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Soccer Win Brings Rare Joy to Iraq

WIN FOR ALL: Soccer fans take to the streets of Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood on Sunday after the Iraqi soccer team beat Saudi Arabia 1-0 to win the Asian Cup, Asia's most prestigious soccer tournament. Shouts of "Long live Iraq" rang out across the country as war-weary Iraqis enjoyed a rare moment of joy and unity. ♣ **Respite:** Win was a temporary triumph over despair | **Page 9**

New Era Starts for U.S., U.K.

Brown seeks to solidify ties on first visit to Washington

WASHINGTON | Prime Minister Gordon Brown traveled to the United States on Sunday, saying he planned to use the official visit to strengthen what Britain already considers its "most important bilateral relationship."

"It is a relationship that is founded on our common values of liberty, opportunity and the dignity of the individual," Brown said in a statement. "And because of the values we share, the relationship with the United States is not only strong, but can become stronger in the years ahead."



Brown

Brown, making his first visit to the U.S. as Britain's new leader, also denied speculation that the bilateral relationship was cooling.

His predecessor, Tony Blair, was often accused at home of being too compliant with the policies of President Bush, especially regarding the Iraq war.

Some analysts have urged Brown to be more like Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and Winston Churchill, who had close ties with the U.S. but remained frank about their own goals and policies.

Brown makes his first major overseas trip buoyed by a surprising degree of public support after impressing many with his sober handling of the terror plots in London and Glasgow. But questions abound over whether the intellectual Brown will kindle Blair's chemistry with Bush. DAVID STRINGER (AP)



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John Feigenbaum didn't sleep at all during his red-eye flight across the country. He's not a nervous flier — he had a dime worth \$1.9 million in his possession. Feigenbaum, 38, of Virginia Beach, Va., is a rare coin dealer, and the dime he was carrying from San Jose to New York is a 1894-S dime, one of only nine known to exist. He picked up the dime on Monday from the seller's vault in Oakland. He delivered it to the buyer's vault the following day, in midtown Manhattan. All across the country, Feigenbaum said he kept checking to make sure the dime was safe by reaching into his briefcase to feel for it. "It's the Holy Grail of coins," he said. (AP)



SUPERSIZED Next Up: the World's Largest French Fry

First came the world's largest ketchup bottle. Now this southern Illinois community is after the record for the world's largest ketchup packet. Collinsville has partnered with the H.J. Heinz Co. to fill an 8-foot-tall, 4-foot-wide plastic pouch with 1,500 pounds of the tomato goop for a school fundraiser. Hundreds in the city, home to a 170-foot-tall water tower touted as the "World's Largest Catsup Bottle," showed up Saturday to participate in the packet-filling. The feat is being submitted to Guinness World Records. The giant packet will be sealed and kept in Collinsville for a few days before being taken to the Heinz headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa. (AP)



ERMINDO ARMINO/AP

SAFE SEX

King Kong Was Looking for That

Concertgoers in the Dutch city of Lichtenvoorde were treated to an unusual sight Friday: a hot air balloon floating 127 feet high in the sky and shaped like a condom. The balloon read "Vrij Veilig" or "Safe Sex." It will be submitted to Guinness World Records as the world's biggest condom. (AP)



What's so wrong with looking like this?

JUSTICE?

Grin and Boar It

An oral surgeon who implanted fake boar tusks in his assistant's mouth as a joke and got sued for it got the last laugh. Dr. Robert Woo of Auburn, Wash., put in the tusks while she was under anesthesia and took them out before she awoke, but first he took photos. The employee felt so humiliated she quit and sued the boss, who settled out of court for \$250,000. But Woo's insurance company refused to cover him until the state Supreme Court sided with the doctor on the claim last week. (AP)

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GRAMMAR COUNTS: Kevin Taylor, 30, of Minneapolis lost out on a \$1,000 first prize in a text messaging contest at the North Dakota State Fair because he forgot the punctuation mark at the end of a phrase that he and his competitor had to enter.

Nation

In Brief

COFFEYVILLE, KAN.
Officials Say Open Valve Spilled Oil Into Floodwater

An oil spill that damaged hundreds of homes during flooding four weeks ago began when the valve on a refinery storage tank was left open, state health officials said. The open valve allowed oil to continue flowing into a tank until it spilled into the floodwaters July 1, the Department of Health and Environment told the Wichita Eagle. But department officials don't know why the valve was left open, spokesman Joe Blubaugh said. (AP)



CHARLIE NEIBERG/ALP

Democratic presidential hopeful John Edwards advocates health care reform.

CANTERBURY, N.H.
Edwards Says Negotiations Will Not Fix Health Care

Democratic presidential hopeful John Edwards says negotiating with insurers and pharmaceutical companies is not the best way to overhaul the health care system. "I've been fighting these people my whole life and have beaten them my whole life," said Edwards, a former trial lawyer. "I think the time to talk to them is after you've beaten them." (AP)

Study: Tropical Storms on the Rise

Researchers say jump over the last century is tied to climate change

WASHINGTON | The number of tropical storms developing annually in the Atlantic Ocean more than doubled over the past century, with the increase taking place in two jumps, researchers say.

The increases coincided with rising sea surface temperature, largely the by-product of human-induced climate warming, researchers Greg J. Holland and Peter J. Webster con-

WEATHER PATTERNS

→ From 1905 to 1930, the Atlantic-Gulf Coast area averaged six tropical cyclones per year, with four of those storms growing to become hurricanes, the study said.

→ From 1995 to 2005, the average had risen to 15 tropical storms per year and eight hurricanes annually.

→ Even in 2006, widely reported as a mild year, there were 10 tropical storms recorded.

cluded. Their findings were being published online Sunday by Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London.

"We are currently in an upward swing in frequency of named storms and hurricanes that has not stabilized," Holland said.

Chris Landsea, science and operations officer at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Hurricane Center, said the study is inconsistent in its use of data.

The work, he said, is "sloppy science that neglects the fact that bet-

ter monitoring by satellites allows us to observe storms and hurricanes that were simply missed earlier. The doubling in the number of storms and hurricanes in 100 years that they found ... is just an artifact of technology, not climate change."

But Kerry Emanuel, a hurricane expert at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said the study was significant. "It refutes recent suggestions that the upward trend in Atlantic hurricane activity is an artifact of changing measurement systems," Emanuel said.

RANDOLPH E. SCHMID (AP)

NORFOLK, VA. | SHIP IN LIMBO



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ANY DAY NOW: The Savannah, the nation's first and only nuclear-powered cargo and passenger ship, is shown docked at BAE Norfolk. The ship has been shuttled to three temporary berths in Hampton Roads since August 2006, as the U.S. Maritime Administration awaits support from Congress to dry-dock the ship for possible donation as a museum.

Report: Power Plant in Iraq Has Been Neglected

WASHINGTON | An Iraqi power plant rebuilt with tens of millions of U.S. dollars fell into disrepair once transferred to the Baghdad government, according to the U.S. office that tracks reconstruction spending.

The Iraqis' failure to maintain the Dora plant, considered an important source of power for electricity-starved Baghdad, is just one of the issues hindering attempts to rebuild the country, the report says.

Also crippling the efforts are anemic capital spending by Iraq's central government ministries and its provinces; continued challenges faced by contractors; and endemic corruption. (AP)

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BETTER LATE: More than a half-century after he earned the title, Walter Hart, 88, was honored as an Eagle Scout on Saturday, making him possibly the oldest person to ever collect the honor. Hart couldn't become an Eagle Scout at the time he earned the rank because of his service in WWII.

Republicans Backing New Iraq Plan

Legislation would limit missions but set no date for withdrawal

WASHINGTON | Republicans are increasingly backing a new approach in the Iraq war that would narrowly limit missions for U.S. troops but let President Bush decide when troops should leave.

So far, the idea has not attracted the attention of Democratic leaders, who are under substantial pressure from anti-war groups to consider only legislation that orders troops out of Iraq.

But the limited missions approach quickly is becoming the attractive alternative for Republican lawmakers who want to challenge Bush on the unpopular war without backtracking from their past assertions that it would be disastrous to set deadlines for troop withdrawals.

"This is a necessary adjustment in the national debate to reintroduce bipartisanship, to stop the



U.S. soldiers take a combat position as they patrol central Baghdad. Facing pressure from their constituents, some Republicans are seeking a new Iraq strategy.

'gotcha' politics that are going on that seem to be driven by fringes on both sides and change the terms of the discussion," said Rep. Phil English, R-Pa.

English is among the more than

40 Republicans in the House and Senate who are sponsoring legislation intended to shift the mission of U.S. troops. Several other Republican lawmakers, facing tight elections next year and a strong anti-war

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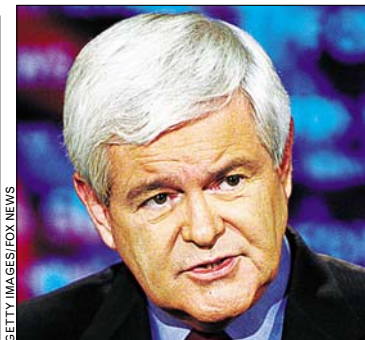
→ Republicans' stalling anti-war proposals in the Democratic-run Congress has proved crucial to President Bush. Legislation ordering U.S. troops out of Iraq has passed repeatedly in the House only to sink in the Senate, where Republicans have used Senate rules to block a vote on the proposals.

sentiment in their districts, say they are considering this approach.

"Settling Sunni-Shiite rivalries over who occupies what street in Baghdad is not in the vital interest of the United States," said Rep. Heather Wilson of New Mexico. "And we should only have Americans in harm's way where there are U.S. interests at stake."

If Bush cannot convince Republican lawmakers by September that he is on the right track in Iraq, more members of his party are expected to demand a change in strategy.

ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)



Newt Gingrich predicts Hillary Clinton will win the Democratic nomination.

Gingrich: Obama Will Join Clinton

WASHINGTON | Democrats will nominate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton for president in 2008 and Sen. Barack Obama will be her running mate, former Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich predicts.

"I think that either Mayor Giuliani or Governor Romney or Senator Thompson would be a very formidable opponent for what I expect will be a Clinton-Obama ticket," Gingrich said.

Gingrich ruled out Sen. John McCain's winning among the Republican contenders. (AP)

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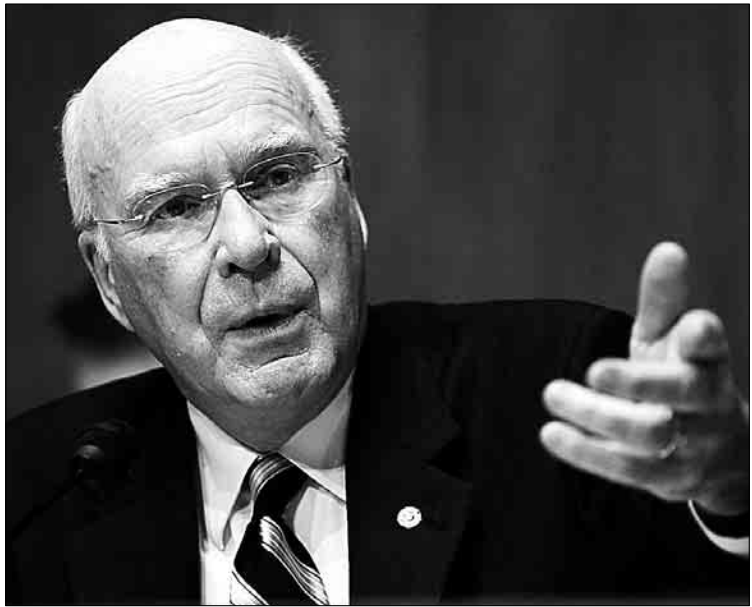
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Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said Sunday that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales could be investigated for perjury.

Leahy Demands Swift Clarification

Senator says Gonzales has a week to correct statements on spying

WASHINGTON | Attorney General Alberto Gonzales must quickly clarify apparent contradictions in his testimony about warrantless spying or risk a possible perjury investigation, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee said Sunday.

"This is going to have a devastating effect on law enforcement throughout the country if it's not cleared up," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

Leahy declined to say whether he would support a special investigation should Gonzales fail to correct his testimony in a meaningful way.

