates the magazine's 100th issue. (AP)



"Also, milk simply costs far too much."

Harry Potter and the Dastardly Supply Chain

J.K. ROWLING says the writing of "Harry Potter" is going fine, but for one obstacle: No paper. "Why is it so difficult to buy paper in the middle of town?" the Edinburgh, Scotland, resident fumed in a diary entry posted on ikrowling.com. (AP)

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The Man Can Belabor a **Metaphor Like No One Else**

"For the last few years there's been



a stigma attached to Death Row," MARION "SUGE" KNIGHT said of his recent bankruptcy filings. "I'm serving Death Row its last meal.

I'm setting a new table." (AP)



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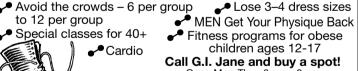
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Today in History

Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

1927 An audience in New York saw an image of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

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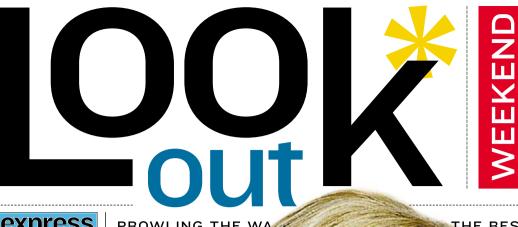


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6 High-Flying Sleeping Beauties

Breath-freshening mint lip balm probably won't help JetBluers on red-eye flights from the West Coast actually fall asleep — more leg room might be more useful. Bliss Spa is packing the balm, along with lemon-sage body butter, an eye mask and ear plugs, into a Shut-Eye Kit that'll be handed out on the airline's overnight flights. For the painfully snooze-deprived, the better perk may come near landing time: Dunkin' Donuts coffee.

Disney Phone Service

Would you trust a purveyor of quality children's entertainment with your mobile communication needs? Sure, why the hell not? "Lilo and Stitch" was great, so cellular reception in isolated areas should be, too. Disney Mobile launches this summer, and it wants to rule, er, rock your family's world.



4 Adorable Weensy Hondas

Honda's brand-new-to-the-U.S. Fit subcompact is a hit in Japan and Europe, where it goes by the interesting, Utah-evoking moniker "Jazz." It's a "premium entry car," which means it's really cheap (the base model's just \$13,850) yet it has side airbags, antilock brakes and other examples of low-end fanciness. The slightly more costly (\$15,170) Fit Sport even has a spoiler! Sort of — it's more like a short roof extension, since this little buddy is 100 percent hatchback. Sleep with one eye open, Toyota Scion xA.



Video Vows

Pedigreed partners no longer have to confine the tales of their love to the pages of Sunday Styles. The new nytimes.com celebrates the marriages of the monied with mini-docs.

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Fashion Showoff

Local boy makes good, looks good

STANDING STILL ISN'T ONE of Jay Bulger's best skills, but somehow the 24-year-old, who grew up in Georgetown and Bethesda, has managed to do it long enough to become the face (and body) of Armani's spring collection. He's more likely to introduce himself as a writer than a model, and he's recently taken up acting and directing music videos. Express' Vicky Hallett pumped him for dirt on the world of male modeling.

What were you like in high school?

I tried to rebel, so I kept getting arrested in Freedom Plaza for skateboarding. And I did baseball until I started boxing at Finley's Boxing Gym in Northeast. Then when I was choosing colleges, I decided I had to go in the Bronx because that's where I could box the roughest, toughest people in the world.

So you went to Fordham to box?

