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# U.S. deploys more troops for Iraq vote

Military presence to expand to highest level of the war

By **ROBERT BURNS**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – The United States is expanding its military force in Iraq to the highest level of the war – even higher than during the initial invasion in March 2003 – in order to bolster security in advance of next month's national elections in January.

The 12,000-troop increase is to last only until March, but it says much about the strength and resiliency of an insurgency that U.S. military planners did not foresee when Baghdad was toppled in April 2003.

Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, deputy operations director of the Joint Staff, told reporters Wednesday that the American force will expand from 138,000 troops today to about 150,000 by January.

The previous high for the U.S. force in Iraq was 148,000 on May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations were over and most soldiers thought the war had been won. The initial invasion force included thousands of sailors on ships in the Persian Gulf and other waters, plus tens of thousands in Kuwait

**Unit extensions**

Where the biggest deployments come from:

■ About 4,400 troops of the 2nd Brigade of the 25th Infantry Division, which is operating in north-central Iraq, will stay until mid-March instead of departing in early January.

■ About 3,500 soldiers of the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry will be extended until March. These are the soldiers who originally were told they would be leaving Iraq in November.

■ About 2,300 members of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Okinawa, Japan, and in Hawaii and California, will stay until mid-March instead of leaving in January.

and other surrounding countries.

The expansion in Iraq will be achieved by sending about 1,500 troops from the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, N.C., this month and by extending the combat tours of about 10,400 troops already in Iraq.



Jason Gross holds his daughter Zaida, 1, as he says his goodbyes during a troop sendoff, on Wednesday in Fort Hood, Texas.

AP photo/Killeen Daily Herald, David Morris

# Official announces bid

P.W. Chairman to run for lieutenant governor

By **DREW BUSH**  
Journal staff writer

RICHMOND – Prince William County's chief elected official on Wednesday kicked off his bid for Virginia's lieutenant governor's seat, promising to bring his local perspective and success at solving financial crunches to the State Capitol.

Board of County Supervisors Chairman Sean T. Connaughton, 43, will face stiff competition in the June 14, 2005, Republican primary from at least three



Connaughton

other candidates, two of whom also call Northern Virginia home. They are all seeking to replace Lt. Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, a Democrat.

Connaughton's announcement in Richmond marked the first stop of 10 he will make during a three-day statewide tour.

"It's time for new, effective, conservative leadership in our state government," Connaughton said from the Capitol building, adding he will "fight to restore limited government."

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# Registry built to inform next of kin

By **ANDREA PERRIN**  
Journal staff writer

Hospitals often have this problem when admitting an unconscious patient, police confront it when a motorist is killed and nursing homes sometimes face it when an elderly resident dies – how to locate next of kin?

There had been no nation-

wide means of finding someone's next of kin, that is until this fall when two longtime friends created the National Next Of Kin Registry. Herbert W. Lork said he and Mark Cerney began talking about the idea after Cerney's family nanny died in a nursing home and he didn't learn about it until eight months later.

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# Say What?



*"I have single-handedly destroyed every single relationship that I've been in by being in it so much - every candle has burnt out and died. Whatever I'm addicted to in the person, whatever makes it an engaging and electric force, is also a destructive force."*

- Colin Farrell, on his failed relationships. It has been reported that Farrell spent time with Paris Hilton, though sources say she's dating someone else.

## Top 10 dance songs

1. **"Reach Up For The Sunrise"** - Duran Duran
2. **"Which Way You're Going"** - Robbie Rivera
3. **"Walk Into The Sun"** - Dirty Vegas
4. **"One Night Stand"** - Mis-Teeq
5. **"What You Waiting For?"** - Gwen Stefani
6. **"Sand In My Shoes"** - Dido
7. **"Touch It"** - Holly James
8. **"Whatever U Want"** - Christina Milian featuring Joe Budden
9. **"Raindrops Will Fall"** - Tamyra Gray
10. **"Eight Easy Steps"** - Alanis Morissette

- Billboard.com



AP photo

# Staplers of the stars

NEW YORK (AP) - A Paris Hilton autographed stapler?

Yeah, they've got that.

Office retailer Staples is holding a "Staplers of the Stars" online charity auction of celebrity signed staplers. With more than 140 celebs in the mix, Hilton's stapler is currently leading the pack at \$1,005.

Hilton is followed by Donald Trump and

Katie Couric, whose autographed staplers are each going for \$800. Other staplers being bid on are signed by Ringo Starr, Kobe Bryant, Bill Gates, Rudy Guiliani and Cher.

All of the proceeds go to a charity of each star's choosing. Since the auction opened on Nov. 16, more than 2,600 bids have been placed. The staplers are available to bid on until Dec. 6 at [www.staples.com](http://www.staples.com).

# Police investigate Vibe brawl

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Police and probation officials have been reviewing video of the melee at the Vibe Awards show to determine if Marion "Suge" Knight played a role in the altercation.

The rap producer has denied any involvement in the inci-

dent in which a man struck Dr. Dre twice, sparking a brawl in which the attacker was stabbed and seriously injured.

Dre, whose real name is Andre Young, met with authorities Monday at the Santa Monica police station and demanded that his attacker, Jimmy

"James" Johnson, be charged with assault and battery.

Videotape shows Johnson punching Dre on Nov. 16 at the second annual awards show. Johnson was then stabbed, allegedly by Young Buck, a rapper who is a protege of Dr. Dre.

# Prince Charles dotes on cereal

LONDON (AP) - Prince Charles reminisced about his cereal-eating childhood as he presented a royal award to the makers of Weetabix.

"I was virtually brought up on Weetabix - and look at the result," the prince told an audience at the company's factory in Burton Latimer, north of London, on Tuesday.

Weetabix, a wheat biscuit that turns soggy when milk is added, has long been the best-selling cereal in Britain.



Charles

Charles was on hand to present Weetabix with the Queen's Award for Enterprise.

Britain's biggest cereal company, which already holds three Royal Warrants and three Queen's Awards for Export, received its latest honor for a 45 percent rise in exports in the

past six years.

The Burton Latimer site produces more than 65 million wheat biscuits a week for distribution to 80 countries worldwide.

There are four other factories producing Weetabix in Britain, as well as manufacturing facilities in the United States and Canada.

Weetabix's international commercial manager, Andy Harris, said there was further potential for export growth of Weetabix.

## The Daily Dish



Harry

**Prince Harry** will delay his entry into Britain's prestigious military academy to allow him to fully recover from a knee injury, royal officials said. ... **Princess Aiko**, the only child of Japan's imperial heir, marked her third birthday Wednesday amid speculation about legal changes that would allow her to one day ascend the ancient Chrysanthemum Throne. ... The sister team on CBS' **"The Amazing Race"** failed to find a clue in a haystack, eliminating them from the race around the world. ... "Star Wars" creator **George Lucas** donated \$100,000 to California State University, Long Beach, for film department scholarships and equipment. ... Legendary pianist and conductor **Daniel Barenboim** said the United States and Britain have failed to broker peace between Israel and the Palestinians because they don't truly understand the conflict.

- From The Associated Press



Sony Pictures photo

Portman

# Portman plays stripper in 'Closer'

With 14 films on her résumé already, it's sometimes hard to remember that Natalie Portman only turned 23 this past summer. At an age when most young people still aren't sure what they want to do with their lives, Portman is confident enough in herself and her abilities to know she's ready to set off and have adventures on her own, above and beyond the adventures of playing a tough stripper named Alice in a film like "Closer" or a queen named Amidala in three "Star Wars" movies.

**Journal:** How did you see your character? Is Alice a little girl lost or is there more to her? Do you see her as damaged in some way?

**Portman:** I don't know. The way I see her is how I did it. People can take away what they want. I had a lot of ideas and had a lot of people I sort of stole from. But I'm not good at analyzing her. That's really something for the audience to do.

**Journal:** Did you ever have any worries that playing a stripper in a drama like this would hurt your career?

**Portman:** Never. I'm not scared. I think I have gotten to a point in my life where everything I do is active rather than reactive. I'm not doing things to prove what I'm like or unlike as a person or as an actress. I don't care what other people think of me and that makes me comfortable with whatever people walk away with after seeing me in "Closer." I can still carry on my own life without being hurt.

**Journal:** You just finished "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith." What are your thoughts on "Star Wars" being over?

**Portman:** It was a big chunk of my life - 10 years. So it's sad because you're not going to go back and see the same people, but then it's exciting thinking about what's ahead. We worked really hard - Hayden Christensen and Ewan McGregor were both amazing and hopefully we'll see a good movie when it comes out. It's just so refreshing to get back to acting

with sets and people instead of a green screen.

**Journal:** You recently graduated from Harvard. Now that you are done with

school and open to other things, are you still as committed to having an acting career?

**Portman:** I really love acting, but I really want to do interesting things for myself, not just through my characters. There are so many things I'd like to explore. I like to travel and read and meet people and go to new places, try new things.

**Journal:** Are you planning on taking time off from making movies?

**Portman:** I take time off all the time. I only do one or two movies a year. It's a very, very lucky job to have because it's wonderful, but also affords you a great deal of time to live.

"Closer," directed by Mike Nichols and starring Clive Owen, Jude Law, Julia Roberts and Natalie Portman, opens Friday. It is rated R.

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### BIG BAD FIRE BURNS PIG STY



• Firefighters rescued dozens of squealing pigs as they extinguished a fire in a pig sty in San Rafael, Calif. Two piglets died, while dozens of others were rescued. The fire burned a pig

shelter near Marin Sanitary Service's Marin Resource Recovery Center. Firefighters faced a chaotic scene with an estimated 30 to 40 pigs running around.

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## COMMENTARY

# Do you really want to hurt me?

Limited playlist, DJ on '80s at 8' keep listeners from 'Dancing on the Ceiling'

For everyone who came of age in the 1980s, these are days we'll remember. Everywhere you turn, the '80s are back.

Out on the campaign trail this year, Bruce Springsteen packed 'em in, just as his music had in 1984.

"No Surrender," a song about cutting class, didn't make much sense as Kerry's campaign anthem. Then again, neither did "Born in the USA," a song that lamented the fate of Vietnam vets and was prominent in Ronald Reagan's re-election bid.

Don't look now, if you know what's good for you, but '80s clothing styles are coming back, too.

"We're seeing '80s companies like Lacoste, like Le Tigre, Esprit — all these companies that you remember from your childhood, from your high school days — they're coming back," Lori Bergamotto, an editor at Lucky Magazine, told CBS News.

Track suits, polo shirts and off-the-shoulder sweatshirts are all reputedly back, too.

But the biggest resurgence of the 1980s can't be seen; it can only be heard.

It seems at least one station in every radio market now devotes a program, a day, a weekend or even its entire play list to the music of the '80s. Around here that means "80s at Eight" on Mix 107.3.

They say you only hurt the ones you love, and we do love "80s at Eight." But we're gonna hurt it, too, because there are some problems with the program.

First, the songs they choose. Some stations survive while playing nothing but music from the '80s; there must be thousands of songs that charted between 1980 and 1989. You wouldn't know that from listening to Mix 107.3.

Their play list seems to be about 60 songs deep. As regular listeners know, the same songs keep showing up, week after week after week.

Everybody loves "One Night in Bangkok," but we'd love it more if we heard it less.

The same thing goes for songs that the station plays at other parts of the day. There's no reason to roll out "Our House" during '80s at Eight.

*Everybody loves "One Night in Bangkok," but we'd love it more if we heard it less.*

We can hear that anytime. And, believe me, we do. They ought to showcase some rarer songs instead.

And who knew David Bowie was the biggest star of the '80s? It seems that never a night goes by with a song from him.

But the biggest problem is the hostess of the show.

When a disc jockey talks right up until the first words of a song and wraps up just at the moment the singer begins, it's called "hitting the post." She can't seem to master it. She continually tries to hit the post — and continually knocks it over instead.

Sadly, you can hear it coming. She'll talk a bit — pause for effect — talk some more (without saying much, by the way) — pause for effect — talk some more and step all over the lead singer.

When that happens once, it's an accident. When it happens occasionally, it's an aberration. When it happens time after time, it's an abomination. She needs to realize there's no shame in letting a song speak for itself.

For many of us, "80s at Eight" is the soundtrack of our lives. It should be better, but we love it anyway.

Now, anyone for "90s at 9?"

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# AIDS numbers still growing

Prince George's County has state's second-highest infection rate

By ANNA BAILEY  
Journal staff writer

She found out she was HIV positive when she was seven months pregnant with her third child.

"It was awful," said the Prince George's County mother who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "I was devastated."

Fearing her children were infected with the deadly virus as well, the mother had all of them tested. One, who is now 14, was positive. She found out her middle child would pay for her mistake the day her youngest, now eight, was born in 1996. The mother spoke with *The Journal* during an event Wednesday at Prince George's Community College intended to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS for World AIDS Day. The event also offered free, confidential HIV testing.

"I was on a suicide mission," she said. "I wanted to die."

Nursing a cocaine addiction, she dwindled to 100 pounds and her body was covered with sores, she recounted. Now, she has been clean for four years and has begun speaking out, encouraging those living with HIV and AIDS to live life to the fullest.

"What pulled me out of it — my children," she said grabbing her youngest and squeezing her tight with tears in her eyes.

The mother and her child are two of the 4,200 Prince George's County residents who were living with HIV or AIDS as of September 30, 2003, according to statistics from the Maryland AIDS Administration.

Though well behind Baltimore City, which has about 13,800 residents living with HIV or AIDS during the same time, Prince George's County has the second highest amount of cases in the state. Although it



Andrew Harnik/Journal

Chronic Disease Specialist Melissa R. Dorsey of the Greater Baden Medical Services explains to students, Kristena Massiah, left, Andrew Stepe, center, and Alisa White how different services can be used to learn about safe sex at the Prince George's County Health Department and Prince George's Community College-sponsored summit to commemorate World AIDS Day in Largo on Wednesday.

has a larger population than Prince George's, Montgomery County comes in at No. 3 with about 2,100 cases.

Prince George's County Health Officer Frederick Corder, also at the college, said that Prince George's has twice as many HIV/AIDS cases as Montgomery because the virus is growing in the black population. Currently, 82 percent of Maryland residents with the virus are black, compared to 50 percent in 1985, according to AIDS Administration statistics.

"Because of our county being 70 percent black, we're seeing more cases," Corder said.

Another population has also begun to contract the virus in larger numbers.

"Recently, there's been an increase in newly diagnosed cases in women," Corder said.

AIDS diagnoses in women have spiked to 35 percent of all cases, up from 10 percent in 1985, according to the AIDS Administration.

Corder attributed this partly to an increase in men who live "on the down low," a phrase used to describe men who secretly have relationships with other men behind their wives or girlfriends backs.

He stressed that people must

realize AIDS can kill, and if it doesn't kill, it is a disease a carrier has to live with for life, including the average \$900 per month cocktail of medications it takes to live with the virus.

Prince George's Community College nursing student Joslyn Scott urged people, especially those ages 15-24 who often believe they are invincible, to step up and get tested.

"If you're engaging in adult behavior, then you should accept all the responsibility that comes along with it," Scott said.

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# Bill aims to keep teen drivers safe

Proposals come in response to 11 teenager deaths this year in county

By KELLY SMITH  
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For the past decade, Sen. Roy Dyson, D-Southern Maryland, has tried to keep teenagers from being killed on area roads.

Dyson, who represents Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles Counties, has introduced bills restricting teenager driving in the General Assembly each year, but his legislation has never survived.

With the recent rash of teen-driving related deaths, Dyson hopes 2005 will be the year.

"We may be able to curb some of this senseless carnage on the roads," he told *The Journal* Wednesday. "Teens driving with other teens, particularly in the initial period, it's just a recipe for disaster."

Dyson's bill, which mirrors

one being introduced in the House by Del. Bill Bronrott, D-Montgomery and Del. Adrienne Mandel, D-Montgomery, would prohibit newly licensed drivers from transporting any non-family teenagers the first six months they have a license.

"Highway crashes are the number one cause of death among teens and young adults, but it's largely preventable," Bronrott said.

Three bills expected to be introduced when the General Assembly convenes in January would place new restrictions on teenage drivers. The bills are, in part, in response to 11 teenager deaths reported this year in Montgomery County.

"It gives them time to go out and get a little more mature, a little more experience at driving," Dyson said.

Another bill, sponsored in the House by Bronrott and in the Senate by Brian Frosh, D-Montgomery, would increase the number of hours teens with a learner's permit must spend behind the wheel from 40 to 50 hours.

Bronrott also is sponsoring a bill that would prohibit teen cell phone use both hands free and handheld during the 18-month provisional period.

"It's almost predictable that all of these factors are a lethal combination in the hands of our least experienced, most novice and typically highest risk-taking drivers," Bronrott said. "We believe passing these laws will save lives."

The three proposals are in response to recommendations sent to the state by the National Transportation Safety Board.

"First and foremost, driving is a complex task that requires a great amount of practice and practice with the actual skills of driving," said Lauren Paduzzi, a spokeswoman for the agency. "We believe our young drivers need time to practice their skills in a controlled environment."

She said there are 40,000 highway driving deaths each year.

Paduzzi said the request for cell phone restrictions are in response to a February 2003 Largo crash that killed six people.

"The problem doesn't go away," Dyson said. "The last couple of months have been horrible and it's not going to get any better. [If we pass these bills] we could almost save lives immediately."

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# Outage leaves nearly 10,000 in the dark



Jeff Mankie/Journal

Tree cutters and utility workers remove a tree that fell across the road and damaged power lines in Lorcum Lane in Arlington.

By **RAHKIA NANCE**  
Journal staff writer

Nearly 10,000 Northern Virginia residents were without power Wednesday afternoon after a windstorm barreled through the region, dropping tree limbs onto power lines and delaying flights out of local airports.

Most outages were in Arlington and Alexandria, said Le-Ha Anderson, a Dominion Power spokeswoman, with parts of Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties affected, as well, she said.

"We anticipate this with this type of weather," Anderson said, adding that most residents affected lived in areas with many trees.

The winds were generated as a cold front swept through the region from the central plains, with gusts between 40 and 45 mph, said Brandon Peloquin, a National Weather Service spokesman.

Power crews worked throughout the day Wednesday as power flickered on and off in the region. The number of residents affected peaked at about 10,000 and was down to about 2,000 by 6 p.m. Outages began

as early as 9 a.m. in some areas, but most in Northern Virginia started around 11 a.m., Anderson said.

Though many were without power, extra crews were not required to restore service to customers, Anderson said. Restoration time could not be estimated because power shut down in areas quickly after it had been restored.

Relatively speaking, the power outage was small, said Dan Genest, a Dominion Power spokesman.

"While it's an inconvenience, it's not a huge outage," he said. "That's not even half a percentage point of our customers."

Strong winds also delayed travel at northeast airports, including Washington-Dulles International Airport, said Jim Peters, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

"At 9 a.m. we put in a ground stop at Dulles which means that nothing was coming in or out," he said.

After the ground stop was lifted, Peters said, arrivals to Dulles were delayed by as much as three hours.

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## Banner to highlight unsolved murder

To commemorate the one-year anniversary of the unsolved murder of Nancy Dunning, Alexandria police plan to hang a 4-by-7-foot banner outside the Del Ray Farmers Market that reads "Do You Know Who Killed Nancy Dunning?"

The banner will be displayed on the side of the police command bus at the corner of Mount Vernon and East Oxford avenues from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Dunning, who was the wife of Alexandria Sheriff James H. Dunning and a well-known real estate agent in the area, was found shot to death inside her home on West Mount Ida Avenue on Dec. 5, 2003.

Police have made no arrests in the case.

— Andrei Blakely

## Marines to collect Toys for Tots

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserves will collect toys for their annual Toys for Tots campaign Sunday before the Washington Redskins-New York Giants game at FedEx Field in Landover.

Spectators are encouraged to bring new, unwrapped toys to be donated to underprivileged children in the Washington metropolitan area.

U.S. Marines will be at all of the entrance gates collecting the toys, beginning at 1:15 p.m.

— Rahkia Nance

## Donation to help apartment complex

Fishers House apartments, an affordable housing complex in Arlington, soon will get new landscaping and benches thanks to a donation from three development companies.

JBG Companies, Trizec Properties and the CIM Group will donate eight park benches and mature trees, bushes and plants, which will come from the site where the new Waterview development is slated to be built at the foot of the Key Bridge.

The grounds at the Fishers House I and II, at 1211 N. Kennebec St. and 1111 N. Kenilworth St., are being prepared for the landscaping and they might be planted within a week, said Douglas Peterson, director of the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing, which owns the property.

— Andrea Perrin

# Alexandria plans for development near Metro

## Growth near Braddock Road station to be focus of study

By **ANDREI BLAKELY**  
Journal staff writer

First, Alexandria's City Council approved the Prescott condominium project after the developer agreed to pay for traffic improvements.

Then, a month later the Monarch development on nearby North Fayette Street, with ground floor retail and upper-level condominium units, was approved by the council with condi-

tions made for affordable housing and park space.

The recent nods given to the two projects point to a trend of new growth near the Braddock Road Metrorail Station — an area with a history of crime and industrial buildings that now is in demand.

"There are a number of proposed projects in the area," said Harry Hart, the attorney representing developers of the Monarch. "It's being studied and investigated by people in the marketplace. The interest has heightened in the last three years."

After the City Council approved the Monarch development in November, Mayor William D. Euille announced the need to create a plan for the area before a spat of projects are put into the queue.

"This does not mean the council will continue to approve projects that come through," Euille said Monday. "We don't want everything to happen until we get

a plan. We know we want density around the [Braddock] Metro."

Sometime this winter city officials plan to conduct a Braddock Road Metro area study, which could determine the future of the growing neighborhood. Residents who live in the area are watching closely to see what happens and they have varied opinions.

"What bothers us most is the increase in density and the parking problems," said Judy Miller, a board member of the nearby Rosemont Citizens Association. "... The developer says it's going to cost so much to put this up, [so] in order to get a return for the buck it will take more density. This happens constantly."

Concerns about too much development are held by residents who live at Braddock Place Condominiums. They recently met with a developer who wants to build on a nearby property, but some think the proposed residential develop-

ment is too close to their property, said Mark Adams, general manager of Braddock Place.

In studying the Braddock Metro area, city planning and zoning staff want to limit the size of future projects, coordinate a system of new streets, make improvements for pedestrians and set goals for the types of development.

Both developers and residents have said they, too, have ideas.

Duncan W. Blair, an attorney who represents Alexandria property owners, thinks the study should focus on two separate aspects — projects located within 1,000 feet of the Braddock Road Metrorail Station and those going up in existing neighborhoods creating infill.

Regardless of the upcoming study, most already agree the area is poised for transition and that more developers are attempting to build in the area.

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# Convicted woman escapes center

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A woman who once was on Loudoun County's 10 Most Wanted List walked out of a Washington drug treatment center this week and again is wanted by local and federal authorities.

Melissa Ann Cash, 24, reportedly walked away from the minimum-security facility, where she was serving a federal sentence following a drug conviction.

Cash — described as 5 feet 5 inches tall, weighing 120 pounds, with hazel eyes — has lived in Herndon and Woodbridge and has frequented the areas of Manassas Park and Sterling, said Kraig Troxell, Loudoun County Sheriff's spokesman.

Federal agents would not say from which drug treatment facility Cash escaped. She was housed there after being convicted of conspiracy to distribute prescription medicine, said Troxell.

Cash also faced a prescription fraud charge in Loudoun and allegedly failed to appear for several



Cash

court hearings.

Cash previously has had blonde, brown and red hair and has tattoos on her lower back and right arm. Federal agents have called upon local police to assist them in locating and apprehending Cash.

Anyone with information on her whereabouts is asked to call the U.S. Marshals Service at 202-307-9100 or the FBI at 703-762-3288. People also may call their local police.

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## Running water



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Ray Sarvis works to repair a 12-inch water main break on Wednesday afternoon on Edsall Road. The break, which was reported about at about 1:15 p.m., left 27 homes without water.

## Alexandria city manager official

A county administrator from South Carolina was officially selected to become Alexandria's new city manager on Jan. 10 following a unanimous vote Tuesday by the City Council.

James K. Hartmann, 51, will leave his post in Spartanburg County, S.C., to take the Alexandria position where he will oversee more than 2,500 employees and a budget exceeding \$500 million.

In accepting the \$190,000-a-year job, Hartmann on Tuesday said he is eager to work in a community where residents are outspoken and involved.

Before arriving in Spartanburg in 1999, Hartmann was the county administrator in Eagle County, Co.

— Andrei Blakely



## Firefighters injured battling blaze

Two Fairfax County firefighters were injured Wednesday when they fell through a burning floor while battling a blaze in the Lincoln area, a fire department official said.

"The fire was far enough along to where it had burned the first floor to the point where two of the firefighters fell through to the basement," said Dan Schmidt, Fairfax County fire and rescue spokesman. Both firefighters sustained only minor injuries and were able to escape the blaze, he added. One of the firefighters reportedly was taken to the hospital and treated for injuries to his leg and the other was treated at the scene, also for a minor leg injury.

Schmidt said the fire started at about 1:30 p.m. and caused extensive damage to the small brick house at 4101 Tahoe Court. The homeowner, who was not home when the blaze started, was displaced and is being assisted by the Red Cross.

Investigators still are trying to determine the cause of the fire, which Schmidt said does not seem suspicious.

— Staff reports

## LOTTERY



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# Registry helps to notify next of kin

## Between 800,000 and 1 million people have already signed up

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The idea didn't really take shape until after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, when Lork was in New York City talking to Cerney and his cell phone went dead.

Lork said it was days before he could get through to his friend or his own family overseas.

"How would you have known [if I had died]? How would my parents have known?" Lork recalled asking Cerney. "We were shocked that there wasn't anything out there like it."

Registry entries are kept on a secure computer server and anyone may register their own next-of-kin contacts or list themselves as someone else's contact via Internet or mail.

The information is confidential, it is not shared with anyone and the next of kin is asked to provide proof of identity when contacted. Between 800,000 and 1 million people already have registered across the nation, including 400 homeless veterans in Los Angeles.

"A lot of sheriffs said, 'Hey, we were thinking about this, we just didn't know how,'" Lork said.

## To register:

To register yourself or someone else:

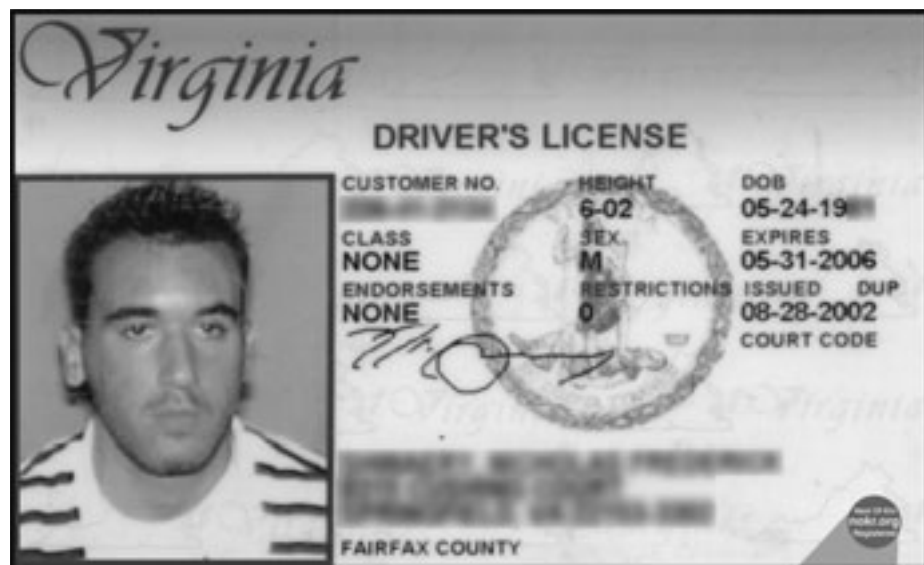
- Go online to [www.pleasenotifyme.org](http://www.pleasenotifyme.org);
- Send a letter to NOKR Inc., 30542 Bay Hill Drive, Temecula, CA 92592;
- Or send a fax to 951-302-0099.

Registry information should include the name and full address for each party and may include phone numbers or e-mail addresses, if desired.

Virginia already has placed links to the registry on its state Web site and local police agencies soon could benefit from it, said John Marshall, Virginia's secretary of public safety and a former state trooper.

"I think it's a terrific idea," he said. "I think it's going to take some time for the word to get out. Law enforcement agencies will be particularly interested in it."

Although it won't solve every case, it has the potential to save hours and even days, Marshall



Nick Swhaery/Journal

The National Next of Kin Registry hopes to take its project onto driver's licenses next with a symbol to alert emergency personnel.

added.

Hospitals likely will be the next to come on board with the registry. California already has passed a law requiring hospitals to ask patients if they would like to join, Lork said, and a federal bill in the same vein could be sought within the next year.

Several local hospitals contacted Wednesday had not heard of the program but expressed

interest in it.

Already, Lork and Cerney are looking for ways to simplify their registry by offering a voluntary Department of Motor Vehicles initiative that would place a pink circle on drivers' licenses showing the owner is on the registry.

"They'll just have a [registry] sticker," Lork said. "Right away, the officer on the scene can call back to the station house

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## D.C. team plans still shaky

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the District of Columbia Council approved the plan to build a stadium for the Washington Nationals on Tuesday night, the message for Mayor Anthony A. Williams was to restart negotiations with Major League Baseball.

The 13-member body also approved several amendments that could change the final stadium package — including a spending limit of \$630 million.

"Certain things are deal-breakers," Williams said Tuesday night. "But that doesn't mean we can't

work within certain parameters to improve our situation."

Baseball officials told The Associated Press the relocation committee would discuss the D.C. legislation. But the original agreement did not include a spending cap for the stadium.

Council Chair Linda W. Cropp said she has several more changes she would like to see before the legislation comes to a final vote, scheduled for Dec. 14. She said baseball officials have told her they're willing to reconsider some items, including use of the stadium on non-game days.

## Four running for Lt. Gov. spot

SEAT, from Page 1

Connaughton, a Triangle resident and lawyer with Troutman Sanders LLP, was elected at-large Prince William Board chairman in 1999, unseating longtime Democratic chairwoman Kathleen Seefeldt on a platform of slower growth and lower taxes.