"He has a week," Leahy said.

Last week, four Democrats on Leahy's committee asked Solicitor General Paul Clement for the special probe of Gonzales. The request

The Texas Connection

→ Controversy over Gonzales' candor about President Bush's conduct and policies has dogged him for more than a decade, since he worked for Bush in Texas. | **AI**



came after FBI Director Robert S. Mueller appeared to contradict Gonzales' statements to Congress about internal administration dissent over the president's secretive wiretapping program. Gonzales told that committee the program was not at issue when then-White House counsel Gonzales made a visit to then-Attorney General John Ashcroft's hospital room in 2004. Mueller, before the House Judiciary Committee, said it was.

The apparent contradiction only compounded problems for Gonzales, who is losing support among members of both parties even as he maintains the backing of President Bush. HOPE YEN (AP)

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World

Thrilling Soccer Win for Weary Iraq

Rare burst of unified revelry after Iraqi team triumphs in Asian Cup

BAGHDAD | Tens of thousands of Iraqis from the Shiite south to the Kurdish-dominated north poured into the usually treacherous streets Sunday to celebrate a rare moment of joy and unity when the national team won Asia's most prestigious soccer tournament.

The revelers spanning the country's sectarian and ethnic divisions danced, sang and waved flags and posters of the team after Iraq beat three-time champion Saudi Arabia 1-0 to take the Asian Cup.

Chants of "Long live Iraq" and "Baghdad is victorious" rang out across the country as Iraqis basked in national pride. Some of the revelers — mostly men — took their shirts off to display the red, white and black colors of the Iraqi flag painted on their chests.

Within seconds of the final whistle, celebratory gunfire echoed across Baghdad and elsewhere despite a government ban and the threat of arrest by authorities.

At least four people were killed and scores wounded by the gunfire. But as night fell on the country, there were no reports of bomb-



GOOD SPORTS: Iraqi police celebrate as they watch Iraq play in the Asian Cup soccer final at their station in Kirkuk on Sunday.

ings such as those that killed at least 50 and wounded dozens in Baghdad during celebrations of Iraq's semifinal win over South Korea on Wednesday.

Authorities said they foiled a potential car bomber in southwestern Baghdad after he refused to stop at a checkpoint and appeared headed toward a crowd of revelers. Iraqi

authorities had banned vehicles in and around the capital from shortly before the game began until early Monday to prevent a repeat of last week's violence.

Even Iraq's squabbling political factions set aside their disputes, if

only temporarily.

The largest Sunni Arab bloc said it would delay a planned response in its war of words with the Shiite-dominated government to avoid poisoning the joyous atmosphere.

HAMZA HENDAWI (AP)

In view: Filmmaker Charles Ferguson will discuss his documentary "No End in Sight," which examines U.S. policies in Iraq | washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 11:30 a.m.

Report: Chinese Protest Pollution

BEIJING | Police clashed with thousands of villagers protesting over the pollution of local water supplies by a brewery in southwest China, a human rights monitor reported Sunday. They said seven protesters were detained and 20 were injured.

The paramilitary People's Armed Police moved in Friday to break up the protest in Yuanshi, a town in Sichuan province, according to the Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and Democracy.

The incident is the latest in a string of protests across China over the pollution of farmland and water supplies by factories, plants and other industrial projects. (AP)

Japanese Voters Rebuke PM at Polls

Abe's ruling coalition suffers 'severe' defeat in legislative election

TOKYO | Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling coalition suffered one of its worst defeats ever in elections for parliament's upper house on Sunday, emboldening the opposition and raising serious questions about how long Abe would be able to remain in office.

Crippled by voter anger over a slew of scandals, Abe's Liberal Democratic Party — which has controlled Japan's government virtually uninterrupted since 1955 — was projected to fall far short of the 64 seats it needed to hold a major-



Japanese leader Shinzo Abe marks the name of an elected lawmaker Sunday.

ity with its coalition partner in the 242-seat upper house.

The long-sidelined main opposition Democratic Party of Japan, meanwhile, made a huge gain, taking 60 of the 121 contested seats, to

37 for the LDP, according to final counts early Monday reported by Kyodo News agency.

Looking grim, Abe called the results "severe" but dismissed questions over whether he should resign. He also dismissed opposition calls for an election for the lower house to test his mandate.

"I must push ahead with reforms and continue to fulfill my responsibilities as prime minister," he said at the party's Tokyo headquarters. "The responsibility for this utter defeat rests with me."

Sunday's defeat came as a stunning reversal of fortune for a ruling party that Abe's predecessor, Junichiro Koizumi, led to a landslide in the last elections in 2005. (AP)

In Brief



A key border crossing with Egypt was closed after the Hamas takeover of Gaza.

EREZ CROSSING, GAZA STRIP Stranded Palestinians Begin Traveling Back Into Gaza

More than 100 Palestinians stranded for weeks in Egypt after the Hamas takeover of Gaza began returning home Sunday, crossing into Israel and riding buses to a crossing point between Israel and northern Gaza. The violent Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip last month triggered the closure of the Rafah border crossing with Egypt, which was run by Palestinian security with European supervision and Israeli security in the background — stranding about 6,000 Palestinians on the Egyptian side. (AP)

MOSCOW Cargo Plane Crashes Soon After Takeoff, Killing 7

A 43-year-old Russian cargo plane crashed Sunday minutes after taking off from a Moscow airport, killing all seven crew members on board, officials said. The An-12 four-engine turboprop belonging to the private Atran carrier went down just after taking off from the Domodedovo airport south-east of Moscow, Russian Emergency Situations spokesman Viktor Beltsov said. The cause of the crash was not immediately clear. (AP)

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA Gunfights, Grenade Attacks Kill 4 in Volatile Capital

A spate of gunbattles and grenade attacks killed two soldiers and two civilians on Sunday in Mogadishu, where the government is struggling to contain a violent insurgency, witnesses said. Mogadishu has seen little peace since Ethiopian troops supporting Somalia's fragile government drove out a radical Islamic group in December. (AP)

World



LIP-LOCK: Italian gays will hold public "kiss-ins" near the Colosseum this week to protest the detention of two men by police for kissing in front of the famous Rome monument, gay rights groups said. Some Italian lawmakers also said they would discuss the incident in parliament.

Mexico City Poised for a Makeover

Mayor betting small changes will help cut crime, shift attitudes

MEXICO CITY | The mayor of crime-ridden, smog-choked Mexico City is trying to do what some might consider impossible: transform his megalopolis into a place that's more healthy, livable and even fun.

And despite much skepticism, initiatives such as "urban beaches" and outdoor movies have become a wild success.

Mexico's capital of nearly 20 million people exemplifies chaos. Its potholed streets are snarled by more than 4 million drivers each day. The city is notorious for "express kidnappings," in which victims are forced to drain their bank accounts from automated tellers at gunpoint. Mil-

lions live in cement hovels with little running water.

Since taking office in December, Mayor Marcelo Ebrard has imposed tougher traffic rules to make pedestrians safer, installed security cameras in high-crime neighborhoods and required city staffers to ride their bicycles to work once a month.

The city trucked in sand to build "urban beaches" at seven public pools, screened outdoor movies and inaugurated "bicycle Sundays" when thousands of cyclists, skaters and pedestrians take over the main avenues.

The mayor's goal is transforming the city into Latin America's latest model of urban renewal. The big idea behind these relatively inexpensive measures is that by encouraging happiness, rather than sole-



PEDAL PUSHER: Mexico City Mayor Marcelo Ebrard, center, has urged city residents to ride bicycles in an effort to reduce the traffic problems millions face daily.

ly economic growth, he just might change residents' view of their city — and themselves.

So far, residents are packing the urban beaches and, on Sundays, the city's famous tree-lined Reforma Avenue.

Small things can make a big difference, said Jorge Melindez, 41, who brought his three children to bike down the normally congested main thoroughfare.

"It's so stressful living here, and this gives us a break after screaming at cars all week," Melindez said. "This doesn't take time away from confronting the problems. In fact, it helps so we can confront them."

Ebrard's efforts may even restore the popularity of his battered, leftist Democratic Revolutionary Party, whose losing presidential candidate, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, alienated supporters with election protests that clogged the city streets for months last year.

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Taliban shrugs off leaders' latest effort to free captive Koreans

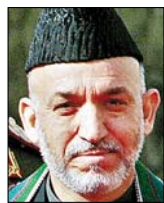
KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Afghanistan's top political and religious leaders invoked Afghan and Islamic traditions of chivalry and hospitality Sunday in attempts to shame the Taliban into releasing 18 female South Korean captives.

A purported Taliban spokesman shrugged off the demands and instead set a new deadline for the hostages' lives, saying the hard-line militants could kill one or all of the 22 captives if the government didn't release 23 militant prisoners by 3:30 a.m. EDT Monday.

Afghan officials reported no

progress in talks with tribal elders to secure the hostages' freedom.

In his first comments since 23 Koreans were abducted on July 19, President Hamid Karzai criticized the Taliban's kidnapping of "foreign guests," especially women, as contrary to the tenets of Islam and national traditions.



Karzai

But the purported Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousef Ahmadi, instead invoked the religious tenet of "an eye for an eye," alleging that Western militaries are holding Afghan females and saying the Taliban can do the same. (AP)

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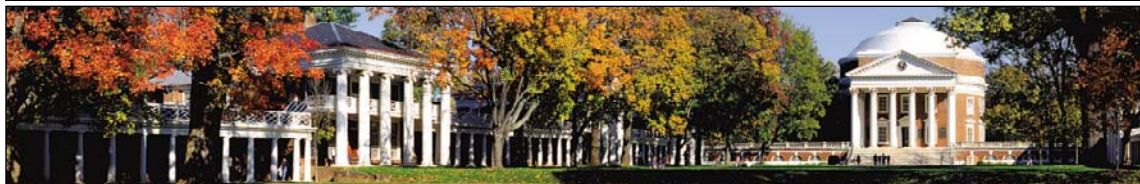
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TECH TEST | My cell phone flickered to life in the middle of a rowdy party, and seconds later, my fiancée's face brightened up the screen.

"Sorry I couldn't make it," she said. "I wish I was there."

She wasn't physically at the party, but her presence was felt, thanks to AT&T Inc.'s new Video Share service. The service, which AT&T claims is the first to pipe live video from one cell phone to another, worked well.

Still, you can't quite call it a "video phone" because Video Share is only a one-way link, meaning one party can see the other but not vice versa at the same time.

AT&T started offering Video Share last week to most of its 160 markets. It works on only four phone models so far — iPhone users need not apply — and only when the phones are within range of the company's 3G network.

The phones cost anywhere from \$25 to \$130 [with rebates], and the service costs about 35 cents per minute. Two plans offer cheaper options — one with 25 minutes for \$4.99 per month and another with 60 min-



LIVE ACTION: A new AT&T phone service provides a one-way video link for callers in the company's 3G network. It works on four phone models but not on the iPhone.

utes for \$9.99 per month.

It's fairly simple to use. Once a call between two Video Share-capable phones is connected, a prompt appears if both are in AT&T's 3G network. The caller who decides to initiate the connection controls the video camera, and both phones instantly snap into speaker mode.

We tried it out using the Samsung A717, a snazzy flip-phone. Among the kinks, the sound coming from the phone's speaker was

nearly impossible to hear in a noisy or crowded setting. We also found it was sometimes frustratingly difficult to stay connected. Even when both phones were receiving strong signals, the video link occasionally dropped out, particularly when one of the callers was indoors.

The video reception also can be halting or pixelated in some instances, like streaming a Web video on a less than blazing Internet connection. GREG BLUESTEIN (AP)

LIVE ONLINE

FAST FORWARD

In my Yahoo e-mail account, I get a lot of messages with things like text.pdf or doc.pdf attached. I never recognize the names, so I just delete them. Is this something new, or are the PDFs a virus?
Yeah, it's some kind of virus going around. Thank you for being smart and skeptical about random attachments.

I'm going to buy the AVG Security Suite for my desktop and notebook, both Vista. Would you keep the

Vista Firewall or install the AVG Firewall?