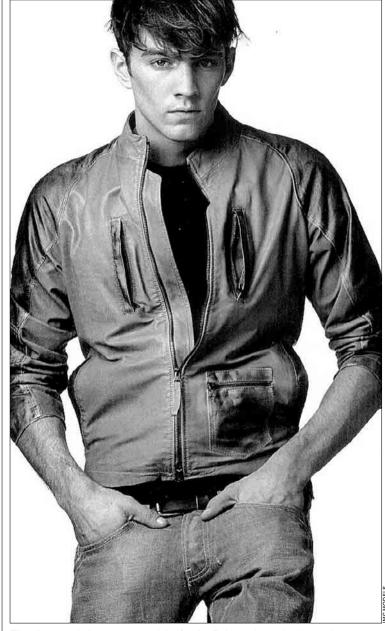
I was studying business while boxing in the New York Golden Gloves — I lost in the finals in 2002. I had a friend who was a photographer who took all of these pictures of me that he gave to a modeling agency. I went to UBS PaineWebber for a month before I decided, alright, I'll just do this modeling thing.

Why weren't you originally into it?

At first they wanted me to do Abercrombie and Fitch. My friend had done that and ended up naked on the beach.

What changed your mind?

I don't take it seriously. Instead of just standing there, I say, "How about I stick my tongue out?" There's this photographer who's made a career out of taking snapshots. I went to his studio and said,



There's no such thing as a typical day for Jay Bulger, who makes his cash posing for the camera, but would rather write, act and direct as he travels the globe.

"You know what would be great? If you took pictures of me with a tarantula on my face." He did and it ended up on the cover of Paris Vogue. Usually it's celebrities, but the picture was shocking enough. So then everyone was like, "Who's the crazy guy with the tarantula on his face?"

That helped?

I did Calvin Klein, D&G, Hermes. I did everything because of the tarantula. In October, I was invited to the first annual Chinese fashion awards. I was supposed to stay for three days, but I told them I was a writer, and they let me stay and interview people. I'd never been there and it was completely shocking. But then people are doing drugs and having sex in the bathroom just like anywhere else.

You mean in the modeling industry?

No, everywhere. It's like Studio 54 Shanghai. They're in this transition out of communism, well not communism. But it's changing. So I've written a book and a movie based on it called "A Birdchest in China." It's fictional, but based on my trip. It's about an insecure guy who finds himself in a foreign place.

I tried to rebel [in high school], so I kept getting arrested in Freedom Plaza for skateboarding."

Any plans to come back to D.C.?

I can't wait to make enough to buy a place in Georgetown. I miss Georgetown. And the Steak 'n Egg [at 4700 Wisconsin Ave.]. I'm the president of the Steak 'n Egg.

You can't do that yet?

You don't make as much as a male model. And I don't work every day. I couldn't do that. You're not going to see me in a print ad wearing a McDonald's hat. Armani makes nice clothes and working for them is such a pleasure.

No watching what you eat?

I eat whatever I want. There are pictures of me with my shirt off, but I gave up on that kind of modeling a couple months ago. I'm too busy to go to the gym. And I love eating dinner at nice places. In Germany I had the best schnitzel, and the beer is so good. I'm going to open a Viennese beer house with an amazing classical pianist, so people can drink a bunch of German beer and listen to Rachmaninoff #2 in C sharp.

Are you dating a model?

No, I've dated a couple models. But they're starving themselves and doing drugs. I'm crazy enough already that I don't need to do those things. My heart would probably explode.

> The Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

It's time for the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington. Can you recommend something appropriate? –EVE

Three of the four seasons of the Washington, they must be endured rather than enjoyed. The winter, it is drab and too often cold. The fall may be pleasant physically, but every other autumn brings with it the spiritual torture of the political campaigns. And summer, ayyyyyy! Summer, it is in Washington the sticky hot death, with the side orders of the mosquitos.

But spring in the District it is the glorious season of light, and renewal, and happiness. It is the season of the cherry blossoms!

And so to celebrate this most wonderful time of the year, you must to the wind throw the inhibitions, and wear



the super fantastically fun shoes, shoes of frivolousness and happiness, shoes that are girlish and colorful, and make you want to dance on the sidewalks.

Thus the Manolo he would recommend to you the 263627 from the Kenzo (\$254, zappos.com), as being suitable for the celebrations of the spring. The Takada Kenzo, he is Japanese, like the Cherry Blossom trees, and these shoes they have the cherry color, and the little flower detail, and they are the wedges, which as the many reader friends of the Manolo know, are indeed the most vernal of all the shoes.