During his tenure — he was re-elected in a landslide in 2003 — the county's real estate tax rate has fallen 29 cents, annual tax increases have been capped, Prince William was second in the nation in job growth and it has changed from a perceived bedroom community into a growing economic force in the region.

The commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve also has come under fire from anti-tax conservatives within his own party, and within his own county, for supporting a tax hike for transportation and for not reducing local tax rates enough.

Connaughton, socially conservative but fiscally moderate, outlined nine proposals that will make up his lieutenant governor platform, ranging from transportation reform to streamlining local government ordinances.

He does not believe a higher gas tax will be necessary immediately to relieve highway congestion, preferring instead to open up other revenue sources, ensure the transportation trust fund is only used for its intended purpose and perhaps have VDOT bid against private contractors for work.

Connaughton also hopes to review the state's education funding formula, which has benefited Prince William until now but could turn against the county as it grows more affluent — much as Fairfax sees less from the state than it contributes.

His opponents in the primary so far include Del. Joe T. May, Leesburg, Del. Bill Bolling, Hanover, and Gil Davis, of Fairfax County's Davis and

Associates.

Bolling, who has been on the campaign trail for two years, took Connaughton's announcement seriously.

He sent a staffer to hand out a statement in which Bolling said he's "the only candidate for Lieutenant Governor who has a record of voting against unnecessary tax increases," referring to Connaughton's support of the failed 2002 transportation referendum. Connaughton responded that he supported the sales tax hike only because state lawmakers failed to fix the transportation problem themselves.

"One thing has marked Connaughton's tenure: how much he cared for his constituents, how much he cared for his county," said Del. Christopher B. Saxman, R-Staunton, who spoke on Connaughton's behalf, as did Sen. Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, R-Vienna.

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An inflatable SpongeBob SquarePants figure sits on top of a Burger King in Portsmouth, Va., on Tuesday. Inflatable versions of the film and TV star are mysteriously disappearing from the roofs of the restaurants.

## Where's SpongeBob?

### Fast food restaurant reports cartoon caper

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A 6-foot-tall version of SpongeBob SquarePants was last seen the day before Thanksgiving, waving from the roof of a Burger King and flashing a goofy, gap-toothed grin.

When the cartoon character turned up missing, a manager investigated and found evidence of the crime: the ropes holding down the inflatable cartoon character had been sliced.

Burger King officials said Sponge-nappings have become a national trend, with thefts reported in 10 states.

"And the number is going up every day," said a Burger King spokesman in New York.

So far, some of the characters have been returned, but some have turned up on eBay, selling for up to \$1,000. After a SpongeBob was stolen from a Burger King in Little Falls, Minn., workers found a ransom note: "We have SpongeBob. Give us 10 crabby patties, fries, and milkshakes."

On Nov. 11, more than 4,700 SpongeBobs began going up on Burger Kings nationwide as part of a promotion tied to the SpongeBob movie. The company that provided the SpongeBobs says between 50 and 100 have been stolen so far.

In St. Mary's County in Maryland, Steven Simon and his friend, Conrad "C.J." Mercure Jr.,

both 18, were arrested Friday and charged with misdemeanor theft of goods worth less than \$500 for stealing a SpongeBob from a local Burger King.

Mercure and Simon had no car, so they called a cab — which had even police laughing. "They had to pay for three fares, not just two," said Cpl. John Shoemaker of the county sheriff's office.

Bill Cocimano, general manager of the Burger King, said he was initially angry when he found out that his restaurant's SpongeBob was stolen on Nov. 19.

But the next day, an employee told him that "somebody is running his mouth at Great Mills High School that he has SpongeBob in his bedroom. I told them, 'You get me a name, I'll give you 20 bucks.'"

Within three hours, police had SpongeBob, Cocimano said. But Cocimano said that when he tried to restore SpongeBob to his perch Friday, the inflatable was too badly damaged to hold the air.

Simon and Mercure have a court appearance Dec. 15, authorities said. The offense is punishable by up to 18 months in jail and a \$500 fine.

## Skull fragment reveals early surgery, autopsy

By **SONJA BARISIC**  
Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — A skull fragment found in a 400-year-old trash pit at Jamestown contains evidence of the earliest known surgery — and autopsy — in the English colonies in America, researchers say.

Circular cut marks indicate someone attempted to drill two holes in the skull to relieve pressure on the brain, the researchers said. The patient, a European man, died and was apparently autopsied.

Archaeologists found the 4-

inch-by-4 3/4-inch fragment this summer while digging in a bulwark trench on the site of James Fort, Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America, was founded in 1607 as a business venture.

The skull piece was discarded with trash, such as pottery shards, from no later than about 1610, said Bly Straube, senior curator of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

"It was just being treated, I guess, like medical waste," she said Wednesday.

Douglas W. Owsley, forensic

osteologist at the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution, and Ashley H. McKeown, forensic anthropologist at the University of Montana, determined that the fragment was part of the occipital bone from the back of the skull.

Owsley thinks the man was hit in the back of the head with a stone ax and suffered a fractured skull. That would suggest the blow came from an Indian, Straube said. But Straube said it is also possible the man simply tripped and fell and hit his head on a rock.

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— Virginia Department of Health



# Cheney hits campaign trail again

## Vice president stumps for GOP congressional hopefuls in La.

By **DOUG SIMPSON**  
Associated Press

HOUMA, La. — With two Louisiana congressional seats still up for grabs, Vice President Dick Cheney campaigned in the state Wednesday on behalf of Republicans who hope to extend their winning streak in Saturday's runoff elections.

In one appearance, Cheney spoke at a rally for Billy Tauzin III, a 30-year-old political rookie who hopes to take over the seat now held by his father, Billy Tauzin. The elder Tauzin, who is retiring, hosted the rally and was on stage with his son and other popular Republicans.

"President Bush and I ask you to send Billy to Washington to work with us," Cheney told the crowd of about 2,000 at the Houma Civic Center.

Refusing to cede all of the spotlight to Cheney, Democratic Gov. Kathleen Blanco hit the campaign

trail in support of Tauzin's opponent, former state Rep. Charlie Melancon.

"My opponent is pulling out all the stops, bringing in big-name party leaders from Washington to tell us how to vote," said Melancon. "I am confident that the people of the 3rd District will vote against his inexperience and listen instead to Louisiana leaders — like Gov. Blanco — who know what's truly at stake in this election."

In the other race, Republican political newcomer Charles Boustany will take on state Sen. Willie Mount for a Democrat-held seat.

The two races are said to be tight. Republicans hope the runoffs will bolster their success from Election Day, while Democrats are looking to thwart the GOP momentum. The districts are located in Louisiana's Cajun country.

The races have stretched into December because of Louisiana's unique open primary system.

: None of the candidates



Vice President Dick Cheney delivers remarks for Louisiana Republican 3rd Congressional District candidate Billy Tauzin III at a campaign rally for Tauzin in Houma, La., on Wednesday. Behind Cheney is retiring Congressman Billy Tauzin, the father of candidate Billy Tauzin III. Cheney is visiting Louisiana campaigning for Tauzin and 7th Congressional District candidate Charles Boustany.

### NATION BRIEFS

#### Investigators see jet crash similarities

MONTROSE, Colo. — Investigators probing the crash of the jet that killed NBC sports executive Dick Ebersol's son and two other people are studying the deadly January 2002 crash of a similar plane in England under nearly the same conditions.

The crash of the CL-600 Challenger jet in Birmingham, England, killed five people and it also happened in freezing temperatures. The plane was not de-iced, banked heavily seconds after takeoff and burst into flames as it crashed.

In Sunday's crash, the CL-601 Challenger also wasn't de-iced before it skidded off the end of the runway, ripped apart and exploded while attempting to take off in light snow. One witness said the plane appeared to turn sideways about 90 degrees as it hurtled down the runway.

#### Chopper radioed about instruments

FORT HOOD, Texas — The pilot of a military helicopter that crashed in foggy weather Monday and killed all seven aboard asked air controllers about switching from a visual to an instrument flight minutes before the crash, a representative of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association said Wednesday.

— From The Associated Press

# Ridge's successor faces fight

## Next Homeland Security chief inherits sprawling bureaucracy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tom Ridge's successor as chief of the Homeland Security Department will have to unify a sprawling bureaucracy, a deadly serious job where failure could put the United States at risk of another terror attack.

Ridge, who announced his resignation Tuesday, acknowledged the frustrations of working out the kinks in the broadest government reorganization in half a century, a job critics say remains largely incomplete. "I like going to work every day," Ridge said, before adding, "There are certain days I've enjoyed it even more."

Ridge said he will remain in the job until Feb. 1, unless the Senate confirms his successor earlier. Among those cited as potential candidates are Bernard Kerik,

the former New York City police commissioner who helped rebuild Iraq's police force; former Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Allbaugh; Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Mike Leavitt; and White House homeland security adviser Fran Townsend.

Others are also believed to be interested in the job, including Asa Hutchinson, undersecretary for border and transportation security in the Homeland Security Department.

Critics said Ridge's legacy is mixed at Homeland Security, a collection of 22 disparate federal agencies with more than 180,000 employees. It includes Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Customs Service, the Coast Guard, the Secret Service

and the Transportation Security Administration, with a combined budget of \$36 billion.

"He was dealt an impossible hand," said Richard Clarke, the former top counterterrorism adviser to President Bush who resigned last year. "He was not allowed to make some of the key decisions about the beginning of the department. I think anyone would have failed under those circumstances."

Although the Homeland Security Department originally was envisioned as a broker of intelligence after the 2001 terror attacks, the Bush administration opted to establish a new terrorist screening center and terrorist threat integration center, set up at the FBI and CIA respectively.

# Brokaw leaves 'NBC Nightly News'



Tom Brokaw poses on the set of the "NBC Nightly News" in New York on Feb. 1, 2001. Brokaw, 64, has held the network's top news anchor job since September 1983.

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Brokaw ended almost 23 years at the anchor desk Wednesday night, as he signed off "NBC Nightly News" for the last time.

Making good on an exit plan announced in May 2002, Brokaw, 64, is stepping away from daily journalism to pursue his varied other interests, including more time on his Montana ranch. But his NBC association will continue under an agreement to host at least three documentaries a year.

And if a huge story breaks, "I'll report for duty," he told

The Associated Press recently. "It doesn't mean I'll go back to what I did before. They'll have to find a new role for me."

Brian Williams, long groomed as Brokaw's successor, takes over "Nightly News" with Thursday's broadcast. He begins at the top of the ratings, where "Nightly News" has reigned since 1997.

Brokaw's departure has been the object of ceremony the past few days, both from the press at large and on his own network, which last week aired a two-hour Brokaw retrospective.

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## NATION BRIEFS

## Panel recommends child leukemia drug

WASHINGTON — Federal health advisers on Wednesday recommended approval of the first new cancer drug in the past decade specifically aimed at treating the most common childhood leukemia.

The panel, an advisory arm of the Food and Drug Administration, stopped short of recommending approval of Clolar for treatment of another form of leukemia, however, saying more proof was needed of the drug's clinical benefit.

Clolar was approved for treatment of children from age 1 to 21 with refractory or relapsed acute leukemias who have exhausted other treatment options.

## Baby delivered, England in court

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Pfc. Lynn England was back in a military court Wednesday to prepare for her court-martial on charges she abused prisoners at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

The Army reservist from Fort Ashby, W.Va., is scheduled for trial Jan. 18 on charges of abuse and of committing indecent acts. She gave birth to a son Oct. 10, and attorneys have said the father is Spc. Charles Graner Jr., portrayed in testimony as the ringleader in the abuse.

## Peterson's father testifies at trial

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Scott Peterson's father took the stand Wednesday in the penalty phase of his son's murder trial and described a friendly boy who sang at a senior citizens' home on Sundays, tutored young students, and distributed clothes and food in Tijuana.

The attempt to humanize Peterson came a day after Laci Peterson's mother cried on the stand and screamed at her former son-in-law as prosecutors urged jurors to sentence him to death. Jurors must decide between execution and life in prison without parole.

## Judge limits gay pastor's witnesses

PUGHTOWN, Pa. — The presiding judge in the church trial of a Methodist minister who declared she is a lesbian in a committed relationship ruled Wednesday that the cleric's defense could not call witnesses who would challenge the denomination's ban on sexually active gay clergy.

The decision by Joseph Yeakel, the retired bishop of Washington, D.C., will make it harder for the Rev. Irene Elizabeth Stroud to mount a successful defense. Stroud said after the ruling that, "to win a verdict would be an extraordinary work of the Holy Spirit. I don't expect that."

Yeakel issued his decision in a private session on the opening day of the trial.

— From The Associated Press

# Health leaders voice doubts on drug safety

## Experts call system shaky, warn it may not catch, fix side effects

By JEFF DONN  
Associated Press

BOSTON — In a sharp pivot, many medical authorities are questioning the fundamental safety guarantees for American drugs, threatening to dull the national appetite that has demanded and devoured pharmaceuticals at a faster clip for nearly a generation.

In a challenge unthinkable even two months ago, Dr. Catherine DeAngelis, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, now compares the drug safety system to a dangerous building:

"This building is on very shaky

ground. Would I condemn it? No, but I would tell people, 'You go in at your own risk.'"

In recent months, troubling news about several high-profile drugs has sapped confidence in the system for flushing out dangerous medicines and assuring the supply of safe ones. Worries abound over the safety of antidepressants, the recall of Merck & Co.'s blockbuster pain reliever Vioxx, and a winter with rationed flu vaccine.

Are medicines safe?

Interviewed in recent days by The Associated Press, experts within and outside government respond with some jarring answers:

No drug is ever fully safe, any more than a drive down the highway. The safety net isn't designed to catch rare side effects until drugs reach the market. By then, regulators are often powerless to spot mistakes quickly and reluctant to jump on them, according to many drug authorities.



DeAngelis

# State faces third recount

## Washington split on GOP governor's certification

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Republican Dino Rossi was certified as the winner Tuesday of Washington's race for governor, but the closest gubernatorial contest in state history is far from over.

"A recount is almost a certainty," said Secretary of State Sam Reed, the state's chief elections officer.

Reed declared Rossi defeated Democrat Christine Gregoire by just 42 votes out of 2.8 million cast.

But on Friday, the Democrats are expected to

request a hand recount of some or all of the ballots. That could extend the uncertainty until Christmas.

Some are even worrying about whether a winner will be known in time for inauguration on Jan. 12. Gov. Gary Locke, a Democrat, did not run for a third term.

Gregoire, a three-term attorney general, had been forecast to win with ease. But Rossi, a real estate millionaire and a former state legislative power, edged Gregoire in both the regular count — by 261

votes — and in the machine recount completed last Wednesday. "Right now, the state is divided smack down the middle," Gregoire's spokesman, Morton Brilliant, said Monday. "If all the ballots aren't counted, we will go through the next four years with one candidate's supporters not believing the winner was legitimately elected."

He added: "It's worth taking three weeks to have four years of legitimacy, and that's what is at stake."

# Most Americans marry, but many put it off

WASHINGTON (AP) — It used to be common for men and women to get a marriage certificate not too long after collecting their high school diploma. Not anymore.

Census Bureau figures for 2003 show one-third of men and nearly one-quarter of women between the ages of 30 and 34 have never been married, nearly four times the rates in 1970.

It's further evidence young people are focusing on education and careers before settling down and beginning families, experts say. Societal taboos about couples living together before marriage also have eased, said Linda Waite, a University of Chicago sociologist.

Jeni Landers, a 30-year-old law student from Boston, said she

## Despite delays, percentage of never-marrieds is down

**DELAYING MARRIAGE:** One-third of men and nearly one-quarter of women have never been married when they reach 34, nearly four times the rates in 1970, Census Bureau figures show.

**POSSIBLE REASONS:** People are focusing on education and careers. The easing of taboos about couples living together before marriage and having children outside marriage may also contribute.

**STILL MARRYING:** Americans still do marry — eventually. In 1970, 8 percent of people 65 and older never had married; now it's 4 percent.

— Associated Press

considers living together a requirement before saying "I do."

"I don't know how people got married before living together first," said Landers, who moved in with her fiancé after getting engaged nearly a year ago. "This is crucial to see how

you get along."

Data from the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey released this week show the age at which someone typically marries for the first time rose from 20.8 for women and 23.2 for men in 1970 to 25.3 and 27.1,

respectively, last year.

In 1970, only 6 percent of women 30 to 34 had never been married; the figure was 23 percent in 2003. The rate for never-married men in the same age group rose from 9 percent to 33 percent.



AP file photo

Dr. David Graham, associate director of science for the office of drug safety at the center for drug evaluation and research for the Food and Drug Administration, testifies before a Senate Finance Committee hearing on drug safety in this Nov. 18 file photo. Graham says the current system for determining drug safety "is completely broken."

## Checks and measures in drug making

It takes years to develop a new drug and at every stage harmful side effects are evaluated. Recent Senate testimony criticized the Food and Drug Administration, which supervises the management of drug design.

A typical path of a new drug from research to market

An idea for a drug is formed.



The process begins with chemical analysis and the isolation of potential treatments.



Animal testing follows. The documents are submitted to FDA. Healthy human volunteers take the drug over a few months to study safety.

People with disease take the drug for up to two years to study the effectiveness of the drug.



A larger group of people take the drug for one to four years.



Data is collected to establish dosage and to form warning labels.



Drug is approved for marketing.

Manufacturer informs public as information arises.

SOURCE: Food and Drug Administration's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

AP



AP photo

Catherine Carter, front left, a supporter of Democrat Christine Gregoire, demonstrates for another recount in the governor's race at a rally Tuesday night in Bellevue, Wash., for Republican Dino Rossi. Rossi took up the mantle of governor-elect on Tuesday, but an unprecedented third vote count could keep Rossi and Gregoire guessing until almost Christmas — or later.



## WORLD BRIEFS

**U.K.: Mutilated body not Hassan's**

LONDON — A mutilated body found in Iraq is not that of kidnapped aid worker Margaret Hassan, the British government said Wednesday. But the Foreign Office said it continued to believe Hassan had been murdered, although the evidence was not conclusive.

The Foreign Office said dental tests conducted in the United States showed the body of a woman of Western appearance, found in Fallujah last month by U.S. Marines, was not Hassan.

**Hammas says it will boycott elections**

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — A Hamas leader announced Wednesday that the militant group will boycott upcoming Palestinian presidential elections, the first sign of open tensions between the interim Palestinian leadership and the Islamic opposition group since the death of Yasser Arafat.

The announcement by Hamas leader Ismail Hanieh could undercut the legitimacy of the Jan. 9 election, though Hamas said it would honor the outcome. Hamas has tens of thousands of supporters and is particularly strong in the Gaza Strip. "We are not calling on the Palestinian people to boycott the election, but Hamas members will follow the decision to boycott the election," Hanieh said.

**U.N.: Rwandan troops are in Congo**

GOMA, Congo — U.N. observers encountered what they believed to be about 100 Rwandan troops in eastern Congo, a U.N. official said Wednesday, marking the first reported U.N. sightings since Rwanda threatened to send in its forces against Rwandan Hutu rebels sheltering here.

The renewed invasion warnings by Rwanda have raised fears of a reigniting of the devastating, five-year, six-nation war in Congo, Africa's third-largest nation.

The suspected Rwandan forces withdrew toward Rwanda after Tuesday's encounter, said M'hamed Ladjouzi, head of the U.N. mission at Goma.

**Cuba transfers 18 dissidents**

HAVANA — As many as 18 jailed dissidents have been transferred from provincial penitentiaries to the main prison hospital in Havana, raising hopes that they will soon be freed, relatives of the dissidents said Wednesday.

Activist physician Dr. Oscar Elias Biscet and veteran opposition politician Hector Palacios were among those transferred late Tuesday to the hospital at Combinado del Este Prison, their wives said.

Cuban President Fidel Castro's communist government released five dissidents in the past week, all after checkups at the same prison hospital.

They included perhaps Cuba's best known dissident, Raul Rivero, an independent journalist and poet.

— From The Associated Press

**Sharon fires partner, shatters coalition**

AP photos  
**A foreign peace activist leaps over Israeli border police officers in an attempt to evade arrest while trying to prevent the demolition of an Arab house in Beit Hanina in east Jerusalem on Wednesday. Israeli authorities often demolish houses they say were built without permits.**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's parliament voted against the state budget Wednesday, triggering a political crisis that could topple Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government and stall his plan to pull out of Gaza and part of the West Bank next year.

Shortly after the vote, Sharon dismissed Shinui, his main coalition partner from the government for voting against the budget. At the parliament, Shinui ministers showed reporters their one-sentence dismissal notices. They take effect Saturday evening.

Sharon himself brought the situation to a head, calling the first of three votes on the budget, knowing it would fail — giving him a chance to reshuffle his shaky minority coalition. But it was a risky move, possibly leading to a general election, which would stall or kill the pullout.

With his government in tatters because of internal opposition to the pullout plan, Sharon was unable to garner a majority in favor of the budget, losing 69-43.

The Shinui Party, which pushes for secular rights, voted against to protest Sharon's pledge of hundreds of millions of dollars in allocations for Shinui's arch-rivals, the Orthodox Jewish parties, to win their support.

After dismissing Shinui from his government, Sharon planned to invite the moderate Labor Party and at least one ultra-Orthodox Jewish party to replace it.



Sharon

That would give Sharon a parliamentary majority of about 66 of the 120 seats for the first time since the summer, when pro-settler parties quit the government to protest the pullout plan.

Since then, Sharon has needed the backing from the opposition of Labor, his natural rival, which has backed far-reaching territorial concessions for years and strongly supports the "unilateral disengagement" plan.

However, Labor, which has socialist roots, voted against the budget, objecting to cuts in welfare spending and social programs.

This presents Sharon with a complicated political situation, complex even by labyrinthine Israeli political standards. If he fails to reconstitute his coal-

ition, it could fall in a no-confidence vote, triggering a months-long process of campaigning and elections that would put everything else on hold — including the Gaza and West Bank withdrawal.

Rebels in Sharon's Likud Party oppose the pullout plan, as do Sharon's traditional backers among the Orthodox Jewish public and other hard-liners on the Palestinian issue.

Sharon himself was a stalwart supporter of settlement expansion for decades, did an abrupt about-face when he presented his plan a year ago, calling for removal of all 21 Jewish settlements from Gaza and four from the West Bank.

Sharon is saying that the pullout must be Israel's top priority, crossing the usual party lines. This would mean that his traditional dovish rivals would have to back his government and keep it afloat, despite strident opposition from Sharon's own camp.

Bringing Labor into his government would help sustain a majority for the pullout, but the fight over the budget would continue. If the government does not pass a budget by March 31, it must resign.

Sharon and Labor served together in Sharon's first term as prime minister from 2001-2003, but Labor quit over the issue of funding for settlements, triggering another election.

**Iraq's Sunni president backs Jan. elections**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's president, a Sunni Muslim, said Wednesday that elections should be held on time on Jan. 30, giving key support to the timetable despite violence in large parts of the country and calls by some powerful Sunnis to postpone the vote.

Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi met Iraqi Sunni tribal leaders in neighboring Jordan, trying to drum up support for the election, seen as vital for building a democratic government in Iraq.

Allawi earlier denied media reports that he would meet members of the opposition. He did hold talks with figures who are powerful in the Sunni regions of central Iraq where opposition to his U.S.-backed administration is strong and insurgent violence has been fiercest.

On Baghdad's dangerous airport highway, a suicide bomber detonated an explosive-laden

**U.N.: Iraq's January vote on track**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Preparations for the Jan. 30 national election are on track despite continuing violence and calls for delaying or boycotting the vote, the U.N. election chief in Iraq says.

"I won't say I am happy, but I am satisfied with the process," Carlos Valenzuela told The Associated Press in an interview. "People tend to have these very unrealistic expectations about elections. ... They are not a panacea, but they seem to me at least at this moment the one way to go that would help the

transitional process" in Iraq.

Valenzuela heads a team of 20 U.N. staff in Iraq and 15 more in neighboring Jordan who are giving technical assistance to the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq, which was set up earlier this year with the help of the United Nations.

The Jan. 30 vote is for a 275-member assembly that will appoint a government and draft a permanent constitution. If adopted in a referendum next year, the constitution would form the legal basis for another general election to be held by Dec. 15.

vehicle near two SUVs, wounding three civilians, according to police. One of the SUVs was left lying overturned in the road after the blast, which hit the same spot on the highway where a suicide

bomber rammed a U.S. military convoy a day earlier, wounding several soldiers.

U.S. soldiers traveling through Mosul on a mission to discuss the January election with Iraqis



AP photo  
**An Iraqi woman walks past a U.S. Army patrol and a "house for sale" message in Mosul, Iraq, on Wednesday.**

came under fire Wednesday when they stopped at a gasoline station, witnesses said. One U.S. soldier was wounded in the ensuing gunbattle.

The persistent violence has

raised fears that voting will be impossible in some areas, and a major Sunni group has called for a boycott of the election to protest the U.S.-Iraqi offensive on Fallujah last month.

**Panel calls for revamping U.N. Security Council**

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A high-level panel called for sweeping reform of the United Nations in the wake of bitter divisions over the U.S.-led war in Iraq, with proposals to expand the Security Council and to give the powerful body clear guidelines for authorizing preventive military attacks.

The panel's long-awaited report, which was commissioned by Secretary-General Kofi Annan after last year's diplomatic battle over Iraq, said the dangers confronting the

world today cannot be dealt with by any nation acting alone, even a superpower.

The 95-page report laid out a new vision for collective action to tackle threats to global security and to make the Security Council "more proactive."

"Today's threats recognize no national boundaries, are connected, and must be addressed at the global and regional as well as the national levels," the panel said. "No state, no matter how powerful, can by its own

efforts alone make itself invulnerable to today's threats."

Former Thai Prime Minister Anand Panyarachun, who chaired the panel, said members were divided over expanding the 15-nation Security Council — now dominated by post-World War II powers — an issue that has challenged the world body's 191 member states for more than a decade.

The panel therefore presented two options: One would add six new permanent

members and the other would create a new tier of eight semi-permanent members two each from Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas. Panel members agreed that only the current five permanent members — the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France — should retain veto power.

Seeking more influence over global decisions, Brazil, Germany, India and Japan joined forces in September to lobby for permanent seats.



# Highway a dead end for soldiers

## U.S., British ban its diplomats from using Iraq's most dangerous route

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The driver barreled down the road from Baghdad International Airport, his eyes darting from side to side for signs of trouble. A few hundred yards ahead, a convoy of U.S. contractors stopped on an overpass. Armed men jumped from the vehicles — weapons at the ready.

Three vehicles from the Iraqi National Guard had been struck by rocket-propelled grenades and the contractors stopped to help. Not so the rest of the cars. Fearing the gunmen may still be around, the driver and dozens of civilian cars and trucks crowded onto an exit road for a quick escape.

It is a scene repeated with alarming frequency along the white-knuckle 10-mile stretch of highway — known to U.S. troops as “RPG Alley” — which links the center of Baghdad with the airport on the western outskirts of the city.

The U.S. State Department has described the airport road as one of the most dangerous routes in Iraq, and the British Embassy has banned its diplomats from using it because of the high risk of attack.

The situation on the airport road has become a metaphor for the entire Iraq mission. More than 18 months after the fall of Saddam Hussein, the world's most powerful military cannot guarantee the safety of Iraqis, foreigners and its own troops who use one of the country's most important routes.

The four-lane road, much of it lined with scrub brush and palm trees where gunmen can hide, passes through dangerous Baghdad neighborhoods. Insurgents know they can always find plenty of targets — U.S. convoys, Iraqi military vehicles and civilian contractors.

In the latest attack, three people were injured Wednesday when a “vehicle-borne improvised explosive device” — the U.S. military term for a car bomb — deto-



Iraqi National Guard soldiers set out from an Iraqi police station to recover bodies after two men were found murdered in Mosul, Iraq, on Wednesday. Previously, 20 bodies were found in Mosul in the past week, including 10 identified as Iraqi regular army soldiers.

nated as several Sport Utility Vehicles, favored by U.S. and other Western security contractors, were passing by.

One of the vehicles lay overturned in the middle of the road as U.S. troops sealed off the area and two helicopters arrived to evacuate casualties. The blast occurred at the same place where a suicide bomber rammed into a U.S. military convoy the day before, wounding several soldiers and destroying two Humvees.

U.S. military officials do not release full details of attacks on the road, possibly to avoid encouraging the insurgents.

On Nov. 8, the Iraqi Interior Ministry reported that two SUVs were caught in an explosion as a convoy traveled through the Amiriyah district on the airport road. U.S. officials released no

details of the attack.

The next day, however, CBS and NBC reported that one of those in the convoy was Charles Duelfer, who conducted the fruitless search of Iraq for weapons of mass destruction. Duelfer escaped injury but both networks reported that two of his bodyguards were killed.

Mindful of the risks, drivers have developed their own set of tricks when using the road — chief among them, stay off as much of the route as possible. Those traveling between the airport and the center of the city prefer to maneuver through other streets to minimize their time on the airport road.

Rule Number Two: Drive as fast as possible. Weave around slower-moving vehicles and if possible, don't get stuck in a traf-

fic jam. The next vehicle might be rigged to explode. Experienced drivers glance from side to side for telltale signs of trouble — muzzle flashes, smoke or groups of men who may be armed.

And at all costs, avoid tailing American military vehicles or SUVs — the favorite targets.

Despite the increasing dangers, the airport road has taken on greater importance for foreign diplomats, journalists and Iraqis because the dreadful security situation elsewhere precludes using other routes into and out of the country.

The main highways west to Jordan and Syria are even more dangerous — especially for foreigners — because of armed insurgents around Ramadi and Fallujah who have kidnapped and beheaded both Iraqi and foreign

hostages.

The road south toward Karbala and Najaf passes through a string of insurgent-controlled towns and cities dubbed “the triangle of death” because of the large number of foreigners and Iraqi Shiite Muslims waylaid over the last year.

Another road to the southeast through Kut and on to Basra is considered safer — but only relatively. As the route approaches Amarah it passes through an area notorious for carjackings.