I would keep the Vista firewall. I don't like most third-party firewalls; they always seem to make local-network file sharing even glitchier than usual, they nag you more than the Windows firewall, and they don't provide any more protection against incoming threats.

If I have some virus loose on my computer, keeping it bottled up inside my own copy of Windows is no solution at all.

Can you elaborate on the transition to digital television? Many in this country are still unaware that analog sets will no longer be able to receive a signal after February

2009. Can you shed some light on how this is going to play out?

What you said is correct: Analog broadcasts will die on Feb. 17, 2009. The FCC has a pretty good site about the transition: www.dtv.gov. This analog cutoff is why I've been yammering for years about the evils of TVs and other video devices that only include analog, NTSC tuners. The industry has finally caught up with that reality, but not before millions of customers have bought hardware that's going to be awfully inadequate in 2009.



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SHOE SNACK: Metro officials are warning riders who wear soft-soled shoes like Crocs, flip-flops and sandals of the dangers lurking when those shoes meet the escalator's teeth. Officials say it's common to have three to four "shoe entrapments" per week.

Local

Dead Birds Prompt Metro Closings

Suspected pest poison forces shutdown of 3 stations in D.C., Md.

WASHINGTON | Three Metro train stations were briefly closed Sunday while hazardous materials crews investigated dozens of dead birds and a substance believed to be a commercial pest poison.

All signs point to a contractor making a mistake, said a spokeswoman for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. The poison was spread outside at least six Metro stations.

The FBI's joint terrorism task force and officials from the National Institutes of Health joined the investigation as reports of the dead birds increased during the day.

"There is no indication at this point that this is an attack that has been aimed at people or anything like that," Alan Etter, D.C. fire and EMS spokesman, said.

Information on the substance was preliminary because it had been washed away by wind and rain. The Greenbelt station in Maryland and the Rhode Island Avenue station in Washington reopened after brief



Emergency crews respond to the scene at the Takoma Metro station, which was closed Sunday after dead birds and a suspected pest poison were found. Authorities said they do not believe the situation was an attack aimed at humans.

closures, Smith said. The Takoma station remained closed until early evening, she said.

Twenty dead birds were found outside the Greenbelt station, 15 at the Branch Avenue station and a

few at other stations.

The issue raised public safety concerns because while many of the birds died on the spot, others may have ingested the substance and flown elsewhere, Etter said.

"We don't know how many dead birds are going to be connected to this. The message to the public is if you see a dead bird, don't touch it, and contact the authorities," he said. LUBNA TAKRURI (AP)

In Brief

WASHINGTON

House Approves Bill for Regional Gang Task Force

A spending bill approved by the House includes \$1.5 million for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force. Republican congressman Frank Wolf says he helped secure the money. The Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force is made up of law enforcement officials on the local, state and federal levels. It was formed in 2003 and includes 14 counties and cities from Alexandria to Winchester. The funding bill for the Department of Justice also includes \$700,000 dollars for the Northwest Regional Drug Task Force in the northern Shenandoah Valley. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Principal Vacancies Abound In D.C. Public Schools

At Eaton Elementary School in Northwest last week, nearly 100 parents and school staff members showed up at a meeting with people vying for the principal's job. At the end of the forum, parents cast paper ballots and one parent collected comments. When a 12-member selection panel met to formally interview the candidates the next morning, it had a strong sense of how parents and staff members viewed the hopefuls. City policy calls for principal candidates to be interviewed by a cross-section of school and community members. The schools chancellor makes the final decision. (AP)

SILVER SPRING, MD.

Montgomery County Begins Summer Kids Program

Summer vacation is already over at 22 elementary schools in poor neighborhoods in Montgomery County. It's part of an effort to narrow the achievement gap between economically disadvantaged children and their more affluent counterparts. The program includes free breakfast and lunch, and three hours of academics every weekday for four weeks supplemented by afternoon arts, physical education and other activities. Research shows the effort has helped improve test scores. (AP)

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Va. Tech Considers Classroom Locks

BLACKSBURG, VA. | Safety experts say that while school officials across the nation re-evaluate campus safety in the aftermath of the Virginia Tech tragedy, many are overlooking a simple solution: putting locks on the inside of classroom doors.

"Often it's the simple stuff that will prevent a tragedy like this, and often it's the simpler things that will make the bigger difference," said Michael Dorn, a campus safety consultant and author of 19 books on the topic. "It's not the complex systems that cost millions of dollars."

Most classrooms, including those at Virginia Tech, lock only by key and from the outside.

Virginia Tech spokesman Larry Hincker said a school committee looking into security changes is considering installation of interi-



The door of Room 204 in Va. Tech's Norris Hall, which has no doorknob.

or locks. "Right now there's nothing off the table, nothing on the table. It's definitely a consideration," he said. At Virginia Tech, that would involve about 170 general-use classrooms spread across 2,600 acres.

Still, some question whether changes are necessary. "This is

a fluke of an incident, and school security shouldn't have to be changed because of it," said Clay Violand, whose French teacher and 11 classmates were killed at Virginia Tech.

Violand, 21, an international studies major, will return to Virginia Tech this fall.

So will Derek O'Dell, a 20-year-old biological science major, who was shot in one arm when he and some classmates barricaded the door to Room 207 of Norris Hall with his shoe and their bodies.

"I know I lost four of my friends in that class, and there are countless other individuals who lost their lives. There's so much hope that they had and it's all just ended," O'Dell said. "Just increasing security, like a simple door lock, could almost prevent that." (AP)

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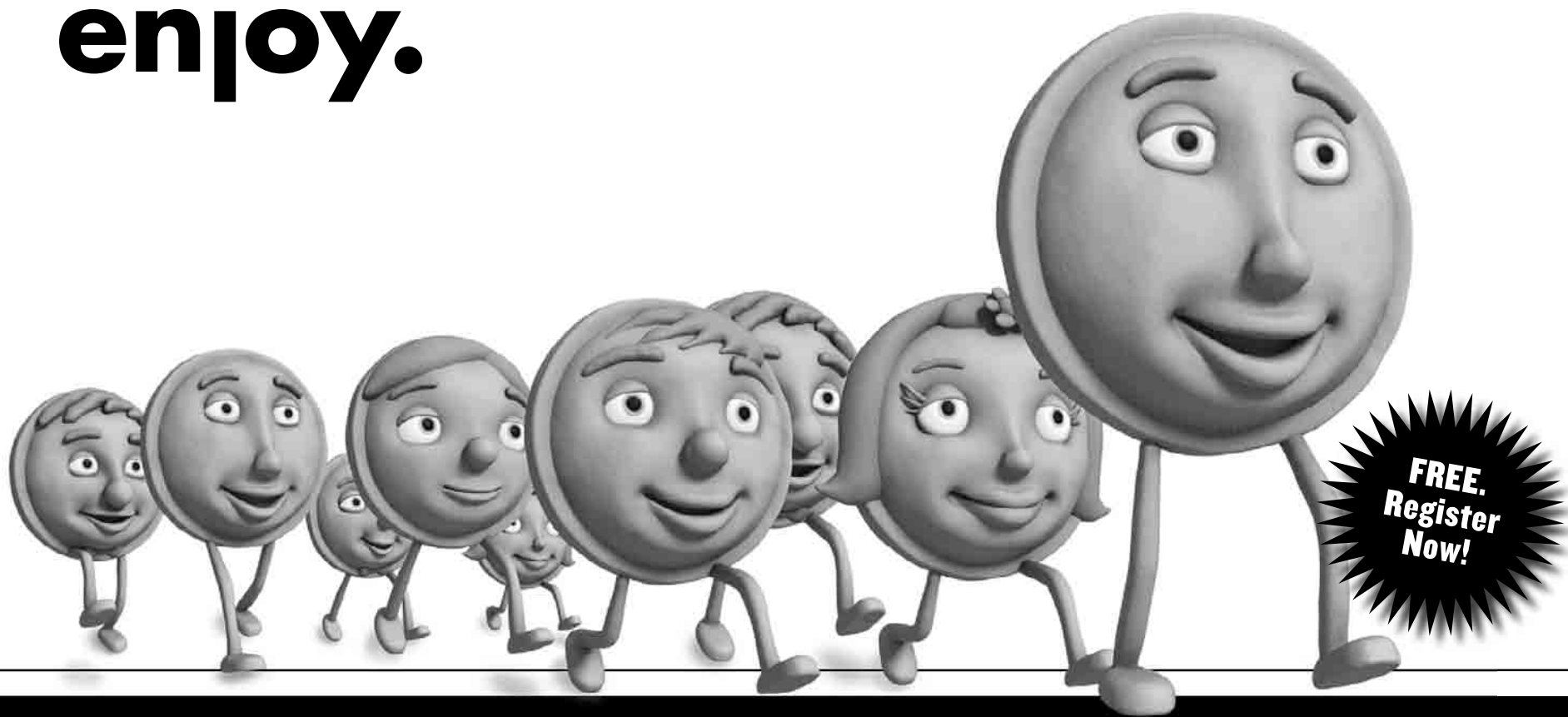
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JOSE, CAN'T WE SEE? Former slugger Jose Canseco said in a radio interview Friday he has "stuff" on Alex Rodriguez, ESPN reported. Asked if Rodriguez used steroids, Canseco said, "Wait and see" — he has a new book due in September.

Sports

In Brief



MARCO JOSESANCHEZ/AP

Barry Bonds' broke his bat while trying to break Hank Aaron's record Sunday.

BASEBALL

Bonds Leaves San Francisco Still Chasing Aaron's Record

All Barry Bonds broke Sunday was his maple bat. Bonds was 1-for-4 with an infield single on the final day of the San Francisco Giants' home-stand, failing to come close to a home run during an 8-5 loss to the Florida Marlins. Still one homer from tying Hank Aaron's record of 755, Bonds takes his quest to a place where his reception figures to be anything but friendly: Dodger Stadium. (AP)

ARENA FOOTBALL

Sabrecats Win ArenaBowl

Mark Grieb completed 24 of 29 passes and threw for four touchdowns to lead the San Jose SaberCats to a 55-33 victory over the Columbus Destroyers in Sunday's ArenaBowl. The SaberCats (16-3) capped a 3 1/2-month winning streak with their third Arena League championship in six years. (AP)

SENIOR GOLF

Watson Still Owns the British

A five-time Open winner and master of Scottish links courses, Tom Watson survived a double bogey at the last hole to win his third Senior British Open in five years Sunday. Watson also won this tournament at Turnberry in 2003 and Royal Aberdeen two years ago. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN) The Cubs host the Phillies as second baseman Tadahito Iguchi joins former teammate Aaron Rowand on the diamond for his second game with Philadelphia.

Ripken Takes Place in Immortality

Emotional 'Iron Man' represents the best of times entering Hall

BASEBALL | Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn took their place in baseball's shrine Sunday, saluted as much for their Hall of Fame careers as their character off the field.

Commissioner Bud Selig and a record crowd came to cheer them and all that was good about the game. A continent away, a different scene played out. Barry Bonds failed to tie the home run record, a chase tainted by his surly nature and a steroids investigation.

Ripken and Gwynn sensed that poignant counterpoint on their induction day.

"This day shouldn't be all about us," Ripken said. "Today is about celebrating the best that baseball has been and the best it can be. This is a symbol it's alive, popular."

"Whether you like it or not, as big leaguers, we are role models," he said. "The only question is, will it be positive or will it be negative?"

Gwynn offered the same sentiment.

"I think the fans felt comfortable enough in us, they could trust us and how we played the game, especially in this era of negativity," he said. "I don't think there's any question about that."

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Baseball's "Iron Man" holds up his bronze bust during his induction ceremony in Cooperstown, N.Y. Joining Ripken was Tony Gwynn, a star hitter for the Padres.

"We should take a step back from the controversy. Maybe we'll go back to the reality tomorrow."

Cal Ripken, coming as close to touching the steroids issue as he would all day Sunday | **Today's AI**

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Maryland, an estimated 75,000 fans turned the vast field facing the podium into a sea of black, orange and brown.

Ripken spent his entire career in Baltimore, making his mark by playing 2,632 consecutive games and breaking Lou Gehrig's record of 2,130. Among the 53 Hall of Fam-



JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

An estimated 75,000 Marylanders went to Cal Ripken's induction on Sunday.

ers on stage behind Ripken were former Orioles Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Earl Weaver, Eddie Murray and Jim Palmer.