On the Cover

Model Christi Welfley of Fairfax Station is wearing a Forever 21 blouse (\$21.80, see forever 21.com for store locations) and a woven bangle from Delias (\$5, see delias.com for stores). Photo by Michelle Repiso.



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TAKING THE CURE: A new tome by a top design blogger shows how to take your pad from cluttered to chic. Just look what New Yorker Patrick J. Hamilton did to his den.

Healing Your Home

New book says to turn up the lights and ditch the mags

Hey, you with the zillion back issues of the Economist littering the living room! And you, with the sparkthrowing chandelier that hasn't worked since the Clinton administration! Your home is sick, and if it could speak, it might ask you to read "Apartment Therapy: The Eight-Step Home Cure" (Bantam).

The new decorating bookcum-philosophy-tome lays out the less-is-more homemaking theories of Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan, an interior designer and founder of New York City-based apartmenttherapy.com. His blog draws 40,000 design junkies a day, who post photos of their pads, ask questions ("Can I paint linoleum?) and compare hot home products (a sofa/bunk bed.) Express' Jennifer Barger chatted with him about the book, the blog and why fresh flowers and home cooking should be as important to a redesign as reupholstering the sofa.



So what is putting your home through this "cure" about? Is it like couples counseling for you and your condo? A bit, but your

apartment is the silent partner. I tell people how to put their houses in order - ways to edit belongings and create energy with lighting or paint. If your place doesn't look good enough to have people over or it is disorganized, then it's undercutting your life.

So what's the most common apartment ailment, and how do we fix it?

People have too much stuff. It's far easier for us to take things into our homes than to take them out. I tell people to lighten their loads.

If I take the cure, do I have to dump all my catalogs and umpteen copies of Bon Appetit?

That's media overload. You can't digest all those things. I have a basket where I put magazines, and about every two months, I empty it. Or I just rip pages out that interest me.

So what's the strangest question ever on apartmenttherapy.com?

People were talking about memory-foam mattresses, and a woman asked, "If you're having sex on the mattress, can you get stuck?" That's the sort of thing that happens on a blog that you'd never see in a shelter magazine!

So explain your "Atkins for furniture" theory. Inexpensive furniture is ultimately unfulfilling, like carbs, and good, often expensive stuff is akin to a satisfying steak?

Yes — instead of spending on lots of cheap things, why not save up and buy one or two good things?

You live in a tiny [250-square-foot] apartment. What's your numberone tip on living in a small space happily and gracefully?

People should use their homes more. Cook a meal, and your apartment will smell better. Buy flowers every week. People spend time looking for the perfect pillow or picture, but flowers — they're right every time. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

IDEA LIST



Far-out design is way in at designbot.

In the Bloghouse: **Surfing for Style**

Why read Elle Decor or watch HGTV when blogs give up-to-the-second info on new products and hip architecture, plus opinionated feedback from other nesters? A few we like:

APARTMENTTHERAPY.COM: This cultishly popular site posts the scoop on new furniture and bath lines and answers to posters' questions like "Where can I buy a cowhide ottoman?" Fans check in constantly during contests on who has the smallest, coolest pad or the best combo of art and decor.

DESIGNBOT.BLOGSPOT.COM: A blobshaped Swiss apartment. Sheepskinupholstered picnic benches. Gummi bear lamps. No concept is too far out for this Canadian taste-maker.

DESIGNSPONGE.BLOGSPOT.COM:

Grace Bonney muses on hipster doghouses, urban gardens and Goth baby beds. "Minitrends" here seem cutting edge. Trust her, faux wood grain and nautical pillows will soon be all the rage.

TREEHUGGER.COM: Dedicated to stylish but environmentally responsible design, this megablog opines on everything from clocks made of recycled CDs to backyard composting.