The highway north toward Mosul, known to the U.S. military as Highway One, passes through such insurgency-plagued cities as Samarra, Tikrit and Beiji. And the U.S. military describes the situation in Mosul as “tenuous.”

That leaves the airport as the “safest” way out of Baghdad.

## WORLD BRIEFS

### Powell condemns violence in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Heavy gunfire rang out near Haiti's presidential palace Wednesday as Secretary of State Colin Powell prepared to meet with the country's interim leaders. He denounced the violence as the work of thugs.

Powell said international peacekeeping troops need to come down hard on street toughs and those who carry out political violence in Haiti.

“They have to forcefully take on those armed individuals of the kind who were firing this morning,” Powell said after meetings at the National Palace with President Boniface Alexandre, Prime Minister Gerard Latortue and other political leaders.

Haiti is still beset with violence and political infighting as the one-year anniversary of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's ouster approaches in February. The country's caretaker government has pledged open elections next fall, a goal Powell said Haiti can meet with outside help.

### Ukraine presidential rivals reach a deal



A supporter of Ukrainian opposition presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko's with his face painted in orange, party, and yellow-blue, Ukrainian, colors seen in Kiev on Wednesday.

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko signed a deal Wednesday that obliged his supporters to lift their siege of government buildings, but he said his followers will stay on the streets until an agreement is reached on a new vote for the country's presidency.

Yushchenko held face-to-face talks with Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich — his rival for the presidency — hours after the opposition showed its strength by bringing down Yanukovich's government with a no-confidence in parliament.

After the talks, Yushchenko proposed that a new run-off vote between him and Yanukovich be held Dec. 19. Speaking to his supporters in the street, he said he would not accept a whole new election — an idea suggested earlier by outgoing President Leonid Kuchma — and urged his backers not to give up their massive demonstrations.

— From The Associated Press

# AIDS day observed around the globe

GENEVA (AP) — From Armenia to Zambia, thousands of activists turned out to sing in mighty cathedrals, light candles in city squares and march and hold dance-athons on World AIDS Day as the United Nations focused on protecting women and girls, often sidelined in the fight against the disease.

Nearly half the 39.4 million people infected with HIV worldwide are female. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said three-quarters of all HIV-positive women live in sub-Saharan Africa. About 57 percent of the adults with HIV are women, he said.

“The number of women living with HIV is on the rise in every region. Today the face of AIDS is increasingly young and female,” said Peter Piot, head of UNAIDS.

“Prevention methods such as the ABC approach — Abstinence, Be faithful and use Condoms — are good, but not enough to protect women where gender inequality is pervasive,” he said.

Laws must be passed against domestic abuse and rape and to make sure women have property rights because that will make them



Malaysian students arrange a big red ribbon, the symbol of the AIDS World Movement, made of more than 10,000 red balloons, to promote HIV/AIDS awareness at a university in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday.

more secure and “far less vulnerable to HIV,” Piot said. “We must be able to ensure that women can choose marriage, to decide when and with whom they have sex and to successfully negotiate condom use.”

In Asia, where the disease claimed 540,000 lives this year, campaigners in Japan and South Korea handed out condoms. Thailand, Vietnam, and Bangladesh had marches, and the Philippines promoted HIV

testing.

China ordered local officials to learn about the disease and televised a rare visit by President Hu Jintao to AIDS patients in a hospital.

With an estimated 840,000 infected with HIV, China has been criticized for reacting too slowly to the threat of AIDS. The United Nations has warned that China could have as many as 10 million people infected by 2010 if it doesn't take urgent action.

In southern Africa, red ribbons were tied to lamp posts and draped over buildings to promote AIDS awareness.

“HIV/AIDS is not God's punishment of the wicked,” Anglican Archbishop Njongkulu Ndungane, of South Africa said, appealing for tolerance. “AIDS is a preventable, treatable and manageable disease — no more, no less.”

Malawi's President Bingu wa Mutharika said he wants at least 1 million of his 11 million people tested for HIV so his government can determine how many need anti-retroviral treatment.

AP photo



## OUR OPINION

# U.S. drug policy on the hazy side

We can advertise marijuana, but sick people can't smoke it?

Something's terribly amiss about a national drug policy that allows pro-marijuana ads in public transit systems, but won't let sick people use pot to ease their pain.

The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments this week in a medical marijuana case involving a 38-year-old mother of two from California. The former bookkeeper and lumber mill worker suffers from an inoperable brain tumor, wasting syndrome – the involuntary loss of body weight – and seizures.

Angel Raich's primary physician, Dr. Frank Lucido, says he tried 35 legal alternatives to alleviate her chronic pain, but that marijuana was the only one that gave her relief without such unacceptable side effects as making impossible for her to eat.

The high court will now decide whether the federal government overstepped its authority to regulate interstate commerce by prosecuting the anonymous people who grew marijuana for Raich's medical use. Nine other states besides California allow sick people to use pot under a doctor's supervision.

Government lawyers cited a 1942 case in which the Supreme Court ruled that the federal government could limit the amount of wheat a farmer grew – even if all of it went to feed his own chickens – because it would affect the price of wheat nationally if all farmers did likewise.

Wickard v. Filburn gave Congress far-reaching authority to regulate an individual's private production under the dubious argument that it indirectly affected the commodities market – even when the wheat in question went into the farmer's chickens and was never sold.

This New Deal mumbo-jumbo didn't make sense then and it certainly doesn't make sense now.

This is not to minimize the potential dangers of marijuana use. Marijuana and cigarette smoke contain similar cancer-causing toxins. Pot's main ingredient temporarily alters brain functioning and may cause long-term memory loss. In some scientific studies, marijuana use has been linked to suppression of the immune system, meaning it may be unsuitable for AIDS and cancer patients – exactly the kind of people the pro-legalized pot crowds tout as beneficiaries.

But patients like Ms. Raich should be the ones to decide whether the benefits outweigh the considerable risks. As long as it's administered under a physician's supervision and is not bought or sold, it's not commerce – let alone the interstate kind.

Meanwhile, in a ruling similar to an earlier one in Washington, a federal appeals court ruled that Boston's transit system cannot turn down ads from a pro-marijuana group even though as many as 60,000 public school students will daily be encouraged to try an illegal substance whose mere possession can land them in jail.

The United States spends billions to convince people not to use illegal drugs, not to mention the numerous rehab programs for those who didn't "Just Say No." Sending the public such a mixed message is crazy.

But it's even more ridiculous for the federal government to use the interstate commerce excuse to prevent sick people from alleviating their pain.



## LETTERS

We'd like to hear from you. Please e-mail your thoughts, in 150 words or less, to [vaedit@jrn.com](mailto:vaedit@jrn.com).

### Blame politicians for day laborers' misery

The real culprit at the Ferlazzo Auditorium meeting regarding the arrests of day laborers in Prince William County could not be found among the laborers or the residents upset about loitering crowds, or even among the activists promoting compassion for the laborers ("Tempers flare over arrests of day laborers," Nov. 22).

The real culprit is embodied in Congressman Tom Davis, R-11th, and his colleagues on Capitol Hill who have allowed our borders to descend into chaos.

Because congressmen like Davis have treated immigration issues with benign neglect, we now have 10 million to 12 million illegal aliens here, many of whom can only stand in the parking lots of 7-Eleven and pray for work.

Their misery – and the resulting misery of the merchants and neighbors who have to deal with these crowds – can be placed squarely at the feet of our politicians.

Another thought: In 1986, we gave amnesty to 3 million illegal aliens. Our reward was the 12 million trespassers who followed between then and now.

What will we have in another 20 years? Do the math. If the current 12 million number also quadruples, we'll have 48 million uninvited new neighbors in two decades.

You can bet your last dollar that will translate into more than just loitering, unemployment and noise.

– TIM REID  
Vienna

### Widening I-66 is a limited solution

I would like to take the opportunity to clarify some information about the Interstate 66 study that was

recently reported in *The Journal*.

The idea to study changes to I-66 within the existing right of way was not an Arlington aspiration, but rather a condition imposed by the governor of Virginia and agreed to by Arlington and all other parties.

In June, the Virginia Department of Transportation eliminated \$2.5 million for a much larger study to widen I-66 in both directions.

Unlike a 2000 VDOT study ordered by then Gov. James S. Gilmore III, Gov. Mark R. Warner said the new look would be limited to the westbound lanes and would include assessments of other options including transit, carpool lanes, toll lanes and doing nothing.

The good sense of Gov. Warner's condition is easy to understand: Any other alternative is certain to be far more costly and disruptive at a time when both federal and state dollars and commitment are so strained.

Notwithstanding the pending approval of the omnibus federal spending bill, this Congress failed to act on reauthorization of the nation's surface transportation legislation – for the second consecutive year.

And despite the Herculean efforts of state Sen. John Chichester, R-Fredericksburg, the legislature in Richmond last year omitted any commitment to creating a long-term, dedicated source of funding for Virginia's transportation system.

Until we have dedicated sources of funding to maintain new transportation systems for the 21st century, we will need to wisely make do with the resources we have.

– BARBARA A. FAVOLA  
Chairman,  
Arlington County Board

### Kudos for The Journal's gutsy flu series

What a joy and comfort that *The Journal* newspapers have seen fit to publish the truth about the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's fraudulent and dishonest promotion of a useless flu vaccine ("Is CDC hiding flu shot alternatives?" Nov. 23).

The "scare" stories, mindlessly republished and never refuted by so many media outlets, have been responsible for countless deaths (untold numbers of the elderly scared into heart attacks) and a general frenzy among an uninformed public – all of which could have easily been avoided if only other general circulation publications had the guts and wisdom to print the truth.

Kudos to Tim Maier, the editor who commissioned the three-part exposé, and to Kelly O'Meara, the distinguished journalist who got out the facts.

It is my hope that you will continue to dispute dishonest reporting in other media, which is what happens when science editors mindlessly print pharmaceutical company handouts prepared by their marketing divisions as though they were honest news. What a travesty.

Again, our thanks and appreciation. We will do all we can to support and publicize your worthy efforts.

– ARLINE BRECHER  
Reston

### Government needs more 'Gossification'

There are about 1.8 million embedded civil servants in the Executive Branch, compared with 3,000 senior positions appointed by the president. Many of these civil servants are implacably opposed to President George W. Bush and his policies.

Let us all hope that Porter Goss, the new head of the Central Intelligence Agency, is leading the way and setting the example for other departments – and that the momentum for this cleaning-out process is well under way before Congress convenes in January.

Gossify away!  
– E. JOSEPH WEST  
Falls Church

### Vegetarianism embodies Judaism's best values

This year, I hope that Jews will enhance their celebrations of the beautiful and spiritually meaningful holiday of Chanukah by making it a time to begin striving even harder to live up to Judaism's highest moral values and teachings by moving toward a vegetarian diet.

Chanukah commemorates the miracle of the oil that was enough for only one day, but miraculously lasted for eight days.

A switch to vegetarianism on the part of the world's people could help cause an even greater miracle: the end of the scandal of world hunger, which results in the death of an estimated 20 million people annually while more than a third of the world's grain is fed to animals destined for slaughter.

The miracle of the oil brings the use of fuel and other resources into focus.

Vegetarian diets make resources go much further since far less water, fuel, land, pesticides, fertilizer and other agricultural resources are required for plant-based diets than for animal-centered diets.

In addition, a switch toward vegetarian diets would greatly benefit the health of individuals and would sharply reduce the present mistreatment of billions of farm animals.

– RICHARD H. SCHWARTZ  
President,  
Jewish Vegetarians of North America

### Palestinians should be resettled elsewhere

Stephen Barlas is right that all three candidates running to succeed Yasser Arafat are dismal choices ("Palestine and the Three Stooges," Nov. 24).

But he misses a more basic problem. To be blunt, the Palestinians (formerly known as Arabs) have shown no capacity for self-governance.

What's worse, every opinion poll from the West Bank and Gaza shows overwhelming support for terrorism. Creating a new Arab state where none existed before would mean a new center for attacks on Israel.

It would be far more productive to focus on resettling these people, not on giving them a country of their own.

– MICHAEL W. STEINBERG  
Bethesda, Md.



# Pigs and pork

By **KAREN HART**

Plutarch once warned, “The real destroyer of the liberties of the people is he who spreads among them bounties, donations and benefits.” Plutarch’s words never rang truer than they do today.

Our Congress is out of control, spending money like Michael Jackson on one of his notorious and wild shopping sprees. The Omnibus Appropriations Bill, officially known as H.R. 4818, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, determines funding for specific federal agencies for the 2005 fiscal year; the price tag is \$388 billion. The bill passed both the House and Senate and is heading to Pennsylvania Avenue for President Bush’s signature.

But the bill is well padded with more than just funding for specific government agencies. There is \$335,000 to protect North Dakota’s sunflowers from blackbirds, \$2.3 million for an animal waste management research lab in Bowling Green, Ky., \$50,000 to control wild hogs in Missouri, \$443,000 to develop salmon-fortified baby food, \$4 million for an Alabama fertilizer development center, \$1 million each for a Norwegian American Foundation in Seattle and a Wild American Shrimp Initiative, and the list goes on.

President Bush made a pledge when he took office four years ago that he was going to put an end to federally sponsored pet project funding, yet there has been little progress in this arena, and if he signs this appropriations bill, it will do anything but put an end to this reckless spending. If ever there was a time for reform, it would be now.

There are too many in Congress who abuse the generosity of the taxpayer’s purse strings. Sen. Shelby, R-Ala., who serves on the appropriations committee, padded his state’s coffers with federal dollars earmarked for dozens of special projects that only benefit his voters – enough for his public relations to put out at least 20 press releases detailing these “accomplishments.”

Ohio Reps. Stephanie Tubbs Jones, a Democrat, and Steven LaTourette, a



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Republican, bragged in press releases about \$350,000 they designated for music education programs at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

I am mortified by this pork-barrel spending. Whatever happened to fiscal conservatism? Where are our leaders’ priorities? Why is our government growing rather than shrinking?

Big government is a drag on the economy, and drags on the economy create insecurities about our nation’s future. Government should be as small as possible to do its job and not be inflated with as much pork as we can pump into it. America does have an obesity problem, and the first one who should be put on a diet is our government’s so-called budget.

We have a federal deficit that needs to be cut, Medicare and Social Security to fix, tax reform that needs to be addressed – all of which should take priority over money for shrimp, salmon-fortified baby food and defenseless sunflowers that soon-to-be-retiring baby boomers can sniff and admire as they are living on the streets of North Dakota, because there is no money in the social security fund for their old age.

It isn’t the taxpayer’s job to be Congress’s sugar daddy while its members pander to special-interest groups in hopes they will be remembered for their efforts come re-election time. Projects like the ones previously mentioned, should be funded at the local level if they are truly desired by a community.

Perhaps the next reality-based television show should be a series that follows congressional leaders through the process of cutting hidden spending out of appropriation bills. The members who are able to shave off the most wasteful spending get to keep their seats in Congress, while those members who don’t make the cut at “weigh-in” time are voted off the show. Maybe we could even call it “The Biggest Loser,” because right now the biggest loser in the appropriations process is the American people.

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## Assisted living facilities need more regulating

By **LUDWIG P. GAINES, Esq.**

The recent criminal neglect of residents at Alexandria’s Sunrise Senior Assisted Living facility on Duke Street shocked the collective conscience of our community and brought to light what is a growing regional, statewide and national problem.

At the Sunrise facility, an assisted care resident was left unattended on the institution floor for hours while his cries for help went unanswered, and another resident was ignored so long that he was forced to call 911 for medical attention – all while the one Sunrise caregiver who bothered to show up for work that day slept. The caregiver pleaded guilty in Alexandria General District Court and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

It has been asked how this neglect happened and what can be done to prevent any reoccurrences.

Recently, I discussed these issues with Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney Krista Boucher, who successfully prosecuted the Sunrise case. Our conversation was both enlightening and instructive. In preparing their case, Boucher, her colleagues and some in the industry were concerned at the dearth of standards and regulations applicable to the assisted care industry in Northern Virginia.

While prosecutors found nursing homes specifically regulated, they surprisingly found available law regulating assisted care facilities lacking, except for state licensing standards. To prosecute the Sunrise case, the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office ultimately relied on an existing criminal statute making it a misdemeanor to neglect an incapacitated resident.

It is Boucher’s opinion – one with which I strongly agree – that targeted and enhanced regulation of assisted care facilities is needed for

effective local enforcement. Such regulation must include enhanced public inspection and monitoring of these facilities. Ensuring proper care and deterring abuses requires assisted caregivers and operators be on notice that at any given time their facilities and practices can and will be monitored and inspected; and, if a violation is found, that they will be subject to clear penalties and punishments, including jail time and/or fines and operation shutdown.

The Sunrise incident compellingly illustrates that greater local government involvement is needed to safeguard the residents of assisted care facilities. To this end, I have raised the need for reform with Alexandria’s city staff and state delegation to Richmond for action and have specifically requested examination of measures to strengthen regulation and enforcement of the assisted care industry in our city.

The Sunrise case sadly shows that assisted care residents are among the most vulnerable in our community. They may be in the senior stages of life and often under some health or physical challenge. To be more specific, they often rely exclusively on the 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week services provided at these facilities. Assisted care residents are literally at the mercy of their caregivers: No one in long-term care expects to be left for hours on an institution floor in need of medical attention crying out for help.

In the twilight of their lives – after raising families and being productive citizens – they deserve more. They and their families, often at considerable expense, put their trust and faith in the belief that these facilities and their workers will provide a safe, humane and caring residential environment. It is government’s responsibility to ensure that this trust is not breached

and that this faith is not broken.

State records, however, show that an astonishing 4,400 cases of abuse, neglect or exploitation in assisted living facilities have occurred in the commonwealth since 1995. Because of their nature – occurring behind institutional walls – many of these offenses seldom come to light. When they do, the workers responsible are rarely prosecuted, and facility operators (like Sunrise) are permitted to remain open – often despite repeated violations. This is unacceptable.

It is time to bring an end to these practices. Simply put, before we have a tragic and shameful reoccurrence of what happened at Sunrise, stronger regulation and monitoring and harsher criminal and civil penalties are needed to protect those in assisted care facilities.

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# Gay marriage? Ban remarriage

By JOE KEEFE

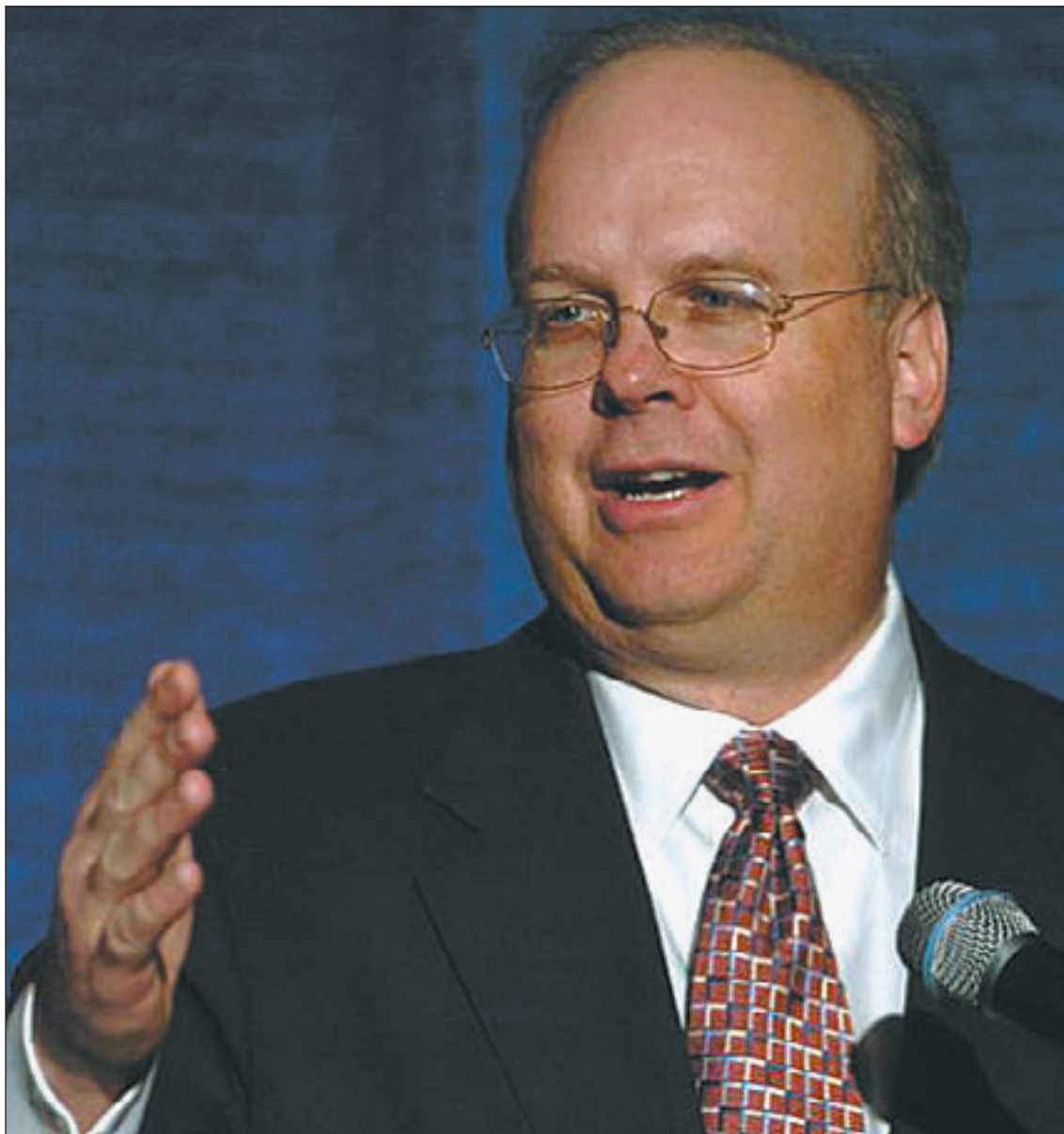
Karl Rove, noted humanitarian and social philosopher, has blasted the next salvo in the war against gays.

Speaking for the president, Rove assures us the administration will renew its efforts to secure a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage. It's heartening to know that – in the midst of a war, a deficit nearing infinity, a national health care crisis, an eroding dollar, staggering unemployment, a sharply divided populace and a foreign policy that doesn't include actual foreigners – Bush has his eye on the ball. With the myriad challenges we face, the administration's priorities must remain steadfast: persecuting a minority that can't defend itself.

As Rove told Fox News Sunday, "If we want to have a hopeful and decent society, we ought to aim for the ideal, and the ideal is that marriage ought to be, and should be, a union of a man and a woman."

Wow. I'm sure glad Karl Rove is now our national authority on virtue – because, as we all know, political operatives are the leading authorities on hope and decency. Without Mr. Rove, I wouldn't know what hope was and my standards of decency would be woefully inadequate. Being an indecent, hopeless sort of person, I assumed tolerance and compassion were part of the foundation of a free and open democracy. It's gratifying to be corrected by a person who is well versed in the serene teachings and delicate philosophies of Texas politics.

In difficult times like these, we must surrender our moral compass to our politicians. They are the ones who can tell us not only how we should behave, they're also the ones who can legislate the best morality for all of us. By virtue of their elected offices, politicians are the authorities on virtue and character. Forget about religion or philosophy, discard education or contemplation – we've got our



Under the Remarriage Amendment, President Bush's political advisor Karl Rove would be locked into his marriage – his second – unless he wanted to spend the rest of his life as a bachelor. A highly desirable and morally sound bachelor.

politicians to tell us what to feel and think.

It makes our lives so much easier when we relinquish our values to those in office.

Best of all, turning congressional attention to the ban on gay marriage means our federal government will be spending enormous amounts of time on

really important issues. Never mind that, of the 105,480,101 households in the United States, less than 0.6 percent are gay. Sure, 15 percent of those households

don't have health insurance; we've got to focus on the important stuff like the unification of church and state.

In order to preserve the sanctity of marriage, I have a much better idea – a constitutional amendment banning remarriage. We must pass an amendment outlawing marriage for people who are divorced. Here's the reasoning: In the United States, we average about 1.1 million divorces per year. Of that number, approximately 25 percent are people who are divorcing for the second time.

Yes, that's right: Every year, almost 300,000 couples who couldn't get it right the first time – or the second time – will fork over their hard-earned cash to attorneys who will then dig them out of their second-round marital vows. Many of them are normal, red-state American folks who just can't seem to get the hang of wedded bliss.

A constitutional amendment banning remarriage, while angering radio talk-show hosts, will go a long way toward preserving the sanctity of marriage. It would have no effect on first-time marriages. The sole function of the ban would be to prohibit people marrying people who can't seem to stop divorcing each other.

Maybe, instead of concentrating on the sanctity of marriage, we should focus on the sanctity of family – nurturing healthy homes with committed, caring parents who provide for and deeply love their children. Maybe we should turn our attention to building an environment where all families can prosper and thrive.

Perhaps we shouldn't judge couples on their orientation or lifestyle, but on the quality of their commitment and the lasting well-being of their homes. Or maybe we can let Karl Rove do our thinking for us.

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## Sex in the suburbs a federal issue, really

By REG HENRY

Ah, the Christmas season, and already those jolly elves in Congress have been busy delivering presents. The big sack of goodies was all wrapped up in a \$388 billion omnibus spending package before Thanksgiving.

According to a story by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's Ann McFeaters, the legislation gave almost every congressional district in the nation something in the way of special funds – all delivered with a happy holiday disdain for the federal deficit.

No doubt the lawmakers sang a rousing chorus of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Politician" as they funded such projects as the Wild American Shrimp Initiative, which many crustaceans will take as an incentive to come out of their shells and not be boring. Likewise, those who sing the blues will take comfort in the fact that greenbacks are going to the B.B. King Museum in Mississippi.

Pittsburgh seemed to do well in the federal generosity sweepstakes, with local hospitals and universities receiving a number of research-related grants. Hurrah for us!

But the item that caught my eye brought it all home for me. It was a tantalizingly brief mention in a highlights box accompanying the main story: "\$75,000 to help persuade teens in Sewickley to abstain from sex."

Wait, I said to myself, I am a resident of Sewickley. Am I to understand the teens of my town are having sex? The little jerks! And the federal government is using taxpayers' money to stop them? Hey, cold showers always worked for me, and the taxpayers didn't take a bath.

As it turns out, this faith-based initiative reaches further than Sewickley, which is a relief. Hitherto, my main local concern has been that the borough leaf picker-upper come down the alley behind my house. I do not welcome anything that might be a distraction from this important

municipal function – such as, say, the streets being clogged with Lolitas.

The \$75,000 is going to a program called the Silver Ring Thing. Teens pledge to be chaste until they are married and wear a ring as a symbol of their commitment. The local program is affiliated with the Rev. John Guest and a church in the North Hills, but just as the Lord's house has many mansions, so does Sewickley, and I suppose it is not strictly necessary that they all have to be in the borough.

As it happens, the Rev. Guest, a fine speaker and evangelist of note, raises mixed feelings in Sewickley. People love him or they don't.

As for me, I have nothing against the man, even though he came from England and I came from Australia and the thought of heaven with English people in it strikes me as deeply troubling. The place would be full of dogs, for one thing, not to mention the warm beer.

But I am not here to condemn him nor the Silver Ring Thing. Indeed, I

would like to offer words of encouragement, and to heck with the federal deficit.

When I was a kid, of course, sex was out of the question. The girls wore armor-plated corsets, especially those cone-shaped bras. A young fellow could poke his eye out on one of those if he ever got too close. Perhaps to supplement the Silver Ring Thing, the government could give funds to the American feminine apparel industry if it pledged to produce only industrial-strength underpants.

If there is one thing that I have always told young people, it is to watch out for kissing. It seems so innocent, but one thing leads to another and forget safe sex – it is all fraught with danger. You could have the briefest of romantic encounters, and in the blink of an eye, you could find yourself with a mortgage, a dog, kids who need orthodontists and a crazy bunch of in-laws.

In the suburban Sewickley context, teen romance is especially perilous. Just think, kids, what would happen if you

hooked up with someone and found out he or she came from a home that didn't have a Labrador, the borough's official dog. Why, it would be worse than finding out that the kid's parents do not play paddle tennis, the borough's official sport.

As it happens, the grown-ups in Sewickley may be in more need of federal funding than the kids. I won't say it is full of desperate housewives, exactly, but the main street could be renamed Hysteria Way, and the Starbucks crackles with the static electricity of repression.

Of course, that may be my impression because I am so darn desirable to the gals, being a bald, fat, 50ish man who is a known Labrador owner and paddle tennis player.

If the federal government wishes to send money to encourage my morality, that is fine.

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**Another 229 Delta pilots retire**

ATLANTA — Another 229 Delta Air Lines Inc. pilots have retired, locking in their retirement benefits ahead of a 32.5 percent pay cut scheduled to go into effect Wednesday, according to union officials at the struggling airline.

Those pilots whose retirements take effect Wednesday will receive retirement benefits based on their salaries before the pay cuts, said Karen Miller, a spokeswoman for the pilots union. Retiring pilots can also elect to receive half their pension benefits in a lump sum and the other half as an annuity later — a move that could ensure they receive at least some payout even if Delta later files for bankruptcy.

The departures come as pilots begin to feel the effects of the sweeping \$1 billion concession package they approved last month in hopes of keeping Delta out of bankruptcy. The union also agreed to a 16 percent reduction in vacation pay, changes to the composition of the pension plan and increased cost sharing for active pilot and retiree medical benefits.

**Dollar hits 12-year low vs. pound**

NEW YORK — The dollar fell to a 12-year low against the British pound Wednesday as signs of strength in the British economy raised expectations of an interest rate rise.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.9298, up from \$1.9114 late Tuesday. The last time the pound traded above \$1.9137 was September 1992, the year sterling was ejected from the European exchange rate mechanism and tumbled sharply.

**Rudy takes a walk down Wall Street**



AP file photo

NEW YORK — Former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who aggressively targeted insider trading during his days as a federal prosecutor, is hoping to become a player on Wall Street — launching his own investment-banking firm.

Giuliani Capital Advisors will offer advice to companies on mergers, acquisitions and other major deals.