That only made Ripken, whose dad also coached and managed the Orioles, struggle through much of his speech.

"Most of all, I count the blessings of my family," he said. "Imagine how lucky I am to call the man whose memories I revere to this day by so many important names — teacher, coach, manager, and especially dad. He was for me and many others an example of how to play and prepare for the game the right way — the Cal Sr. way." JOHN KEKIS (AP)

This Year, Lloyd Eyes a Passing Grade

Receiver bulks up his legs after his troubles catching on with team

REDSKINS | Brandon Lloyd's muscular legs were on full display.

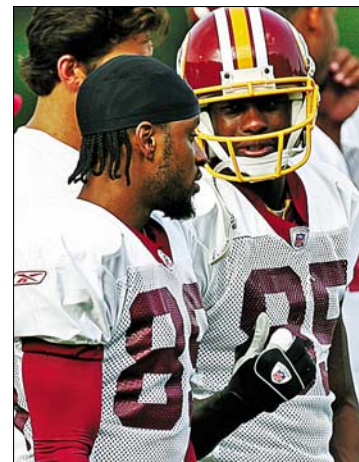
Instead of the fashionable baggy burgundy shorts worn by nearly all the Washington Redskins players on the second day of training camp, Lloyd went old school. His tighter, shorter gray shorts made for a hard-to-miss advertisement for the bulk he added during the offseason.

Lloyd needed to do something. Last year, he was perhaps

the most underachieving receiver in the NFL, and he is paying the price. He opened camp as the No. 3 receiver instead of No. 2, having fallen behind Antwaan Randle El on the depth chart.

Lloyd was thrown 57 passes and caught only 23 last season — a meager success rate of 40 percent. No one else in the NFL who was thrown so many passes caught so few. By contrast, Randle El caught half of the passes tossed his way.

Lloyd didn't score a touchdown all season and lost his starting job late in the year after an in-game, helmet-throwing tantrum that



EVAN VUCCIC/AP

Antwaan Randle El, front, is now the No. 2 receiver ahead of Brandon Lloyd.

prompted two meetings with coach Joe Gibbs within a week. The two had another long meeting in the offseason.

"We just talked over generally what he means to the club and what his future is here," Gibbs said. "We had a good sit-down. We're expecting him to make a real impact on our team."

Lloyd caught a nice sideline pass for a touchdown from Jason Campbell during Saturday's practice, prompting cheers from fans that hope the receiver actually might pay dividends on his contract.

"I'm going to get my share of passes," Lloyd said. "And whatever I need to do to help the team, I'll do it." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

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Sports



Spaniard Alberto Contador of Team Discovery Channel celebrates his victory in the Tour de France Sunday. He edged Australia's Cadel Evans by only 23 seconds.

Contador Wins Tour de Scandal

Spaniard takes yellow jersey in race marred by doping controversy

His margin of victory — just 23 seconds ahead of Cadel Evans of Australia — was the second-narrowest in the Tour's 104-year history. "It's an extraordinary joy," said Contador, who kissed his winner's yellow jersey on the podium and thrust his arms ecstatically, the Arc de Triomphe in the background.

TOUR DE FRANCE | Alberto Contador won the doping-scarred Tour de France on Sunday, a new, young and unlikely winner for the three-week race shaken to its core by scandals.

The 24-year-old rider for the American Discovery Channel team was the youngest champion since Jan Ullrich of Germany in 1997. He also was the first Spaniard to win the crown since Miguel Indurain won the last of his five titles in 1995.

Contador had seemed destined for second place until the Tour was hit by a bombshell just five days from the finish: the ouster of race leader Michael Rasmussen. His Rabobank team accused the Dane of having lied about his whereabouts before the Tour to evade doping controls. JAMEY KEATEN (AP)

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Oakland	49	55	.471	12.0	25-27	24-28
Texas	46	58	.442	15.0	27-25	19-33

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
N.Y. Mets	58	46	.558	—	29-23	29-23
Philadelphia	54	49	.524	3.5	28-23	26-26
Atlanta	54	51	.514	4.5	27-26	27-25
Florida	48	57	.457	10.5	23-29	25-28
Washington	45	59	.433	13.0	24-29	21-30
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Milwaukee	57	48	.543	—	36-17	21-31
Chicago	54	48	.529	1.5	27-24	27-24
St. Louis	48	53	.475	7.0	24-25	24-28
Houston	46	58	.442	10.5	28-24	18-34
Cincinnati	45	60	.429	12.0	24-28	21-32
Pittsburgh	42	60	.412	13.5	23-29	19-31
WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
L.A. Dodgers	57	47	.548	—	29-24	28-23
Arizona	58	48	.547	—	33-20	25-28
San Diego	55	48	.534	1.5	28-24	27-24
Colorado	52	51	.505	4.5	29-21	23-30
San Fran.	45	57	.441	11.0	25-26	20-31

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The number of hits by the Seattle Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki in 1,060 games. Ichiro singled Sunday to become the third-fastest player to hit the benchmark.

Sports

Henman Leggs Out Return

In the twilight of his career, 2004 champ is unseeded in D.C. event

TENNIS | There are plenty of reasons it would make sense for Tim Henman to stop playing professional tennis: losses, injuries, age, fatherhood.

There is, however, one big reason he's still on tour: love of the game.

"I'm aware of it — that I'm much closer to the end of my career than I am to the beginning," the 32-year-old said Sunday at the Legg Mason Tennis Classic. "But ... I want to enjoy the opportunities that I've got."

Henman will face NCAA singles runner-up John Isner on Tuesday

or Wednesday.

For Henman and others, this week represents a chance to begin building up to the U.S. Open, which starts Aug. 27. In the past, he stayed in North America throughout the hard-court circuit. This year, Henman will head home to England after Washington so he can spend time with his wife and two daughters, who are 2 and 4.

So, he's at the stage where he's balancing family time with court time — while trying to get his game going again. It's telling that Hen-



Henman

man, the 2004 champion, isn't seeded at Legg Mason.

Once ranked No. 4, Henman was No. 71 last week — in part because of a lack of activity in 2007, and in part because of a lack of success when he did play.

His record is 5-9, with seven consecutive tournament losses during one stretch. That's after being sidelined four months with a right knee injury.

"I wanted it to be 100 percent when I returned and — touch wood — I haven't had any issues," Henman said. "I'm just trying to get back into the rhythm of playing tournaments and, obviously, the more matches I play, the better."

HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)



VICTORY: Tony Stewart plants a kiss on the bricks on Sunday after winning his second Indianapolis Motor Speedway race.

Stewart Cruises to Win at Brickyard

Driver is dominating in 2nd career victory on hometown track

AUTO RACING | After years of torment, Tony Stewart has mastered his beloved hometown track.

Stewart scored his second career victory at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, dominating Sunday at the place that caused him a decade

of heartache and once even threatened his career.

But he found peace at the Brickyard with his electric 2005 breakthrough victory and this time made it look easy. Stewart led a race-high 66 of the 160 laps, but was passed by 2003 winner Kevin Harvick on a restart with 20 to go.

He never panicked as he chased down Harvick, even taunting his friend over the radio. "Here, kitty,

kitty, kitty," he called. "Come get you some of this."

Stewart frantically pumped his fist through the window as he crossed the finish line at his beloved race track. After a brief victory lap, he stopped his car on the Yard of Bricks, was embraced by his father, Nelson, and his Joe Gibbs Racing crew. The team then joined him for his celebratory fence climb.

JENNA FRYER (AP)

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BACK FOR MORE: All-Star Dmitri Young will remain a National through at least 2009 after signing a two-year, \$10 million contract extension that has an option for a third year. Young, 33, played in the All-Star Game for the first time this season.

Sports

Mets Rain Over Nationals in Finale

Washington never gets started in game shortened by weather

NATIONALS | With the rain coming down steadily and no end in sight, John Maine knew he had to be efficient. It's a good thing he was.

The Mets starter made quick work of Washington, allowing only a first-inning single in five innings, and New York salvaged a four-game split with a 5-0 victory over the Nationals on Sunday shortened to 4½ innings by rain.

Ramon Castro made sure the Mets didn't miss All-Star catcher Paul Lo Duca, who strained his right hamstring Saturday night and was unavailable. The backup catcher went 2-for-2 with a home run, a double and two RBIs.

Despite occasional downpours, intermittent thunder and even a few flashes of lightning, officials seemed hesitant to call the game, perhaps because this was the Nationals' last visit to Shea Stadium before



Billy Traber reacts to giving up a two-run home run by the Mets' Ramon Castro.

SERIES TRACKER

GAME 1 NATS 6 METS 2	GAME 2 METS 3 NATS 1	GAME 3 NATS 6 METS 5	GAME 4 METS 5 NATS 0

the final week of the season. Billy Traber (2-2) was ineffective in his second start of the year, allowing five runs and eight hits in 3 2/3 innings. Traber was moved into the start-

MLB SCOREBOARD

Twins 4 , Indians 1
Mets 5 , Nationals 0
Cubs 6 , Reds 0
Phillies 5 , Pirates 1
Blue Jays 4 , White Sox 1
Royals 10 , Rangers 0
Devil Rays 5 , Red Sox 2
Padres 18 , Astros 11
Cardinals 9 , Brewers 5
Yankees 10 , Orioles 6
Rockies 9 , Dodgers 6
Marlins 8 , Giants 5

ing rotation to replace the injured Jason Simontacchi. Traber had pitched 24 games out of the bullpen before that.

"I think he gave us what he had," manager Manny Acta said. "He's a relief pitcher, but we needed him today and he did as well as he could."

BILL KONIGSBERG (AP)

Damon, Yankees Break Orioles' Winning Streak

ORIOLES | Johnny Damon had three hits, scored four runs and had two RBI, and the New York Yankees ended the Baltimore Orioles' six-game winning streak with a 10-6 victory Sunday.

New York's Alex Rodriguez, seeking his 500th home run, went 0-for-2 with a run-scoring grounder and three walks. He received a four-pitch walk from O's starter Daniel Cabrera in the fifth inning, was walked intentionally in the seventh and reached on a five-pitch walk in the eighth. Since hitting No. 499 Wednesday, Rodriguez is 0-for-12.



Damon

Brian Roberts homered, Nick Markakis had three hits and Paul Bako drew a career-high four walks for the Orioles, who were denied a season-high seventh straight victory. (AP)

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Entertainment



WOO-HOO! "The Simpsons Movie" wins! America's favorite animated family won hearts and dollars last weekend, earning \$71.9 million at the box office. "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry" came in second, and "Harry Potter" took bronze.



STAYING LIVE: Bands tend to mellow out as their members get older. But not Slayer. Its metal is as heavy now as it ever was.

Tested Metal

After almost three decades, Slayer is as hardcore as ever

TIMELESS | Few heavy metal bands stay intact and active for 25 years. Fewer still manage to retain the same level of intensity and energy throughout a career that long. Slayer is one of metal's exceptions:

The band sounds just as furious and tight as it did in 1982. "I don't really think we've ever been tempted to mellow out or anything like that, actually," said bassist/vocalist Tom Araya. "We just play fast and brutal and go out there and kick some ass. That's what I like about us."

Slayer's latest studio album, "Christ Illusion," which was released last summer and just reissued on

July 24 in a deluxe edition, is one of the band's strongest and heaviest to date. The CD contains the band's first Grammy-winning track, "Eyes of the Insane," a dark song that tells the true tale of a soldier who committed suicide.

"I got the idea for it, the lyrics, after reading this article in a Texas magazine — Texas Monthly, I think," said Araya. "It was about

this soldier who was supposed to be coming home, and his family was concerned and they kept trying to talk to the military about it, but they had to go through all this bureaucratic bull. They had to keep trying to get the military to take them seriously. No one was keeping an eye on him, and he should have been on suicide watch. It's something they should have been able to prevent. I was thinking about it a lot, and the article really hit me, so I wrote the lyrics that night."

Despite the fact that guitarist Kerry King notoriously told Sun-Sentinel.com last February that the track was "one of the poorest representations of us on the record," Araya is proud of the track and the Grammy.