TRENDIR.COM: This slick site pimps Donald Trump-priced trends, mainly in kitchens and baths. Think flowershaped urinals and Japanese ceramic soaking tubs. J.B.

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opper stores grown-up treasures

ppreciate the trendy items and tiny price at shops beloved by the midnight-curgent. With our pointers, you can infuse robe with a shot of youth (no Botox yet still resemble the mostly mature t you are. But if you wore a trend the around (ahem, leg-warmers), perhaps abstain. COLLEEN EGAN

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screaming "K Street."

BANGLES add beachy style (\$5 each, t-looking items such as this structured your busy and important image, even if Pod and bubble gum (\$14.80, Forever 21).



DITCH THAT BLAH
BLACK BAG and get
lucky with a hot hobo
in an envy-inducing
shade. The cloverleafcolored bag is topped
with a rainbow-hued
strap that's magically
delicious. (\$29.50,
Delia's)

SEE SOMETHING YOU LIKE? Grab it. Shopping for fads like this goes-witheverything necklace calls for catlike reflexes. Its cool, faux ivory links mean it might be gone by the time you decide you can't live without it. (\$7.80, Forever 21)

PAIR THIS COTTON VICTORIAN top with a form-fitting pencil skirt for that "hot with a high I.Q." look. You're the teacher now, not the student. (\$16.50, Wet Seal)



THIS TUNIC TOP rocks a retro print reminiscent of a 1950s Formica counter. And it covers your butt! (\$21.80, Forever 21). News flash: It's not an urban myth that stylish jeans exist for under \$100. So if you're, like, so over premium denim, try a stretchy dark-rinse pair from Forever 21 (\$39.80).

Indulge your shoe fetish with fresh spring

Indulge your shoe fetish with fresh spring styles like these peep-toe flats with flower cutouts by Restricted. (\$32, alloy.com)

IDEA LIST



What not to do: The gals of Ab Fab utterly failed to channel teen style.

Rock the Ages

So, you're more worried about what to wear to your high-school reunion than the senior prom. Local stylist and wardrobe guru Jennifer Roberti says you can still shop at teenfriendly stores. Here's her advice to keep your look fab, not Ab Fab. c.E.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT: When shopping at stores targeted at a younger audience, "pick pieces sparingly," Roberti said. It's important to choose items that are appropriate for your age and body type (i.e. avoid the tiny denim miniskirts).

DETAIL ORIENTED: Browse teen stores for fun add-ons like bangles or flirty tops. Express yourself with inexpensive accessories while saving your money for higher-end wardrobe staples (good shoes, suits).

SIZE DOESN'T MATTER: Really.

Before you call your trainer in tears from the dressing room, remember that sizes vary at stores that target teens. Their key demographic has barely gone through puberty, much less childbirth.

AFTER-SCHOOL SPECIAL: Avoid pesky mall rats on a mission by shopping at teen clothing stores when the usual suspects are trapped at school — weekday lunch hours, for instance. Just think of it as an extracurricular activity.

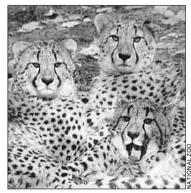
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IN SEARCH OF THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO DO, BUT DON'T KNOW ABOUT YET

... Take Kids

Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony. Each year, the U.S. Navy chaplain blesses boats around the world. Hear the Navy Band play as White House cooks serve navy bean soup and a new exhibit debuts.

U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center, 70I Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Sat., 12-3 p.m., free; 202-737-2300. (Archives-Navy Memorial)



We're so cute, untamed and savage!

Cheetah Cubs Birthday Party. Blah blah blah Butterstick. The National Zoo's other cutie-patooties celebrate their first year. The public's invited for talks, demonstrations and crafts. National Zoo, 300I Connecticut Ave. NW; Sat., IO a.m.-2 p.m., free; 202-633-3040; nationalzoo.si.edu.