The ex-mayor announced Wednesday that Giuliani Partners LLC, his private consulting firm, will buy the investment-banking arm of accounting firm Ernst & Young LLP as part of the deal. Terms were not disclosed.

"I am committed to helping the firm grow and be as effective as possible. That is my goal for the next couple of years. This is not a point in my life that I want to go back to government," Giuliani told The Wall Street Journal in an interview for Wednesday editions. "Long term, who knows?"

— From The Associated Press

**Fed: Economy gaining steam**

Spending, incomes, manufacturing all rise

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The economy is gathering momentum, bolstered by home building, shipping and even the country's beleaguered manufacturing sector, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday in a newly upbeat assessment.

Evidence of a strengthening economy showed up in other reports as well.

The Commerce Department said consumer spending shot up by 0.7 percent in October, the best showing since July, as Americans' incomes, the fuel for future spending, rose by 0.6 percent. The gain in incomes reflected the big increase of 337,000 payroll jobs in October, the best in seven months.

Meanwhile, the Institute for Supply Management reported that its main index for measuring industrial activity performed better than expected, rising to 57.8 in

November from 56.8 in October.

The Federal Reserve said that reports from its 12 regions "generally paint a picture of continued economic growth" from mid-October through mid-November with improvements noted in a number of areas.

In fact, the Fed survey said that 11 of its 12 regions reported expanding economic activity with only the Cleveland Fed district seeing little change.

The Fed's latest "Beige Book," named for the color of its cover, will be used when policy-makers meet for their last discussion of the year on Dec. 14. It is widely expected that the Fed will raise interest rates for a fifth straight time this year in an effort to make sure that the rebounding economy does not trigger unwanted inflation.

The reviving economy has been having an impact on inflation in such industries as energy,

transportation and food, but the Fed said retailers are still having difficulty passing those increased costs on to consumers because of stiff competition.

The Fed survey showed rising demand for manufactured goods, encouraging news for a portion of the economy that has seen the loss of 2.7 million jobs over the past four years.

There was rising demand for chemicals, food and a variety of products used in the aerospace, agriculture, energy, construction, medical and defense industries, the report said.

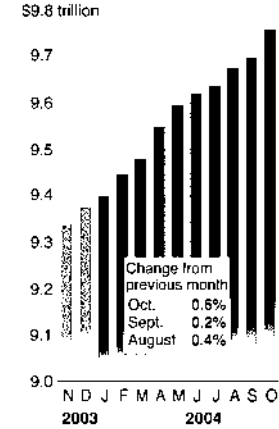
The rebound in manufacturing was helping job markets, and some areas of the country were even experiencing labor shortages for such occupations as accounting, construction and skilled professionals in the energy industry.

As for consumer spending, analysts said the 0.7 percent jump after a strong 0.6 percent rise in

**Personal income**

Here is a look at Americans' personal income.

Seasonally adjusted

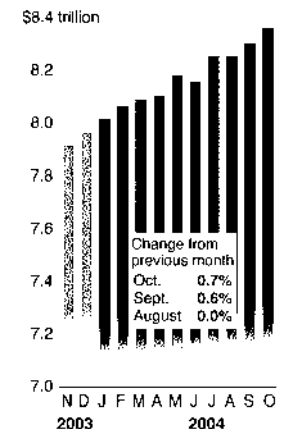


SOURCE: Department of Commerce AP

**Personal spending**

Here is a look at the nation's personal spending.

Seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: Department of Commerce AP

September showed that consumers, who account for two-thirds of total economic activity, were getting a second wind. "Consumers were not

deterred by higher oil prices and by consumer confidence numbers that keep on going lower," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

**Ford, GM signal production cuts**

Toyota, Nissan see record sales for Nov.

DETROIT (AP) — The nation's two largest automakers said they would reduce production in the first quarter of 2005 after reporting weak November sales. Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co., meanwhile, posted record sales for the month.

General Motors Corp. said on Wednesday that its total vehicle sales fell 13.1 percent from November 2003, with a 17.1 percent decline in cars and a 10.3 percent decline in trucks. The company said it intends to produce 1.25 million vehicles in the first quarter, down 7.1 percent from the same quarter last year.

No. 2 Ford Motor Co. said sales of the Ford, Lincoln and Mercury brands fell 4.3 percent in November from the year before, its ninth monthly decline this year. Car sales fell 12.5 percent, while sales of pickups and SUVs were down 0.9 percent.

Sales at the smallest of Detroit's Big Three, DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group, rose 8.9 percent — 17.5 percent for cars and 6.8 percent for trucks. It was the eighth consecutive monthly increase.

For Nissan, trucks drove November's overall increase of 31 percent. Sales of pickups and SUVs were up 58.7 percent, while cars rose 10 percent.

"A lot of our new vehicles have been trucks, and our new vehicles have kind



AP photo

Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp. have reported weak November sales despite the introduction of new vehicles.

of led the game," said Jed Connelly, senior vice president for sales and marketing at Nissan's North American division.

Toyota's American division, mean-

while, did best with cars. With the Camry holding its place as the country's best-selling passenger car and sales of the Prius hybrid continuing to climb, Toyota sold 19.2

percent more cars last month than in November 2003. Truck sales fell 1.4 percent, giving Toyota an overall increase of 8.8 percent.

**California ousts pension fund president**



Harrigan

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The nation's largest public pension fund fired its president Wednesday following a tumultuous year in which he became an outspoken advocate for reform in the board rooms of corporate America.

In a 3-2 vote, the state Personnel Board pulled Sean Harrigan from his post at the \$177 billion California

Public Employees Retirement System, a major player in the investing world. Harrigan was elected as CalPERS board president in February 2003.

Harrigan said he was "saddened" to end his involvement in "restoring much needed integrity and accountability to our capital markets." His supporters alleged corporate pressure and Republican lobbying, includ-

ing from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, helped drive the move.

State Treasurer Phil Angelides criticized Schwarzenegger and the personnel board for siding with "corporate interests and against taxpayers, pension fund members and ordinary American investors."

Harrigan will be replaced by Ron Alvarado, whose background is

more aligned with the private business sector.

After the vote, Personnel Board member Maeley Tom released a statement saying there was no "conspiracy, secret agenda or motive" behind the change, just a belief that other board members should also have a chance to join the CalPERS board.



# Justices mull IRA protection

With 1.6 million people filing for bankruptcy, stakes are high

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court considered Wednesday how much retirement savings people can shield when they file for bankruptcy, an important question as more Americans go into debt.

The justices heard arguments in the case of a bankrupt Arkansas couple seeking to keep their Individual Retirement Account.

Bankruptcy law already protects pensions, 401(k)s, Social Security and other benefits tied to age, illness or disability. Most

justices appeared reluctant to allow the seizure of all the money in IRAs, a nest egg used by millions of Americans, though Justice Sandra Day O'Connor offered that some might be taken to repay debts.

IRAs, which can be opened by anyone regardless of employment, allow investors to contribute up to \$3,000 annually to a fund that grows tax-free until withdrawals. It is the only retirement plan available to the self-employed, small business owners and workers between jobs.

Unlike many other plans, IRAs permit cash withdrawals for any reason at any time so long as holders 59 1/2 and younger pay a 10 percent penalty.

"The statute says the right to receive payment is on 'account of age,'" Justice Anthony Kennedy said. "If a client can take the money out at any time, why is it on account of age?"

But Justice Stephen Breyer, backed by Justices David H. Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, John Paul Stevens and O'Con-

nor, noted more than 98 percent of IRA investors don't make withdrawals until age 60.

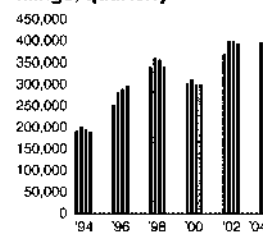
"It's called an Individual Retirement Account," Breyer said. "It's based on retirement, which is clearly on account of age."

The stakes in the case are high. Last year, more than 1.6 million people filed for personal bankruptcy, compared with 875,000 a decade earlier. Experts say much of that is being driven by people 55 and over who lose their jobs and can't pay off debts.

## Bankruptcy filings

The number of Americans filing for bankruptcy protection has climbed over the last decade.

### Non-business bankruptcy filings, quarterly



SOURCE: American Bankruptcy Institute AP

## Oil plunges more than \$3 a barrel

Oil prices plunged more than \$3 a barrel Wednesday — the largest single-day decline in more than three years — after the U.S. government reported large increases in the nation's fuel supply, easing fears of a supply crunch as winter approaches.

But the supply data were merely the catalyst for what one broker referred to as "the avalanche effect," in which prices fell below key technical levels and triggered more selling.

The 7 percent decline in oil prices sparked a rally in the shares of major airlines such as AMR Corp. and Delta Air Lines Inc., which have been stung by the high price of jet fuel. Shares of refining companies such as Sunoco Inc. and Tesoro Corp. were knocked lower.

Light, sweet crude for January delivery fell \$3.64 to \$45.49 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange — the lowest settlement price since Sept. 16. Prices climbed above \$55 a barrel in late October.

The last time oil prices fell so fast in one day was shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks as traders anticipated the coming economic shock. On Sept. 24, 2001, Nymex crude futures declined by \$3.96 to close at \$22.01 per barrel.

## Motorola drops to third in cell phones

CHICAGO — Five years after losing the lead in world cell-phone sales to Nokia Corp., Motorola Inc. slipped to No. 3 behind Samsung Electronics Co. in third-quarter data released Wednesday by research firm Gartner Inc.

The new figures reflect a near dead-heat for the runner-up spot, with Samsung holding 13.8 percent of the global handset market to 13.4 percent for Motorola. The full-year rankings remain up for grabs.

But Motorola's decline in market share underscores how important it is for the Schaumburg, Ill.-based company to score big in the all-important holiday selling season if it wants to regain credibility lost with consumers through years of product missteps and flawed strategy.

— From The Associated Press

# All cereal, all the time in Philadelphia

New cafe hopes to bowl over breakfast food enthusiasts

By JOANN LOVIGLIO  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — How's this for thinking outside the box: a cafe with jammies-clad servers pouring cereal day and night, topping it off with everything from fruit to malted milk balls, and serving it in "bowls" resembling Chinese takeout containers.

It's all cereal. Seriously. Cereality Cereal Bar & Cafe, which opened its first sit-down cafe Wednesday on the University of Pennsylvania campus, is a sugarcoated — and tongue-in-cheek — homage to what your mother always told you was the most important meal of the day. But she probably never dished out bowls of Froot Loops and Cap'n Crunch topped with Pop Rocks.

Behind glass-door kitchen-style cabinets at Cereality are 30 varieties of brand-name cold cereal. Customers order from "cereologists," whose most popular mix is two 8-ounce scoops with one of 36 toppings, plus regular, flavored or soy milk for \$2.95. Also offered are cereal bars and made-to-order cereal smoothies and yogurt blends.

Though some of the choices sound like a sugar overdose or a dental disaster to the uninitiated (or to those long past their college years), they're not all that indulgent.

"This is great because you can try all different kinds and not have to buy the whole box," said Penn freshman Erica Denhoff, 18, as she munched on a healthy concoction of Quaker Oat Squares, Corn Chex and yogurt flax bark with skim milk. "I'm on the track team. ... I eat cereal for breakfast and for a snack if I need energy."

Co-founders David Roth and Rick Bacher opened the first Cereality, a 200-square-foot kiosk in Arizona State University's student union, last year. Besides the 1,500-square-foot Philadelphia cafe



AP photos

Cereality Cereal Bar & Cafe co-founder David Roth slices a banana Wednesday in Philadelphia.

*"... we see this as being relevant to 95 percent of the American public that eats cereal."*

Co-founder David Roth

in the middle of Penn's retail district, the Boulder, Colo.-based company wants to open more than a dozen Cerealities next year on campuses, hospital lobbies, airports and office buildings.

"We don't see this as [solely] a college concept, we see this as being relevant to the 95 percent of the American public that eats cereal," Roth said. If college students — "the most cynical market we can go after" — like it, Roth's confident that office



Lynda Abend, left, and Loren Appin eat at Cereality on Wednesday in Philadelphia.

workers and travelers will like it too.

Cereality also offers its own combos with names reminiscent of Ben and Jerry's ice creams. John Merz, a 27-year-old Penn employee, was bowled over by Devil Made Me Do It — an ambrosial elixir of Cocoa Puffs, Lucky Charms, chocolate crunchies and malt balls, topped with milk.

"I'm always on a sugar high, so this doesn't make that much of a difference," he said with a laugh that sounded sugar-

influenced despite his assertion.

"You're eating candy with milk on it!" chided his co-worker Caroline Couture, 42. After polishing off her Banana Brown Betty with hot oatmeal, bananas, molasses sugar and streusel topping, she said that she'd be having a salad for lunch — but that she'd visit Cereality again.

"We're all still kids, really," she said. "A lot of the foods you loved in childhood you still love as an adult."

# Study: Health care spending slide slows

NEW YORK — The slowdown in the growth of health care spending leveled off earlier this year after two years of declines, a new study found, with the cost of treating a privately insured American rising 7.5 percent in the first half of 2004 — virtually the same as the

7.6 increase in 2003.

Paul B. Ginsburg, co-author of the study, worries that the flat spot could be a pause before the rate of spending increases will once again start to grow as programs designed to contain costs are failing to have a significant

impact. Even if the rate of increase doesn't jump dramatically, he said, it is still at a dangerous level which outpaces inflation and could eventually lead to more employers dropping health coverage.

"We have leveled off at a

place that is problematic," said Ginsburg, president of the Center for Studying Health System Change, which conducted the study with the Employee Benefit Research Institute. "There is just not much optimism that we know how to control costs."

Health care spending growth slowed in both 2002 and 2003 after reaching 10 percent in 2001. Ginsburg said the surge in 2001 was partially a reflection of the end of strident managed care policies which kept costs in check.

## Market watch

Dec. 1, 2004

<b>Dow Jones industrials</b>	<b>+162.20</b>	10,590.22
<b>Nasdaq composite</b>	<b>+41.42</b>	2,138.23
<b>Standard &amp; Poor's 500</b>	<b>+17.55</b>	1,191.37
<b>Russell 2000</b>	<b>+9.92</b>	643.69

## NYSE diary

<b>Advanced:</b>	2,280	<b>New highs</b>	468
<b>Declined:</b>	1,026	<b>New lows</b>	4
<b>Unchanged:</b>	149		
<b>Volume:</b>	2,294,350,833		

## Nasdaq diary

<b>Advanced:</b>	2,124	<b>New highs</b>	328
<b>Declined:</b>	1,021	<b>New lows</b>	18
<b>Unchanged:</b>	134		
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## 'Jeopardy!' whiz finally meets his match

By DAVID BAUDER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Following his remarkable run as the "Jeopardy!" whiz, Ken Jennings is famous enough to be trailed by a fan in the subway, is penning a book and, of course, has \$2,520,700 in winnings to decide how to spend.

What he doesn't have anymore, after his 74-game winning streak came to an end in an episode televised Tuesday, is a chance to play his favorite game.

"I miss it quite a bit," Jennings told The Associated Press. "It didn't really hit me that that was going to be the hard part. I thought the hard part would be the loss."

He seemed so invincible that when California real estate agent Nancy Zerg beat him, there was an audible gasp from the audience.

As someone who always has prepared his own tax returns, Jennings was tripped up in Final Jeopardy by this answer: Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal white-collar employees work only four months a year.

Zerg had the correct reply: "What is H&R Block?" But Jennings guessed Federal Express, and he was a "Jeopardy!" loser for the first time.

The final score was Zerg's \$14,001 to Jennings' \$8,799.

Even before that, she had needed an unusual display of Jennings fallibility to stay in the game. He twice answered wrong on Daily Double questions, which cost him nearly \$10,000.

Maybe that's why he paused, ever so slightly, when asked in the AP interview Tuesday whether he had lost or been beaten. He then graciously gave Zerg credit.

"It was a big relief to me that I lost to someone who played a better game than me," said Jennings, a computer software engineer from Salt Lake City. "There were no recriminations or remorse."

Zerg, a former actress who lives in Ventura, Calif., told the AP that she psyched herself up before the game by repeating to herself: "Someone's got to beat him sometime, it might as well be me."

Hanging out backstage with fellow contestants, she saw some Jennings opponents had essentially lost before the game. She heard one person say that it looked like he was playing for second, and another just wishing not to be humiliated.

"I heard another one say, 'It's no great sin to lose to Ken Jennings,' and they went in and lost to Ken Jennings," she said. "I thought, 'That's no way to play the game.'"

The loss is actually a distant memory and not really a secret: The show was taped in early September and news leaked



AP photos  
Top: Ken Jennings, right, and Nancy Zerg give an interview in New York on Tuesday. Above: In this video frame grab provided by Sony Pictures Television, "Jeopardy!" contestants Jennings and Zerg hug after Jennings ended his 74-game winning streak Tuesday.

right away. Video clips of his loss appeared Monday on the Internet.

Some stats: Jennings' average daily haul was \$34,063.51. He toyed with the previous daily record of \$52,000 — tying it four times — before shattering it with a \$75,000 win in Game 38. He gave more

### So long, Smartypants

Ken Jennings ended his record shattering 74-show winning streak on "Jeopardy!" during Tuesday's episode. He earned \$2,520,700 — the most money ever won by a TV game show contestant.

Correct answers	Average wager	One-day winnings
2,613 out of 2,848 attempts	\$3,799 on Daily Double	Highest \$75,000*
51 out of 74 in Final Jeopardy	\$7,727 on Final Jeopardy	Lowest \$10,001
		Average \$34,063.51

\* Show record

**Losing question** "Most of this firm's 70,000 seasonal white-collar employees work only four months a year."

NOTE: Data is through 74 shows.

SOURCES: King World Productions Inc.; tvgameshows.net

than 2,600 correct responses.

He combined an extraordinary breadth of knowledge, uncanny skill at sensing the precise instant to ring his buzzer, and a sharp competitive instinct

hidden behind his grin and polite manner.

It made many of the games boring. But "Jeopardy!" executives aren't complaining; ratings were up 22 percent over the same period last season.



AP

### 'Jeopardy!' queen cheered on by friends

VENTURA, Calif. — This woman toppled the brainy Ken Jennings on "Jeopardy," where he won more than \$2.5 million, a record for TV game shows.

Who is Nancy Zerg?

Though that wasn't one of the questions on Tuesday's "Jeopardy!," Zerg will forever be the answer to who defeated a computer programmer from Utah who seemed to know everything about anything.

Zerg, a 48-year-old real estate agent in Ventura, Calif., ended Jennings' 74-game winning streak Tuesday when she won \$14,001, beating Jennings' \$8,799 in Final Jeopardy. Jennings walks away from the show with \$2,520,700 and the status of a pop-culture icon, with appearances on late-night television and instant face recognition.

But Zerg is getting her own 15 minutes of fame this week as the woman who slew the invincible dragon.

She is in New York City with her husband, Jeffrey, and daughter, Maddie, 8, taping promotional spots for the show.

Finally, she can tell the world about her win after keeping it a secret since the show was taped in September.

"To keep it quiet is an accomplishment," said fellow real estate agent Janet McNamara. "I would have been blabbing all over the world."

Zerg never let on how well she did at the show.

"She was a bugger; she wouldn't tell us anything," said Cheryl Estes, another real estate agent. "The only thing she told us was, 'I didn't embarrass myself.'"

Contestants are contractually bound to not talk about their appearances before they air. That didn't stop Estes, though. When she had heard the rumor that Jennings finally lost, she pressed Zerg to see if she was the one who took him down.

But Zerg didn't budge.

Zerg even told her boss she was going to New York for a bar mitzvah.

It wasn't until Friday, when Zerg was asking McNamara to look in on her clients, that she told her about her big win.

"She told me that she was the one that toppled Ken Jennings and I about fell out of my chair," McNamara said.

— Scripps Howard

## Pepper deserts his '71 Dodge for NASCAR speed

By LUAINE LEE  
Scripps Howard

Eight years ago actor Barry Pepper packed all his worldly goods into his 1971 Dodge Dart Swinger, named "Grace," and headed for Hollywood. Pepper still has Grace, and now his 4-year-old daughter's middle name is Grace. It seems that devotion to a car is nothing new to him.

But flash forward, and Pepper is aboard a NASCAR race-car, pushing 170 miles per hour

and leaving Grace in the dust.

It's all in a day's work for the Canadian-born Pepper, who first captured attention as the Bible-quoting sharpshooter in "Saving Private Ryan."

Now as Dale Earnhardt in ESPN's original movie, "3," premiering Dec. 11, Pepper is once again applying the tenacity and concentration that brought him to Hollywood.

The youngest of three boys, Pepper says he was always good at sports.

"It doesn't matter what it

is. I've done skydiving and baseball and football and volleyball, scuba diving, mountain biking. It's something in our genes, I think — all of my brothers are the same way. Sports were always my forte," he said.

Wrong. His forte is really acting, as his subtle and impressive performances as the "Private Ryan" sniper, as Roger Maris in "61" and as Earnhardt in "3" have proved.

But Pepper is also good at life. Married for seven years

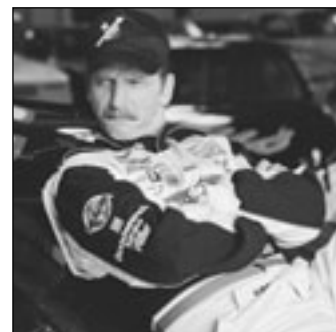
to his high school sweetheart, Cindy, Pepper recalls, "She always reminds me that she was with me before I made a success of myself. She says, 'I'm not in it for the money,'" he chuckles.

While he's brave on the playing field, he wasn't so daring when he auditioned for Steven Spielberg for "Private Ryan."

"I read in this cattle call of thousands and then he saw the tape and asked to meet me and I met him on the deck of 'Amis-

tad.' Isn't that bizarre? I was really scared, but for whatever reason it constricted my throat, and I didn't speak much. And I was with another actor who was meeting him as well. He was there for a different role. It was just a meet-and-greet, between takes and set-ups ...

"I just buttoned up, and this guy did all the talking. I think that's what sealed his fate and also mine. For Steven there was something about the character of Jackson where strong silence was embodied ..."



Scripps Howard

Barry Pepper as Dale Earnhardt.







**CBS sweeps wins young viewers**

NEW YORK — CBS claimed a “sweeps” month victory among youthful viewers for the first time since 1980 — a milestone even the network’s top executive never thought he’d see.

With two days to go, CBS had a comfortable lead among viewers aged 18 to 49 during November, one of four months where Nielsen Media Research ratings are used to set local advertising rates. ABC and NBC were fighting for second.

CBS has been the most popular network among all viewers for the past few years, but the 18-to-49-year-old demo is the industry’s chief currency. Advertisers pay a premium for youth and CBS’s generally older audience has been a handicap.

**Fox office moves to Mexico City**

MEXICO CITY — Fox Latin America Channels is moving its sales headquarters to Mexico City from Los Angeles as part of an effort to expand the programming distributor’s reach in the region.

The unit of News Corp.’s Fox Television Group is also opening new sales offices in the Colombian capital of Bogota as well as Caracas, Venezuela’s capital, and Chile’s capital, Santiago.

— From The Associated Press

# Arlington, inside and out



Courtesy the Matthews family  
**Owner Jim Matthews stands by Tops Drive-Ins, the home of Arlington favorite the Sir Loiner burger and a favorite stop for teenagers in their convertibles.**

**ARLINGTON: HEROES, HISTORY AND HAMBURGERS**

Think you know Arlington? Did you know:

- Arlington was once home to Gen. Robert E. Lee?
- Orville Wright experimented with his flying invention at Fort Myer? (The first aviation-related death occurred there in 1908, when Wright’s co-pilot died.)
- Arlington was where desegregation was first implemented in Virginia’s public schools?
- Luna Park, a world-themed amusement park with water rides and exotic animals, used to be a popular attraction in Arlington? (Three elephants once escaped and were found several days later in Burke, Va.)
- Clarendon, which was torn apart by Metro construction in the 1970s, became known as “Little Saigon” after Vietnamese store owners were attracted by the lowered lease rates?

“Arlington: Heroes, History and Hamburgers” (PBS, 8 p.m.) explores the history of the Washington suburb, starting with the land 10,000 years ago, continuing through the colonial era and Civil War, and leading up to the diverse area that it is today.

The 80-minute program features archival footage, interviews with lifelong residents and insight from historians. Some of the neighborhood’s historic homes will be visited as well, such as Glebe House, the Ball Sellers House and Arlington House.

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**12 DAYS OF COOKIES**

Mmmmm! C is for cookie, that’s good enough for me! “12 Days of Cookies” (Food, 9 p.m.) looks at some of our nation’s favorite holiday cookies and tells the stories behind their creation, as well as visiting the homes of cookie makers from around the country.

**LOOK AROUND YOU**

Now, for something completely different. “Look Around You” (BBC America, 10:40 p.m.) is a British spoof of 1970s school science programs. In the opener, the narrator (Nigel Lambert) presents goofball math problems and suggests that germs came from Germany.

Also discussed are the outfits of Queen Elizabeth III, IV and IV; weird pencil-case items; and brain gum.

**40 DAYS AND 40 NIGHTS**

Upset by a failed romance and fed up with unfulfilled flings, young Matt Sullivan (Josh Hartnett) vows to stay celibate during Lent in “40 Days and 40 Nights” (The WB, 8 p.m.). And then he meets the girl of his dreams. (Boob Tube comment: No comment ...)

40 days and 40 nights without the Boob Tube? Visit [www.scottfullermedia.com](http://www.scottfullermedia.com).

THURSDAY EVENING														DECEMBER 2, 2004			
	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
<b>BROADCAST CHANNELS</b>																	
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WTTG 5	Judge Judy	News		Simpsons	Simpsons	Friends	Seinfeld	The O.C. (N)		North Shore (N)		News		Friends	Drew Carey	Seinfeld	Frasier
WJLA 7	Oprah	News		News	ABC News	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Extreme Makeover (N)		life as we know it (N)		PrimeTime Live		News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N)	
WUSA 9	Edition	News		News	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Vanuatu		CSI: Crime Scn		Without a Trace		News	(11:35) Late Show (N)	Late Late	
WDCA 20	Family Feud	Fear Factor		Girlfriends	Girlfriends	Malcolm	Malcolm	WWE SmackDown! (N)				'70s Show	'70s Show	Raymond	Dharma	Fear Factor	
WMPT	Maya	Arthur	BBC World	News-Lehrer		Business		Ask This	MotorWeek	Martin Luther				Baltimore Fire of 1904	BBC World	Great Mu	
WETA	Maya	Cyberchase	Arthur	BBC World	Business	News-Lehrer				Arlington: Heroes, History and Hamburgers		My Music Number 101: Superstars of Seventies			Yoga for the Rest of Us		
WBDC	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Judge Mathis (N)		The Parkers	Harvey	The Parkers	Harvey	Movie: "40 Days and 40 Nights" (2002)		Will & Grace	Just Shoot	Will & Grace	Blind Date	Elimidate	Blind Date		
WPXW	Paid Prog.	Balderdash	On Cover	Pyramid	Shop-Drop	Pyramid	Family Feud	Videos	Videos	Diagnosis Murder "Resurrection"			Videos	News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
WNCV	German	The Journal (In Spanish)		BBC World	Newsline	Le Journal	Journal	Families	Great Mu	Dragon	Popport	Italian News	Newsline	News and Entertainment	CNI		
<b>BASIC CABLE CHANNELS</b>																	
A&E	"Ship	Third Watch		City Confidential		American Justice		Cold Case Files				The First 48		Crossing Jordan		Cold Case Files	
BET	(4:00) Rap City: Tha Bassment			106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		BET Style	The Parkers	Girlfriends	Soul Food		Comicview		News	L Bow Rm	Midnight Love		
COM	"Just One"	Mad TV		100 Greatest Stand-Ups		Daily Show	Mad TV	Yankers	Reno 911!	South Park	Drawn	Shorties	Daily Show	Drawn	Shorties	Daily Show	
DSC	Garage	Monster House		American Chopper		Monster Nation (N)		No Opportunity Wasted	Big (N)		American Chopper		No Opportunity Wasted	Big			
E!	Sat. Night	Christina Aguilera		E! News	Good to Be	Apprentice: H'wood Story	Affair	Love in Heir	Dr. 90210	Dr. 90210	Howard S.	Howard S.	Howard S.	Howard S.	Saturday Night Live		
ESPN	NFL Live	Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter (Live)		College Football: Mid-American Conference Final -- Teams TBA. From Detroit.		SportsCenter (Live)						Burning	Outside		
FAM	Full House	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven		Without Santa	Santa Is Coming to Town	Rudolph & the Island of Misfit Toys	Whose?	The 700 Club		Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.				
FX	(3:00) "Hart's War"			King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	Fear Factor	Cops	Cops			
LIFE	Strong Med	The Nanny	The Nanny	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Movie: "Christmas in My Hometown" (1996)		Movie: "Ebbie" (1995)			The Nanny	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Golden Girls			
NICK	Neutron	SpongeBob	U-Pick	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby Show	Roseanne	Roseanne	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
SCIFI	Roswell	BeastMaster		Stargate SG-1		Movie: "DNA" (1997)		Movie: "Species III" (2004)				Movie: "Sci-Fighters" (1996)					
SPIKE	Real TV	Maximum Exposure		Wildest Police Videos		CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Trivia	Trivia	MXC	MXC	MXC	Gadget	Wildest Police Videos			
TBS	Yes, Dear	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Movie: "Lethal Weapon 4" (1998) (PA) (DVS)			
TLC	Trading	While You Were Out		Clean Sweep		In a Fix		Overhaulin'		Material Witness		Overhaulin'		Material Witness			
TNT	Law-Order	Angel		Charmed		Law & Order		NBA Basketball: Houston Rockets at Dallas Mavericks. (Live)		NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Denver Nuggets. (Live)							
TOON	Ozzy & Drix	Totally	Turtles	Static	Teen Titans	Grim	Ed, Edd	Ozzy & Drix	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Codename	Mucha	Teen Titans	Static	Futurama	Family Guy	Tom-Mayor	Alchemist
UNI	Gordo	Primer Impacto		Viviana	Noticiero	JAG	JAG	Amor Real		Aquí y Ahora		Impacto	Noticiero	Problema Gordo			
USA	(4:00) "Out for a Kill"			JAG	(DVS)	JAG	(DVS)	Law & Order: SVU		Movie: "The Siege" (1998, Suspense) Denzel Washington. (DVS)				"Desert Heat"			
WGN	Videos	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Home Imp.	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "Revenge of the Nerds" (1984)		WGN News at Nine		Becker	Becker	Home Delivery			
<b>MOVIES/SPORTS</b>																	
AMC	(4:00) "Airport 1975"			Movie: "The Hunter" (1980)		Movie: "Coogan's Bluff" (1968)		Movie: "For a Few Dollars More" (1965) Clint Eastwood.		Movie: "Coogans"							
BRAVO	Runway	Movie: "Dirty Dancing" (1987) 'PG-13'		The West Wing		Celebrity Poker Showdown		Long Way Round (N)		The West Wing		Celebrity Poker					
DISN	Recess	Kim	Proud	Even	Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	So Raven	"Zenon: Z3" 'NR'		So Raven	Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Even	Boy World	Proud	So Raven	
HBO	"Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" 'PG-13'			(6:15) Movie: "Born to Run" (1993)		Inside the NFL		"Daredevil" 'PG-13'		Ocean's 12	Real Sex	Real Sex	Real Sex	Inside the NFL			
HBO+	"Comprom."	(5:15) Movie: "Peggy Sue Got Married" (1986)		Movie: "Sylvia" (2003) Premiere. 'R'		The Sopranos		Movie: "Love Actually" (2003) Alan Rickman. 'R'		"Shape"							
HBOF	"Durango"	"Back to the Beach" 'R'		Tales	"Adam Sandler's"	Legacy of Rosa Parks		"Catch That Kid" Premiere. 'R'		Movie: "The Abyss" (1989) Ed Harris. 'R'							
HBO5	(4:00) "When the Sky Falls" 'R'			Movie: "Road to Perdition" (2002) 'R'		Last Letters Home		Movie: "Eyes Wide Shut" (1999) Tom Cruise. 'R'		(11:45) "Something's Gotta Give" (DVS)							
MAX	(4:00) "Crimson Tide" 'R'			Movie: "The Matrix" (1999) 'R'		(8:15) Movie: "Two Weeks Notice" (2002) 'PG-13'		Movie: "Stuck on You" (2003) 'PG-13'		"Crimson Tide"							
MMA	"Silent Fall"	Movie: "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen"		Movie: "Single White Female" (1992) 'R'		Movie: "Drumline" (2002) 'PG-13'		Movie: "Nightcap: Sexual Competitors" (2001) 'NR'									
SHOW	(4:25) "Equilibrium" iTV. 'R'			(6:15) Movie: "A Guy Thing" (2003) 'PG-13'		"Triggernmen" iTV Premiere. 'R'		(9:45) Movie: "Bound" (1996) iTV. 'R'		(11:35) "The Long Good Friday" iTV. 'R'							
SHOW2	(4:45) Movie: "Star Trek: Nemesis" (2002) 'PG-13'			(6:45) Movie: "The Four Feathers" (2002) Heath Ledger. 'R'		Movie: "It's My Party" (1996) 'R'		The Opposite Sex		(12:15) The Opposite Sex							
SPTSNET	Poker	Sports Trk	Football	I, Max	SportsNite	SpotLIGHT	Football	College Basketball: UT-Chattanooga at Virginia Tech.		SportsNite (Live)		Football	Best Damn Sports Show Period				
TCM	"Castle"	"Curtain Call"		(6:15) Movie: "Escape" (1940)		Movie: "The Pink Panther" (1964)		Movie: "Lolita" (1962, Comedy-Drama) James Mason. (DVS)									
TMC	(3:45) "Abandon"			Movie: "Bugsy" (1991, Drama) Warren Beatty. 'R'		"A Good Night to Die" 'R'		(9:45) Movie: "Crime Spree" (2003) 'R'		"Strike a Pose" 'R'							



# Jewels of the Nile

Turkish Fashion Fair arrives in Cairo, Egypt



## Counterfeiting still occurring in China

HONG KONG (AP) — Fake brand-name goods continue to be a problem in China despite the government's promise of a crackdown, executives of a French luxury goods company said Wednesday.