Slayer recently began a large tour co-headlining with controversial rocker Marilyn Manson, which stops at the Merriweather Post Pavilion tonight.

"When I heard that Manson would be willing to do the tour and thought about the idea, my first thought was, 'That's interesting.' And that's all, really — just 'interesting,'" Araya admitted with a laugh. "But I think it's going to be cool. We're just going to go out there every night and go all-out and kick ass. I'm not going to go out there and ask people to have a good time. We don't ask people for attention; we just go out there and demand it by going all-out with our energy." GREG RE (EXPRESS)

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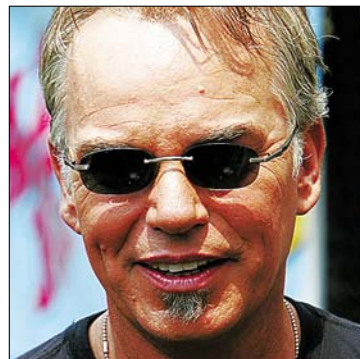
Thornton's latest album reaffirms his talent as a musician

MUSIC | Like many of his fellow actors, Billy Bob Thornton moonlights as a musician. Unlike many of his counterparts, Thornton's music has quality and depth — as shown with his fourth album, "Beautiful Door."

Thornton co-wrote all 12 of the tracks on the country-rock

disc. "Beautiful Door" opens with the melancholy, guitar-infused "It's Just Me" — a song about suicide. "That darkness that you feel each evening is just my lonely cry," Thornton croons with a twang. This subject is heavy, and the rest of the album is just as deep. On "Always Counting," Thornton sings about his obsessive-compulsive disorder. "Restin' Your Soul" is a song about the brokenhearted.

"Beautiful Door" is full of low-key tracks, which, after a while,



WHAT'S IN A NAME? The Billy Bobs of the world can be artsy and deep, too.

start to sound a bit monotonous. But there are a few standout upbeat songs such as the spirited single, "I Gotta Grow Up," in which Thornton sings, "Her head got small and her rage got big and she challenged me to a duel."

Each track is like a story, which is not surprising, considering Thornton is an Oscar-winning screenwriter. While the singing is simple, the well-written lyrics will inevitably draw the listener in.

ALICIA QUARLES (AP)



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Sol Edler started his musical career in the church, but tonight he brings his rich gospel sound to Blues Alley. A local act, Edler began performing at Bar Nun's open-mic night before managing to land a spot as a back-up singer for renowned soul artist Eric Roberson. The once-shy performer has now established himself as a solo artist.
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Entertainment

Actor of Many Parts

Alfred Molina is an espionage master on TNT's new miniseries

ARTIST | Watching a bravura Alfred Molina performance is an expected delight, whether it's over-the-top villain Doc Ock in "Spider-Man 2" or artistic giant Diego Rivera in "Frida."

But Molina doesn't need an outsize role to impress; he's one of those actors who invariably finds something fresh and compelling in every character. Case in point: TNT's miniseries "The Company," a recounting of the Cold War from the vantage point of CIA and KGB spies.

Molina plays U.S. espionage master Harvey Torriti, code-named the Sorcerer, who serves as mentor to idealistic young recruit Jack McAuliffe (Chris O'Donnell). Michael Keaton co-stars in "The Company," which airs in two-hour chapters over three consecutive Sundays starting Aug. 5.

Torriti is hard-drinking and weary. He's also a wily, dedicated professional who takes no prisoners. "Shoot him, sport," he advises McAuliffe during a standoff with the enemy, a line that Molina delivers with canny cool.

The miniseries tracks the agents through the beginnings of the epic U.S.-USSR struggle and landmark events including the 1956 Hungar-



Molina is most often recognized for his role as Doc Ock in "Spider-Man 2."

ian Revolution and the Bay of Pigs to the collapse of the Soviet Union. It's based on Robert Littell's historical novel of the same name.

For Molina, the project's appeal wasn't just the broad sweep of history. He found himself sold by one element of a scene with Torriti (which, as can happen, ended up cut from the final version).

"There was a sequence where a great deal of attention was given to his cowboy boots, which he spoke about as he put his feet up on a desk," Molina recounted. "I just thought there was something so quietly subversive about that."

What can draw him to a part, he said, "isn't so much an overreaching or a comprehensive arc

of a character's life. It could be just the way he plays that scene, the choice that the character makes in that scene. It can be as flimsy as that."

Torriti appealed to Molina on several levels: The character's the first spy Molina has played and was intriguing and a good fit.

"I'm 54 now, and I'm sort of at that age when actors start moving into a different generation of roles. I'm now playing fathers and uncles and bosses and the leading man's employer," he said. "I didn't want to be one of those actors hanging on to some kind of self-image [insisting], 'I want to be the snarling, sexy bad guy.'"

"This role seemed to speak to me in terms of my own age, how I looked and, without sounding self-aggrandizing, my intelligence. It sounded like an interesting character, full of ambivalence and contradictions, and those are always the best to play." LYNN ELBER (AP)

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Entertainment



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Waiting on a Lifeline

Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals make music in Paris

RECORD | Technically speaking, Ben Harper's new record, "Lifeline," due out Aug. 28 on Virgin, was recorded during a single lively week in the artist's Paris home base. But it was truly born during two months' worth of sound checks on a European tour by Harper and his band, the Innocent Criminals.

"It all hit me in a split second," Harper says. He explains that he was "basically tired of mundane sound checks. We were at the end of an eight-month run, about to start a two-month tour, and I thought, 'We

own our own sound system, amps, speakers — everything you want when you're bringing music to life. But when you get to sound check, you're playing the same material. This can't stand.'"

So, Harper and his band hatched a plan: Each member would come to sound check with song ideas that they would refine before the show. "The operative term was 'acoustic soul,'" Harper says of the record's framework. "'Soul' meaning anything from Motown to Blind Willie Johnson."

Post-tour, the band unloaded directly into Studio Gang in Paris, where it recorded "Lifeline" with enviable efficiency. "It's always been a dream of mine to make a record in



SOUL SINGER: On his forthcoming album, "Lifeline," Ben Harper and his band fuse a number of different genres while calling the central theme "acoustic soul."

Paris," Harper says. "And it's been a lifelong ambition to record right off the road — to get that raw, nasty

sort of dazed, lethargic emotional release from the end of a tour on a record."

One could argue Harper's history casts him as the missing link between man and mixtape; previous albums, especially 2006's doubleheader "Both Sides of the Gun" and 2003's "Diamonds on the Inside," were as likely to find him digging around in groove rock as much as flight-worthy anthems and rubbery funk.

But "Lifeline" finds Harper and his Innocent Criminals — drummer Oliver Charles, percussionist Leon Mobley, bassist Juan Nelson, guitarist Michael Ward and keyboardist Jason Yates — at their most thematically united. Though there are tastes of gravel-road blues ("Needed You Tonight"), gospel ("Say You Will"), and subtle but sharp calls to arms ("Fight Outta You"), there's a certain organic unity to its sound.

This summer, the artist will play a handful of U.S. festivals, including the Virgin Festival in Baltimore Aug. 4. In the fall, Harper will descend on specially chosen theaters.

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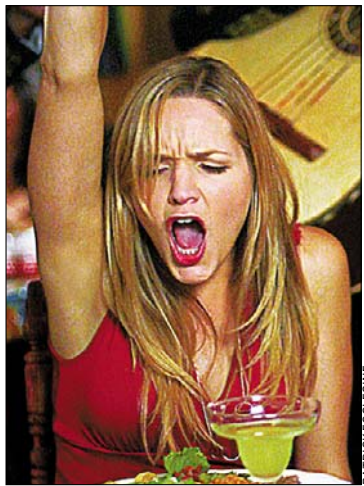
SOMEONE LIKEABLE ON 'THE VIEW': ABC announced it is in final negotiations with Whoopi Goldberg to be a host on "The View." Goldberg would take Rosie O'Donnell's spot. Maybe now they'll talk about something other than the Donald.

Guys' Kind of Girl

Sportswriter P.J. and her crew of menfolk are back on TBS

TOMBOY | Some shows excite viewers and others repel them. In the end, some are created for comfort. The comedy "My Boys" (10 p.m., TBS) is just entering its sophomore season, and it already has that old-sneaker feeling. And that is precisely its charm and its limitation.

For the uninitiated, "Boys" stars Jordana Spiro as the pretty Chicago-based sportswriter P.J. Franklin. Most of her pals are guys and all of her habits — creating fantasy-



COMFORTABLY NUMB: "My Boys" is certainly watchable but not exceptional.

baseball rosters, playing poker and hanging out at dive bars — make her just like one of the boys. At the end of last season, we catch P.J. and her longtime roommate and platonic pal Brendan (Reid Scott) locked in a romantic embrace. Will this change everything? I'll never tell.

P.J.'s miserably married brother (the affable everyman Jim Gaffigan) has moved to the suburbs, so now he can add commuting to his list of complaints. Her sportswriting rival, Bobby, has been "promoted" to covering NASCAR, but nobody seems to consider it a promotion or NASCAR a sport. Mike (Jamie Kaler) has settled too comfortably into unemployment, and the furtive Kenny (Michael Bunin) seems to have found himself a girl (Nicole Sullivan). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

SWEET REPEAT

Chris and his dad take second jobs to earn holiday cash on EVERYBODY HATES CHRIS (8 p.m., CW).

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The streets heat up on THE CLOSER (9 p.m., TNT).

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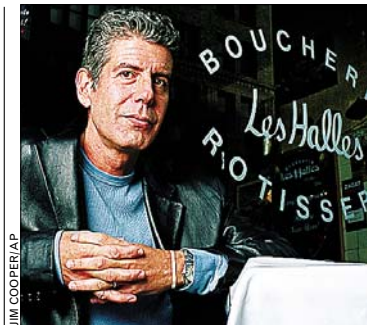
The final three turn up the heat on HELL'S KITCHEN (9 p.m., Fox).

BOURDASIA

Brash, opinionated and passionate about food and life, the series ANTHONY BOURDAIN: NO RESERVATIONS (10 p.m., Travel Channel) enters a new season with a trip to Shanghai, China.

MORE THAN A RED SQUARE

The final episode of SIMON SCHAMA'S POWER OF ART (10 p.m., PBS) profiles



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Mark Rothko.

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Murder at an oil rig on SAVING GRACE (10 p.m., TNT). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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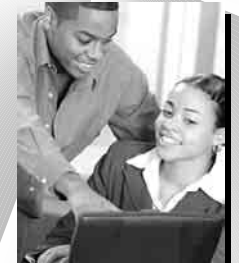
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Sports

Fuel-efficient electric vehicles are turning heads in drag racing

Straddling a 619-pound motorcycle, Scotty Pollacheck tucks in his knees and lowers his head as he waits for the green light. When he revs the engine, there's no roar. The bike moves so fast that, within seconds, all that's visible is a faint red taillight melting in the distance.

Pollacheck crosses the quarter-mile marker going 156 mph; he's traveled 1,320 feet in 8.22 seconds, faster than any of the gas-powered cars, trucks or motorcycles that have raced in the drag sprints on this weekend at Portland International Raceway.

It's particularly impressive given Pollacheck is riding a vehicle that uses no gasoline and is powered entirely by lithium-ion batteries.

Electric vehicles are making

their presence felt at amateur drag races across the country, challenging the dominance of gas-powered cars and motorcycles.

Pollacheck and his bike — dubbed the KillaCycle — are part of a growing movement that's exploiting breakthroughs in battery technology and could soon challenge the world's fastest-accelerating vehicles in the \$1 billion drag-racing industry.

"In professional drag racing, I expect to see the electrics eventually pass up the fuel dragsters," said Dick Brown, president of AeroBatteries, which sponsors White Zom-

bie, the world's quickest-accelerating street-legal electric car — a 1972 white Datsun 1200.

"Electric gives you instant torque, whereas gasoline you have to build up," Brown said. "As we learn to manage it, you're going

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CHARGED: Scotty Pollacheck rides the KillaCycle, which does not use any gasoline.

the quickest bikes that run on nitromethane.

Bill Dube, KillaCycle's owner and designer, likens the sleek, hulking bike to an oversized household appliance.