Eggnormous Egg Hunt. Bring the little monsters (the ones 8 and younger, anyway) for a day of l'oeuf hunts and games.

Making appearances will be Grandma and Grandpa Bunny. Golf Course Island Pool Complex, II30I Links Dr., Reston; Sat., 3 p.m., free; 703-476-4500.

National Cherry Blossom Festival
Rugby Tournament. "Mommy, why is
that man bleeding?" Enjoy a weekend of
violent sport, all in the name of pink flowers! Two thousand ruggers from all over
North America will compete in the 40th
annual event. JFK Hockey Fields between
the WWII Memorial and the Korean War
Memorial, Sat. and Sun., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.,
free; nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.
(Smithsonian)

Oh Susannah. With charming vocals, acoustic guitar melodies and witty lyrics, Susan McNelis entertains both kids and parents. Everybody can play along on drums and other rhythm instruments. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna; Sun., 2 p.m., \$8; 703-255-1566 ext. 8; jamminjava.com.



Geishas are so trendy. See some at the National Cherry Blossom Parade.

... SEE A PARADE

March Into April

Don't even think about driving through downtown Saturday: Constitution Avenue will be awash in the NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM PARADE'S floats, balloons and marching bands, led by this year's grand marshal, Pat Sajak. (Constitution Avenue between 7th and 17th streets NW; 10 a.m., free, \$15 for reserved bandstand seating; 202-661-7580; nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.) The SAKURA MATSURI JAPANESE STREET FESTIVAL follows until 6 p.m. (Pennsylvania Avenue and 12th Street NW.) And at 1 p.m. in Woodrow Wilson Plaza, "WHEEL OF FORTUNE" producers will be recruiting local talent for the show. On the other side of town, city leaders will join the community for the MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY PARADE. This year's theme is "Marching to the Mountaintop;" the grand marshal is Denise Rolark Barnes, daughter of the late activists Wilhelmina and Calvin Rolark. (Begins at Ballou High School, 3401 4th St. SE; 2 p.m.; 202-724-8045.)

.. Date

The Game of Love and Chance,

In this I8th-century comedy by Marivaux, a betrothed couple, meeting for the first time, switches places with their servants. Folger Theatre, 20I E. Capitol St. SE; through May I4, \$25-\$49; 202-544-7077; folger.edu. (Capitol South)

Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers. Put on your dancing shoes for a night of hop-



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pin' jazz and swing. Barns at Wolf Trap, I635 Trap Road, Vienna; Fri., 8 p.m., \$20; 703-255-I900; wolftrap.org.

The Rug Merchant. Meg Mullins reads from her book about love between a U.S. co-ed and an immigrant. Barnes & Noble, 3040 M St. NW; Sat., I:30 p.m., free; 202-965-9880.

Taste of the Nation. Share Our Strength's I9th annual event brings together more than 50 of the area's top restaurants and wineries to benefit the Capital Area Food Bank, Food and Friends and Family Life Services. Marriott Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Rd. NW; Tue., 7 p.m., \$75, \$200 VIP; 877-268-2783; strength.org. (Woodley Park-Zoo)

... Listen

Eva Ayllon. The Peruvian vocalist tempts



audiences with her poetic style and African and Spanish influences. GWU's Lisner Auditorium, 730 2lst St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m., \$25-\$40;

202-397-7328; lisner.org. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

Steve Howe. The former Yes guitarist and full-fledged rocker swings through Alexandria, then stops in Annapolis on Sunday. Birchmere, 370I Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Fri., 7:30 p.m., \$25; 703-549-7500; birchmere.com.

The Greyboy Allstars. The members of this West Coast collective were heavies in the '90s acid-jazz scene before being absorbed into the jam-band world. They're on the road after a six-year break. 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., IO p.m., \$25; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)



The petrifying visage of Wendy Pepper.

... Shop

A Cure by Design. Wendy Pepper — Middleburg, Va., mom and everyone's favorite Season One "Project Runway" fashion villain — will show her clothing line. The event benefits the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Design Within Reach, 1838 Columbia Rd. NW; Tue., 7 p.m., \$25; 202-265-5640.