Chinese authorities have pledged to clamp down on fakes but haven't followed up the promise with enforcement on the ground, LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton Group Chairman Bernard Arnault said.

"We need to destroy all counterfeiting," Arnault said. "It's like destroying drug trafficking. It's a vast task and it takes investment from the government to have sufficient people on the field to attack this."

The group's fashion and leather goods unit, Louis Vuitton, spent 50 million euros in its fight against fake goods worldwide this year, LV chief executive Yves Carcelle said at a news briefing on the sidelines of a fashion conference here.

Carcelle declined to say how much of that money went to the battle against pirated goods in China, where counterfeiters operate brazenly and export cheap knockoffs of luxury products to markets around the world.

## Hot Topic shares down

NEW YORK (AP) — It's beginning to look like a cold Christmas for Hot Topic Inc., as weak post-Thanksgiving traffic dragged down November sales and expectations for the fourth quarter, leaving analysts to criticize the teen retailer's fashion sense.

Hot Topic shares traded at \$16.60, down \$2.24, or 12 percent, midday Tuesday on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

The City of Commerce, Calif., retailer late Monday reported an 8 percent drop in November sales at stores open more than one year.

The company also cut its fourth-quarter forecast to 37 cents to 43 cents a share from a prior range of 49 cents to 52 cents a share.

A handful of analysts downgraded the stock, citing the big shortfall in accessories sales and a general shift in fashion trends away from the company's edgy merchandise.

William Blair downgraded the company to "market perform" from "outperform," saying the recent weakness will delay recovery of sales trends until at least next spring.

Sales of accessories declined 13 percent compared with last year, which doesn't bode well for December sales.

"The inventory is already there for the holidays, which tends to be more accessory-dependent versus other times of the year," she said. "There's little they can do to freshen that inventory before Christmas."

It's hard to say whether the shortfall in sales of certain lines, namely licensed merchandise from the movie "The Nightmare Before Christmas" merchandise, is a seasonal problem or more fundamental. The line did very well last year, so management increased its inventory this year, but "it appears as if that license has pretty much run its course," Zackfia said.

Above left: A model at the Turkish Fashion Fair wears an outfit by Turkish design group Primato by Dosso Dossi in Cairo, Egypt, on Wednesday. The three-day fashion festival is the first Turkish fashion exhibition in Egypt and features designs by 50 Turkish designers. Above right: A model wears an outfit by Turkish design group Gulem Tekstil. Right: A model wears a design by Primato by Dosso Dossi.

AP photos

# How to be the belle of the (office) ball

By JUDIE SCHWARTZ and EVELINDA URMAN  
Scripps Howard

According to Miss Manners, society's second most frequently asked question is: "What should I wear?" (The first is "Do you really love me?")

The Style Matters gals, Judie and Evelinda, would add a third: "Is this outfit appropriate for an office party?" Holiday office parties are now in full swing, and we want to make sure that you're the belle of the ball, not the butt of bad jokes.

The party is a place to get to know your colleagues and boss in a setting that is more relaxed, but still professional. An office party is not a "real" party; it's a business meeting disguised with cocktails and finger food. You need to give as much attention to what you wear at the office party as you would to, say, a job interview. Your clothing sends a message about your good taste, judgment and respect for your employer.

Image consultant Mary Lou Andre (www.dressingwell.com) agrees: "Party clothes can speak loudly about your professionalism. Make sure yours are sending the right messages... err on the side of being too conservative rather than too provocative."

Here are Judie's and Evelinda's guidelines for dressing for the office party.

Shop early for a simple black dress or suit and dress it up or down depending on the event.

If the office party is held outside the

office at a restaurant or event center, dress up a bit more.

Unsure of the dress? Ask an employee who has attended the party in the past.

Don't look like you're on an audition for "Sex and the City." Skip the slip dress, deep décolletage and major bling-bling. Remember that if your spouse or "significant other" is invited, they should dress at a similar level as you. Even though it's your party, they're making an appearance and sending a message. If you're in a dressy suit, they have to change out of the flannel shirt and work boots. Otherwise, they run the risk of looking like your "insignificant other."

Avoid party clothing with poinsettia, reindeer, Santa Claus and elves. People might question your level of maturity.

Finally, consider the Style Matters office party philosophy, which states that by dressing up you are honoring the experience, the people you are with, the place you're going and the thought that went into creating the event. Ultimately, you're honoring yourself.

The first step to putting together the right outfit is to interpret the invitation dress code correctly. Hostesses have gone around the bend when it comes to thinking up creative dress codes. We've heard of "trendy chic," "sporty" and even "sparklingly flawless."

If a party holder has the audacity to list one of these dress codes, by all means you can have the nerve to call them a half hour before the party starts to ask for an explanation.

## Decoding dress codes

### Formal or white tie

■ Men wear white tie, black tail coat with medals; women wear floor-length formal evening gowns with gloves.

### Black tie

■ Men wear tuxedos with black ties (hence the moniker); ladies wear floor-length evening dresses or long dressy evening separates. These events call for luxe (not cheap looking) accessories.

### Black tie optional

■ Hosts — make up your minds. It's either black tie or it's not. Most men will opt not to wear tuxes. Women should wear dressy cocktail dresses or suits. If you're really insecure, call the host to find out what she is wearing and match your outfit to hers.

### Creative black tie

■ A popular dress code in the West, it leaves room for personal expression. For men it could mean a bolo tie with a tux and for women trendy or unusual dressy separates. Remember to dress up rather than down and go for a fun, funky look.

### Semi-formal or informal

■ Men wear dark business suits,

women wear fancy cocktail suits, short gowns and dresses. (Note: Informal on an invitation does NOT mean casual as it does in the popular vernacular.)

### Cocktail attire

■ Men wear dark suits, women wear cocktail suits or the proverbial little black dress. Cocktail attire is dressier than "career wear," but a bit less dressy than semi-formal.

A cocktail dress is a short elegant evening dress made of luxury fabrics. Length is anything but formal, meaning not to the ground.

### Dressy Casual

■ Office parties held at the boss' home often call for "dressy casual." Note that "casual" doesn't mean jeans, flannel shirts or work boots, all common misinterpretations of this category. Men should wear sport coats and women slacks suits, long or short skirts with nice tops. If the party is at night, dress up a bit more.

### Casual

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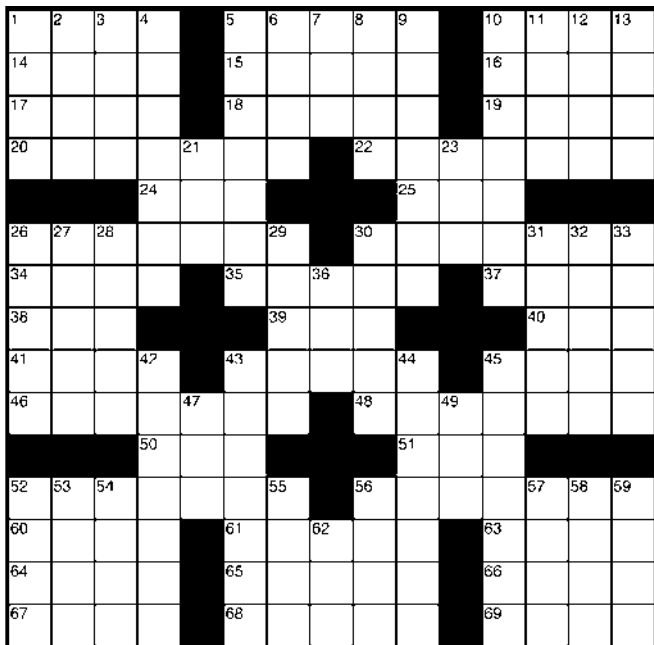
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13 Chew like a beaver  
21 Hot dog holder  
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28 Jazz genre  
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32 Unwary  
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### Yesterday's answers

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43 Prime minister  
44 More amusing  
45 Rainwater catcher  
47 Ms. Hagen  
49 \_\_\_ tai (rum drink)  
52 Chess victory  
53 Halo, of sorts  
54 High notes  
55 Jane Austen title  
56 Greek-salad topper  
57 Honest-to-goodness  
58 House shades  
59 Part of LAPD  
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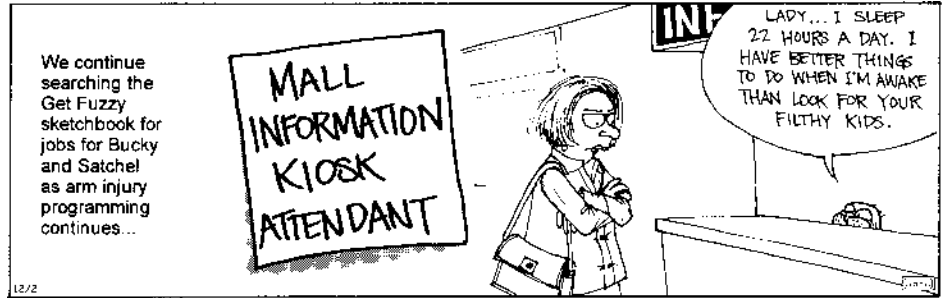
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-  **ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You can either be dragged into the commotion this morning or put an end to it. You are hot tempered right now.
  -  **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) You might get into a verbal tussle with an associate or family member. Take the time to brainstorm with this person.
  -  **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) You might be accepting more responsibility than you can handle. This drain becomes obvious in an argument.
  -  **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) A risk backfires big time, and you might hear about this flub-up for quite a while. Don't get irritated.
  -  **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) The lion might roar today and expect others to respond, but clearly someone is not impressed.
  -  **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Easily, disruption occurs in your mind because of another's hard or sarcastic remark.
  -  **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Look at the long-term gains or losses rather than get into a tussle with someone. Your diplomacy could save the day.
  -  **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your mood swings from impatience and frustration to affectionate and docile. You get some strange reactions
  -  **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You will need to detach and remain philosophical with others acting, at best, strangely.
  -  **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Friends could be disruptive and toss a kink into your day. You might be best off confiding in a partner.
  -  **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might be getting mixed messages, at best. Decide to go on your own path. Others seek you out.
  -  **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) Your mind might be far away from work and what is happening. Do your best to lasso yourself in and concentrate.

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1. Who starred as the title character on the TV series "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman"?
  2. Angola is located on what continent?
  3. Name the famous boxer who began his career as Cassius Clay.
  4. Of Des Moines, Kansas City and Indianapolis, which city is not a state capital?
  5. A springer spaniel named Millie was the "first pet" of which U.S. president?
  6. Who starred as the title characters in the film "Bonnie and Clyde"?
  7. A howdah is a seat, usually with a railing and a canopy, placed on the back of what animal?
  8. Of a felony or misdemeanor, which is the more serious criminal offense?
  9. Name the cartoonist who created the comic strip "Dilbert."
  10. A person born under the zodiac sign of Sagittarius would be born in either of what two months?
- Answers:  
1. Jane Seymour. 2. Africa. 3. Muhammad Ali. 4. Kansas City. 5. George H.W. Bush. 6. Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty. 7. An elephant. 8. A felony. 9. Scott Adams. 10. November or December.



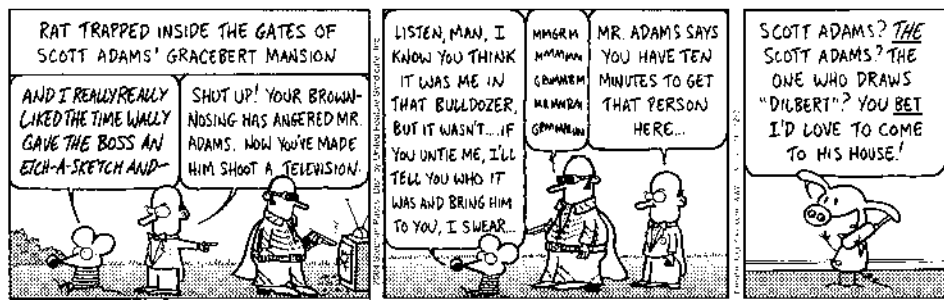
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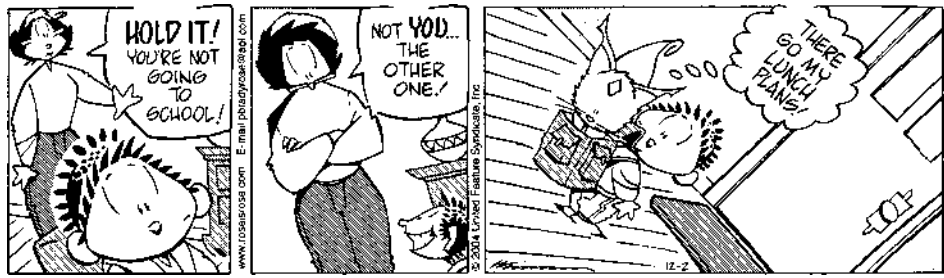
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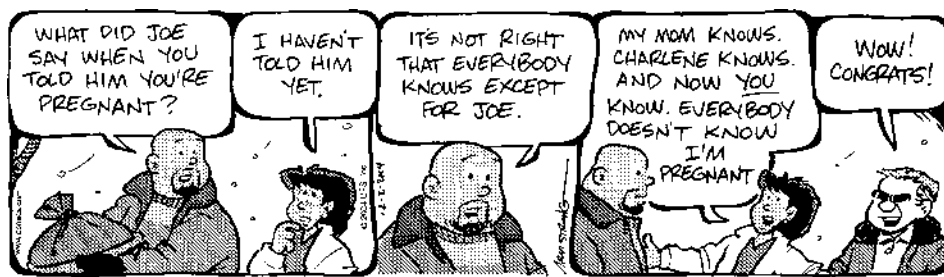
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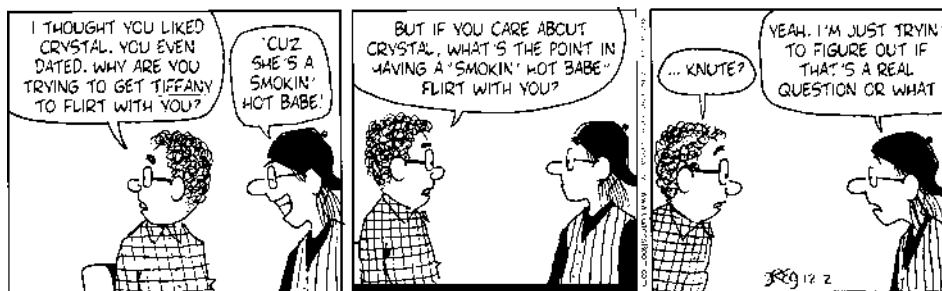
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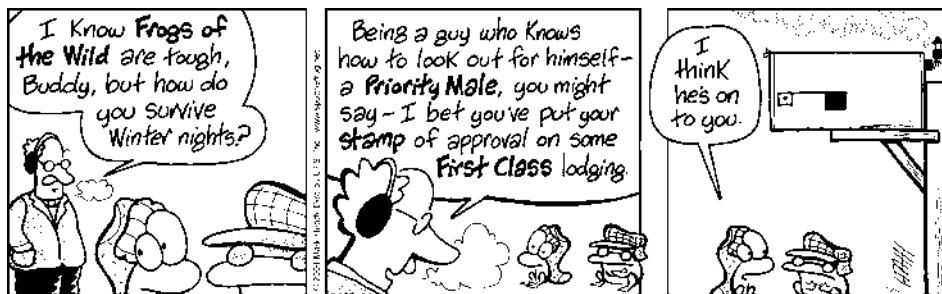
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**KATHLEEN MOENCH HANNAN, 54**, daughter of Charles & Dolores Moench of Levittown, PA, spouse of Paul Thomas Hannan of Herndon, VA, after a courageous battle with inflammatory breast cancer, died Monday November 29, 2004. Her children Brion Paul Hannan Kristen Amy Moscoso, Karen Louise Connel and Karli Nicole Hannan will miss their devoted mother. Sister of Christine McDonnell and Lisa Moench. Grandmother to Emily Meresa and Alexis Hannan and Abigail Mescoso. Friends may call at Adams-Green Funeral Home, 721 Elden St., Herndon, VA on Wednesday December 1, 2004 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8pm. A Memorial Mass will be held at 2pm on Thursday December 2, 2004 at St John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Rd, Reston VA. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Veronica Catholic Church Building Fund, 3460 Centreville Rd., Chantilly, VA 20151. The Family wishes to thank Fr Robert Brown of St John Neumann Catholic Church for the use of his facilities.

**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME FOR MINOR CHILD FROM: Elizabeth Gabrielle Perry TO: Elizabeth Gabrielle Moche**  
 AT LAW# 226514  
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
 The reason for this cause is to obtain name change for minor child

An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Natural Parent in the above-entitled cause cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and other: unknown address and last known mailing address of Natural Father/Mother is as follows: Gary Waters Address: Unknown Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Natural Parent shall appear here on or before 13th day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause.  
 Entered: 11/24/04

**TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar Deputy Clerk**  
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**VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME FOR MINOR CHILD FROM: Christopher Laurence Bullock TO: Christopher Laurence Moche**  
 AT LAW# 226516  
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**  
 The reason for this cause is to obtain name change for minor child

An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Natural Parent in the above-entitled cause cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of Natural Father/Mother is as follows:

Larry D. Bullock Address: Unknown Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Natural Parent shall appear here on or before 13th day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause.  
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FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: TAMARA DANIELLE, CHRISTINE RASHAUN, NIKKIA ROCHELLE, AND CHRISTOPHER LOUIS BRATTON... Case No. JJ369846, JJ369845, JJ203139, JJ203140 ORDER OF PUBLICATION... The object of this suit is to: Determine Custody of Tamara Danielle Bratton, DOB: 11-10-99...

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Request for approval of demolition at 101 King St, zoned CD Commercial. APPLICANT: George Viteri... Request for approval of alterations at 101 King St, zoned CD Commercial. APPLICANT: George Viteri... Request for approval of signs & alterations at 112 King St, zoned CD Commercial. APPLICANT: Daniel O'Connell's VA Holdings, LLC... Request for approval of demolition at 809 Cameron St, zoned CD Commercial. APPLICANT: Lawrence Singer... Request for approval of alterations at 809 Cameron St, zoned CD Commercial. APPLICANT: Lawrence Singer... Request for approval of signs at 610 Bashford La, zoned RCX Residential. APPLICANT: Bob Biroonuk... Request for approval of a signs & awnings at 600 Franklin St, zoned CD Commercial. APPLICANT: Amy Patton... Request for approval of signs & alterations at 119 S Washington St, zoned CD Commercial. APPLICANT: George Gordon... Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 513 S Royal St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Melanie El-Sabaawi... Information about the above item(s) may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 838-4666

December 2, 2004 NVA17503493hc

LEGALS

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY (Civil Division) MARK WESTBROOK, Complainant, vs. DIANA WESTBROOK, Defendant. In Chancery No. 189046 ORDER OF PUBLICATION THE OBJECT of the above-styled case is to obtain a Decree of Divorce a vinculo matrimonii on the ground that the parties have been living separate and apart, without any cohabitation and without interruption for a period exceeding one year; and IT APPEARING TO THE COURT by Affidavit filed according to law that due diligence has been used by or on behalf of said Complainant to ascertain the whereabouts of the Defendant, Raymond Kris Kaegaal, without effect, and his last known address is: 6636 Ridgeway Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22150; and, it is therefore ORDERED, pursuant to VA. CODE ANN. § 8.01-316 (Michie 2000), as amended that said Defendant is to appear on or before the 27th day of December, 2004, in the Clerk's Office of this Court and to do what is necessary to protect her interest. IN EXTRACT-TESTE: Entered this 3rd day of November, 2004. TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK By: /s/ Craig Helmdollor, Deputy Clerk

I ASK FOR THIS: /s/ Josh S Ours, Esq. Leiser & Associates, PLLC Counsel for Complainant 8229 Boone Boulevard, Suite 310 Vienna, Virginia 22182 TEL: (703) 734-5000 FAX: (703) 734-6000 VASB# 38123 November 11, 18, 25, & December 2, 2004 NVA17503133

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY CLEMENT T ROBINSON, Complainant, v. ELAINE JULIA BLAND-FORD, Defendant. LAW/CHANCERY # 192011 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to obtain a divorce. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause is: Cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Elaine Julia Blandford 34 Faithknight Court Prampton - ONT, L7A1H9 Toronto, Canada Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 27th day of December, 2004 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/03/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, Clerk By: /s/ Craig Helmdollor, Deputy Clerk /s/ Rebecca L Zubroski Counsel for Complainant 761-A Monroe St Herndon, VA 20170 November 11, 18, 25, & December 2, 2004 NVA17503135

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY JORGE HUGO ROJAS, COMPLAINANT, v. ROSEMARY TARQUI FER-RUFINO, DEFENDANT. Law/Chancery #192162 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is Final Divorcio Viniculo A Matrimonii. An affidavit having been made and filed showing the Defendant in the above-entitled cause is a non-resident individual, other than a non-resident individual fiduciary who has appointed a statutory agent; and the last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Rosemary Tarqui Ferrufino Ave 6 De Agosto #923 Cochabamba Bolivia S.A. Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 27th day of December, 2004, after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/03/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK By: /s/ Craig Helmdollor, DEPUTY CLERK /s/ Paul A. Murphy, Esq. VSB #31484 6231 Leesburg Pike, # 404 Falls Church, VA 22044 (703) 533-7722 Counsel for Complainant November 11, 18, 25, & December 2, 2004 NVA17503136

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY Wachovia Bank of Delaware, NA AND Stephen B. Wood, Trustee COMPLAINANT v. In Won Hwang and Jung Won Yun Defendants Chancery No.: C192217 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is notice of a motion to Deposit Funds into the Registry of the Court regarding the foreclosure sale of 113030 Limestone Court, Clifton, Virginia, an Affidavit having been made and filed showing that the defendant is the above-entitled cause is: Cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served and last known mailing address of the defendant is as follows: In Won Hwang and Jung Won Yun, 13030 Limestone Court, Clifton, Virginia 20124. Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 6th day of January, 2005 after proper publication of the Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered 11/17/04. /s/ Craig Helmdollor Deputy Clerk Stephen B. wood, Esq. 1601 Rolling Hills Drive, Suite 125 Richmond, Virginia 23229 Telephone: (804) 288-0088 November 25, & December 2, 9, 16, 2004 NVA17503365

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY AE SUN CHOI, Complainant, v. CHOON HAG CHOE, Defendant. Chancery No. 192788 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause is cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: AE SUN CHOI 10827 Oak Green Court Burke, VA 22015 Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 3 day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/10/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK By: /s/ Craig Helmdollor, DEPUTY CLERK /s/ Frank Sofocoleous, Esquire Counsel for Complainant 706 S. Washington St. Falls Church, VA 22046 703-237-6333 November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503270hc

Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 3 day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, Clerk /s/ Craig Helmdollor, Deputy Clerk /s/ James Livesay, LIVESAY & MYERS, P.C. 1315 Jefferson Davis Highway, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401 Telephone: (540)370-4140 Counsel for Complainant November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503274hc

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY WHITNIE LYTRICE SHEPARD, Complainant, v. KELLY RAMIREZ KENT, Defendant. Adoption No. 5727 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to obtain an adoption. An affidavit having been filed showing that the Natural Parent in the above-entitled cause is cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of Natural Father/Mother is as follows: Charles William Shepard UNKNOWN Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Natural Parent shall appear here on or before 3 day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, Clerk /s/ Craig Helmdollor, Deputy Clerk /s/ Matthew MacLean, Shaw Pittman LLP 1650 Tysons Blvd., McLean, VA 22102 703-770-7900 November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503272

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:FAIRFAX CIRCUIT COURT WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, (Complainant), v. EDSON EMILIO LOCH et al. (Defendant). CASE NO: 192016 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is fraud and action on a promissory note and deed of trust on property at 7208 Camp Alger Ave., Falls Church, VA 22042. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause is or Cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Odette M. Flowers 7208 Camp Alger Ave., Falls Church, VA 22042. Upon consideration this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 3rd day of January, 05 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Dated: November 10, 2004 /s/ Craig Helmdollor DEPUTY CLERK Matthew MacLean, Shaw Pittman LLP 1650 Tysons Blvd., McLean, VA 22102 703-770-7900 November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503272

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY LESLIE K. WEON, Complainant, v. GWANG YI, Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 191569 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is Divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii on that grounds of separation for more than one year. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause is a non-resident individual other than a non-resident individual fiduciary who has appointed a statutory agent; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Gwang Yi 2250 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 1500 Arlington, Virginia 22201 Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 3 day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/10/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK By: /s/ Craig Helmdollor, Deputy Clerk /s/Robert N. Pollard, III Counsel for Complainant Bernhard & Gardner 4191 Innslake Drive, Suite 100 Glen Allen, Virginia 23060 (804)928-2429 November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503275hc

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY Catherine A. Lawler Complainant, v. ASTRID LAWLER, ET AL. Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 192367 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to interplead the proceeds of the sale of Fairfax County real property for distribution to known an unknown heirs. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Unknown Heirs Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 13th day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/24/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar, Deputy Clerk /s/ John T. Donelan Counsel for Complainant 125 South Royal Street Alexandria, VA 22314 (703) 684-7555 Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004 NVA17503477

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY Catherine A. Lawler Complainant, v. ASTRID LAWLER, ET AL. Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 192367 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to interplead the proceeds of the sale of Fairfax County real property for distribution to known and unknown heirs. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Maria Lawler address: unknown Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 13th day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/24/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar, Deputy Clerk /s/ John T. Donelan Counsel for Complainant 125 South Royal Street Alexandria, VA 22314 (703) 684-7555 Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004 NVA17503478

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY Catherine A. Lawler Complainant, v. ASTRID LAWLER, ET AL. Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 192367 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to interplead the proceeds of the sale of Fairfax County real property for distribution to known an unknown heirs. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Barbra Lawler Address: Unknown Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 13th day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/24/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar, Deputy Clerk /s/ John T. Donelan Counsel for Complainant 125 South Royal Street Alexandria, VA 22314 (703) 684-7555 Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004 NVA17503479