"This is like a giant cordless drill with wheels," said Dube, who

“ Electric gives you instant torque. ... You're going to see some really amazing performances.”

DICK BROWN, AEROBATTERIES

Green Means Go

to see some really amazing performances."

Brown believes electric vehicles will challenge the top drag-racing records within five years.

The KillaCycle runs on 990 lithium-ion battery cells that feed two

direct current motors, generating 350 horsepower.

The bike accelerates from zero to 60 mph in just under a second — faster than many professional gas-powered drag motorcycles and within striking distance of

designs pollution measurement instruments for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Dube and other EV racers say electric cars aren't just about 2-cent-per-mile transportation, lessening reliance on foreign oil or curbing global warming. They're also about performance.

"For electric cars to matter, people have to buy them," he said. "If you have a car that is faster than everyone else's, if it's electric, so be it — but people will buy it."

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Culture

Creative evangelicals are finding inspiration in their Christian faith

There are no crosses in Makoto Fujimura's paintings. No images of Jesus gazing into the distance, or serene scenes of churches in a snow-cloaked wood.

Fujimura's abstract works speak to his evangelical Christian faith — but to find it takes some digging.

After the 2001 terrorist strikes on the World Trade Center, three blocks from Fujimura's home, his work explored the power of fire to both destroy and purify, themes drawn from the Christian Gospels and Dante's "The Divine Comedy."

"I am a Christian," said Fujimura, 46, who founded the nonprofit International Arts Movement. "I am also an artist and creative, and what I do is driven by my faith



Artist Makoto Fujimura poses in front of his work "Water Stones III" in New York.

experience."

By making a name for himself in the secular art world, Fujimura has become a role model for creatively wired evangelicals in the United States. They believe that their churches have forsaken the

visual arts for too long — and that a renaissance has begun.

These artistic evangelicals, though still relatively small in number, are striving to be creators of culture rather than imitators, said Dick Staub, a Seattle-based radio

“The very parched nature of evangelical visual culture is making people who have grown up in [it] thirsty for beauty.”

ANDY CROUCH, CHRISTIANITY TODAY

talk show host.

"They want to make art that connects to everybody," Staub said.

That doesn't necessarily mean overtly religious art, but rather art informed by faith. Fujimura, for example, shares more with abstract expressionist Jackson Pollock than with artist Thomas Kinkadee.

"The Bible is full of abstraction," said Fujimura. "In order to have faith, you have to reach out to something, to a mystery."

Evangelical unease with the visual arts dates to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century. Andy Crouch, editorial director at Christianity Today, notes that Prot-

estantism traces its origins to an era when noses were snapped off sculptures in a rejection of Catholic visual tradition.

Attitudes began to change in the 1960s and '70s, when Christian theologian Francis Schaeffer and Dutch art historian Hans Rookmaaker challenged believers to emerge from their cocoons and engage the culture.

Now, Crouch said, those ideas are resonating with a younger generation of believers who live in an image-saturated culture.

"The very parched nature of evangelical visual culture is making people who have grown up in this culture thirsty for beauty," he said.

Increasingly, that ground is being explored on seminary campuses. One of the most ambitious examples is the Brehm Center for Worship, Theology and the Arts at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

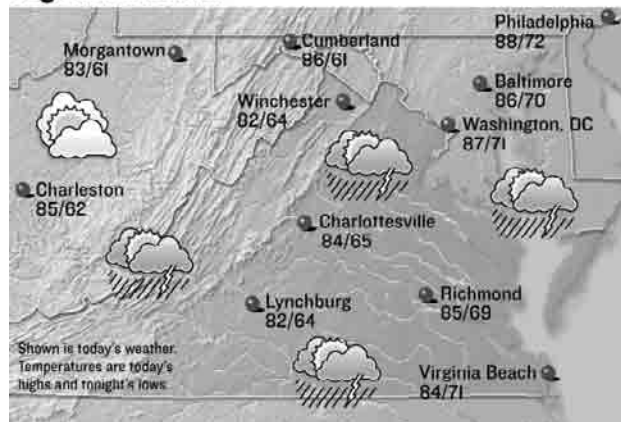
Craig Detweiler, co-director of the center's Reel Spirituality Institute, said students are fascinated with finding the sacred in the mundane.

"For too long, Christian art has implied pale imitation," Detweiler said. "We're trying to get back to the days of the Renaissance, where the church was the patron of the finest art." ERIC GORSKI (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A couple of showers, a t-storm	Partly cloudy, early thunderstorm	Partly sunny, a thunderstorm	Partly sunny, very hot	Partly cloudy, hot	Partly sunny, hot
87°	71°	89° / 71°	92° / 74°	92° / 73°	92° / 73°

Regional Weather



Almanac

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

Temperature

High	84°
Low	73°
Normal high	88°
Normal low	70°
Average humidity	79%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.81"
Month to date	2.23"
Normal month to date	3.43"
Year to date	17.40"
Last year to date	28.65"
Normal year to date	22.59"

Regional Forecast

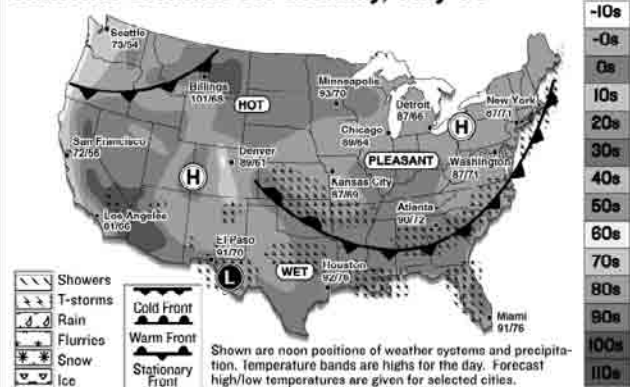
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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:07 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:22 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:03 p.m.
Moonset today	6:32 a.m.



National Weather for Monday, July 30



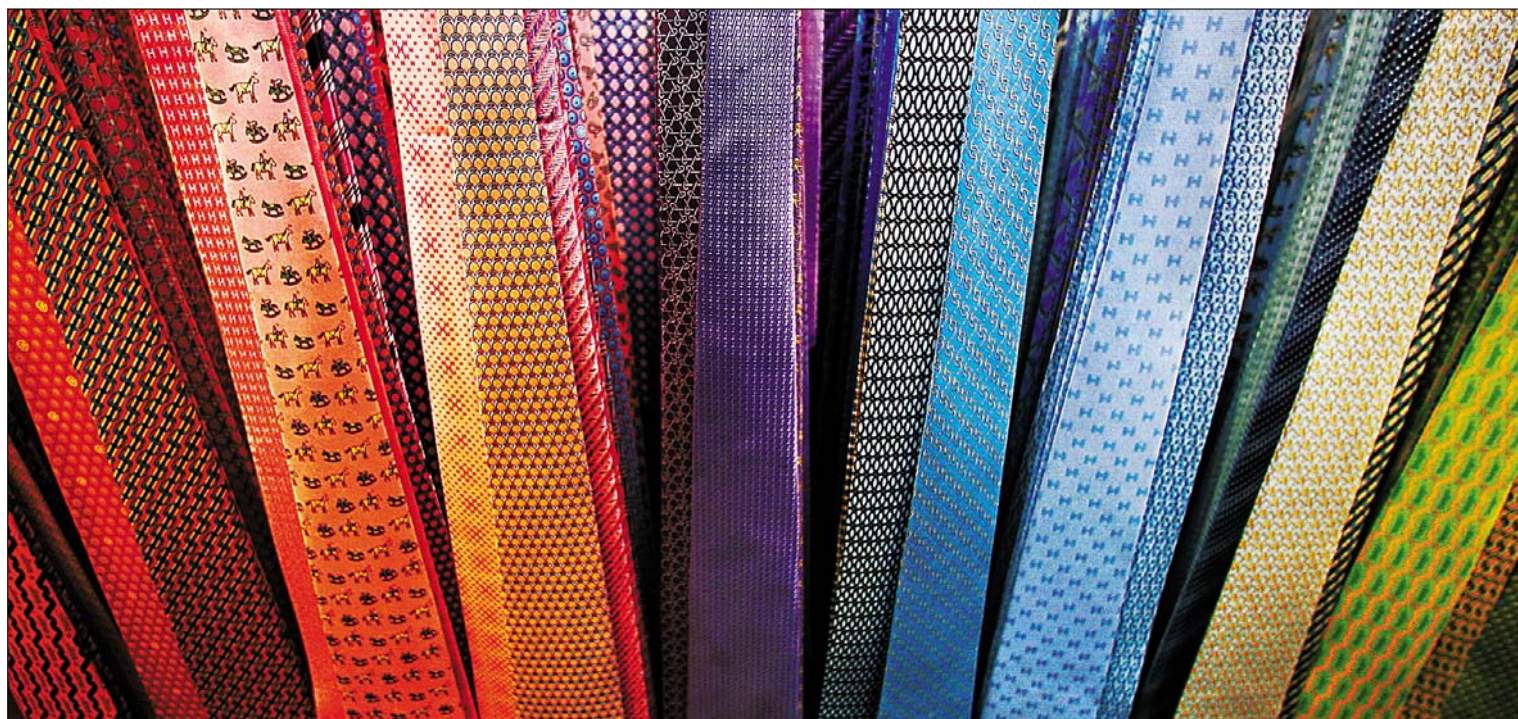
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Boston	84/68/t	82/68/pc
Chicago	89/64/s	91/65/s
Dallas	91/74/t	92/75/t
Denver	89/61/t	95/61/pc
Honolulu	89/76/pc	89/76/pc
Los Angeles	81/66/pc	82/66/pc
Miami	91/76/t	91/76/t
New York City	87/71/t	89/74/pc
Orlando	92/76/t	90/76/t
Seattle	73/54/s	78/56/s

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Tues. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	63/52/sh	64/52/pc
Arhens	99/79/s	97/77/s
Berlin	61/50/sh	63/50/sh
Buenos Aires	59/41/s	63/46/pc
Calgary	73/48/s	70/48/s
Dublin	64/50/pc	68/54/pc
Geneva	68/48/pc	70/50/s
Moscow	77/59/c	72/52/t
Rome	86/63/s	82/59/pc
Sydney	59/43/s	63/50/s
Tokyo	79/70/t	84/70/pc

Styles

LOOK
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TIMOTHY A. CLARY/AP/GETTY IMAGES

Dapper Dealings

Style is substance for making deals

Several weeks ago, Thomas J. Barrack Jr. found himself in a conference room that was not air-conditioned in the Middle East with five rival bidders for a rich government deal. He wore a blue double-breasted Italian custom suit with thin red pinstripes placed about an inch apart. Blue shirt. As the 110-degree-Fahrenheit afternoon wore on, Barrack watched his competitors remove their jackets, loosen their ties and roll up their sleeves.

"Everybody was hot and irritable," says Barrack, who is chairman and chief executive of investment company Colony Capital LLC. But he refused to give in to the sweat drizzling down his back. "I sat and ate the heat," he says. "I didn't take my coat off and didn't roll up my sleeves."

This self-made son of a Lebanese shopkeeper ranks No. 374 on Forbes magazine's list of the 400 richest Americans, where he's estimated to be worth a billion dollars. An incurable deal maker, he wields his wardrobe like weaponry, using it to send messages about his abilities and intent.

Hermès ties, above, always communicate strength. Below, Donald Trump cares more about his suit than about his hair. Obviously.



BRAD BARRETT/GETTY IMAGES

Some people stick to play-it-safe standbys, and it works fine for them. This is the strategy of Donald Trump, Mr. Art of the Deal himself. He

says he tries to match his clothing to what other people are likely to be wearing. "If I'm dealing with a terribly conservative group of people, I'll try to dress conservatively," he says.

Despite Trump's famously audacious behavior, his clothing is unwaveringly just this side of Basic American Golf-Playing Businessman — dark suits, lace-up shoes, dress socks for work, or polo shirts with a Trump logo for casual, though his recent work on television has led him to discover pink ties.

As Trump and Barrack well know, negotiating involves looking for chinks in the armor of one's opponent. If "you sit with someone who's neutral, it's difficult to figure out where that weakness might lie," Barrack says and notes that Sun Tzu wrote in his 6th-century B.C. Chinese military treatise, "The Art of War," that the warrior to be feared most was the one who arrives naked.