Ted Baker Trunk Show. The British men's designer has launched a women's line, available in D.C. exclusively at Proper Topper. Preview the clothes while gnoshing on nibbles from Georgetown's Red Ginger Caribbean Bistro. Proper Topper, 32I3 P St. NW; Fri., noon-7 p.m. and Sat., IO a.m.-I p.m.; 202-333-6200; propertopper.com.

Used Book Sale. You never know what you'll find — a first edition of "A Wrinkle in Time?" Outdated travel guides? A full set of Samuel Butler's "Clarissa"? But it'll be way cheaper than Amazon. The proceeds go to the Stone Ridge School. On Sunday, all volumes are half-price; on Monday, fill a bag for \$10. Stone Ridge, 9101 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; Fri. through Mon., various times, free; 301-657-4322 ext. 372.

... Watch



Wooly's first "Gigli," in 1996, was a hit.

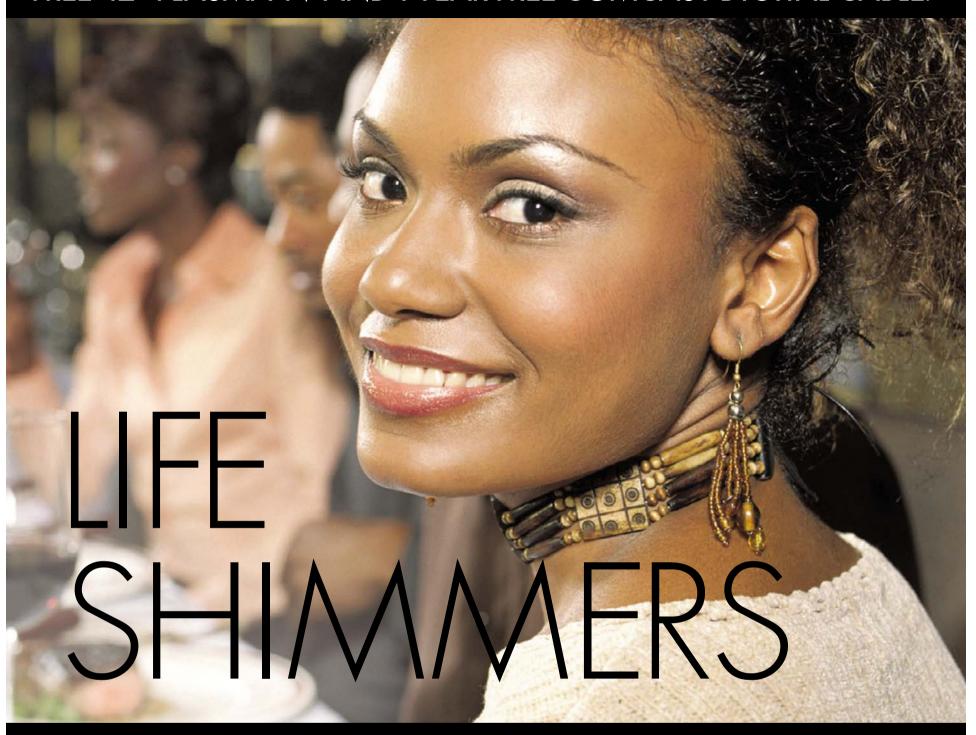
Bal Masque. Tony Award-winner Richard Greenberg unveils his newest drama, set in 1966 as dawn approaches following Truman Capote's Black and White Ball. Theater J, 1529 16th St. NW; through May 2I, \$15-\$40; 202-777-3229; dcjcc.org. (Dupont Circle)

Body Language. The '80s were a time of sequins, big hair and Patti LaBelle tunes. This new musical features such hits as "New Attitude" and "If You Only Knew." Warner Theatre, I299 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Fri.-Sun., \$27.50-\$42.50; 202-397-7328; warnertheatre.com.