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY MARIA CECILIA V. POLINTAN, Plaintiff, v. RODEL T. POLINTAN, Defendant. In Chancery No. 192509 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to obtain divorce a vinculo matrimonii on the ground of having lived separate and apart without cohabitation and without interruption since on or about April 2003, a period of more than one year. Defendant's last known address was: 230-C San Jose St., Mandaluyong City, Philippines. It appearing from an affidavit that Defendant, Ernesto S. Bables, is not a resident of this State and that after diligent search to ascertain his present location could not be found, it is ordered that the Defendant appear before this court on January 6, 2005 and do what is necessary to protect his interest herein. And it is further ORDERED that this order be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks in the Northern Virginia Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Fairfax, State of Virginia. Done this 17th day of November, 2004. /s/ Craig Helmandollar DEPUTY CLERK I ASK FOR THIS: /s/ Richard B. Marasigan, Esq. MARASIGAN & ASSOCIATES, PC By: Ricardo B. Marasigan, Esq. 6255 Alforth Ave., Alexandria, VA 22315 VBN: 30918 (703) 922-7639 November 25, & December 2, 9, 16, 2004 NVA17503368

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY WALTER MCCLAIN ILIFF, Complainant, v. CAROL LYNN SCHOFF GOULD ILIFF, Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 192534 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to obtain a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause is a non-resident individual, other than a non-resident individual fiduciary who has appointed a statutory agent; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Carol Lynn Schoff Gould Iliff 420 Grovetown Road Baltimore, Maryland 21220 Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 27th day of December, 2004 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/03/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar, Deputy Clerk /s/ Jennifer Raimo Counsel for Complainant Bernhard & Gardner 6105D Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22044 (703) 538-4710 November 11, 18, 25, & December 2, 2004 NVA17503139

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY GIRESH KUMAR PEDHAMAVADIREDDIGARI, Complainant, v. SHILPI REDDY PEDHAMAVADIREDDIGARI, Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 192656 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to obtain a final decree of divorce. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause is a non-resident individual, other than a non-resident individual fiduciary who has appointed a statutory agent; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Shilpi Reddy Pedhamavadireddigari 8.3.231/A/182 Srikrishna Nagar, Yousufguda, Hyderabad, AP, India Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 3 day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/10/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar, Deputy Clerk /s/ Wayne E. Comer, Esq. Counsel for Complainant 2236 Gallows Road, PO Box 270 Dunn Loring, VA 22027 (703) 698-9582 November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503273hc

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF FAIRFAX WILLIAM EPPARD, Complainant, v. OK NAN EPPARD, Last Known Address 8955 Tokay Lane Sacramento, CA 95829 Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 192683 ORDER OF PUBLICATION An Affidavit having been made and filed showing that the defendant in the above styled cause is: 1. A non-resident individual other than a nonresident individual fiduciary who has appointed a statutory agent and 2. The last known mailing address of the defendant is as follows: Ok Nan Eppard, 8955 Tokay Lane, Sacramento, California 95829; Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is Ordered that the above named defendant shall appear here on or before 27th day of December, 2004 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/03/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar Deputy Clerk WE ASK FOR THIS: /s/Andrew J. Terrell (30093) WHITEFORD, TAYLOR & PRESTON, L.L.P. 1025 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 400 Washington, DC 20036-5405 Counsel for Plaintiff (202) 659-6800 (202) 331-0573 (facsimile) November 11, 18, 25, & December 2, 2004 NVA17503134

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY SAIRA P. EUCEDA Plaintiff, v. ESTEBAN GONZALEZ Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 192729 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to obtain a Divorce, an affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above entitled cause is a non-resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that due diligence has been used to ascertain the whereabouts of the Defendant to no effect and that his name and last known post office address are as follows; to wit: Esteban Gonzalez, 375 South Reynolds Street, Apt. 507, Alexandria, VA 22304. Upon consideration whereof, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ordered that the above named non-resident Defendant do appear here on or before January 13, 2005 after due publication of this Order, and do what is necessary to protect his interest in this cause. Entered: 11/24/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar Deputy Clerk /s/ Daniel C. Jackson III, #44193 Counsel for Plaintiff Law Office of Brian D. Geno 7023 Little River Turnpike Suite 202 Annandale, Va 22003 (703) 750-2300 (703) 750-2310 Fax Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004 NVA17503485

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF FAIRFAX ANGELA DAY FORTMAN, Complainant, vs. MOHAMMAD IRAWAN NIZAM, Defendant. In Chancery No. 1192752 ORDER OF PUBLICATION THE OBJECT of the above-styled case is to obtain a Decree of Divorce a vinculo matrimonii on the ground that the parties have been living separate and apart, without any cohabitation and without interruption for a period exceeding one year; and IT APPEARING TO THE COURT by Affidavit filed according to law that the whereabouts of MOHAMMAD IRAWAN NIZAM, the above-named Defendant, are known, unsuccessful and that his last known address is 3178 Summit Square Dr. Apt. E4, Oakton, VA 22124; and is therefore ORDERED, pursuant to VA. CODE ANN. § 8.01-316 (Michie 2000), as amended that said MOHAMMAD IRAWAN NIZAM is to appear on or before the 6th day of January, 2005, in the Clerk's Office of this Court and to do what is necessary to protect her interest. IN EXTRACT-TESTE: Entered this 17th day of November, 2004. TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar Deputy Clerk I ASK FOR THIS: /s/Karen Leiser, Esq. Leiser & Associates, PLLC Counsel for Complainant 8229 Boone Boulevard, Suite 310 Vienna, Virginia 22182 TEL: (703) 734-5000 FAX: (703) 734-6000 VASB# 40344 November 25, & December 2, 9, 16, 2004 NVA17503366

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY JEIRUZKA AURORA IZQUIEDO, Complainant, v. RAFAEL FRANNCCESCO FEDELE ORRIETE, Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 193049 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to obtain a divorce. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Rafael Francaseseo Fedele Urrieta Unknown Address Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 13 day of January, 2004 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/24/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar Deputy Clerk December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004 NVA17503528

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY ROGER BARRANCOS GUTIERREZ, Complainant, v. RAQUEL CADARIO LEIGUE, Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 192794 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to obtain a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause is a non-resident individual, other than a non-resident individual fiduciary who has appointed a statutory agent; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Raquel Cadario Leigue Libertad 268 Santa Cruz, Bolivia Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 3 day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/10/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar, Deputy Clerk /s/ Jennifer Raimo Counsel for Complainant Bernhard & Gardner 6105D Arlington Blvd., Falls Church, VA 22044 (703) 538-4710 November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503271hc

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY JEIRUZKA AURORA IZQUIEDO, Complainant, v. RAFAEL FRANNCCESCO FEDELE ORRIETE, Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 193049 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to obtain a divorce. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Rafael Francaseseo Fedele Urrieta Unknown Address Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 13 day of January, 2004 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/24/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar Deputy Clerk December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004 NVA17503528

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY DOROTHY H. BAUMGARTNER Complainant, v. DOUGLAS B. BAUMGARTNER Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 94507 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of the above-styled motion is to have the parties' Separation and Property Settlement Agreement affirmed, ratified, and incorporated into an Order of this Court, and to enter judgment against the Defendant for his failure to abide by the Agreement. An affidavit has previously been filed showing that the Defendant is a non-resident of the commonwealth of Virginia, and that the Defendant's name and last known address are as follows: Douglas Baumgartner 226 Tecumseh Way, Loudon, Tennessee 37774 Upon consideration, whereof this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above-named Defendant do appear here on or before January 7, 2005 after due publication of this Order, and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this cause. Entered: 11/17/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar, DEPUTY CLERK /s/ Grant T. Moher, VSB 47196 Grenadier, Anderson, Simpson, Starce, & Duffett, P.C. Counsel for Complainant Suite230, 12359 Sunrise Valley Drive Reston, Virginia 20191 Phone (703)683-9000 Facsimile (703)475-4680 November 25, & December 2, 9, 16, 2004 NVA17503363

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY DOROTHY H. BAUMGARTNER, Complainant, v. DOUGLAS B. BAUMGARTNER, Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 94507 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of the above-styled suit is to have the parties' Separation and property Settlement Agreement affirmed, ratified, and incorporated into an Order of this Court. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant is a non-resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Defendant's name and last known address are as follows: DOUGLAS BAUMGARTNER, 226 Tecumseh Way, Loudon, Tennessee 37774. Upon consideration whereof this Order of Publication is GRANTED, and it is ordered that the above-named Defendant do appear here on or before January 7, 2005, after due publication of this Order and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this cause. Entered: 11/17/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar, DEPUTY CLERK /s/ Grant T. Moher, VSB 47196 Grenadier, Anderson, Simpson, Starce, & Duffett, P.C. Counsel for the Complainant Suite 230, 12359 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20191 Phone (703)683-9000 Facsimile (703) 76-4680 November 25, & December 2, 9, 16, 2004 NVA17503364

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FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: TAJIA RENAE BROWN, DOB. 7-15-02 Case No. J370914-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: Tajia Renae Brown born on 7-15-02 is a child whose custody determination as provided by the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, Pursuant to section 20-146.1 of the 1950 code of Virginia as amended. It is ORDERED that Timothy O'Harold Hill, Father appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before February 16, 2005 at 3:40 PM in CTRM E (JPD). Dated: 11/12/04 /s/ Debbie Thomas Clerk Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 2004 NVA17503359

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY MARGARITA GARCIA, Complainant, v. JOSE GARCIA, Defendant. LAW/CHANCERY # 192602 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to obtain a divorce. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause is a non-resident individual, other than a non-resident individual fiduciary who has appointed a statutory agent; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Jose Garcia 45477 Blumont Junction Sterling, VA 20164. Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear on or before 27th day of December, 2004 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/03/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar, Deputy Clerk /s/ Rebecca L Zubroski Counsel for Complainant 761-A Monroe Street Herndon, VA 20170 (703) 435-7330 November 11, 18, 25, & December 2, 2004 NVA17503138

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY TRINH VAN THAI, Complainant, v. LUN THI DO, Defendant. CHANCERY NO. 192620 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to obtain a divorce. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause is a non-resident individual, other than a non-resident individual fiduciary who has appointed a statutory agent; and the last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Lun Thi Do Thon-Chanh Liem, Quan Phu Cat, Xa Cat Thuong, Tinh Binh Dinh, Viet Nam Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 27th day of December, 2004 after due publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/03/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmandollar, Deputy Clerk /s/ M. Christian Orndorff, Esq. M. CHRISTIAN ORNDORFF, Esq. 6105-C Arlington Blvd. Falls Church, VA 22044 (703) 536-3800 Counsel for Complainant November 11, 18, 25, & December 2, 2004 NVA17503137

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY KIM-CUC THI PHO, Complainant, v. DUE VAN TRAN, Defendant. CHANCERY NO. C192751 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is to obtain a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of he Defendant is as follows: Due Van Tran, unknown Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 3rd day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/10/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, CLERK BY: /s/ Craig Helmdollar Deputy Clerk /s/ Counsel for Complainant 900 S. Washington St., Ste 117 Falls Church, VA 22046 73-538-2704 November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503276 A LITTLE GREEN goes a long way In The Journal Newspaper

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY ISATU SESAY, Complainant, v. JAMES MOSES SMITH, III Defendant. LAW/CHANCERY NO. C192820 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is for a Divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: James Moses Smith, III 4949 Manitoba Drive #302 Alexandria, Virginia 22312 Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 3rd day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/10/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, Clerk BY: /s/ Craig Helmdollar, Deputy Clerk /s/ Bobby J. Altman Counsel for Complainant 7015 Old Keene Mill Road, # 204 Springfield, VA 22150 703-569-0400 November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503277hc

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY Christopher Kemp Complainant, v. Edwina Kemp Defendant. LAW/CHANCERY NO. C192960 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The reason for this cause is a Divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that the Defendant in the above-entitled cause cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the party to be served; and last known mailing address of the Defendant is as follows: Edwina Kemp 5609 Fodige Street Capitol Heights, MD 20743 Upon consideration, this Order of Publication is granted, and it is ORDERED that the above named Defendant shall appear here on or before 13th day of January, 2005 after proper publication of this Order, to protect his/her interest in this cause. Entered: 11/24/04 TESTE: JOHN T. FREY, Clerk BY: /s/ Craig Helmdollar Deputy Clerk /s/ Bobby J. Altman Counsel for Complainant 7015 Old Keene Mill Road, # 204 Springfield, VA 22150 703-569-0400 December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004 NVA17503484

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: JASMINE NICOLE BROWN, DOB: 4-24-95 Case No. J370912-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: Jasmine Nicole Brown, born on 4-24-95 is a child whose custody determination is provided by the uniform child custody jurisdiction and enforcement act, pursuant to Section 20-146.1 of the 1950 code of Virginia as amended. It is ORDERED that Robert Terrell Vaughn, father appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before February 16, 2005 at 3:40 PM in CTRM E (JPD). Dated: 11/12/04 /s/ Debbie Thomas Clerk Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 2004 NVA17503358

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: ASHLYN DAWN CURRIE, DOB: 5-26-05 & ADAM JOSHUA CURRIE, DOB: 5-27-93 Case No. JJ335680-04-01, JJ335681-04-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to determine custody of Ashlyn Dawn Currie and Adam Joshua Currie, born to Julie L. Currie, pursuant to Code Section 16.1-241A(3). It is ORDERED that Michael S. Louk appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before January 10, 2005 at 10:10 AM. (CJM). Dated: 11/5/04 /s/ Janice Kay Makely, Clerk November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503269hc

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: CURRY, DIAMOND DOB 03-05-99 BORN AT FAIRFAX HOSPITAL Case No. JJ370488-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: Diamond Curry born 03-05-99 is a child whose custody requires determination between the parties, pursuant to the attached affidavit and section 16.1-241(A3) of the 1950 Code of Virginia as amended. It is ORDERED that Carmen Curry and Unknown Biological Parent appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before Dec. 16, 2004 @ 11:10 AM. CT RM E. (KJD). Dated: 9/23/04 /s/ Debbie Thomas Clerk November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503268hc

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: JALYN ALEXANDER DUPRE-MCKAY JJ363286-02-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: OBTAIN CUSTODY OF JALYN ALEXANDER DUPRE-MCKAY, BORN 11/23/02 AT ARLINGTON HOSPITAL It is ORDERED that CHAUNCY D. HUFF appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before FEBRUARY 24, 2005, at 10:00 AM. Courtroom C. (CJM). Dated: 11/18/04 /s/ Debbie Thomas Clerk Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004 NVA17503475

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FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: AMANDA ROSA FABIAN, DOB: 8-31-04 Case No. JJ371115-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: determine custody of Amanda Rosa Fabian, born to Rosa A. Fabian in Greater Southeast Community Hospital, Washington, DC. Pursuant to code section 16.1-241A(3). It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before February 4, 2005 at 10:10 AM (DSS). Dated: 11/17/04 /s/ Janice Kay Makely Clerk Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 2003 NVA17503361

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: JOCELYN FERMAN-CORREJTE, DOB: 11/19/89 Case No. JJ370851-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to conduct a dispositional hearing pursuant to 16.1-278.2, on a previously filed protective order. It is ORDERED that Melchi Correjte father of Jocelyn Ferman-Correjte born to Daisy Hernandez on 11/09/89 appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before December 10, 2004 at 9:00 AM Ctrm H. Dated: 11-09-04 /s/ Debbie Thomas, Clerk November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503266hc

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: MICHELLE VALERIE GONZALES, DOB: 12-30-96 Case No. JJ371136-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: determine custody of Michelle Valerie Gonzales, born to Maria I. Gonzales, pursuant to code section 16.1-241A(3). It is ORDERED that Miguel A. Gonzales appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before March 8, 2005 at 11:30 AM (JPD). Dated: 11/17/04 /s/ Janice Kay Makely Clerk Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 2004 NVA17503362

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: MARCUS D. GREENLEAF, DOB: 10-11-91, born at Howard University Hospital in the District of Columbia. Case No. J370226-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: Marcus D. Greenleaf for 10-11-91 is a child whose custody determination between the parties, pursuant to the attached Affidavit and section 16.1-241(A3) of the 1950 code of Virginia is amended. It is ORDERED that UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before January 19, 2005 at 1:40 PM. in CTRM B. (MJV). Dated: 11/12/04 /s/ Debbie Thomas Clerk Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 2004 NVA17503357

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FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: REHAB ELISE HOLTON, DOB: 7-31-89 Case No. JJ371134-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to determine custody of Rehab Elise Holton, born to Mary E. Holton in Fairfax Hospital, Pursuant to code section 16.1-241A(3). It is ORDERED that Christopher A. Holton appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before February 10, 2005 at 10:00 AM. (CJM). Dated: 11/22/04 /s/ Janice Kay Makeley Clerk Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004 NVA17503471

INVITATION FOR BID Invitations for Bid for the following items are available at the Board of Education of Prince George's County, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772-9983 to bona fide dealers. Invitation for Bid for Asbestos Abatement at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School for the Board of Education of Prince George's County. Deadline for Return of Bids: December 15, 2004, - 2:00 P.M., Local Time. IFB NO.: 45-05. Dec. 2, 2004 P17503468

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: REMY RENE JENKINS Case No. JJ364940-03-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to hold termination of parental rights hearing pursuant to VA Code ANN 16.1-283 to terminate residual parental rights of Rene Rivera and/or Unknown Father of Rem Rene Jenkins born to Charlene Jenkins/Charlene Cox on 12/28/2003, and to approve a permanent foster care plan with the goal of adoption. It is ORDERED that Rene Rivera and/or Unknown Father appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before December 7, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. Date: 10/27/04 /s/ Andrea O'Donnell Deputy Clerk November 11, 18, 25, December 2, 2004 NVA17503146

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia in re: CURTIS D. JOHNSON Case No. JJ324947 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: notify KEVIN DIXON, Alleged Father of Curtis Johnson, Born 6/17/87 To Diane Johnson, Biological Mother, In Chicago IL of Foster Care Review Hearing With a Continuing Goal of independent living. It is ORDERED that KEVIN DIXON, Alleged Father to appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before June 20 2005 at 9:00:am CTRM B (MJV) Ct Room E. Dated: 7/13/04 /s/ Debbie Thomas, Clerk Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004 NVA17503476

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FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: KIM, Joshua Woo DOB 2-25-97. Case No. J1369516-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: Joshua Woo Kim, born 2-25-97, to Eun K. Kim (mother) and Tae Yong Kim (father) in the city of New York, New York. A petition has been filed before this court to approve the consent for adoption. It is ORDERED that Tae Yong Kim appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before Jan. 21, 2005, @ 10:40 AM. Courtroom C Dated: 11/01/04 /s/ Debbie Thomas Clerk Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2003 NVA17503470

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: PABLO JOSUE MARTINEZ, DOB: 7-20-91 Case No. JJ369842-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: DETERMINE CUSTODY OF PABLO JOSUE MARTINEZ, BORN TO OLIMPIA CRUZ-CHORRO, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 16.1-241A(3). It is ORDERED that Efrain Martinez appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before January 2, 2005 at 3:40 PM (DSS). Dated: 11/15/04 /s/ Janice Kay Makely Clerk Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 2004 NVA17503360

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: ORTIZ, CRYSTALLIS B. DOB 8-5-1989 Case No. JJ372241-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: Crystallis B. Ortiz is a child whose custody requires determination between the parties pursuant to section 16.1-241 (A3) of the 1950 code of Virginia as amended. It is ORDERED that ORLANDO ORTIZ, FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before March 8, 2005 at 1:40 PM. Courtroom D. (JPD). Dated: 11/22/04 /s/ Mary Lee Deputy Clerk Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004 NVA17503472

ABCLICENSE SRISOMBOON, L.L.C. trading as Pad Thai Restaurant, 11199-E Lee Highway, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Beer and Wine On Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Oratai Kaewswad December 2 & 9, 2004 NVA17503315

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: PEYTON, ALYSSA DOB 7-3-03 Case No. JJ369378-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: Alyssa Peyton born 7-3-03 is a child whose custody requires determination pursuant to section 16.1-241A3 of the 1950 Code of Virginia as amended. It is ORDERED that Unknown Biological Father appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before January 10, 2005 at 11:40 AM. Courtroom G. Dated: 10/21/04 /s/ Debbie Thomas Clerk November 11, 18, 25, & December 2, 2004 NVA17503148

AUCTION Self Storage will auction contents of storage units on Friday, December 3, 2004 at 10:00 AM at 3980 Pickett Rd., Fairfax, VA 22031. Phone 703-978-1200 December 2, 2004 NVA17503489

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: PITTMAN, JOSIAH DAVID DOB 11-20-98 Case No. JJ372176-01-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: JOSIAH DAVID PITTMAN is a child whose custody requires determination between the parties pursuant to section 16.1-241 (A3) of the 1950 CODE OF VIRGINIA AS AMENDED. It is ORDERED UNKNOWN FATHER appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before Match 17, 2005 @ 10:10 AM.CTRM D (JPD) Courtroom B. (MJV). Dated: 11/22/04 /s/ Mary Lee Deputy Clerk Dec.2, 9, 16, 23, 2004 NVA17503473

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: AMANDA MARIE STAATS, DOB: 5-2-92, JOSEPH WILLIAM FRANTZ, DOB: 4-16-91 Case No. JJ213603-02-01 J213602-02-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to: determine custody of Amanda Marie Staats and Joseph Williams Frantz, born to Christina M. Thacker in Alexandria Hospital, Alexandria, VA. pursuant to Code Section 16.1-241A(3). It is ORDERED that Joseph E. Frantz, appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before January 26, 2005 at 3:10 PM.(DSS). Dated: 11/5/04 /s/ Janice Kay Makely, Clerk November 18, 25, & December 2, 9, 2004 NVA17503267hc

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: NAHTIONA TY-SHAUN WHITE DOB: 11/10/01 Case No. JJ363558-03-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to determine custody of Nationa Tyshaun White, born to Renita D. White in Brunswick, GA Pursuant to Code Section 16.1-241 A(3). It is ORDERED that Renita White appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before February 16, 2005 @ 11:50am (JPD) Dated: 11/03/04 /s/ Janice Kay Makely Clerk November 11, 18, 25, & December 2, 2004 NVA17503140

FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re: NAHTIONA TY-SHAUN WHITE DOB: 11/10/01 Case No. JJ363558-03-01 ORDER OF PUBLICATION The object of this suit is to determine custody of Nationa Tyshaun White, born to Renita D. White in Brunswick, GA Pursuant to Code Section 16.1-241 A(3). It is ORDERED that Marvin Carlton, Jr. appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before February 16, 2005 at 11:50am (JPD) Dated: 11/03/04 /s/ Janice Kay Makely Clerk November 11, 18, 25, & December 2, 2004 NVA17503141

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY RE: PATRICK O'KEEFE CALLAHAN, Deceased. FIDUCIARY #71687

SHOW CAUSE ORDER

It appearing that a report of the accounts of VERA C. NEINAST, Executrix of the Estate of PATRICK O'KEEFE CALLAHAN, deceased, and of the debts and demands against his estate has been filed in the Clerk's Office, and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, on motion of G. DON WESTFALL,

IT IS ORDERED that the creditors of and all others interested in the estate do show cause, if any they can, at 9:00 a.m. on the 17th day of December, 2004 before this court at its courtroom, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of PATRICK O'KEEFE CALLAHAN deceased, to the heirs without requiring refunding bonds.

It is further ordered, that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once per week for two consecutive weeks in the Fairfax Journal, a newspaper published in the County of Fairfax.

ENTERED this 22nd day of November, 2004.

/s/ M. Langhorne Keith Judge

I ASK FOR THIS: G. Don Westfall 9649 Boyett Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22032-2829 (703) 978-2681 VSB# 26115 Counsel to Executrix of the Estate of PATRICK O'KEEFE CALLAHAN.

December 2 & 9, 2004

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY RE: JAMES F. VEATCH Deceased. FIDUCIARY #63217

SHOW CAUSE ORDER

It appearing that a report of the accounts of G. DON WESTFALL Administrator c.t.a., d.b.n. of the Estate of JAMES F. VEATCH, deceased, and of the debts and demands against her estate has been filed in the Clerk's Office, and that six months have elapsed since the qualification, on motion of G. DON WESTFALL,

IT IS ORDERED that the creditors of and all others interested in the estate do show cause, if any they can, at 9:00 a.m. on the 17th day of December, 2004 before this court at its courtroom, against the payment and delivery of the Estate of JAMES F. VEATCH, deceased, to the heirs without requiring refunding bonds.

It is further ordered, that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once per week for two consecutive weeks in the Fairfax Journal, a newspaper published in the County of Fairfax.

ENTERED this 22nd day of November, 2004.

/s/ M. Langhorne Keith Judge

I ASK FOR THIS: G. Don Westfall 9649 Boyett Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22032-2829 (703) 978-2681 VSB# 26115LOU Administrator c.t.a. d.b.n. of the Estate of JAMES F. VEATCH

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FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia,

in re. NAHTONA TY-SHAUN WHITE DOB: 11/10/01

Case No. JJ363358-03-01

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to determine custody of Nah-tona Tyshaun White, born to Renita D. White in Brunswick, GA Pursuant to Code Section 16.1-241 A(3).

It is ORDERED that Craig Elkins appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before February 16, 2005 @ 11:50am (JPD)

Dated: 11/03/04

/s/ Janice Kay Makely Clerk

November 11, 18, 25, & December 2, 2004

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FAIRFAX COUNTY Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia,

in re. NAHTONA TY-SHAUN WHITE DOB: 11/10/01

Case No. JJ363358-03-01

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to determine custody of Nah-tona Tyshaun White, born to Renita D. White in Brunswick, GA Pursuant to Code Section 16.1-241 A(3).

It is ORDERED that Alonzo White appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before February 16, 2005 @ 11:50am (JPD)

Dated: 11/03/04

/s/ Janice Kay Makely Clerk

November 11, 18, 25, & December 2, 2004

NVA17503144

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 7941 COACHCREST COURT Manassas, VA 20109

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of \$122,150.00, with an annual interest rate of 5.6250% from Morgan F. Washington, JR. and Bernadette Washington-Alexander and Gordon B. Alexander dated February 28, 1996, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM as Deed Book/Instrument # 2317 AT PAGE 0025, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in the COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM, on the Court House steps in front of Main Entrance for the Circuit Court building for the County of Prince William located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on December 20, 2004 at 1:30 PM, the property with improvements to wit:

**CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 1-2, PHASE 12, JACKSON'S RIDGE CONDOMINIUM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM AND EXHIBITS ATTACHED THERETO, RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 1680 AT PAGE 727, AND ANY SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENTS THERETO, SPECIFICALLY AMENDMENT RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 2306 AT PAGE 1910, AS MAY BE RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA.**

and described in the above Deed of Trust. (Tax Map No. 7697 01 3573.01).

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of \$12,200.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: FHA. Trustee's File No. 04-87571V.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O SHAPIRO & BURSON, LLP, 236 Clearfield Avenue, Suite 215 - Virginia Beach, VA 23462 (757) 687-8822.

December 2 & 9, 2004

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 6121 STRASBURG DRIVE #51B Centreville Virginia

Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust dated May 23, 2000 in the original principal amount of \$53,350.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Fairfax County, Virginia in Deed Book 11362 at page 765, the property briefly described below will be offered for sale at public auction:

**Townhouse 51B, Phase II, The Meadows, a Condominium, as the same is duly dedicated platted and recorded in Deed Book 3459 at page 354, as amended, among the land records for Fairfax County, Virginia; as more particularly described in the referenced Deed of Trust, (the "Property");**

The sale will take place on January 5, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. at the main entrance to the building housing the Circuit Court for Fairfax County, Virginia.

The Property will be sold subject to all easements, covenants, conditions and liens of record specifically including the terms of the First Deed of Trust dated April 6, 1994 and recorded in Deed Book 9071 at page 652, among the land records for Fairfax County, Virginia.

**Terms:** A deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid, whichever is lower, is required of any bidder at the time of sale. Closing within fifteen (15) days of sale. Time is of the essence. Additional terms may be announced at sale. Purchaser to pay all closing costs.

Stephen B. Wood and Nicole L. Rossi and F & M Services, L.C., Substitute Trustees

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen B. Wood, Friedman & MacFadyen, P.A., 1601 Rolling Hills Drive, Ste. 125, Richmond, Virginia 23229, Telephone: (804)288-0088 Ref#204814 December 2, 9, 2004 NVA11509146hc

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13215 JOHNNY MOORE LANE, CLIFTON, VIRGINIA 20124

SALE TO BE HELD AT FAIRFAX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, MAIN ENTRANCE, 4110 CHAIN BRIDGE ROAD, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030 DECEMBER 9, 2004 AT 11:00 A.M.

In execution of the Credit Line Deed of Trust dated May 23, 2000 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, Virginia (the "Clerk's Office") in Deed Book 11395, Page 1886 (the "Deed of Trust"), securing Branch Banking and Trust Company of Virginia, (the "Noteholder" and/or "Beneficiary"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale the property described below at public auction at the Fairfax County Courthouse, Main Entrance, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 on December 9, 2004 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The real property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is generally known as 13215 Johnny Moore Drive, Clifton, Virginia 20124 and is described in more detail in the Deed of Trust and as follows:

All of Lot Six (6) of the Subdivision of Edgelea, as the same is dedicated and recorded in Deed Book 2421, Page 609, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

TOGETHER WITH all improvements, ways, easements, rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appurtenant.

The real property offered for sale includes the land described above and all buildings, structures, fixtures and other improvements and all leases, rents, issues and profits, and all contracts of sale and security deposits and all awards, judgments, and settlements made with respect to the real property as a result of eminent domain or any other injury or decrease in the value of the real property, and other appurtenant rights associated with the ownership of the land and the improvements. The foreclosure sale will be conducted subject to all leases and/or tenancies in effect on the sale date except for any such leases and/or tenancies that the successor purchaser elects to be extinguished by the foreclosure sale as may be permitted by law; provided, however, no assurances or representations are made as to the existence, survival, or terms of any such leases and/or tenancies (or any security deposits pursuant thereto), and no credits shall be given against the purchase price if no such security deposits are transferred to the purchaser.