Barrack revels in reading subtle signs of intent or emotion in others' bearing and wardrobes. Anyone sitting across the table from him should think twice before loosening a tie, removing a jacket, or rolling up sleeves. Barrack favors Hermès and Ferragamo ties in red — his lucky color. He wears pocket squares in London, where they're often seen, and skips overcoats in Paris, where, he says, most men don't wear them. In New York, he ties a neck scarf under-over; in Italy, he ties the end through the loop, following local custom, in order to avoid "that startling effect that people have — that you're not really one of us."

Interestingly, given the level of thought he gives to all this, Barrack says he will sometimes throw it all out the window if the people he's dealing with show that they have intellectual depth. He notes, "Often, the people who are the most impeccable are the least substantive."

CHRISTINA BINKLEY (THE WALL STREET JOURNAL)

Beauty



Best in the City

Every trip to the mall includes the requisite assault by perfume ladies, all of whom are trying to sell you the latest fragrance by Britney Spears, Kimora Lee Simmons or Jennifer Lopez. But when they approach with Sarah Jessica Parker's new fragrance, **COVET** (\$52, department stores, available Aug. 1), let it happen. The second offering from SJP comes in a pleasantly lime-hued bottle (complete with brown jeweled stopper) and, upon first spray, smells tartly aggressive. But soon Covet settles into a mix of magnolia- and wet forest-theme scents. The end result — more Dior Poison than SJP's first offering, the rather juvenile Lovely — is a grown-up kind of good.

ROXANA HADADI (EXPRESS)

Beauty



Flat-Out Excellent

Expensive flatirons are our very favorite things to test, because we would never, ever buy one. Which is why we were troubled the first time we tried the new **FHI PLATFORM CERAMIC IRON** (\$195, fhiheat.com). Although it claims to work on towel-dried hair, on a low setting it took forever. On our second try, though, we cranked it up to about 320 degrees and used it on mostly dry hair, and it was impressive. No tugging or pulling, and locks held out impressively on a humid day. The only part we don't like is the on/off switch is on the inside of the iron, which makes us nervous to turn it off. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

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Capturing a Quagmire

In the documentary "No End in Sight," director Charles Ferguson details the sequence of events leading to the war in Iraq. Through interviews with government officials, military personnel and academics, he explains the situation from the ground up. Express contributor Dan Miller spoke with Ferguson. | COMING UP



COMICS

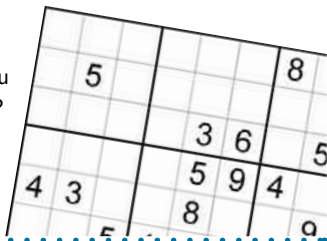
Non-Animated 'Gloom'

Cathy Malkasian is known for her works geared toward children, having directed episodes of the hit cartoon "Rugrats." Yet Express' Scott Rosenberg talked with her about turning her attention to an older audience with her debut graphic novel, "Percy Gloom." | COMING UP

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Gonzales is lying; his lips are moving. It is a witch hunt by the spineless, corporate-funded Dumbocrats.”

COMMENTER SHANE, WHO ADDED, "I WISH THEY WOULD STOP WASTING TIME ON FRIVOLOUS SCAPE-GOAT WHIPPING AND FOCUS ON IMPEACHING CHENEY AND BUSH."

“This administra-

tion has been hell-bent on rebirthing Nixon-era executive powers, but without the Nixon-era respect for intelligence.”

COMMENTER CONRAD HEEDE, WHO ADDED, "WE NEED AN [...] ADMINISTRATION THAT RESPECTS THE LAWS OF OUR COUNTRY."



“Only if he is a Republican, since they are the only ones who commit perjury. Democrats just [...] lie about things that are not important, and if they happen to be under oath, that's a minor detail.”

COMMENTER FBW, RESPONDING TO FRIDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "DO YOU BELIEVE U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERTO GONZALES COMMITTED PERJURY?"

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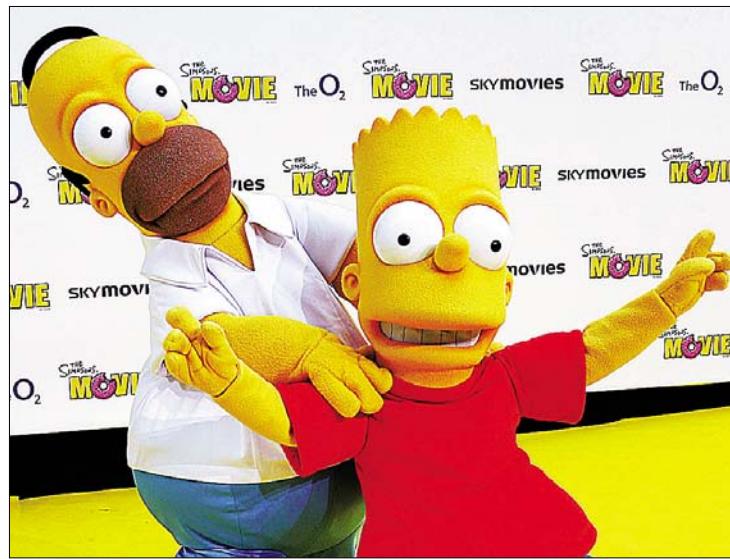
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“I was worried it would be dumbed down with more physical comedy and pratfalls at the expense of political humor and satire.”

MR-T-IN-DC.LIVEJOURNAL.COM, A LONGTIME SIMPSONS FAN, WAS NOT LET DOWN BY THE COMEDIC STYLE OF "THE SIMPSONS MOVIE," WHICH WAS RELEASED ON FRIDAY.



Discussions

Feline Intuition

DAVID M. DOSA, M.D., an assistant professor of medicine at Brown University, was online Friday to discuss the story of Oscar, a cat with the ability to predict when residents of a nursing home are about to die.

How old was Oscar when people first noticed his ability?

Oscar was about 6 months old when we first started to notice his amazing ability. At 12 months, he received a commendation from a local hospice agency here in Rhode Island regarding his end-of-life

care. Since then, we have all been paying attention.

Is there probably something the cat can physically sense about impending death that we can't tell with our senses?

My sense is that the cat responds to a pheromone or smell that we, simply as humans, cannot recognize. Of course, others have ascribed Oscar's unique abilities to everything from behavioral mimicking to higher powers.

How is Oscar dealing with his newfound celebrity? Is he getting some fish tonight, rather than kibble?

No — just kibble. He hasn't let celebrity get to his head just yet.

Although the morning shows all wanted to whisk him off to New York. I think he is holding out for Oprah, though!

I really enjoyed reading about Oscar. Animals provide so much comfort to sick and dying patients — and giving staff the extra time to alert family members is really invaluable.

I have heard from so many people who seem to understand the message that I am trying to deliver. The "cat of death"/grim reaper stuff is way over the top.

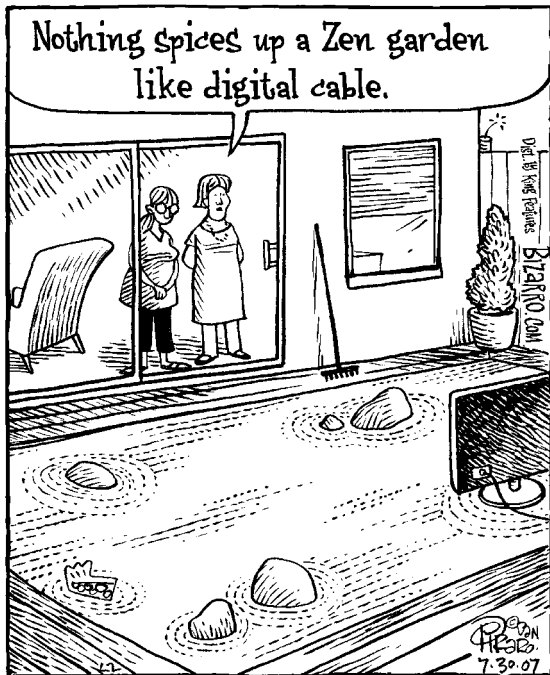
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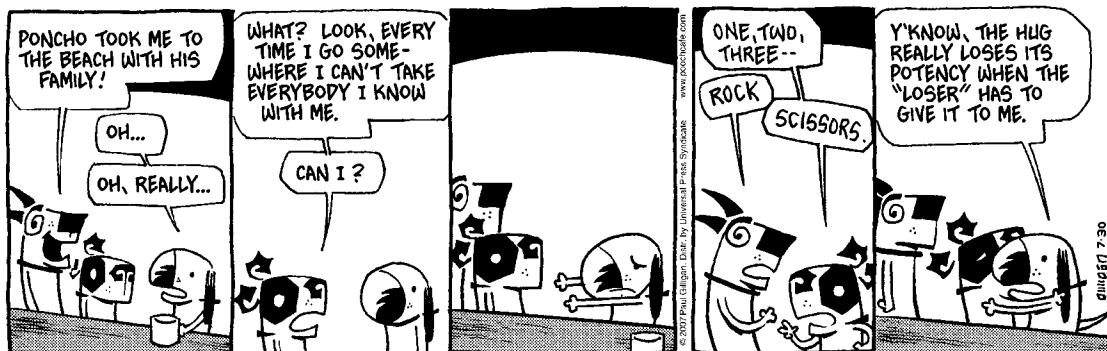


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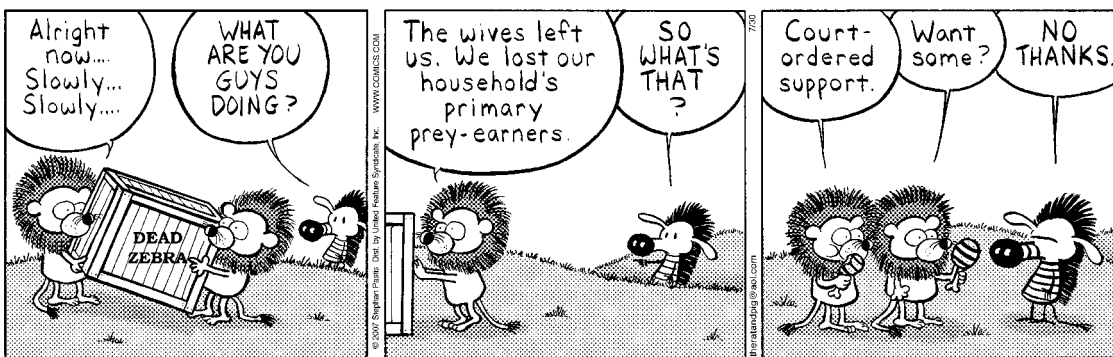


"Your 11:15 is here, to ratify the new agreement."

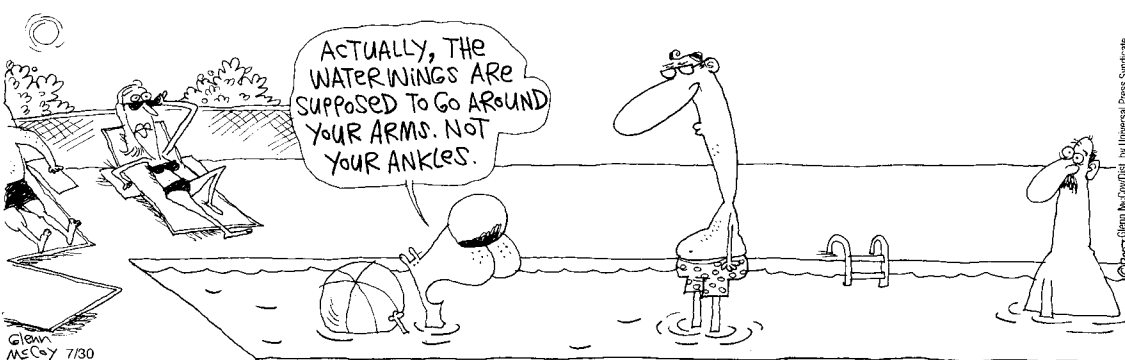
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It'll be up to you to come to a reasonable interpretation of the facts and to convince others that your solution is indeed accurate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Just as you will want to tell no lies, you'll not want to overstate the truth, either. A happy medium is best achieved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone is going to have to decide whether it is best to stay put or to be on the move before the day is out. Perhaps it should be you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Avoid pretense at all times, particularly where affairs of the heart are concerned. Someone is trying to keep heartbreak at bay at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your memory may actually deceive you, leading to a decision others may find surprising but that, in the end, proves valuable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's important you know the difference between a possibility and a probability. Be sure

you have all your ducks in a row.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may have doubted yourself in some respect over the past few days, but now you'll have reason to be more confident, even proud.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A chain reaction is likely to result in something that is at once an advantage and a disadvantage. How you react will make all the difference.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Give-and-take is important in all business dealings, particularly when larger sums of money are at stake. Keep track of all your petty cash.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What you do to help those less fortunate will be noticed by someone who may be able to offer you a new and important opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A disappointment early in the day can become something to celebrate later on — believe it or not. All you need is a little faith — and patience.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's time for you to face the truth about a difficult personal situation. It's time to admit something you've been loath to accept.