The Gigli Concert. One of Wooly Mammoth's most successful shows returns after a decade. The Irish comedy depicts an alcoholic Englishman who's trying to help a millionaire sing like a famous operatic tenor. Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, 64l D St. NW; through May 7, \$20-\$38; 202-393-3939; woollymammoth.net. (Archives-Navy Memorial)

Laramie Project. Teens at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts perform the award-winning play, which examines at the impact of gay college student Matthew Shepard's death on Laramie, Wyo. Duke Ellington Theatre, 3500 R St. NW; Fri. & Sat., \$16; 800-494-8497.

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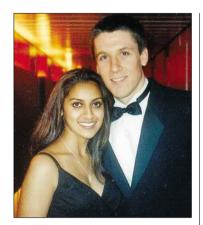
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BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS



Dhanya Kumar, Matthew Williams

Dhanya, 24, is a biologist for the FDA's Laboratory of Retrovirus Research. Matt, 24, is a research assistant at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. They will live in Germantown.

WEDDING: June 3. They'll have both Hindu and Unitarian ceremonies, with the former led by Dhanya's grandfather. They're expecting around 350 guests.

HOW THEY MET: In class at UMBC, when both were freshmen.

HOW HE PROPOSED: At their favorite spot in Great Falls, on a gorgeous June day.

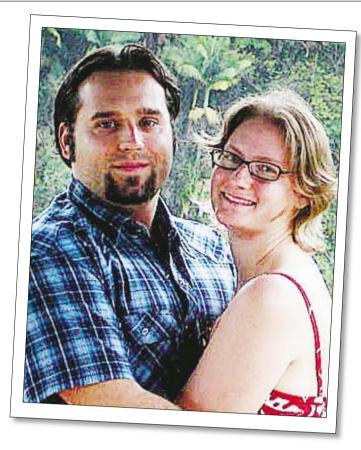
STUPIDEST FIGHT: Matt got mad when she wouldn't give him a ruler fast enough during a lab class.

THEIR SONG: "At Last" by Etta James. "It really captures our relationship and how, after six years of dating, we can now be sure that we will be together forever, at last," said Dhanya.

PROCESSIONAL: Traditional Indian music from Dhanya's home state of Kerala for the first ceremony; traditional Irish music for the second.

WEDDING TRADITIONS: During the Hindu ceremony, Matt will place a necklace called a "thali," which symbolizes their commitment, around Dhanya's neck.





Hottest Proposal Ever

It was love at second sight for **CHRISTINA HOSTETTER** and **ANDREW ZAMON**, who first met when Andrew's cousin brought Christie to his birthday party ... where nothing happened. A year later, they met again when Christie's friend (aka Andrew's cousin) was working at the National Book Festival. They all headed to the International Spy Museum and, as Christie and Andrew crawled through the ductwork exhibit, he thought, "I'm SOOO going to marry this girl."

Eighteen months later, a friend's wedding in Hawaii gave Andrew a dramatic setting for his proposal. The couple had hiked two miles though Volcanoes National Park. When they reached hot lava, Andrew asked Christie to shoot some video of him, then pulled the old "oops, I dropped something — hey, I'm proposing!" trick. Christie could barely hear him, and shouted, "What?!" "You heard me," replied Andrew. And after she repeated "yes" a few times, he heard her, too.

Andrew, 28, is a program director for Steel Shipping Container Institute. Christina, 29, is an archivist at the National Press Club. They live in Fairfax and will marry May 27 at Hershey Gardens in Pennsylvania.



Terry Barnes Molli Perkins

Terry, 31, is a computer analyst at TerpSys. Molli, 30, is a database administrator, also at TerpSys. They live in Derwood.

afternoon affair at a country club in Maryland on July 1.

HOW THEY MET: At work, when Terry

WEDDING: A "fairly formal," late-

joined Molli's company.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: "Bubbly," said

Terry. "Polite," said Molli.