The personal property encumbered by the Deed of Trust and offered for sale (the "Personal Property") with the real estate, pursuant to Section 8.9-501 of the Virginia Code, consists of the tangible and intangible personal property located at or intended to be used with the real estate, as described in more detail in the Deed of Trust, including, without limitation, all of the walks, fences, shubbery, equipment, fittings, and other goods, chattels, and tangible and intangible personal property, and all proceeds thereof of every kind and description whatsoever and attached to or contained in or used in connection with any present or future operation of the real estate, less and except any funds or other monies that have been paid to or claimed by the Noteholder before the sale date. Neither the Noteholder nor the Substitute Trustee make any representations or warranties as to the identity of such personal property, it being the sole responsibility of the Purchaser to identify such property.

TERMS OF SALE

ALL CASH. The property will be offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be conveyed by Substitute Trustees' Deed (the "Substitute Trustees' Deed") subject to all encumbrances, rights, reservations, conveyances, conditions, easements, restrictions, and all recorded and unrecorded liens, if any, having priority over the Deed of Trust, as they may lawfully affect the property.

The Substitute Trustees and the Beneficiary disclaim all warranties of any kind, either express or implied for the property, including without limitation, any warranty relating to the zoning, condition of the soil, extent of construction, materials, habitability, environmental condition, compliance with applicable laws, fitness for a particular purpose and merchantability. The risk of loss or damage to the property shall be borne by the successful bidder from and after the date of the time of the sale. Obtaining possession of the property shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder (the "Purchaser").

A bidder's deposit of \$50,000.00 (the "Deposit") by certified or cashier's check may be required by the Substitute Trustees for such bid to be accepted. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to prequalify any bidder prior to the sale and/or waive the requirement of the Deposit. Immediately after the sale, the successful bidder shall execute and deliver a memorandum of sale with the Substitute Trustees, copies of which shall be available for inspection immediately prior to the sale, and shall deliver to the Substitute Trustees the Deposit and the memorandum of sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at 9.0% per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement, shall be paid by the Purchaser. Settlement shall occur within ten (10) days after the sale date, TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE with regard to the Purchaser's obligation.

Settlement shall take place at the offices of Williams Mullen, P.C., 8270 Greensboro Drive, Suite 700, McLean, Virginia 22102. Purchaser shall pay all past due real estate taxes, rollback taxes, water rents, water permit renewal fees (if any) or other municipal liens, charges and assessments. The Purchaser shall also pay all settlement fees, title examination charges, title charges and title insurance premiums, all recording costs (including the state grantor's tax and all state and county recordation fees, clerk's filing fees and transfer fees and taxes), auctioneer's fees and/or bid premiums, and reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements incurred in the preparation of the deed of conveyance and other settlement documentation.

The Purchaser shall be required to sign an agreement at settlement waiving any cause of action it or they may have against the Substitute Trustees, the Beneficiary and/or the Auctioneer for any condition with respect to the property that may not be in compliance with any federal, state or local law, regulation or ruling including, without limitation, any laws, regulation and ruling relating to environmental contamination or hazardous wastes. Such agreement shall also provide that if notwithstanding such agreement, a court of competent jurisdiction should permit such a claim to be made, such agreement shall serve as the overwhelming primary factor in any equitable apportionment of response costs or other liability. Nothing herein shall release, waive or preclude any claims the Purchaser may have against any person in possession or control of the property.

If any Purchaser fails for any reason to complete settlement as provided above, the Deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs of the sale, including Trustees' fees, and the balance, if any, shall be delivered to the Beneficiary to be applied by the Beneficiary against the indebtedness secured by and other amounts due under the Deed of Trust in accordance with the Deed of Trust or applicable law or otherwise as the Beneficiary shall elect. There shall be no refunds. Such forfeiture shall not limit any rights or remedies of the Substitute Trustees or the Beneficiary with respect to any such default. If the property is resold, such re-sale shall be at the risk and the cost of the failing bidder, and the failing bidder shall be liable for any deficiency between its bid and the successful bid at the re-sale as well as the costs of conducting such re-sale. In the event the Substitute Trustees do not execute a deed of conveyance or other necessary settlement documents, the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the refund of the Deposit. Immediately upon conveyance by the Substitute Trustees of the property, all duties, liabilities and obligations of the Substitute Trustees, if any, with respect to the property so conveyed shall be extinguished, except as otherwise provided by applicable law.

/s/ Henry F Brandenstein, Jr. Substitute Trustee /s/ Joseph F. Jackson Substitute Trustee

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph F. Jackson Substitute Trustee (703) 760-5200 Williams Mullen, P.C. 8270 Greensboro Drive, Suite 700 McLean, Virginia 22102

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# From cluttered to calming

## A master bedroom is transformed

By **CANDICE OLSON**  
Home & Garden Television

Your master bedroom most likely is last on your rooms-to-reno-vate priority list. There always seem to be more pressing areas of the house that need attention – kitchen, family room, new roof, furnace.

Then one day you open the bedroom door and it hits you: You've just walked into a time capsule.

Such was the case with my clients, who had created a beautiful home for their family but had neglected their own bedroom.

Their bedroom was on the top floor in what had been the attic. The space was one long room divided into a sleeping area and a TV/media area. It had some beautiful features – dramatic sloped ceilings, old wide-plank wood floors, a glass block wall leading to an en suite bath and a French door opening onto a rooftop deck.

One of the big problems was that the wife was a self-confessed clotheshorse who had outgrown both her husband's and her own closet space. Over the years a hodgepodge of "assembly required" cabinets, combined with family memorabilia, made this room seem chaotic.

The challenge was to turn clutter into calm while mixing in a good dose of drama.

The room had already been painted a pleasing watery green that picked up on the colors in the glass block. It had a very restful effect, so I kept it. Using that green as a base, I chose silks, chenille and washable velvets in a palette of tranquil greens and Mediterranean blues with camel accents.

To create a focal point, I



SHNS photos

Tidying up this master bedroom results in a space that combines clean and contemporary with comfort and luxury.

took advantage of the angled ceilings and suspended a dramatic, two-toned silk canopy and headboard from decorative drapery rods. It's a simple trick that gave the space that "wow" factor. These colors and fabrics were also picked up in blue silk window treatments accented with tassel trim, in the linens and in the modern area carpet that anchors the bed.

But it was time to bid adieu to all those storage cabinets.

Custom wall-mounted bedside tables with built-in sconces added a contemporary edge and floated above large leather boxes that were perfect for storing clothes.

Several small chests of drawers were consolidated into one large piece, its blonde wood a perfect companion to the glass block wall behind. To make the

clients' old freestanding laminate wardrobes look like fine pieces of furniture, we gave them a facelift with wood veneers, a coat of laminate paint and new handles. Instantly – and inexpensively – we had a whole new look.

Now for the all those years of knickknacks, family photos and mementos. I know it's tough to do, but by choosing to display only what you really love makes those chosen pieces even more special.

I asked my clients to select their six favorite pictures, which I framed identically and Velcro-mounted them to the plain closet doors that filled one wall. A few halogen spotlights helped highlight the family gallery.

In the TV/media area, a cozy, honey-colored sofa was backed by a stunning backlit glass dis-

play shelf that cast soft light onto the angled ceiling. Cube ottomans in brilliant aquamarine leather did double-duty as footrests and as a casual coffee table. Long, full-length drapery in the same luxurious fabrics

as the bed canopy and headboard framed the view to the deck, visually uniting the long space.

The final result balanced clean and contemporary with comfort and luxury.



This master bedroom was most likely last on the rooms-to-be-renovated priority list. There always seem to be more pressing areas of the house that need attention – kitchen, family room, new roof, furnace.

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# Hallways, landings provide extra space



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Coordinating pumpkin-colored walls, a collection of early American oil paintings and prints and a primitive bench help unify this hallway with the adjoining rooms and makes this space feel like a small, intimate room.

By **CHRIS MADDEN**  
Scripps Howard

I don't care how much space — how much square footage — you have in your home. It's a universal maxim that the space we do have is never enough. And, as I learned from a savvy designer years ago, that extra room we're looking for — be it for seating, display, shelving or storage — it is there, literally under your nose. Or, more specifically, between your rooms.

In our home there is a steep staircase broken up by a sizeable landing. When we first moved in, each time I walked up the stairs I would hurriedly pass the landing, always in a hurry to get to the floor above. But one day, Teddy and Lola, the youngest and feistiest of our three, followed me up the stairs and as they got to the landing they decided it was the perfect spot for a romp. I sat on the step and watched them for a moment and considered this empty space seriously for the first time. I realized it would be the perfect spot for some cozy seating — a place to, well, watch the dogs play and luxuriate in the beautiful sunshine that floods through the landing window. We added an upholstered bench and it is now a very welcoming spot.

Here are some other ideas for making the most of your hallways or landing spaces:

■ **Furnish it:** A piece of furniture — either for seating, storage or

display — will make a hallway feel like an extension of the surrounding rooms and help give a decorating focus to the space. A comfortable bench, a bookcase, a vintage washstand, a hall tree or even an oversized bedside chest will serve for storage, a foil to balance and position wall art or a mirror, or a spot to plunk down and read a book. If your hallway is narrow, try a demilune table or other piece that really hugs the wall. And if the hallway borders a staircase, think about utilizing the space underneath the stairs to put in a recessed bookcase or other built-in storage.

■ **Light it:** Hallways often have two lighting moods — one being too dark and the other too bright. Install a dimmer to your hallway switch to vary the light level and add moody, ambient light. Not only will it enhance the decorative aspect of your hall, but it can also be used as a nightlight for safety. If your hallway is in need of more lighting, try sconce fixtures spaced along the length of the hall or even recessed floor lighting to up-light. If light is scarce even during daylight hours, try reflecting available light by the placement of one of more hall mirrors, or paint the hall with a glossy finish paint that will help bounce the light. Or do as they used to do in Victorian-era homes — add gold painted highlights and design motifs to a mural or painted stencils to reflect, in this case, candlelight.

■ **Create a gallery:** Use the

expanse of a hall's wall surface to create a gallery of your favorite works of art, your family photographs or your collectibles to hang plates or, as I just did, my collection of wooden plate molds. Whatever the case, personalize your walls with art and objects that are meaningful to you.

■ **Decorate it:** Often the hallway is the last "room" of the house to get the decorating treatment. Unify the space and really make your hallway feel like an extension of the adjoining rooms by painting it the same or in coordinating colors, use the same molding or wood trim in the hallway as in the other rooms or continue the flooring of the adjoining spaces. A runner in the same carpet pattern as in the facing rooms will also help bring together the area and give it focus.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, hallways make up eight percent of the total square footage of the average home. Make the most of this space by creating cozy, intimate, personalized spaces in what was once the kid's runway, the sock skating arena and the gravitational center for all the flotsam and jetsam that makes it way into our homes.

When decorated, loved and used, the hallway will become the favored gathering spot for family and friends, the quiet spot to pick up a book for a spell or a studio space within which you can display your favorite collectible.

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# 101 pretty good ideas

A continuing compendium of tips and tricks from Home & Garden Television:

### Wallpapering tips

■ When hanging large-patterned wallpaper, start at the ceiling with an entire design element to mask any unevenness where the ceiling and wall meet.

If there is a coordinating border going over the top, make sure the bouquet or major element starts just below the edge

of the border.

### Bagged paint

■ Get rid of aerosol paint by going outside and emptying the spray can into a paper bag. Be sure to wear a mask for protection from the fumes. When the paint is dry, toss the can and bag in the household garbage.

### Recycled tassel

■ Use a glass piece from an old lamp to make a unique

decorative tassel. String yarn, ribbon or fuzzy fringe through both openings and hang on a doorknob or drawer pull.

### Teacup candleholders

■ Create a teacup candleholder by stacking glass teacups and saucers and gluing them together with epoxy.

Wrap with raffia to hide the joints, and top with a candle in a matching color.

— Scripps Howard

# Heintz vase: Up to \$800

**DEAR HELAINE AND JOE:** Can you identify this vase? It is 11-1/4 inches tall and has a raised flower in silver on a bronze background. It has the letters "HAMS." It also has "Sterling on bronze pat. Aug 27, 12" impressed into the bottom. There is a slight dent at the lip of the vase. What is its value?

— E.R., Hastings, Neb.

**DEAR E.R.:** The "HAMS" initials on this piece stand for "Heintz Art Metal Shop," which was in business in Buffalo, N.Y., from 1906 to 1930. Otto Heintz (1877-1918) began his metal-working career at his Art Crafts Shop, creating objects from copper and decorating them with enamel.

Heintz patented a process in 1912 (thus the date on the piece

belonging to E.R.) for a process of applying sterling-silver overlays to a bronze body without using any solder. The bodies themselves were machine-formed, and were treated with chemicals to produce artificial patinas that can be found in a variety of colors and textures.

The monetary value of an example of Heintz Art Metal depends very much on its condition. Unsightly dents and scratches can be a significant minus, but the big problem often revolves around disturbing the original artificial patina that was applied when the piece was new. The patina on the example belonging to E.R. appears to be excellent.

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# Drops keep Gardner falling

Wide receiver struggles go hand-in-hand with Skins' woes on offense

By **JOSEPH WHITE**  
Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Rod Gardner stood in the Washington Redskins parking lot with his hands in the air, one raised just above the other.

"It hit off this hand," he said. "And I couldn't get the other hand on it."

The play in Gardner's mind was a deep pass in the first half of Sunday's loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers, a play that stuck with him for good reason: Had that catchable ball been caught, it would have been an extraordinary event for a team that hasn't completed a big gainer in seven weeks.

"It's rough," Gardner said. "Because I might not get anything but one or two opportunities, so when the play is called, you put much more pressure on yourself."

The struggles of quarterbacks Mark Brunell and Patrick Ramsey have naturally had a residual effect on the receiving corps of NFL's lowest scoring team. Laveranues Coles, playing with a bad toe and sore finger, leads the team with a modest 57 catches though 11 games.

Gardner, meanwhile, has fallen off the charts. The fourth-year receiver has just 33 receptions on the season, and 10 of those came against Dallas in Week 3. He was held without a catch for the first time in his career four weeks ago against Detroit and has just seven catches in the three games since.

Just four passes were thrown his way in the 16-7 loss at Pittsburgh, all in the first half. He made only one catch for 11 yards, while he had a drop in addition to the long pass that hit his hand.

Gardner has a history of dropping the easy ones. Teammates once nicknamed him "50-50" to reflect the odds that he'd come down with any given throw. His several drops this season have been magnified because the offense is playing so poorly, making him feel even more pressured each time he gets a chance.



AP photo

Rod Gardner has just 33 receptions this season, and his penchant for dropping easy passes has been magnified by the Redskins' struggling offense.

"You see the best receivers drop a pass, they walk back to the huddle smiling because they know darn well in the next two series they're going to get another five thrown at them," Gardner said. "But we're struggling, so everything — dropping a ball, throwing a bad ball — gets escalated."

The Redskins' longest completion in the last seven games was 27

yards to Darnerien McCants against Cincinnati. Gardner's longest in that stretch is 18 yards.

Coach Joe Gibbs does not believe in criticizing a player in public, instead offering only praise, so it's not surprising he's had little to say this season about Gardner. It's worth noting that when blame was heaped on Brunell for the offense's early season struggles,

the coach always responded by saying part of the problem lay with receivers running incorrect routes or dropping passes.

"It's tough when you're not getting hooked up, period," Gibbs said when asked this week about Gardner. "We'd like for all of us to be having great years. We really haven't been getting it done as a group."

# Taylor denies drunken driving

January trial set for Skins safety

By **MATTHEW BARAKAT**  
Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. — Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor entered a not guilty plea Wednesday to a drunken driving charge and his lawyer said Taylor's teammates will testify to his sobriety when the case goes to trial.

Taylor's trial on charges of driving while intoxicated and refusing to submit to a breath test had been scheduled for Wednesday in Fairfax County General District Court but was postponed until Jan. 5. Warren McLain, Taylor's lawyer, said the continuance was necessary so that other Redskins could testify without interrupting their season.

Taylor was arrested in the early morning hours of Oct. 28 after police pulled him over on the Capital Beltway. He had been at a birthday party along with other teammates celebrating wide receiver Rod Gardner's birthday.

"There were a number of witnesses who were with him that night," though those witnesses were not with him when he was pulled over, McLain said after the hearing. "He's in an embarrassing situation. He feels he's innocent."

McLain declined to say which Redskins would testify on Taylor's behalf.

Wednesday's hearing lasted less than a minute; Taylor was present but did not speak. He declined comment after the hearing.

Taylor was not on the field for the team's regular midweek practice.

"We excused him today," coach Joe Gibbs said. "And hopefully he got that taken care of."

Gibbs benched Taylor for one game after the arrest, but there will be no further punishment this week. The coach said Taylor will practice Thursday and play in Sunday's game against the New York Giants.

Taylor refused to take a breathalyzer test at the time of his arrest. He took field sobriety tests, which Virginia State Police say he failed. McLain said he believes Taylor passed the tests, including one in which they asked him to stand on one leg, hold the other one and count to 30.

"If he'd taken the breath test, he would've passed," McLain said.

Virginia State Police Sgt. Wallace Bouldin said police cannot comment on a case pending

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# Loudoun schools find a home

Northern Region places Loudoun Valley, Stone Bridge in revised districts

By **BRIAN McNALLY**  
Journal staff writer

For months area administrators have been trying to find a home for two Loudoun County schools that the Virginia High School League placed in the Northern Region last spring.

Appeals were heard and then denied. Plans were made and then abandoned. It has been a difficult process fraught with missteps. But it is finally over.

At its monthly meeting at Marshall High on Wednesday afternoon, the Northern Region Council voted 18-9 to accept Stone Bridge as a full member of the Liberty District and placed Loudoun Valley in the Nation-

al District, where it will compete in varsity football during the regular season and district tournaments for all other sports. The final step comes on Dec. 8 when the VHSL Executive Committee is expected to give the plan its final approval.

"It's been a long and painful process. Trying to get an agreement among 31 schools is difficult," said Robinson principal Dan Meier, the NRC chairman. "I know it's not the purest form of competition. But I'm pleased because I think in terms of travel this is what's best for students in the Northern Region."

Stone Bridge, located in Ashburn, will participate in the Liberty District in all sports. Loudoun Valley, located

in Purcellville, will remain in the Group AA Dulles District during the regular season for all sports other than football. But in non-football sports it will participate in National District tournaments for the postseason. Loudoun Valley officials have also agreed their school won't host district tournament contests, further limiting travel for National District schools, six of whom voted against the proposal.

"We felt like if we were going to pick up the football schedule and all the issues that go along with it then it would make sense for another district to pick up the burden of forming a combination district [for the playoffs], said Edison principal Greg Croghan, who actually voted in favor of the

proposal. "It wasn't the best solution for the National District. But on the other hand we had to come to a solution soon so we could start putting schedules together for next year."

The Northern Region opposed the addition of Loudoun Valley and Stone Bridge, two Group AA schools that move to the state's largest classification for high school athletics, Group AAA, on July 1 and were placed in the region by the VHSL's Redistricting and Reclassification Committee last May. Northern Region officials cited travel concerns, transportation problems and philosophical differences between the two school systems involved, but several appeals were denied by the VHSL.

## Northern Region 2005-07

### Concorde District

Centreville, Chantilly, Fairfax, Herndon, Oakton, **Robinson**, Westfield

### National District

Edison, Falls Church, \***Loudoun Valley**, Mount Vernon, Stuart, Wakefield, Washington-Lee, Yorktown

### Liberty District

**Jefferson**, Langley, Madison, Marshall, McLean, South Lakes, **Stone Bridge**, Woodson

### Patriot District

Annandale, Hayfield, Lake Braddock, **Lee**, **South County**, T.C. Williams, West Potomac, West Springfield

Teams in **bold** have moved districts.

\* Loudoun Valley will participate in the National District's regular season in football only. In all other sports it remains in the Group AA Dulles District during the regular season and the National District for the playoffs.



## National Basketball Association

## Wizards cut down Nets

## Arenas leads with 30 points to welcome back Jordan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Wizards welcomed coach Eddie Jordan back Wednesday with a 95-68 victory over New Jersey, his former team, sending the Nets to their sixth consecutive road loss.

Gilbert Arenas had a season-high 30 points, seven rebounds and five assists to lead the Wizards to their fifth victory in six games.

Antawn Jamison added 18 points and nine rebounds as Washington posted its largest winning margin of the season. Larry Hughes had 15 points and nine rebounds.

Jordan, 49, was hospitalized with a blood clot in his left leg on Thanksgiving after driving to practice and being evaluated by the Wizards' team physician Barry Talesnick. Jordan missed the Wizards' 116-114 overtime loss Friday at Philadelphia and 114-109 overtime victory Sunday at Toronto.

"I'm feeling real good," Jordan said before the game. "It was a good week for me to recover and I'm moving in the right direction. I'm back to being close to 100 percent."

Eric Williams led New Jersey with 17 points, and Travis Best added 16.

The Wizards also welcomed

back forward Kwame Brown, who played for the first time this season after having surgery Aug. 3 to repair a fracture in the fifth metatarsal bone in his right foot. His first jumper of the season gave the Wizards a 57-42 lead with 8:28 remaining in the third quarter.

Brown opened the fourth quarter with back-to-back buckets and finished with six points and two rebounds in 14 minutes. He was ejected, along with New Jersey's Jason Collins, for an altercation with 6:48 left in the game.

Reserve Anthony Peeler scored seven straight points early in the fourth quarter to keep Washington comfortably ahead.

Arenas scored seven points in the Wizards' 11-3 run as they took an 18-12 lead late in the first quarter.

New Jersey took a 7-0 lead while the Wizards missed their first five shots.

**Notes:** The Nets lost Zoran Planinic with 6 minutes remaining in the second quarter with a broken left hand. Nenad Krstic also went to the locker room after injuring his right knee with 1:49 left. ... The Nets' 39 first-half points matched the season-low the Wizards have achieved in a half.



The Wizards' Larry Hughes (20) shoots over the New Jersey Nets' Jason Collins (35) and Alonzo Mourning (33).

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
New York	7	6	.538	—	6-4	W2	4-1	3-5	5-3
Philadelphia	6	7	.462	1	5-5	L1	5-3	1-4	6-4
Boston	6	8	.429	1½	4-6	W2	4-4	2-4	4-7
Toronto	7	10	.412	2	3-7	L1	4-3	3-7	3-4
New Jersey	3	12	.200	5	1-9	L1	2-6	1-6	2-4

CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Indiana	10	4	.714	—	6-4	L1	6-2	4-2	8-2
Cleveland	9	5	.643	1	8-2	L1	6-1	3-4	7-4
Detroit	7	7	.500	3	4-6	W1	5-1	2-6	3-5
Milwaukee	4	9	.308	5½	2-8	L2	4-2	0-7	3-4
Chicago	1	10	.091	7½	1-9	L1	0-3	1-7	0-3

SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Orlando	9	5	.643	—	6-4	W1	6-2	3-3	5-4
Miami	10	6	.625	—	6-4	L1	6-3	4-3	9-2
Washington	8	5	.615	½	6-4	W2	4-2	4-3	7-4
Charlotte	3	10	.231	5½	2-8	L1	3-4	0-6	3-8
Atlanta	2	12	.143	7	2-8	L7	1-6	1-6	0-7

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
San Antonio	12	3	.800	—	8-2	W4	6-1	6-2	7-2
Dallas	10	6	.625	2½	5-5	L1	5-3	5-3	6-5
Houston	6	10	.375	6½	3-7	L4	2-5	4-5	5-5
Memphis	5	10	.333	7	4-6	L4	3-5	2-5	5-9
New Orleans	1	12	.077	10	1-9	L4	0-6	1-6	1-9

NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Seattle	13	3	.813	—	8-2	L1	7-0	6-3	6-2
Minnesota	8	5	.615	3½	6-4	W2	4-2	4-3	6-2
Portland	8	6	.571	4	6-4	W2	5-2	3-4	3-3
Denver	8	6	.571	4	7-3	W2	7-3	1-3	4-6
Utah	8	7	.533	4½	4-6	L2	4-4	4-3	5-3

PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Conf
Phoenix	12	2	.857	—	8-2	W8	5-1	7-1	6-1
Sacramento	9	5	.643	3	8-2	W1	6-1	3-4	6-5
L.A. Lakers	9	6	.600	3½	6-4	W2	6-2	3-4	5-5
L.A. Clippers	9	6	.600	3½	6-4	W4	5-3	4-3	4-4
Golden State	3	10	.231	8½	3-7	L2	2-5	1-5	1-9

## Wednesday's Results

Boston 101, Milwaukee 100  
Orlando 129, Toronto 108  
Washington 95, New Jersey 68  
Memphis at New York  
Sacramento at New Orleans  
L.A. Lakers at Chicago  
Philadelphia at San Antonio  
Cleveland at Phoenix  
Utah at Seattle  
Indiana at L.A. Clippers  
Minnesota at Golden State

## Thursday's Games

Houston at Dallas, 8 p.m.  
Cleveland at Denver, 10:30 p.m.  
**Friday's Games**  
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Detroit at San Antonio, 8 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
Indiana at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.  
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

## Tuesday's Results

New York 110, Atlanta 109, (OT)  
Toronto 94, Miami 92  
New Jersey 99, Charlotte 86  
Sacramento 98, Memphis 93  
L.A. Lakers 95, Milwaukee 90  
Detroit 93, Houston 72  
San Antonio 107, Dallas 89  
Phoenix 115, Utah 102  
Portland 100, Seattle 94

## College basketball

## Deacons get orange crushed

By **NANCY ARMOUR**  
Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Top-ranked teams might want to think twice about visiting Assembly Hall.

Roger Powell Jr. scored 19 points, Dee Brown and Luther Head added 16 each and No. 5 Illinois made No. 1 Wake Forest look more like a nonconference patsy in a 91-73 rout Wednesday night. The Illini led by double-digits for the last 28-plus minutes of the game, and were up by as much as 32 in the second half.

With 8:34 still to play, the "Orange Krush" student section broke into chants of "OVERRATED!" In the final minutes of the game, there were chants of "WE'RE No. 1."

The Illini have now beaten both No. 1 teams that visited Assembly Hall. They beat then-No. 1 Michigan State 57-55 in 1979 — though if it's any consolation to the Demon Deacons, the Spartans still went on to win the

national championship that year.

Illinois (5-0) has now won 35 straight at home against non-conference opponents, a streak that dates back to Nov. 17, 1998. The Illini are 66-3 overall at Assembly Hall since the 2000-01 season.

Wake Forest (5-1) opened the season 5-0 and climbed to No. 1 for the first time in school history. Though the Demon Deacons had impressive spurts on their way to winning the preseason NIT last weekend at Madison Square Garden, they also looked at times like a team still trying to find its rhythm, getting tested by both Providence and then-No. 18 Arizona.

But the Illini are a cut above Providence and Arizona, and the Demon Deacons were no match for them. Especially not on "Paint the Hall Orange" night, when the 16,500-seat Assembly Hall was sold out with almost all of the fans in bright orange. Even Illini coach

## George Mason downs Towson

FAIRFAX, Va. — Lamar Butler scored a career-high 28 points and hit seven 3-pointers to lead George Mason to a 79-61 win over Towson on Wednesday night.

The Patriots (3-1, 1-0 Colonial Athletic Association) started to put Towson (2-4, 0-1) away early in the second half when Butler hit three 3-pointers and John Vaughn hit two during a 16-6 run that pushed the lead to 52-35 with 14:53 to play.

Butler finished 7-of-12 from 3-point range and the Patriots hit 14 total, including 9 of 11 in the second half. Tony Skinn added 12 points for the Patriots, who didn't make a two-pointer in the second half until Jesus Urbina's jumper with 9:44 left.

Mike Green scored 23 to lead the Tigers, who got just two points from their bench in losing for the seventh time in as many games against George Mason since joining the CAA in the 2001-02 season. Lawrence Hamm added 13 and Cantrell Fletcher had 11.

George Mason center Jai Lewis, who came in averaging 17 points, scored six.

— Associated Press

Bruce Weber was sporting a dayglo orange blazer, so loud even Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser had to chuckle when they shook hands before the game.

That was about all that made Prosser and the Deacons laugh. The Demon Dea-

cons were held to 39 percent shooting, and two best players were never a factor. Chris Paul, the leading vote-getter on the AP's preseason All-America team, had just 10 while Justin Gray, MVP of the preseason NIT, had 11.



Illinois' Dee Brown, right, drives around Wake Forest's Chris Paul during the first half of the Illini's 91-73 rout of the Demon Deacons on Wednesday.



## National Football League

## McGahee a big ticket in return home

By JOHN WAWROW  
Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Don't let Willis McGahee's cool act fool you.

To hear the Bills running back tell it, this weekend's homecoming trip to Miami — McGahee's first as an NFL player — is just another ho-hum game on the schedule.

"No anticipation," McGahee said Wednesday. "It's one of the opportunities I've been waiting on, but I'm not really going to focus on it."

McGahee's mom, Jannie Jones, knows her son better.

Jones saw a difference when McGahee made a brief trip to Miami earlier this week.

First he asked how many tickets she had purchased for the game. Then McGahee said to make sure to buy a few more for some friends she might have forgotten.

"That's when I knew he was excited," Jones said.

Why?  
"Because he doesn't like to spend money," she said.

Jones has cut off ticket sales at 100, but she knows there will be plenty more people in the stands

keeping a close eye on her son Sunday.

That's because McGahee has become one of the game's most intriguing stories.

The former Miami Hurricanes running back broke several school records as a redshirt sophomore in 2002 before blowing out his left knee in the national championship game against Ohio State. After missing all of his rookie season in Buffalo last year, the first-round draft pick has, over the past two months, replaced Travis Henry as the starter, enjoyed five 100-yard rushing games and scored seven touchdowns, four in last Sunday's 38-9 win at Seattle.

Talk about a perfect time to be heading home.

"Now we'll get to see him play at home after everybody said he wouldn't come back or he wouldn't be the same even if he did," Jones said. "And I think a lot of people can't wait ... because I think they're in for a treat."

McGahee's already been a treat for the Bills (5-6), electrifying a team that's suddenly on a roll, having won five of its last seven, all five wins with McGahee starting.