Jimmy Hoffa disappeared on this day in 1975. His remains have never been found.

Today in History

1619 The first representative assembly in America convenes in Jamestown, Va.

1729 The city of Baltimore is founded.

1945 During World War II, the battle cruiser USS Indianapolis, which had just delivered components for the atomic bomb that would be dropped on Hiroshima, is torpe-

doed by a Japanese submarine; only 316 out of about 1,200 men survive the sinking and the shark-infested waters

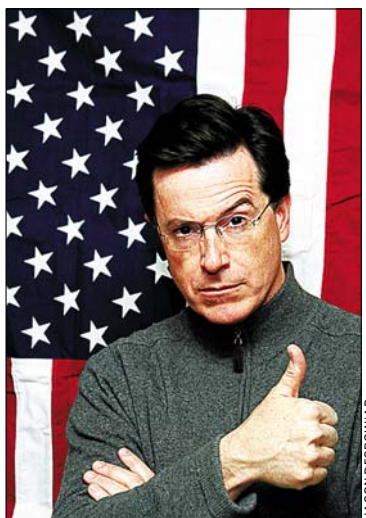
1965 President Lyndon B. Johnson signs into law the Medicare bill, which went into effect the following year.

1975 Former Teamsters union president Jimmy Hoffa disappears in suburban Detroit — although presumed dead, his remains have never been found.

LOOK out People

OUCH
Colbert Concedes Bush Had Nothing to Do With It

STEPHEN COLBERT, the host of "The Colbert Report," revealed on Thursday night's show that he broke his left wrist while running around the New York studio before taping a recent episode. Colbert removed a large "No. 1" foam hand to unmask a small cast. "I didn't want to draw attention to it. I didn't want to play on your sympathy," Colbert said before dramatically grimacing. The fall happened June 27, before the show went on a two-week hiatus, a spokesman for Comedy Central said Friday. Colbert, 43, was only recently fitted with a cast. (AP)



Stephen Colbert plans to milk his recent mishap for everything it's worth.

TOUGH ASSIGNMENT
Like Starlet, Like Bodyguard



A bodyguard for **BRITNEY SPEARS** must face a battery charge after he scuffled with two men trying to photograph

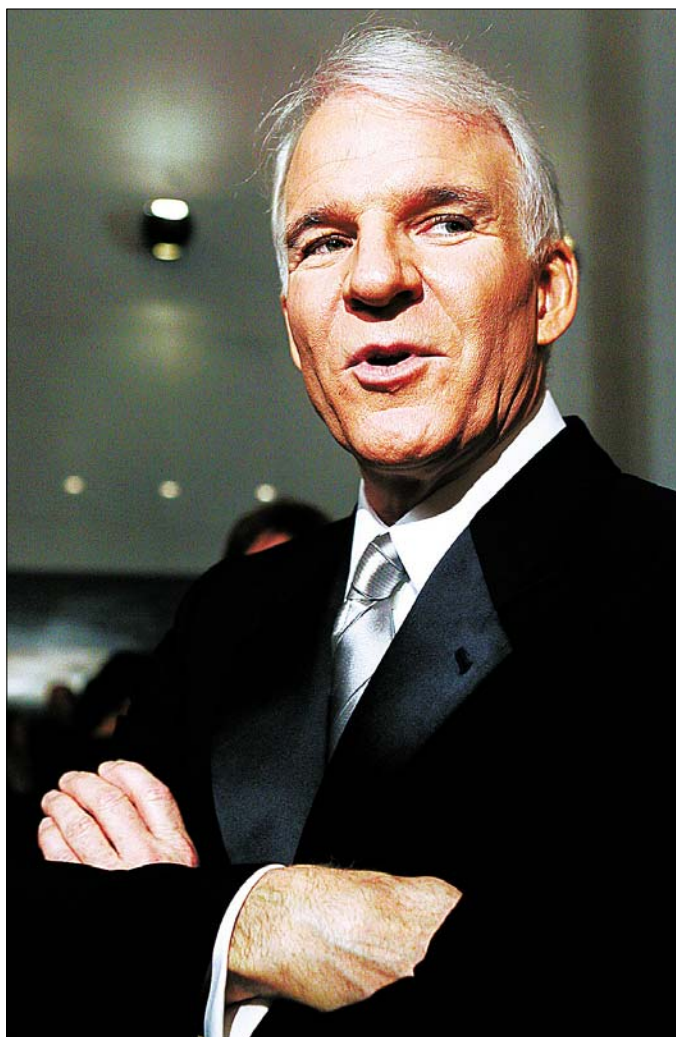
the singer and her young sons at a Las Vegas Strip resort, police said Friday. The bodyguard, Cesar Julio Camera, 37, was accused of grabbing and punching one photographer and pushing another into a wall about 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the spa at the Wynn Las Vegas hotel-casino. (AP)

TRANSLATION
Posh's Popularity Is Due To Expire in Early February

THE SPICE GIRLS have added three dates to their reunion tour, bringing the total number of concerts to 14 in December and January. A show in Vancouver, Canada, on Dec. 2 is the first date on the revised tour, followed by a concert in San Jose, Calif., on Dec. 4, promoters said Friday. They are also adding a show in Shanghai, China, on Jan. 10, said their public relations firm. (AP)



Four of the Spice Girls attempt to use Posh's recent fame to their advantage.



WHITE-HAIRED WEDDING

Groom of the Bride

STEVE MARTIN married girlfriend Anne Stringfield during a ceremony at his Los Angeles home. "Saturday Night Live" creator Lorne Michaels was Martin's best man, he said. Most of the roughly 75 guests were not told that Martin and Stringfield would wed when they were invited to Martin's home for a "party," Martin's publicist said. Stringfield, 35, is a writer for the New Yorker magazine. (AP)



Danica McKellar chose math over fame.

WINNIE
'Wonder Years' Actress Out-Nerds Fred Savage

DANICA MCKELLAR has a message for girls: Cute and smart is better than cute and dumb. McKellar, who played Winnie on the 1990s television show "The Wonder Years," has written a book, "Math Doesn't Suck," to encourage girls to get into math. "I'm showing them that being smart is cool," she said. (AP)

NON-COMMITTAL
Usher's Girlfriend Listens To Lyrics of 'Confessions'

The wedding between **USHER** and his pregnant fiance has been canceled, his publicist told The Associated Press on Saturday. It was expected the multiplatinum singer would marry his longtime girlfriend, Tameka Foster, last weekend. The pair are expecting their first child together sometime this fall. No additional information will be given regarding the circumstances of the cancellation. (AP)



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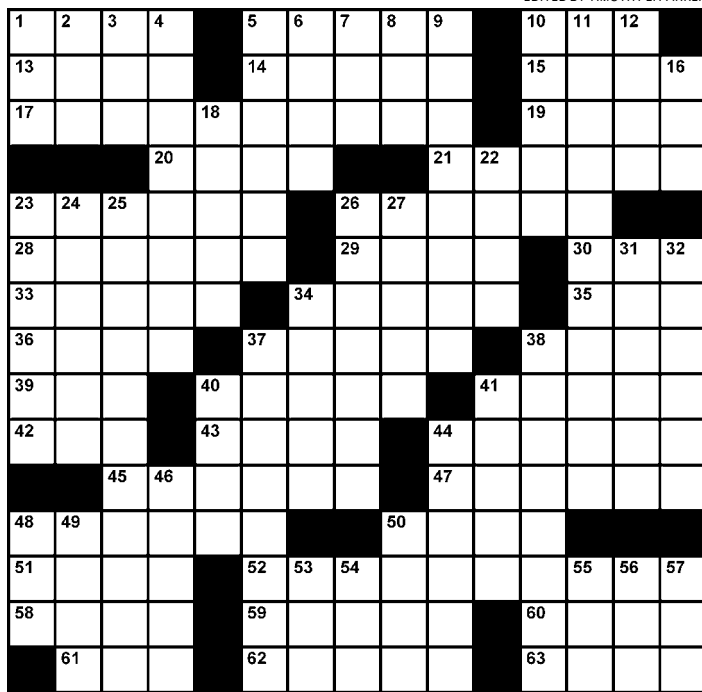
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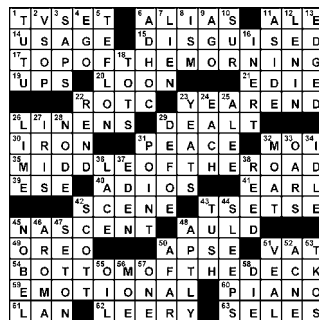
- ACROSS**
- 1 "Buona ____" (Italian greeting)
 - 5 Grins from ear to ear
 - 10 Internet letters
 - 13 Landed
 - 14 One of a knight's arms
 - 15 "You've gotta be kidding!"
 - 17 Ethereal
 - 19 Some are prime
 - 20 Fruit-bearing tree
 - 21 Far-reaching views
 - 23 Field of operation
 - 26 Evening reception
 - 28 Mounted the soapbox
 - 29 It may be on a bulletin board
 - 30 Swiss river into the Rhine
 - 33 Causes ennui
 - 34 Pigeon shelters
 - 35 ____-cone (summer treat)
 - 36 Goes no further
 - 37 Wise folks
 - 38 High-ranking NCO
 - 39 Make-double connector
 - 40 Madras wraps
 - 41 "John Brown's Body" poet
 - 42 How-____ (book genre)
 - 43 Fly or worm, on occasion
 - 44 Early release
 - 45 Creaks and squeaks
- DOWN**
- 1 "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner
 - 2 "Bingo ____ Yale" (Porter song)
 - 3 18-wheeler, e.g.
 - 4 They play in all the big games
 - 5 Pointed a finger at
 - 6 "____ on down the road"
 - 7 Santa ____, Calif.
 - 8 1,101 in old Rome
 - 9 Duties performed
 - 10 Successor to bad?
 - 11 Like Mary's lamb's fleece
 - 12 Swoopes' gp.
 - 16 Covert WWII org.
 - 18 Flags
 - 22 Gets on the nerves of
 - 23 Confirming phrase
 - 24 "Right now!"
 - 25 Tough
 - 26 Humidor fill
 - 27 Author Joyce Carol



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- 31 Tina Turner portrayer Basset
- 32 Morally despicable
- 34 "A Perfect Spy" novelist John le ____
- 37 Bangers of a Brit's breakfast
- 38 Pie topping
- 40 Displayed baserunning skills
- 41 They're in Toyland
- 44 Work from Lichtenstein
- 46 Early stages
- 48 "____ Lazy River"
- 49 Plenty
- 50 Wavy lines, in comics
- 53 Scrap for Odie
- 54 "... man ____ mouse?"
- 55 Mama bear, in Madrid
- 56 Ancestors of CDs
- 57 Time zone letters

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Friday's Solution

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6	3	8	4	2	9	1	5	7
7	1	5	3	6	8	9	2	4
1	6	3	8	7	2	4	9	5
9	5	2	1	3	4	7	6	8
4	8	7	9	5	6	2	1	3
8	2	1	5	4	3	6	7	9
5	4	6	2	9	7	8	3	1
3	7	9	6	8	1	5	4	2

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