FIRST DATE: His place, to eat pizza and watch wrestling on TV.

HOW HE PROPOSED: The day before Molli turned 30, Terry took her on a picnic. As they were packing up, he popped the question. "Molli



Sara Hummel, Andrew Raica

Sara, 26, is a graduate student in political science at George Mason University. Andy, 28, is the deputy director of Advocates for Justice and Education. They live in Falls Church.

WEDDING: A black-tie optional affair for 225 to 250 at Michigan State University on July 15.

HONEYMOON: Europe, beginning in Spain and working their way through at least

Italy,Germanyand France.

How they Met: In Michigan State's Office of Study Abroad, where they both worked. But they didn't start dating until they salsa-danced at a friend's party a few years later.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS: "He forgot my name and called me something else at work!" said Sara. "She had a boyfriend!" said Andrew.



FIRST DATE: Dinner and a movie. "I thought he had to be a great guy since he was working as a teacher at the time and had marker stains on

his shirt from the kids," said Sara.

MOST HATED CLOTHING ITEM: Andy's mustard-yellow workout pants

THEIR SONG: "California Stars" by Wilco. "We fell in love with the band together, and it's one of the first songs we heard by them."

PET NAMES: They call each other

PET NAMES: They call each other "Floppy." "It started as the nickname for our cat, Shanti, since all she does is lie around."

WEDDING TRADITIONS: Andy's Polish cousin, who is a priest, will give the dinner blessing, and the German chocolate cake will reflect Sara's background.

wasn't paying any attention to what I was saying because her gaze was fixed on the little box I was holding," he said.

MOST HATEDITEM OF CLOTHING: Molli's Tinkerbell pajamas.

THEIR SONG: "Thank You" by Dido. **PET NAMES:** They have tons — Wee One, Muffin Bunny, Goofy, Stinkpot and many, many more.

wedding traditions: A few Celtic touches will reflect Molli's heritage, such as harp music during the ceremony and an explanation of the claddagh, a traditional Irish symbol of love, in the program.

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

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

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

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

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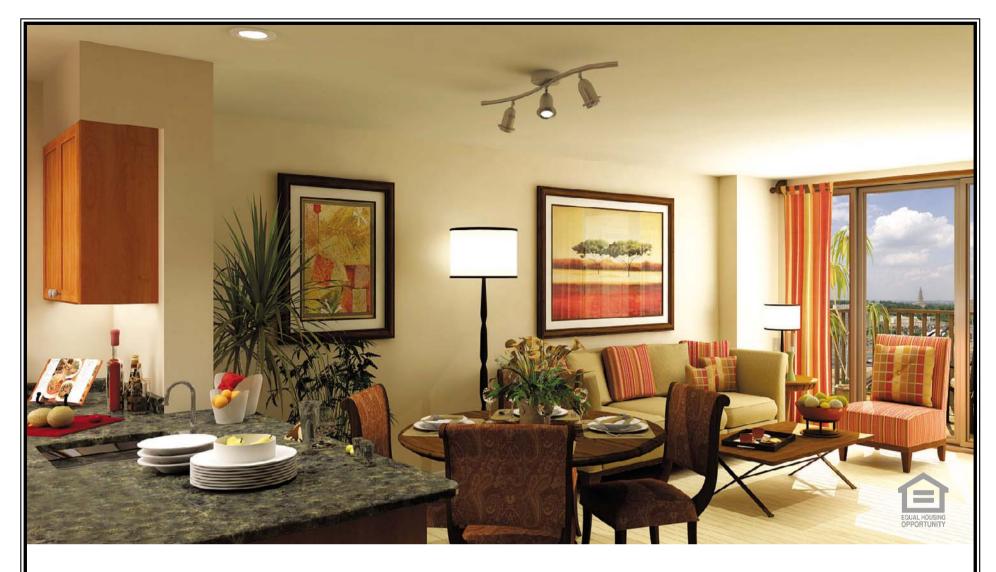
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