McGahee's been credited with revitalizing a sputtering offense, help-

ing take the pressure off once-faltering quarterback Drew Bledsoe by providing a consistent run threat. And his strong runs and ability to find holes have silenced criticism of an offensive line that's suddenly showing signs of jelling.

"I'm cool with it. I'm not complaining about nothing," McGahee said, referring to his impact. "I'm just here to do my job. You know it's not going to be here forever so I want to take advantage of it."

His teammates credit McGahee for making a significant impact.

"He's the spark that we definitely needed," fullback Daimon Shelton said.

"I'm excited," guard Chris Villarrial added. "I mean, the guy could've packed it in a long time ago. But he never let anybody tell him that he couldn't play anymore. And he's come in and proved it."

McGahee's seven touchdowns rushing match the number the Bills scored in their previous 18 games.

He's the first Bills player to have five 100-yard games in his first season. And his four TDs against Seattle marked only the seventh time a Bills player scored that many in a game.



Having solidified his role as the Buffalo Bills' starting running back, Willis McGahee is running hard and riding high, coming off a 116-yard, four-touchdown effort against the Seattle Seahawks as he heads into his first appearance as a pro in his hometown of Miami.

AP Photo

## Broncos have new foe in Old West

By EDDIE PELLIS  
Associated Press

DENVER — What, in the name of Dan Fouts, is going on here?

The Denver Broncos head into December facing a key game against a tough division opponent. The opponent is the San Diego Chargers.

The Chargers are hot, at 8-3 and on a five-game winning streak, and the Broncos are the next team that's going to have to deal with it.

The Chargers have the league's second-highest scoring offense, a formidable challenge for a Denver defense that looked shaky last week. The Chargers have Drew Brees, the league's third-rated passer, and he's doing a lot more than when Denver beat San Diego 23-13 in September. The Chargers have coach Marty

Schottenheimer, and even that doesn't seem like such an edge for the Broncos ever since John Elway retired.

With first place in the division and possibly Denver's playoff survival on the line, and with what the Broncos just endured — an embarrassing 25-24 loss to the Oakland Raiders that dropped them to 7-4 — there's little doubt they'll take the Chargers seriously.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s, the teams fought for supremacy in the AFC West and the Chargers won more than their share of games.

Common were images of Fouts hooking up with Charlie Joiner for big gains against Louis Wright and Steve Foley — or Kellen Winslow reaching over cornerback Steve Wilson for touchdowns. San Diego was the place where Elway, in one of the more embarrassing moments

of his young career, lined up under left guard to take the snap.

The Broncos lead the overall series 50-38-1. In Southern California, they're touting this as the biggest game since the Chargers went to the 1994 Super Bowl and lost to San Francisco.

"This is better than the team I saw at the Super Bowl," said Shanahan, who was offensive coordinator for the 49ers that year.

Maybe it was Plummer, though, who summed up the oddness of the situation when he talked about the consequences and disappointment of last week's loss to the archrival Raiders.

"We lost that game and we didn't want to," he said. "But we knew, either way, we were going to have to beat the Chargers."

It's been a long time since anyone in Denver has said that.



Antonio Gates, right, and the San Diego Chargers are emerging as one of the Denver Broncos' top rivals in the AFC West.

AP Photo

## Boller coping with absences

OWINGS MILLS, MD. (AP) — Going into the season's stretch run, Baltimore Ravens quarterback Kyle Boller has found he's had to learn faster than he might have expected.

That's because key components of the offense continue to be plagued by injuries. Running back Jamal Lewis is slated to miss at least one more week with an ankle injury. Tight end Todd Heap's status is uncertain due to a bad ankle sprain.

"Obviously, we missed some guys from earlier in the season and now we're missing Todd and Jamal," Boller said Wednesday afternoon. "Would they help us out? Definitely. But the guys that have been in there have done a great job stepping up and handling the situation."

Baltimore, currently 7-4 and tied for the AFC's sixth and final playoff spot, is a team that boasted an NFL-best eight Pro Bowl selections last year.

This season, those players alone have missed or will miss the equivalent of 33 games to injuries and suspensions, including linebacker Peter Boulware, who will miss the entire year with toe and knee ailments.

Heap participated in Wednesday's practice and looks as though he could finally be ready to play Sunday when the Ravens host Cincinnati (5-6), a team that has rallied to win four of its last six games.

As for Lewis, he missed two midseason games due to a league-mandated suspension and sat out last Sunday's 24-3 loss at New England with an ankle injury he incurred against Dallas.

"They'll play when they play," head coach Brian Billick said. "I've given up trying to figure it out."

Among those pressed into service, running back Chester Taylor has carried for 60 yards or more four times this year, including a 61-yard, 16-carry effort against the Patri-

ots.

At tight end, Daniel Wilcox has contributed 19 catches and one touchdown, while former free agent Darnell Dinkins hauled in three passes, one for a score, against the Cowboys.

Boller is improving. His passing rating has been consistently above 70 this year. He finished his rookie season at 62.4.

"We're throwing the ball more than in the beginning of the season," Boller said. "That's allowed us to open up the passing game and get the receivers going. We had to find out if we can throw the ball and we've found out that we can."

But will Boller have time to throw? Left tackle Jonathan Ogden has missed four games with various hamstring injuries, and right tackle Orlando Brown sat out the New England game and looks to be missing for at least two more weeks with a recurring knee problem.

## Arrest the low point of Taylor's rocky season

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what went on," Smoot said.

Redskins cornerback Fred Smoot said he couldn't blame Taylor for trying to win the case, even if it meant putting teammates on the stand.

"If I was backed up in that corner and I knew some people who truly knew I wasn't like that, yeah, I'd bring them into it," Smoot said.

Smoot, though, figured he wouldn't be much help to Taylor.

"I wasn't with him in the car, so I don't know

what went on," Smoot said.

Taylor's arrest was the low point of a turbulent rookie season. He was fined for skipping one day of the NFL's mandatory rookie symposium in June, has fired two agents, and was the subject of a spitting investigation stemming from allegations made following a loss at Cincinnati three weeks ago. The league did not punish Taylor for the spitting incident because there was no video evidence to support it.

AP Sports Writer Joseph White in Ashburn, Va., contributed to this report.





# TODAY'S CURRICULUM:

## Patriot District Boys

\*Teams listed in order of predicted finish

### 1. Hayfield

**Coach:** Charlie Thompson (4th year)

**Last season:** 26-3, Patriot District, Northern Region champs

**Returning starters:** F Mike Freeman (Sr., 6-8), F Brit Kelly (Sr., 6-3), G Ray Davis (Sr., 5-10), G Jason Evans (Sr., 5-9)

**Others to watch:** C Antonio Haymon (Jr., 6-6), G Matt Townsend (Sr., 5-10)

**The deal:** With four starters returning the second-ranked Hawks have an excellent shot at back-to-back district and region championships. But is Hayfield mentally prepared for the challenge every single night?

"I think they realize it's been a problem [in the past]," said Thompson. "When we try and waltz through games we think we should win is when we get picked apart."

It starts with Freeman (14 points per game, 8 rebounds per game), the USC-bound standout who was the region tourney MVP. Thompson named Freeman a team captain and hopes he grows into a leadership role. Kelly (9 ppg, 4 rpg, 2 assists per game) needs to pound the boards, continue to be a relentless defender and knock down open shots. Evans (11 ppg) is one of the area's top shooters and Davis (5 apg) a solid floor general. Haymon steps in at center for second-team *All-Journal* center Alex Woodhouse (Colgate).

**West Springfield forward Kiernan Whitworth**

### 2. Lake Braddock

**Coach:** Brian Metress (4th year)

**Last season:** 18-9

**Returning starters:** G Evin Yarbrough (Sr., 5-9)

**Others to watch:** G Kevin Jarcho (Sr., 5-9), F Greg Hoyt (Sr., 6-6), G/F Jacob Hemminger (Sr., 6-3), F Richard Magee (Jr., 6-6), G Chris Kuntz (Jr., 5-11)

**The deal:** The 10th-ranked Bruins don't scare you when they walk out on the floor, but by the third or fourth backdoor layup, appearances are irrelevant. The Princeton offense takes care of that. Yarbrough had a standout offseason and Hoyt also made strides after seeing limited minutes last season. Jarcho is a scappy defender and Kuntz has deep range. For the Bruins to better last season's effort, Hemminger must develop into a consistent offensive option and Magee needs to help Hoyt on the boards.

### 3. T.C. Williams

**Coach:** Mark Vincent (1st year)

**Last season:** 18-7

**Returning starters:** None

**Others to watch:** F Marcus Lemon (Jr., 6-4), G Cedric Menefee (Jr., 6-0), G Jamal Hyman (Jr., 5-10), F Ryan Willis (Sr., 6-5), F Brian Lemon (Sr., 6-2), F Cori Dickerson (Fr., 6-5), G Walt Smith (Soph., 5-5)

**The deal:** How does a team recover from the loss of its top two underclassmen? The Titans will soon find out. Junior Tracey Stanton may have been their best player down the stretch last year and sophomore Ryan Burts wasn't far behind. But both transferred to National Christian (Md.), leaving Vincent with holes to fill. He'll start with Marcus Lemon, the team's best rebounder who has also developed a consistent jumper. The Titans welcome back Menefee after a year at military school. He will start in the backcourt. Despite his size, Smith is one of their most disruptive defenders. He and Hyman will both see time at point guard. Willis hasn't played basketball since his freshman year, but is a talented post scorer.

### 4. West Springfield

**Coach:** Dick Wickline (8th year)

**Last season:** 14-10

**Returning starters:** F Kiernan Whitworth (Sr., 6-6), G Parker

Roach (Sr., 6-0)

**Others to watch:** G Julian Pharr (Sr., 5-10), F Mike Caussin (Sr., 6-5), F Peter Lalich (Soph., 6-5), G Steve Evans (Sr., 5-10), F Nas Omar (Jr., 6-3), G Kevin Kosar (Soph., 5-11)

**The deal:** There isn't much experience outside of Whitworth and Roach, but with plenty of size and some promising young talent the Spartans could be a district sleeper. Whitworth (13 ppg, 7 rpg) is the veteran, the

leading returning scorer and one of three players 6-5 or taller on the roster, including Caussin and Lalich, who will both see increased playing time. Roach (5 ppg) is battling an early-season knee injury, but the Spartans are counting on him to more than double his scoring output. Pharr and Evans are both solid shooters who will contribute in the backcourt.

## Patriot District Boys Dream Team

### G – Evin Yarbrough, Lake Braddock

Another year in the Bruins' Princeton offense should have Yarbrough among the area's leading scorers. He has great leaping ability and a lightning-quick first step, two assets that will help him fill it up.

### G – Jason Evans, Hayfield

A dangerous 3-point threat who thrives in Hayfield's structured offense, forcing opponents to stretch their defense. Evans (11 ppg), a three-year starter, made 45 percent of his 3-point attempts as a junior.

### F – Kiernan Whitworth, West Springfield

One of the district's top post scorers, the 6-foot-6 Whitworth (13 ppg, 7 rpg) is more than capable of banging inside, but also has a good range on his jumper, making him a tough matchup for most power forwards.

### F – Marcus Lemon, T.C. Williams

The 6-4 Lemon is poised for a breakout year, which he announced with a 28-point, 12-rebound performance in a scrimmage against Woodbridge last week. The Titans most consistent rebounder, Lemon already possessed a consistent outside shot and has improved his post moves.

### F – Mike Freeman, Hayfield

The Most Valuable Player of last year's Northern Region Tournament, the 6-8 Freeman (14 ppg, 8 rpg) has a soft touch for a big man and range to 20 feet. He is headed to USC next year.

### Coach – Brian Metress, Lake Braddock

No team got more out of its talent last season, and the Bruins had Herndon on the ropes in the region quarterfinals. Metress also has coaching legend Don McCool as an assistant, not a bad guy to turn to in a tough situation.

### 5. Annandale

**Coach:** Pat Hughes (5th year)

**Last season:** 10-13

**Returning starters:** G Mike Torbert (Sr., 5-10)

**Others to watch:** C Layth Mansour (Jr., 6-5), G Vinny Athey (Jr., 6-0), F Bobby Terry (Sr., 6-3), G Nathan Cartagena-Stone (Soph., 5-10), F Mark Phillips (Sr., 6-4)

**The deal:** Torbert is the lone holdover for the Atoms, a steady veteran presence on a team that sorely needs one. Almost all the other scoring options are underclassmen, including Athey, a junior varsity starter last year who shoots well and gets to the rim when needed. Mansour, a transfer last year, finally gets his chance after being deemed ineligible as a sophomore. He gives Annandale a legitimate center and plays alongside Phillips, who will be asked to provide more rebounding after seeing limited playing time as a junior. The Atoms hope Cartagena-Stone provides the same boost he gave to the school's football team, leading Annandale in rushing.

### 6. Robinson

**Coach:** Thad Cobb (3rd year)

**Last season:** 9-13

**Returning starters:** G Nick Altomare (Sr., 6-0), F Ryan McPhearson (Soph., 6-3)

**Others to watch:** F Kevin Dart (Sr., 6-3), G Andrew Hardenbergh (Soph., 6-1), G Austin Booker (Jr., 6-0), F Mike Daniel (Soph., 6-1)

**The deal:** Season-ending injuries to its top two scorers, Alex Nawrocki and Jay Strotman, derailed the Rams last year. One positive? Their underclassmen gained plenty of playing time. There was no other choice. The most experienced is two-year starter Nick Altomare (15 ppg), a star defensive back for the football team who often played entire games last year. Altomare will be the focal point of an offense that broke 50 points just five times last year. McPhearson also saw a ton of minutes and returns with an improved jumper. Hardenbergh and Booker share the backcourt with Altomare. Dart, who has signed to play lacrosse at Drexel, is Robinson's top interior player. Daniel is a potential defensive stopper with long arms and constant energy.

### 7. West Potomac

**Coach:** David Houston (1st year)

**Last season:** 2-19

**Returning starters:** G Andre Ford (Sr., 6-3), G Nate Fells (Sr., 6-0), G Derrick Baker (Jr., 5-7), G Darryl McDaniel (Sr., 5-11)

**Others to watch:** G Walt Grady (Jr., 5-7), F Al Lahai (Sr., 6-4)

**The deal:** Once one of the area's top programs, the Wolverines have hit hard times in recent years. Houston, a former West Springfield assistant, hopes to turn things around with four returning players in Ford, Fells, Baker and McDaniel. With little size in the frontcourt other than Lahai the Wolverines will play up-tempo with a four-guard lineup, a style in line with Houston's philosophy anyway. Grady and Baker will share point guard duties.

Compiled by Brian McNally





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\*Teams listed in order of predicted finish

### 1. West Springfield

**Coach:** Bill Gibson (20th year)

**Last season:** 28-2, Patriot District, Northern Region champs

**Returning starters:** G Laura Haskins (Sr., 5-7), F Katie Chesley (Sr., 5-8)

**Others to watch:** G Megan Taylor (Sr., 5-9), G Alexa Caskey (Sr., 5-9)

**The deal:** The Spartans came within a basket or two of playing for a state championship last season. The loss of starters Kristin Kunzman, Sara Carey-Prock and Sarah Flanagan hurts. But there is plenty of firepower returning for the Spartans to defend their titles, led by Virginia Tech signee Haskins (12 ppg, 5.9 apg) and Katie Chesley.

### 2. Lake Braddock

**Coach:** Derek Fisher (6th year)

**Last season:** 17-8

**Returning starters:** C Abby Robertson (Sr., 6-3), G Katie Lindemuth (Sr., 5-5), G Jenny Paine (Sr., 5-6)

**Others to watch:** G Kendall Holt (Sr., 5-6), F Kristin Carter (Jr., 5-7), F Nicole Butz (Sr., 5-7)

**The deal:** The Bruins are built around Robinson (23.3 ppg, 13.2 rpg), an *All-Journal* choice who has signed with Virginia. But Lake Braddock has a veteran cast around her. Lindemuth, a four-year starter, takes over at point guard for the graduated Casey Quigley, a third-team *All-Journal* choice. Paine, a three-year starter, has been the Bruins' defensive stopper, but will be called upon more offensively this season. Holt and Carter both have plenty of varsity experience and Butz provides solid offense off the bench. With limited size other than Robertson, the Bruins expect to play at a faster pace.

### 3. Hayfield

**Coach:** Aggie McCormick-Dix (4th year)

**Last season:** 16-8

**Returning starters:** G Brittany Carlock (Soph., 5-7), G Lauren Robinson (Soph., 5-9), F Lauren Reinshuttle (Soph., 5-9), C Nana Fobi-Agyeman (Sr., 6-3), G Stephanie Lee (Jr., 5-7)

**Others to watch:** F Brittney King (Sr., 5-10), F Heather Thornton (Fr., 6-0)

**The deal:** The Hawks were young last season and should benefit from the experience gained. Robinson was a first-team all-district choice and has added 15 pounds of muscle. It should help her finish in traffic with more consistency. McCormick-Dix is expecting great things from Fobi-Agyeman, a James Madison signee who is much improved after a dedicated off-season. Lee will run the point. In a district more wide open than usual, the Hawks could challenge for the title if their sophomores perform like veterans.

### 4. Robinson

**Coach:** T.J. Dade (1st season)

**Last season:** 16-11

**Returning starters:** F Emily Garner (Sr., 5-10), G Ashley Reed (Jr., 5-6)

**Others to watch:** F Samantha Jones (Jr., 5-11),

G Caitlin Henry (Soph., 5-9), G Katie Rechnitzer (Jr., 5-6)

**The deal:** Though the Rams lack a true back-to-the-basket scorer, Garner gives them a go-to offensive option after earning all-district honors as a junior. Jones, a versatile forward, is also a candidate to lead the Rams in scoring.

Reed is back at point guard with a valuable year of experience behind her and is a smart, heady player. Dade came away "cautiously optimistic"

after a scrimmage with Oakton and was happy with the play of his younger players. What needs work? Transition defense. Expect it to get better as Dade was known for getting the most out of what he had when coaching at Jefferson. The Rams will be aggressive defensively and favor a man-to-man approach, though their zone was surprisingly effective against Oakton.

### 5. Annandale

**Coach:** Lori Barb (6th year)

**Last season:** 11-12

**Returning starters:** G/F Denay Wood (Soph., 5-9), G Marie Pierce (Jr., 5-6), F Nakia Williams (Sr., 5-7)

**Others to watch:** G Stephanie Frece (Sr., 5-4), F Samantha Muchmore (Sr., 5-9), G Jenna McRae (Fr., 5-9)

**The deal:** Pierce slides from shooting guard to the point, where she replaces the graduated Rebecca Frece, the team's leading scorer. Wood could be on the verge of a breakout season. She always defends the opposition's top threat on the perimeter. Offensively, she has the outside shot to complement her ability to get to the basket. Though they lack size, the Atoms have a balanced attack that is tough to defend.

"This is a telltale year for our program," Barb said. "We need to play with that confidence that Annandale hasn't had recently."

### 6. T.C. Williams

**Coach:** George Porcha (1st year)

**Last season:** 10-13

**Returning starters:** N/A

**Others to watch:** N/A

**The deal:** The Titans have improved incrementally in each of the past two years, leaping from six wins to eight to ten. And Porcha knows how to build a program. He was 67-49 in five years at Washington-Lee and his teams never missed the region tournament. But it will be a tougher task jumping over the established programs in the Patriot District. The Titans graduated seven seniors last season, none of whom were all-district selections, including its top three scorers — Serina Andrews, Raeshawn Mobley and Sherita Daniels. T.C. Williams lost to Lake Braddock in the first round of the district tournament.

### 7. West Potomac

**Coach:** Parker Roach (3rd year)

**Last season:** 5-15

**Returning starters:** G Lauren Arthur (Sr., 5-5), F Mary Lawson (Sr., 5-10), F Kat Gragg (Sr., 5-8)

**Others to watch:** G/F Ashley Smith (Sr., 5-7), G Stephanie Gerow (Sr., 5-3)

**The deal:** Roach's team is hoping to rebound from a tough 2003. It all starts with Arthur, a second-team all-district selection last year.

"Lauren is very good all-around player," Roach said. Gerow, a promising newcomer, will take over some of the ballhandling duties in order to free Arthur. Smith is a defensive specialist. "She draws the opponent's toughest players," Roach said. Lawson will be counted on to do some dirty work inside and sore points in a variety of ways. "She gives us a lot of dimensions with her size. She runs well and is one of the best outside shooters that we have." The starters will have to produce on a consistent basis, as two would-be starters opted to play other sports. Still, said Roach, "we should be right in the mix."

## Patriot District Girls Dream Team

### G – Laura Haskins, West Springfield

If you are building a team from scratch, the Virginia Tech-bound Haskins is your point guard. Her court savvy sets her apart and she can hit the big shot, set up her teammates or grab a crucial rebound when needed.

### G – Lauren Robinson, Hayfield

An all-district choice as a freshman, Robinson is quick and has a knack for getting to the basket. An improved outside shot an added strength could propel her into the region's elite this season.

### G – Lauren Arthur, West Potomac

Expect to see Arthur score more this year while splitting time between point guard and shooting guard. She was a second-team all-district choice last season.

### F – Emily Garner, Robinson

She can score inside and out. Her size allows her to get it done inside but she is a good enough athlete to also have an impact on the perimeter.

### C – Abby Robertson, Lake Braddock

The area's premier low-post presence and an *All-Journal* choice as a junior. With a developed low post game and soft hands, the Virginia-bound Robertson will draw constant double teams again this season.

### Coach – Bill Gibson, West Springfield

Gibson and the Spartans are as much a postseason mainstay as the Patriot Center. They are every opponent's big game and still dominate region competition. Gibson always has talent, but they always perform for him.



Lake Braddock center Abby Robertson



## College Football

## Firing squads claim three more coaches

## Ole Miss cuts Cutcliffe after 4-7 season

By **JOEDY McCREARY**  
Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — Mississippi coach David Cutcliffe was fired Wednesday after his first losing season in six years with the Rebels.

Ole Miss officials informed Cutcliffe of the decision early Wednesday and Cutcliffe met with the team before an afternoon news conference.

"This has been a tough day, but tough times don't last ... tough people do," Cutcliffe said.

Cutcliffe declined to discuss specifics of his dismissal.

"We just couldn't come to an agreement," he said. "We couldn't get everything on the same page."

Athletic director Pete Boone was also scheduled to talk with reporters.

Cutcliffe was 44-29 in six seasons at Ole Miss, 25-23 in the Southeastern Conference, and just a season removed from going 10-3 and finishing tied for first in the SEC West with Eli Manning at quarterback.

But without Manning, the first pick in the NFL draft, Ole Miss slipped to

4-7, its worst season in 10 years. The Rebels were 3-5 in the SEC and lost four games by a total of 19 points.

Cutcliffe, the former offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Tennessee, had been criticized for his handling of the quarterback position this season.

Micheal Spurlock was the starter at the beginning of the season, but was benched midway through the second game for Ethan Flatt.

Flatt started the Rebels' next nine games. Midway through the season, Cutcliffe switched to a three-quarterback rotation with redshirt freshman Robert Lane entering the mix.

It worked well in a 31-28 victory over then-No. 25 South Carolina. But Ole Miss then lost four straight, including three to ranked teams.

Cutcliffe met with chancellor Robert Khayat and Boone earlier this week after the Rebels completed the season by beating rival Mississippi State 20-3 last Saturday.

Cutcliffe was the only coach in school history to win at least seven games in his first five years.

After last season's success, his contract was extended. He has three years remaining on a deal that pays about \$1.2 million annually, including perks and bonuses.



Cutcliffe

## BYU says B-Y-E to Crowton

By **DOUG ALDEN**  
Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — BYU coach Gary Crowton agreed to resign Wednesday, ending a four-year stint with the Cougars that began with 12 victories and finished with three straight losing seasons.

BYU finished 5-6 this season and went 14-21 over the last three, the school's worst three-year run since the early 1960s.

BYU senior associate athletic director Tom Holmoe said at a news conference with Crowton that the coach was asked for his resignation.

"At this time I feel like it's time for me to step down and let the football program move on in a different direction," Crowton said.

He replaced LaVell Edwards, who turned BYU into one of the most successful and entertaining programs in the country before retiring after 29 years as Cougars coach.

"When I took the job, following LaVell Edwards was the biggest challenge," Crowton said.

Crowton spoke at a news conference before reporters and dozens

of BYU supporters, who applauded him as he walked out of the room in the stadium named for his predecessor. He met later in the afternoon with his players, who had expected a move was coming.

"I don't know if you can be prepared for a rumor to become a reality, especially when you develop such a great relationship with a coach as a man," tight end Phillip Niu said. "I have nothing but good things to say about him."

Holmoe, a former NFL assistant and coach at California, said he is not a candidate to take over as coach.

"There will be no coach who applies for this job who will think there will not be pressure," he said.

Crowton is a former Cougars assistant who was working as offensive coordinator with the Chicago Bears, when he was tapped by BYU after the 2000 season.

Crowton returned to Provo with a wide-open offense that was prolific his first season and brought back memories of BYU at its best, with Edwards guiding quarterbacks such as Steve Young, Jim McMahon and Ty Detmer.



AP Photo  
Gary Crowton said Wednesday that he was stepping aside as BYU's football coach to pursue other job opportunities.

## Indiana fires DiNardo as football coach

By **KEN KUSMER**  
Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Gerry DiNardo is now the latest coach to fail at Indiana.

DiNardo was fired Wednesday, 11 days after the Hoosiers ended a 3-8 season with a 63-24 loss to in-state rival Purdue. It was his third losing season.

The firing is the first major coaching change by athletic director Rick Greenspan since he was hired in September as the school's fourth AD in a little more than three years.

Greenspan said there was a "sense of urgency" for turning around a football program that has not had a winning season since going 7-4 in 1994 — the 11th of Bill Mallory's 13 seasons as coach.

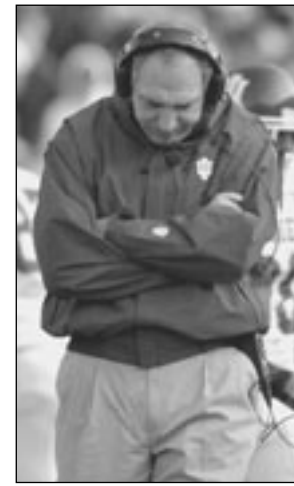
"The goal for us is to build a viable program," Greenspan said. "We're going to have some urgency."

A telephone message seeking comment from DiNardo, who replaced Cam Cameron after the 2001 season, was left Wednesday at his home.

DiNardo had an 8-27 record in three seasons. Freed Eichhorn, president of the school's Board of Trustees, said that record and declining attendance at games were factors in the decision to fire DiNardo.

"If you've got a problem, you don't continue the problem," Eichhorn said.

The team will start next season with its third head



AP Photo  
After three losing seasons, Gerry DiNardo was dismissed as Indiana's football coach.

coach in five seasons.

Greenspan said none of DiNardo's assistant coaches have been fired and that he hoped some of them would be retained by the new coach. He said he planned to conduct a wide search for DiNardo's replacement, looking at both the college and professional ranks.

"I don't believe in quick fixes," Greenspan said. "I do believe in looking at trends and patterns."

One of those patterns is declining attendance. Crowds averaged about 28,400 this season in Indiana's 52,000-seat Memorial Stadium — down from about 35,000 the year before and the 12th straight year attendance averaged less than 40,000. The Big Ten average for the 2003 season was 72,000.

## Miami defense coming of age in time for Va. Tech

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — The obvious downside to Miami's back-to-back losses was that the Hurricanes quickly tumbled out of the national championship picture.

A silver lining is now apparent: Miami's defense was forced to grow up in a hurry.

With cornerback Antrel Rolle the lone senior starter on a defense that was ravaged after last season by graduation and early defections to the National Football League, Miami lacked experience at a number of positions — which opponents quickly learned to exploit.

Now, it seems like the Hurricanes are hitting their best defensive stride at the perfect time. Miami hosts Virginia Tech on Saturday, with the winner getting the Atlantic Coast Conference's

"They're young ... but they're athletic and they're flying around and they're playing a little bit better every week."

Va. Tech football coach Frank Beamer on the Miami defense

automatic berth in the Bowl Championship Series.

"There's still a lot of room to improve but I feel like we're getting there right now," said junior defensive back Greg Threat, who leads Miami with 119 tackles. "We still have to prove a lot. We've got to come out and play well against Virginia Tech to do what we want to do — get an ACC championship and go to the bowl game."

Miami dropped games last month to

North Carolina and Clemson, then immediately rebounded to beat Virginia and Wake Forest. Although the offense has sizzled behind quarterback Brock Berlin, the main area of improvement over the last two games has been the defense.

The Hurricanes allowed an average of 14 points and 254 yards in its last two wins. In the season's first eight games, the average yield was 19 points and 341 yards.

In their wins over Miami, North

Carolina and Clemson averaged 27.5 points and 458 yards — or about twice as much as the Cavaliers and Demon Deacons managed in the two games since.

"The difficult thing is getting the young players to understand and understand what it's going to take every week to perform," defensive coordinator Randy Shannon said. "It can't be a deal where you line up and say 'Well, I did good this week, so it's easy next week.' A veteran guy knows you've got to show up every week."

After 10 games, nobody's all that inexperienced any more.

Not including Rolle, Miami has five juniors, four sophomores and one redshirt freshman in its projected starting lineup for the Virginia Tech game. This is the first season as full-time starters for six players filling holes created by the loss of seven starters from 2003's defense.

"They make a lot of mistakes, but

they always fly around," said Rolle, a finalist for the Jim Thorpe Award for college football's top defensive back. "Hustle always makes plays. No matter how good you are with a defensive scheme and everything, as long as you hustle, a play's going to come your way sooner or later. They've done a great job of doing that."

Rolle and his mates will have to be at their best this week against the Hokies, who have one of the league's top quarterbacks in Bryan Randall (1,154 yards, 10 TDs passing), and a fleet of running backs averaging 184.9 yards per game.

Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said he's watched the Hurricanes mature over the course of the year.

"You look at their defense," Beamer said. "They're young ... but they're athletic and they're flying around and they're playing a little bit better every week."





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